

MEDICAL CENTER ARCHIVES

New York-Presbyterian / Weill Cornell Medical Center



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Medical Center Archives NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell

Holdings 1771 - present

- Historical records
- Personal paper collections
- Pictorial collections: over 15,000 photographs, prints, drawings, slides
- Patient records (pre-1932) – restricted

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Historical Administrative Records

- NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (New York Hospital)
- Weill Cornell Medical College (CUMC) and WCMC-Qatar
- Cornell University-New York Hospital School of Nursing (and predecessors)
- Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences
- Bloomingdale Asylum/Bloomingdale Hospital (NYPH Westchester)
- Lying-In Hospital of the City of New York
- Manhattan Maternity and Dispensary
- New York Asylum for Lying-In Women
- New York Infant Asylum
- New York Nursery and Child's Hospital
- Nursery and Child's Hospital

Annual Reports for these are digitized and available at

- <http://archive.org/details/newyorkpresbyterianweillcornell>
- <http://weill.cornell.edu/archives/photographs/>



Women's and children's hospitals

- New York Asylum for Lying-In Women (merged with New York Infant Asylum in 1899)
- New York Infant Asylum (merged with Nursery and Child's Hospital in 1909 to form New York Nursery and Child's Hospital)
- Nursery and Child's Hospital (merged with New York Infant Asylum in 1909 to form New York Nursery and Child's Hospital)
- New York Nursery and Child's Hospital (merged with New York Hospital in 1934)
- Manhattan Maternity & Dispensary (merged with New York Hospital in 1932 and became the NYH Department of Pediatrics)
- Lying-in Hospital of the City of New York (merged with New York Hospital in 1932, and became the Department of Ob/Gyn)

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Lying-In Hospital, 1914

OUT-DOOR DEPARTMENT.

CASES VISITED AND RELIEVED

BY

THE LADIES' AUXILIARY.

Extracts from the Reports of Mrs. Kerr, Visitor,

No. — Ludlow Street — Third Child. Family very poor, living in two dark rear rooms. Man deserted three months ago; said as he could not secure work his family would be better off without him. Woman trying to make a living by taking lodgers, who pay her one dollar each, per month, for privilege of sleeping on floor. Gave her all necessary assistance and sent in cleaner daily. Woman up on second day, but suffered relapse, and was quite ill for another ten days. Very grateful for all kindness.



Personal Paper Collections

Over 150 collections. Notables include:

- George Papanicolaou
- Vincent Du Vigneaud
- Connie Guion
- Hugh DeHaven
- Walsh McDermott
- Julia Stimson
- David Rogers



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Image Databases



The image database includes photographs of NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center buildings, people, departments, and events. Early images of the original Weill Cornell Medical College and New York Hospital buildings are included. Also here are class pictures of the medical college and nursing school. Not finding the photographs you are seeking, [contact the archives](#). More images are available offline.

When searching the image databases, please change the search box drop down menu to Cornell: NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center Image Archives

- Institutional Database (WCMC & NYPH users only)
- Shared Shelf Commons Database (Public access)
- Photo Order Form and Policy

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Patient Records

Prior to 1932

- Bloomingdale Asylum/Bloomingdale Hospital
- Lying-In Hospital of the City of New York
- Manhattan Maternity and Dispensary
- New York Asylum for Lying-In Women
- New York Hospital
- New York Infant Asylum
- New York Nursery and Child's Hospital
- Nursery and Child's Hospital



More web resources

- History of NYPH-WCMC
 - <http://weill.cornell.edu/archives/history/timeline.html>
 - <http://www.med.cornell.edu/archives/history/75th.html>
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The Oskar Diethelm Library is a special collection devoted to the history of psychiatry. It is part of Weill Medical College's Institute for the History of Psychiatry and includes approximately 50,000 titles in English, French, and German dealing with psychiatry, psychology, psychoanalysis, mesmerism, spiritualism, phrenology, witchcraft and related topics. Journal holdings include long back runs of psychiatric journals as well as current journals dealing with the history of medicine, psychiatry and psychology (see Journal Holdings). Archival holdings include the papers of numerous organizations and individuals (see Archives and Manuscripts).

The Library counts among its holdings nearly every edition of the monographs of such important figures as Emil Kraepelin, Sigmund Freud, Isaac Ray and Benjamin Rush. The Library holds significant collections of works in such areas as the history of hypnotism and psychoanalysis, the American mental hygiene movement, and the temperance movement, as well as religious and medical debates on witchcraft, suicide, and sexual behaviors. There are also many early and rare first-person accounts of psychiatric illness, alcoholism, and drug abuse. An impressive collection of hospital and asylum reports of the 19th and early 20th centuries has been amassed, amounting to more than 3,500 items.

The manuscript division of the Library has grown in importance as a repository for the unpublished papers of many organizations and individuals vital to the history of psychiatry. It is the official depository of such institutions as the Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry, the American Psychoanalytic Association, and the Cheiron Society. Its holdings of the papers of D.W. Winnicott and David Levy make it an important resource for the study of child psychiatry and psychoanalysis. There are also notable holdings related to the American mental hygiene movement and biological psychiatry, and letters by Clifford Beers, Sigmund Freud, Morton Prince, William James, G. Stanley Hall, Johann Spurzheim, Andrew and George Combe, Herbert Spencer, August Forel, S. Weir Mitchell, and Harry Stack Sullivan to name a few.

From its earliest days, numerous scholars have worked in the Oskar Diethelm Library, publishing their discoveries as articles or books. The list includes:





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Reginald Scot, *The Discovery of Witchcraft*, 1655, title page. (click for

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