

# Finding Aid for the select records of Butterworth Hospital and Nursing School Collection 124

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### **Summary Information**

**Repository:** Grand Rapids History and Special Collections

**Title:** Select records of Butterworth Hospital and Nursing School

**ID:** Collection 124

**ID** [Archivists 132

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**Database::RESOURCE**]:

**Date [inclusive]:** 1880-1989, n.d.

**Physical Description:** 10.21 Linear Feet 13 boxes

**English** 

Language of the

**Material:** 

**Abstract:** Butterworth Hospital, now part of Spectrum Health, was established

in Grand Rapids, Michigan as St. Mark's Home and Hospital in 1876. This collection contains photographs, annual reports, minutes, newsclippings, scrapbooks and yearbooks dealing with the history of the hospital, 1880-1989, particularly before 1930. Also in the collection are documents concerning fund raising for the construction

of the new hospital building, which was dedicated in 1925.

### **Biographical / Historical**

In 1872 the rector of St. Marks Episcopal Church asked the women of the church to help solve the problem of two elderly and homeless parishioners. In response Mr. and Mrs. E.P. Fuller, in memory of their son, donated a house at the corner of Bond Ave. and Crescent St. to serve as a home for the needy persons. In 1875 the Fullers loaned a larger building on Weston Street, and in 1876 it was officially incorporated as St. Mark's Home and Hospital. This was the forerunner of Butterworth Hospital.

In 1887 Richard E. Butterworth donated land at the southwest corner of Michigan Street and Bostwick Avenue for a new hospital building. Butterworth died the following year leaving St. Mark's Home and Hospital a gift of \$30,000 in cash and land. The cornerstone for the new hospital was laid March 1889 and the new hospital opened in April 1890. In 1894 the hospital changed its name to Butterworth Hospital, to honor its benefactor.

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In 1902 the hospital became an independent corporation, no longer affiliated with St. Mark's Church. The hospital went on to become the largest in the City of Grand Rapids.

See Mrs. Russell's history for more of this early history.

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### **Scope and Contents**

The collection contains photographs, annual reports, minutes, news clippings, scrapbooks, and yearbooks about Butterworth Hospital and Nursing School. Items of interest in the collection are:

Photographs showing the interior and exterior of Butterworth Hospital, n.d., such as an operating room, ward, and group photos of the nursing school and staff.

The minutes of St. Mark's Home and Hospital, 1880-1899, and a St. Marks Annual Report, 1890.

Butterworth Annual reports, 1900-, yearbooks of the nursing school, "The Voyager," "White Caps," and "Servio," 1927-1970.

Various documents and memorabilia about the fund raising and construction of the new hospital building, c. 1920.

Advertising supplement from the Grand Rapids Press, 1973, which was done for the Centennial of the Hospital and gives a history of the hospital.

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### **Administrative Information**

#### **Publication Statement**

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Emily Deming, 1982 and unknown donors. Accession numbers 1988.021, 1997.006 and unknown.

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#### **Related Materials**

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Images of the hospital can also be found in Coll. 054, the Grand Rapids Public Library Photographs Collection.

See also the book: "Ninety-five years of nursing education, 1890-1985" M610.7307.N622

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### **Controlled Access Headings**

- business records
- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History
- Hospitals -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids -- History
- Butterworth Hospital (Grand Rapids, Mich.). School of Nursing
- Butterworth Hospital (Grand Rapids, Mich.)

### **Collection Inventory**

### Series I. Organization History

#### **Scope and Contents**

A history written in 1925 by Clara Comstock Russell (Mrs. Huntley Russell) documents important early milestones. Additional historical information may be found in the publications in the collection, but no formal later histories are currently included here.

Title/Descripti	on	Instances	
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History of Butterworth Hospital by Mrs. Huntley [Clara Comstock] Russell, 1924. 00.[3652].

Published Histories. Clippings. Sources Unidentified. (2) Added 4/2/2005	Box 1	folder 2	
A Service of Thanksgiving and Dedication for the one-hundredth anniversary of the founding of Butterworth Hospital, 1873-1973. Nov. 4, 1973. [program]	Box 1	folder 3	
Butterworth Hospital Centennial Advertising Supplement, Grand Rapids Press, 1973	Box 10	folder 2	

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### Series II. Scrapbooks

#### **Scope and Contents**

Additional select historical information can be found reflected here ca. 1910 to 1939, with a few clippings from the 1950s and the 1970s.

Title/Description	Instances
1910, 1922-25, 1933, 1937-39	Box 1 folder 4
1922-1925	Box 10
Newsclippings, 1955, 1958, 1970-73	Box 1 folder 5
Newsclippings, n.d.	Box 1 folder 6

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#### Series III. Minutes and Board

#### **Scope and Contents**

Minutes are included from 1880 to 1934, with gaps. Those from 1880 to 1891 would be under the name St. Mark's. Those select items from 1897 to 1934 are under the Butterworth Hospital name, which was changed in 1894. Bylaws are included from 1925 and 1941.

### Minutes, St. Mark's Home and Hospital.

Title/Description	Instances	
1880-1882.	Box 2	volume 1
1882-1885.	Box 2	folder 2
1889-1891.	Box 2	folder 3

### Minutes, Butterworth Hospital [Name changed to Butterworth in 1894]

Title/Description	Instances	
1897-1899	Box 2	folder 4

Minutes, Board of Managers, 1899-1902.	Box 2	volume 5	
Minutes, Women's Board.			
Title/Description	Instances		
1907	Box 2	volume 6	
1927-1930.	Box 2	folder 7	
1931-1934.	Box 2	folder 8	
By-Laws, Board of Trustees, typed drafts, annotated. n.d. [ca. 1923?]	Box 1	folder 7	
By-laws, Rules and Regulations, published versions (2). 1925, 1941.	Box 1	folder 8	
Michigan Annual Report Non-Profit Corporations, 1944-47.	Box 1	folder 9	

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### Series IV. Building

### **Scope and Contents**

The limited documentation of the buildings in this collection are primarily for the 1925 building. There are odd items touching on later structures.

Title/Description	Instances		
History of New Hospital Building, typed draft, author unknown, ca. 1920.	Box 1	folder 10	
Classified Lists, ca. 1920 [Use unknown, but the date and context suggests it may have been used for hospital building fundraising. Addresses included]	Box 1	folder 11	
Correspondence, Campaign Letters, 1925. (5) Include graphics, sent from R.W. Irwin, Arthur H. Vandenberg, Edmund W. Booth, A.P. Johnson	Box 1	folder 12	
Report to Mr. Edward Lowe from Robert W. Irwin, 1925.	Box 1	folder 13	
Invitation, Opening Exercises, May 1925.	Box 1	folder 14	
Open House Invitation. New Parking Ramp. Aug. 21, 1963. Added 4/2/2005	Box 1	folder 15	
Form Letter. 1972. From William W. Irwin, President, Board of Trustees. RE: Bond for 108 bed addition. Added 4/2/2005	Box 1	folder 16	

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### **Series V. Publications**

### **Subseries A. Annual Reports**

#### **Scope and Contents**

An incomplete though fairly comprehensive series of annual reports exists in the collection. One item from the St. Mark's time period documents 1890-1892. Butterworth Hospital reports exist from 1900, 1902-1928, 1936-1954, 1963-1976 (as an issue of Butterworth Hospital News), 1977-1989 (incomplete).

### St. Mark's Hospital

Title/Description	Instances	
St Mark's Hospital, Annual Report, 1890-1892	Box 1.5	folder 1

Title/Description	Instances	
1900	Box 3	folder 1
1902	Box 3	folder 1
1903	Box 3	folder 1
1904	Box 3	folder 1
1905	Box 3	folder 1
1906	Box 3	folder 2
1907	Box 3	folder 2
1908	Box 3	folder 2
1909	Box 3	folder 2
1910	Box 3	folder 2
1911	Box 3	folder 3
1912	Box 3	folder 3
1913	Box 3	folder 3
1914	Box 3	folder 3
1915	Box 3	folder 3
1916	Box 3	folder 4
1917 [to Apr. 1917]	Box 3	folder 4
1917/1918 [Mar. 1917 to Dec. 1918]	Box 3	folder 4
1919 [to Dec. 1919]	Box 3	folder 4
1920 [to Dec. 1920]	Box 3	folder 4
1921	Box 3	folder 5

1922	Box 3	folder 5
1923	Box 3	folder 5
1924	Box 3	folder 5
1925	Box 3	folder 5
1926	Box 3	folder 6
1927	Box 3	folder 6
1928	Box 3	folder 6
1936/1937	Box 3.5	folder 1
1937/1938	Box 3.5	folder 1
1938/1939	Box 3.5	folder 1
1939/1940	Box 3.5	folder 1
1940/1941	Box 3.5	folder 2
1942	Box 3.5	folder 2
1943	Box 3.5	folder 2
1944/1945	Box 3.5	folder 2
1946	Box 3.5	folder 3
1947	Box 3.5	folder 3
1948(2)	Box 3.5	folder 3
1949	Box 3.5	folder 3
1950	Box 3.5	folder 3
1951	Box 3.5	folder 4
1952 Missing	Box 3.5	folder 4
1953	Box 3.5	folder 4
1954	Box 3.5	folder 4

### **Annual Reports/Butterworth Hospital News**

### **Scope and Contents**

Note: The following annual reports were published as part of the serial title "Butterworth Hospital News"

Title/Description	Instances
1963. [v. 5, no. 3, Jan. 1963]	Box 4
1964. [v. 6, no. 3, Jan. 1964]	Box 4
1965. [v. 7. no. 3. Jan. 1965]	Box 4

1966. Jv. 8, no. 3, Jan. 1966]	Box 4	
1967. [v. 9, no. 3, Jan. 1967]	Box 4	
1968. [v. 10, no. 3, Jan. 1968]	Box 4	
1969. [v. 11, no. 3, Jan. 1969]	Box 4	
1970. [v. 12, no. 3, Jan. 1970]	Box 4	
1970. c. 2 [From Emily Deming] House	Box 3.5	
1971. [v. 13, no. 3, Jan. 1971]	Box 4.5	
1972. [v. 14, no. 3, Jan. 1972]	Box 4.5	
1973. [v. 15, no. 3, Jan. 1973]	Box 4.5	
1973	Box 3.5	folder 5
1975/1976 [v. 18, #6. Sept. 1976]	Box 4.5	
1976/1977 c. 2. For copy 1 see: Butterworth Hospital News v. 18 no. 6, Sept. 1977.	Box 3.5	folder 5
1977/1978 [Found with unprocessed Butterworth Hospital News, 4/3/2005. First issue not marked with this periodical title.]	Box 3.5	folder 5
1978/1979	Box 3.5	folder 5
1979/1980 00.[3265].4 Added 4/2/2005	Box 3.5	folder 5
1979/1980 c.2 Fnd. W unprocessed Butterworth Hospital news, 4/3/2005]	Box 3.5	folder 5
1981/1982 00.[3265].1 Added 12/14/2004	Box 3.5	folder 6
1982/1983 00.[3265].2 Added 12/14/2004	Box 3.5	folder 6
1983/1984 00.[3265].3 Added 4/2/2005	Box 3.5	folder 6
1984/1985	Box 3.5	folder 6
"Time is the greatest innovator" (Leonardo)—cover data. This document includes fiscal information for 1985 and 1986, but also includes information on various procedures with photographs of patients and staff. 00.[3992].1	Box 3.5	
1987/1988	Box 3.5	
1988/1989	Box 3.5	

### **Subseries B. Butterworth Hospital News**

#### **Scope and Contents**

One lone issue in 1953 is a tabloid format. A fairly complete series in a new small format exists from 1958 to 1981. The format changes a couple of times in the 1980s, with issues scattered, ending here in 1986.

Title/Description	Instances
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Box 10  Box 4  Box 4  Box 4  Box 4  Box 4  Box 4	folder 1 folder 2 folder 3 folder 4 folder 5
Box 4 Box 4 Box 4 Box 4	folder 2 folder 3 folder 4
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Box 4	
Box 4	folder 5
D 4	folder 6
Box 4	folder 7
Box 4	folder 8
Box 4	folder 8
Box 4	folder 9
Box 4	folder 10
Box 4	folder 11
Box 4	folder 12
Box 4	folder 12
Box 4.5	folder 1
Box 4.5	folder 1
Box 4.5	folder 1
Box 4.5	folder 2
Box 4.5	folder 3
Box 4.5	folder 4
Box 4.5	folder 5
Box 4.5	folder 6
Box 4.5	folder 7
	Box 4  Box 4  Box 4.5  Box 4.5

### **Scope and Contents**

Note: This missing issue may be the Annual Report, housed separately in Box 3.5. This year no longer carries

the title and numbers of the periodical, though the periodical title is still used in the mailing label on the back cover.

v. 21, nos. 1-5, AprAug. 1979, v. 7-12, Oct. 1979-Mar. 1980. Missing v. 20, no.6, Sept. 1979	Box 4.5	folder 9	
Scope and Contents			
Note: This missing number may still be reserved for the			
Annual Report, which now looks entirely different, and			
carries no indication of the periodical title. See box 3.5			

v. 22, nos, 1-5, AprAug. 1980, v. 7-12, Oct. 1980-Mar. 1981	Box 4.5	folder 10
v. 22, no. 9, Dec. 1980, Dup. Missing v. 22, no. 6, Sept. 1980	Box 4.5	folder 10
v. 23, v. 1-4, AprJuly 1981 +	Box 4.5	folder 11
v. 23, 3rd Quarter 1981	Box 4.5	folder 11
v. 23, 4th Quarter, 1981	Box 4.5	folder 11
v. 24, no. 1-4, 6, JanDec. 1982, Missing v. 5, Sept./Oct.	Box 4.5	folder 12
v. 25, no. 1-4, JanSept. 1983	Box 4.5	folder 13
v. 26, no. 1-3, JanSept. 1984	Box 4.5	folder 14

<b>Butterworth News</b>		
Title/Description	Instances	
v. 27, nos. 1-2 [Says quarterly, no year. Rec.d 1985]	Box 4.5	folder 15
v. 28, no. 1-2, [Says quarterly, no. year. Recd. 1986]	Box 4.5	folder 16

### **Subseries C. White Caps.**

#### **Scope and Contents**

With only a few 1934/1935 issues available, this publication may actually have been for the Nursing School, rather than the hospital proper.

Title/Description	Instances	
White Caps, 1934-1935, n.d.	Box 1	folder 17

### Subseries D. Phase II, Building Progress

#### **Scope and Contents**

The few issues here document a 1977/1978 building program.

Title/Description	Instances		
Phase II Building Progress (3), June 1977, August 1977, June	Box 1	folder 18	
1978 (added 4/2/2005)			

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### Series VI. Ancillary organizations

#### **Scope and Contents**

Only three items currently document the existence and work of these organizations: Butterworth Hospital Guild, Alumnae Assoc.

#### **Subseries A. Butterworth Hospital Guild**

Title/Description	Instances		
Butterworth Hospital Guild, ca. 1961. Added 4/2/2005	Box 1	folder 19	
Program, Guild Recognition Luncheon, 1973	Box 1	folder 20	

#### Subseries B. Alumnae Assoc.

Title/Description	Instances		
Program, Butterworth Hospital Alumnae Association, 1949	Box 1	folder 21	

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### **Series VII. Physician Education Programs**

#### **Scope and Contents**

The one document here includes information on intern programs from ca. 1967 to 1971.

Title/Description	Instances	
Graduate Medical Education Program. Ca. 1971. Added 4/2/2005	Box 1	folder 22

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### **Series VIII. Nursing School Documents.**

#### **Scope and Contents**

Only a few documents related to the nursing school are currently included, with a wide range between the items. The bulk of this series is the Nursing School yearbooks, ranging from 1927-1985 with various years absent from the collection.

#### Subseries A. Miscellaneous

Title/Description	Instances	
Prospectus	Box 1	folder 23

Graduation Exercises.		
Title/Description	Instances	
Address to the Graduating Nurses of Butterworth Hospital / by John S. Lawrence. Westminster Church, Oct. 7, 1907. Formerly MKG610.L43, 00.[3414].1	Box 1	folder 24
Commencement Address, Class of 1963 / William Haeck. Added 4/2/2005	Box 1	folder 25
Sept. 24, 1942. Graduation program. Added 4/2/2005	Box 1	folder 26
Subseries B. Publications		
Fitle/Description	Instances	
Student Handbooks, includes biographical information on LuLu L. Cudney inside front cover. 1967. (00.[5501].1)	Box 1	folder 27
School Yearbooks		
The Voyager		
Fitle/Description	Instances	
1927 c.1	Box 9	
1928 c.1	Box 9	
c. 2's of 1927 and 1928, Helen Swoba's annotated copies. 2009.015	Box 9	
1929	Box 9	
1930	Box 9	
1934	Box 9	
White Caps		
Title/Description	Instances	
1939	Box 9	
1941.? (No cover)	Box 9	
1946	Box 9	
Servio		
Title/Description	Instances	
1959	Box 9	
1960	Box 9	
1961	Box 9	

1962	Box 9
1963	Box 9
1964	Box 9
1965	Box 9
1966	Box 9
1967 (2 copies)	Box 9
1970	Box 9
1972	Box 9
1978	Box 9
1979	Box 9
1980	Box 9
1981	Box 9
1982	Box 9
1983	Box 9
1985	Box 9

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### Series IX. Photographs, n.d.

#### **Scope and Contents**

A dozen interesting exterior and interior views of early building facilities is found in Box 5. However, the bulk of the photographs are class photos from the Nursing School, from ca. 1893-1985. Many of these are mounted on oversized boards, housed in print boxes or in the flat file drawers.

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Title/Description	Instances		
Hospital Exterior, n.d. (2)	Box 5.5	folder 1	
Dining Room, n.d. (1)	Box 5.5	folder 2	
Group photos, Nursing School and Staff, n.d. (3)	Box 5.5	folder 3	
Ambulance, n.d. (1)	Box 5.5	folder 4	
Private hospital room, n.d. (1)	Box 5.5	folder 5	
Golden Rule Cottage, n.d. (1)	Box 5.5	folder 6	
General ward, old hospital, n.d. (1)	Box 5.5	folder 7	
Operating room, n.d. (1)	Box 5.5	folder 8	

Box 5.5 folder 9	Hospital Fair, 1899. (1)
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### **B. Nursing School**

## Graduating Class Photo, 1893 – 1985, incomplete. Addendum, Aug. 26, 2000 Scope and Contents

Many of the earlier photos are unlabeled, and actually could be Blodgett, instead of Butterworth. Also, these items may have been received with the Blodgett unprocessed accession, rather than the Butterworth 1988 accession.

Title/Description	Instances
1927, 1928, 1929, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1939, 1940, Oct. 1945, Feb. 1946, Mar. 1947, 1957, 1961, 1962.	Box 6
1893, 1894, 1895, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1904. St. Mark's Hospital [Nursing Class or Staff]. (Added to this folder 8/20/2001, 00.[1151].1)	Box 7
1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926.	Box 8
1932, 1933, 1934, 1938, 1941, 1942, 1943, June 1946, 1951, 1952, 1955, 1959, 1965, 1967, 1968, 1968, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985.	Box FF.IX.C
1930, June 1945, 1948, 1966, 1976, 1977, 1978.	Box FF.VIII.B
1931, 1944, 1949, 1953, 1954, 1956, 1958, 1960, 1963, 1965	Box FF.VII.D
Photo Album, 1997.006	Box 1.5

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