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Abstract:

St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago, Ill., was founded in 1864 by Clinton Locke, rector of Grace Episcopal Church. St. Luke’s Hospital was officially incorporated in 1865. St. Luke's Hospital began experiencing a number of difficulties after World War II. Various options were considered before St. Luke's Board of Trustees decided to move to Chicago's west side and merge with Presbyterian Hospital to become Presbyterian-St. Luke’s Hospital. The two boards approved this action on 10 February 1956, and St. Luke's Hospital closed its doors on 26 June 1959. The records of St. Luke’s Hospital, Chicago, Ill., 1865-1959, include organizational histories, administrative material, printed material, writings, and patient material. Organizational histories include articles and papers written about the history of St. Luke’s Hospital, Chicago. Administrative material includes founding documents, reports, constitutions, and other documents related to St. Luke’s Hospital and some of its departments or organizations. Also included are several documents from the 1950s related to the merger of St. Luke’s Hospital and Presbyterian Hospital which was finalized in 1959. Printed material includes annual reports, newspapers, newsletters, clippings, booklets, pamphlets, and other material printed mostly by St. Luke’s Hospital. Writings include material written about St. Luke’s Hospital or by people associated with St. Luke’s Hospital. Included are studies of the administration or nursing activities at the hospital. Patient material is restricted and includes a patient bill, patient records, and a letter from a patient.

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Subject Headings:
Grace Episcopal Church (Chicago, Ill.)
Locke, Clinton, 1829-1904
Presbyterian Hospital of the City of Chicago.
Presbyterian-St. Luke’s Hospital—History, 19th century
Presbyterian-St. Luke’s Hospital—History, 20th century
Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke’s Medical Center—History
Rush University Medical Center—History, 19th century
Rush University Medical Center—History, 20th century
Chicago, Ill.
History of medicine. United States. Chicago (Ill.)
St. Luke’s Free Hospital.
St. Luke’s Hospital, Chicago (Ill.)

RELATED COLLECTIONS:
HISTORICAL NOTE:

The following historical note was taken mostly from the historical note for the records of St. Luke’s Hospital School of Nursing (Acc. 1997-094).

St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago, Ill., was founded in 1864 when Clinton Locke, rector of Grace Episcopal Church, used a sermon to call for “a place where the sick poor might be cared for.” Members of the Camp Douglas Ladies Aid Society, who cared for Confederate prisoners of war in Chicago, sat among the congregation that day. They approached Rev. Locke to propose that he head a church hospital, and he accepted. St. Luke's Hospital started with a seven bed hospital and within a few months moved to an 18-bed facility. St. Luke’s Hospital was officially incorporated in 1865. In May of 1871 the hospital moved to a 25-bed building on South Indiana Avenue near 14th Street. Five months later, the building survived the Great Chicago Fire. In 1885, St. Luke’s constructed a new 65-bed building on South Indiana Avenue. In 1930, St. Luke’s Hospital’s street addresses were listed as 1431-1447 Michigan Avenue and 1416-1442 Indiana Avenue. In 1939, the addresses were 1431-1437 South Michigan Avenue and 1416-1446 Indiana Avenue.

St. Luke's Hospital faced a variety of problems in the years following World War II. The Hospital lacked the prestige and stability of a university affiliation. Furthermore, the institution fell into financial difficulty as the surrounding community experienced socio-economic decline. By the early 1950s the hospital faced the decision of whether to remain at its present location or move to a different site. The St. Luke's Board of Trustees considered a variety of options before they decided to move to Chicago's west side and merge with Presbyterian Hospital. The two boards approved this action on February 10th, 1956, and St. Luke's Hospital closed its doors on June 26, 1959.

COLLECTION OVERVIEW:

The records of St. Luke’s Hospital, Chicago, Ill., 1865-1959, include organizational histories, administrative material, printed material, writings, and patient material. Organizational histories include articles and papers written about the history of St. Luke’s Hospital, Chicago. Clinton Locke, 1829-1904, rector of Grace Episcopal Church from 1859 to 1895, and a founder of the hospital, wrote an early history of the institution in 1893. Administrative material includes founding documents, reports, constitutions, and other documents related to St. Luke’s Hospital and some of its departments or organizations. Also included are several documents from the 1950s related to the merger of St. Luke’s Hospital and Presbyterian Hospital which was finalized in 1959. Printed material includes annual reports, newspapers, newsletters, clippings, booklets, pamphlets, and other material printed mostly by St. Luke’s Hospital. Writings include material
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ARRANGEMENT OF SERIES:

1. Organizational Histories, 1893-1993 and undated
2. Administrative Material, 1865-1959 and undated
4. Writings, 1840-1975

ITEMS SEPARATED:

Items separated include oversized material, including blueprints.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION:

Series 1. Organizational Histories, 1893-1993

About 15 items
Arrangement: Mostly chronological
Scope Content: Organizational histories include articles and papers written about the history of St. Luke’s Hospital, Chicago. Reverend James Dewitt Clinton Locke, 1829-1904, rector of Grace Episcopal Church from 1859 to 1895, and a founder of the hospital, wrote an early history of the institution in 1893. Madeleine McConnell, director of the School of Nursing and Nursing Services, 1939-1953, wrote about the history of nursing at St. Luke’s. Also included is a form for nominating St. Luke’s buildings to the National Register of Historic Places, in 1982. Various brief histories are also included.

BOX 1

“History of St. Luke’s Hospital to 1893” by Reverend Clinton Locke, Rector of Grace Church, 1859-1895
Clinton Locke Biographical Information, 1895, 1911, and undated
“St. Luke’s Hospital” from Quarterly Bulletin of Northwestern University Medical School, Spring 1950
“A Chronicle of Early Chicago and the Development of Nursing at St. Luke’s Hospital, draft, by Madeleine McConnell, [1970s]
Historical Information, National Register of Historic Places, Nomination Form for St. Luke’s Hospital, 1982
“An Early Chicago Hospital; the Politics, Policy, Practice and Population of St. Luke’s General Hospital from 1865 to 1895,” by Carita Constable, 1993
Various Histories, 1890s-1970s and undated

**Series 2. Administrative Material, 1865-1959 and undated**

About 200 items  
Arrangement: Chronological, then alphabetical  
Scope Content: Administrative material includes founding documents, reports, constitutions, and other documents related to St. Luke’s Hospital and some of its departments or organizations. Material related more generally to St. Luke’s Hospital is listed first, chronologically. Material related to specific departments and organizations follows and is listed alphabetically by department or organization. Departments and organizations represented in the collection include the Board of Trustees, the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, the Medical Board and Medical Staff, the Medical Library, Nursing, Pathological Laboratory, Philanthropy, and the Woman’s Board, most of which are represented by only a few items. Also included are several documents from the 1950s related to the merger of St. Luke’s Hospital and Presbyterian Hospital which was finalized in 1959. The Medical Board, which became the Medical Staff in 1956, is represented by the largest number of items and include meeting minutes and material related to the merger and its effect on the St. Luke’s staff. Medical Board material also includes items related to a variety of hospital committees. Also included are rules, regulations, and policies for medical staff from 1942 and 1943. Nursing material includes two nursing procedure manuals from 1928 and the 1930s.

**BOX 1 (continued)**

“An Act to Incorporate St. Luke’s Hospital of Chicago,” 1865  
“Articles of Incorporation of the St. Luke’s Training School for Nurses” and Certificate, 1886  
“Rules and Regulations for the Government of St. Luke’s Hospital,” with Notes and Edits, 1895  
“Tribute to the Memory of Reverend Dr. Clinton Locke Adopted by the Board of Trustees,” 10 March 1904  
“Medical and Surgical Report,” 1904  
“Medical and Surgical Report,” 1905

**BOX 2**

Trustee Resolution Recognizing the Gift of James Henry Smith to build the George Smith Memorial, 13 March 1906

**[In Oversized Folder 1 (OP-4704-1)]** Smith Pavilion Blueprints, Floor Plans, [1907?]

George Smith Memorial Building Information, 1908 and 1982  
Articles of Incorporation, Constitution, and By-Laws, January 1909  
Consolidation Agreement and By-Laws, 1916
Indiana Avenue Addition to St. Luke’s Hospital, Blueprints, 1924

St. Luke’s Hospital and Dispensary: Organization, Services, and Budget, 1948
Consolidation Agreement and By-Laws as Amended, 1950
Industrial Companies and Their Doctors, 1956
Closed-Circuit Color Cameras for Surgical Observation and Teaching, Correspondence and News Releases, 1956-1958
Possible proposed St. Luke’s and Presbyterian Hospital logos, [undated]

Board of Trustees: Archivist’s Notes

[IN BOX 16: Board of Trustees: Index Card File of Board of Trustees, 1865-1956]

Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology: Guest Book for various meetings and some conference programs, 1946-1958

[IN BOX 16: Medical Board/Staff: Index Card File of Medical Staff Publications from Medical Library, From Hagerty to Williams]

Medical Board/Staff: Medical Staff, Executive Committee Minutes, 1948-1959

**BOX 3**

Medical Board/Staff: Annual Meeting of Medical Board, Minutes, 10 December 1951
Medical Board/Staff: Quarterly and Annual Meetings of Medical Board, Minutes and Abstracts, 1952
Medical Board/Staff: Quarterly and Annual Meetings of Medical Board, Minutes and Abstracts, 1953
Medical Board/Staff: Quarterly Meetings of Medical Board, Minutes and Abstracts, 1954
Medical Board/Staff: Quarterly, Annual, and Special Meetings of the Medical Board, Minutes and Abstracts, 1955
Medical Board/Staff: Meeting Minutes, Medical Staff/Board, Liaison Committee, 1956
Medical Board/Staff: Correspondence with archivist William Kona concerning missing medical staff meeting minutes, 1982
Medical Board/Staff: Reports of Various Committees to Medical Board/Staff, 1954-1956
Medical Board/Staff: Medical Staff List, 1955
Medical Board/Staff: Medical Staff Recommendations, Appointments, and Promotions, St. Luke’s Hospital and Presbyterian Hospital, 1956-1957
Medical Board/Staff: Medical Staff Correspondence, 1956-1957
Medical Board/Staff: Medical Staff Constitution, 1957
Medical Board/Staff: Liaison Committee of the Medical Staffs of Presbyterian and St-Luke’s Hospitals, Minutes, 1956-1957
Medical Board/Staff: Intern List, 1956-1957
Medical Board/Staff: Officers and Committees of the Medical Staff, 1957
Medical Board/Staff: Medical Staff Merger Correspondence, 1957-1958
Medical Board/Staff: Medical Staff Merger File, Press Clips, Meeting Memorandum, Correspondence, Temporary By-Laws, 1956

BOX 4

Medical Board/Staff: St. Luke’s Hospital Medical Staff, official ballots on move/merger of the hospital, 1955
Medical Board/Staff: Medical Staff, surveys on the move/merger of the hospital, 1955
Medical Board/Staff: Notes on Medical Staff’s Ages and Number of Patients They Admitted, [1958?]
Medical Board/Staff: “Rules and Regulations Governing Resident Medical Staff,” 1942
Medical Board/Staff: “Medical Policies Governing the Emergency-Examining Room,” 1943

Merger with Presbyterian Hospital: John P. Bent, President of St. Luke’s Hospital, Merger Correspondence, 1953-1958
Merger with Presbyterian Hospital: John P. Bent, President of St. Luke’s Hospital, Merger Correspondence, 1955-1956

BOX 5

Merger with Presbyterian Hospital: Architectural Correspondence related to Merger, 1957-1958
Merger with Presbyterian Hospital: Presbyterian-St. Luke’s Hospital Outline of Master Plan and First Stage Construction, 1958
Merger with Presbyterian Hospital: Sale of Properties Information, 1958-1959

Medical Library: Monthly Reports, 1941-1945
Medical Library: Monthly Reports, 1946-1957
Medical Library: Membership Certificate from Medical Libraries Association, 1945
Medical Library: “Program and Function of the Hospital Medical Library,” by Angeline McNeill, Medical Librarian [undated]

Nursing: Nursing Procedure Manual, [1928?]
Nursing: “Nursing Procedure Manual,” 1933-1936

BOX 6
Pathological Laboratory: Winfield Peck Memorial Fund, History of Fund and Papers of Medical Investigations Financed through it, 1916-1940
Pathological Laboratory: Bound Publications, 1919-1929


Woman’s Board: Fashion Show program information, 1939 and undated

**Series 3. Printed Material, 1869-1956, 1983 and undated**

About 250 items
Scope Content: Printed material includes annual reports, newspapers, newsletters, clippings, booklets, pamphlets, and other material printed mostly by St. Luke’s Hospital. Annual reports include information about the administration of the hospital, its staff, financial information, and data on the number of patients served and their reasons for admittance. There are several gaps in the run of annual reports, particularly in the 19th century. It should be noted that during the 1940s and early 1950s, the annual reports were included in the run of *St. Luke’s News*, St. Luke’s Hospital’s mostly monthly newspaper. St. Luke’s Hospital and Presbyterian Hospital voted to merge in 1956, becoming Presbyterian-St. Luke’s Hospital, and St. Luke’s Hospital closed its doors in 1959. During the intervening years, annual reports were created jointly and are not represented in this collection. *Luke-O-Cites* was a more casual newsletter on the goings-on at the hospital as compared to the more official *St. Luke’s News* newspaper. Also included are clippings about the hospital and nursing at the hospital, which include clippings from after the hospital’s closing. Booklets and pamphlets were often of a promotional nature, and many were intended for potential financial donors. Also, pamphlets were created for patients to educate them on the hospital’s policies. Also included are two programs for services from 1943 and 1953, at Grace Episcopal Church, St. Luke’s Hospital Chapel.

**BOX 6 (continued)**

7th and 8th Annual Reports, 1 September 1869-1 September 1871
18th Annual Report, 1 October 1880-1 October 1881
19th Annual Report, 1 October 1881-1 October 1882
27th Annual Report, 1 October 1889-1 October 1890

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29th Annual Report, 1 October 1891-1 October 1892
30th Annual Report, 1 October 1892-1 October 1893
32nd Annual Report, 1 October 1894-1 October 1895
39th Annual Report, 1 October 1901-30 September 1902
40th Annual Report, 1 October 1902-30 September 1903
41st Annual Report, 1 October 1903-30 September 1904
42nd Annual Report, 1 October 1904-30 September 1905
43rd Annual Report, 1 October 1905-30 September 1906
44th Annual Report, 1 October 1906-30 September 1907
45th Annual Report, 1 October 1907-30 September 1908
47th Annual Report, 1 October 1908-30 September 1909
48th Annual Report, 1 October 1909-30 September 1910
49th Annual Report, 1 October 1910-30 September 1911

BOX 8

50th Annual Report, 1 October 1911-30 September 1912
51st Annual Report, 1 October 1912-30 September 1913
52nd Annual Report, 1 October 1913-30 September 1914
53rd Annual Report, 1 October 1914-30 September 1915
54th Annual Report, 1 October 1915-31 December 1916
55th Annual Report, 1917
56th Annual Report, 1918
57th Annual Report, 1919

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58th Annual Report, 1920
59th Annual Report, 1921
60th Annual Report, 1922
61st Annual Report, 1923
62nd Annual Report, 1924
63rd Annual Report, 1925
64th Annual Report, 1926
65th Annual Report, 1927

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65th Annual Report, 1928 (repeated number)
66th Annual Report, 1929
67th Annual Report, 1930
68th Annual Report, 1931
69th Annual Report, 1932
70th Annual Report, 1933
71st Annual Report, 1934
72nd Annual Report, 1935

BOX 11

73rd Annual Report, 1936
74th Annual Report, 1937
75th and 76th Annual Reports, 1938-1939
89th Annual Report, 1953
St. Luke’s News, Issue Summaries (Table of Contents), 1940-1956

BOX 12
St. Luke’s News, Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter 1955 (Spring includes Annual Report)

BOX 13
Luke-O-Cites, January-December 1956
Luke-O-Cites, January-October 1957
Clippings, St. Luke’s Hospital, 1919, 1950s-1983
“Form of Prayer at the Laying of the Corner Stone of St. Luke’s Hospital,” Program, 1 November 1882
Promotional Booklet, 1916
“St. Luke’s Hospital, Chicago: An Indispensable Institution,” Promotional Booklet, 1926
“Subscribers to the Fund for the New Main Building,” Booklet, 1926
“St. Luke’s Hospital, Chicago, Year Book, 1930”
Series of Three Promotional Pamphlets: “Miracles of Medicine,” “The Man Between,” “The Doctor’s Ally,” 1930
“Not for Profit,” Promotional Booklet, 1931
“73 Years of Service to the Public,” Promotional Pamphlet, 1937
Promotional Booklet, Includes 76th Annual Report Information, 1939

BOX 14
“Charles H. Schweppe as We Knew Him,” 1941
Grace Episcopal Church, St. Luke’s Hospital Chapel, Christmas Services Program, 1943
Patient and Visitor Booklets, 1943, [1950?], and 1952
“Eightieth Anniversary, 1865-1945”
St. Luke’s Hospital Christmas Cards, 1945 and undated
“Beyond the Doors that Never Close,” Promotional Booklet, 1947
“You and Your Job with St. Luke’s,” Employee Information Pamphlet, 1947
“Replacement of Blood Borrowed from the St. Luke’s Hospital Blood Bank,” Patient Pamphlet, [1940s?]
Department of Physical Therapy Brochure, [1950?]
Grace Episcopal Church, St. Luke’s Hospital Chapel, Ascensiontide Services Program, 1953

Series 4. Writings, 1940-1975

6 items
Arrangement: Chronological
Scope Content: Writings include material written about St. Luke’s Hospital or by people associated with St. Luke’s Hospital. Included are studies of the administration or nursing activities at the hospital.

BOX 14 (continued)

“Plan of Graduate Training,” about St. Luke’s Hospital, from Bulletin, American College of Surgeons, October 1940
“To make an analysis of the midnight meal as to its value, administratively speaking, to the operation of the hospital,” presumably by Lucille Fernleaf, [1951?]
“Administrative Problems Involved in Erecting Buildings as is Specifically Related to St. Luke’s Hospital,” by Lucille Fernleaf, 1952
“Surgical Supply Department: An Analysis of Services and Activities,” by Josephine A. Jones, Assistant Director, Nursing Research, 1954
“A Study of Head Nurse Activities, Medical-Surgical Units,” by Josephine A. Jones, Assistant Director, Nursing Research, 1956


5 items
Arrangement: Chronological
Restrictions to Access: Material containing patient identification is CLOSED to researchers. [Researchers must submit to an IRB review before being granted access.]
Scope Content: Patient material includes a patient bill, patient records, and a letter from a patient. This material is restricted.

BOX 15

Patient Bill, 1942 [RESTRICTED]
Patient Records, 1954-1957; Letter from Patient, 1994 [RESTRICTED]

BOX 16: INDEX CARD FILES

From Series 2: Board of Trustees: Index Card File of Board of Trustees, 1865-1956
From Series 2: Medical Board/Staff: Index Card File of Medical Staff Publications from Medical Library, From Hagerty to Williams