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Overview of the Records

Repository: New York State Archives
Summary: This series contains a wide assortment of record types considered to be historical or archival in nature which were collected or retained by the library staff of the State Homeopathic Asylum for the Insane. Records include director’s correspondence; material relating to Middletown State Hospital’s centennial; a wide assortment of photographs of various hospital groups, facilities, and activities; newspaper clippings; pamphlets; articles; and scrapbooks.
Creator: Middletown Psychiatric Center (N.Y.)
Title: Middletown Psychiatric Center historical background files
Quantity: 11.5 cubic feet
Quantity: circa 500 photographs
Inclusive Date: 1874-1998
Series: B1923

Arrangement

B1923-06 and B1923-06A: Roughly by type of record.

Administrative History

This series contains a wide assortment of record types considered to be historical or archival in nature which were collected or retained by the library staff of the State Homeopathic Asylum for the Insane (later Middletown State Homeopathic Hospital, Middletown State Hospital, and Middletown Psychiatric Center). The records were collected and preserved for their historical interest, to provide information to the public, or for research value.
Scope and Content Note

Records include director's correspondence; material relating to Middletown State Hospital's centennial; a wide assortment of photographs of various hospital groups, facilities, and activities; newspaper clippings; pamphlets; articles; and scrapbooks.

B1923-06A: This accretion consists of photographs and slides; a patient death register (1952-1962), an account book or voucher register (1902-1903); notes from lectures on nervous disorders given by Dr. Sheldon H. Talcott (1885-1886); descriptions of buildings, including materials and types of construction (1896-1960s); and notes, memos, and plans for an American Bicentennial parade and celebration, (1975-1976).

Other Finding Aids

Available at Repository

B1923-06: Container list is available at the repository.

B1923-06A: Folder list is available at the repository.

Use of Records

Access Restrictions

Partly restricted in accordance with Mental Hygiene Law, Section 33.13, relating to confidentiality of clinical records. Access is permitted under certain conditions upon approval by the Office of Mental Health.
Access Terms

- Psychiatric hospitals--New York (State)
- Clippings (information artifacts)
- Orange County (N.Y.)
- Documenting
- Mental health facilities--New York (State)
- New York (State)
- Middletown (N.Y.)
- Letters (correspondence)
- Photographs
- New York (State). Department of Mental Hygiene
- Middletown State Homeopathic Hospital (N.Y.)
- State Homeopathic Asylum for the Insane (Middletown, N.Y.)