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Collection Number	MS 240
Title	The Ascension Via Christi Hospital Collection
Repository	Pittsburg State University, Special Collections & University Archives, Pittsburg, Kansas 1701 S. Broadway Pittsburg, Kansas 66762 (620) 235-4883 speccoll@pittstate.edu
Dates	1940s-2004
Collection Size	18 linear feet
Scope and Content	A collection of documents, photos, scrapbooks, and other items regarding Mt. Carmel Hospital and Ascension Via Christi Hospital in Pittsburg, Kansas.
Access Restrictions	This collection is open for access. Researchers must use the collection in accordance with the policies of the Special Collections & University Archives, Leonard H. Axe Library, Pittsburg State University
Languages	English

Biographical Note In 1903, the Mt. Carmel Hospital was opened to the public in Pittsburg, Kansas by the Sisters of St. Joseph, of Wichita, Kansas, serving local citizens and miners. The hospital was operated by the Sisters, who performed the cooking, cleaning, nursing, and other tasks while doctors donated their services and time. Throughout the years, many additions were added to the hospital. Though the final expansion was finished in 1951, by 1960 it showed signs of needing its own doctor and was having trouble accommodating the needs of the community with much-needed repairs and often being over capacity. This led to the 70-acre location on Rouse and Centennial Streets where a \$6.5 million hospital was built and opened in 1971. The hospital became a part of Via Christi Health Systems in 1995 and added an \$18 million surgery center in 2014.

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Processing Note

Collection processed in October 2019

Content Description

This collection is primary sources and is divided into the following series:

1. Historical Items and Presentation
 - a. Documents
 - b. Photographs
 - c. Presentation items
2. Publicity, Publications, and Programs
 - a. Newspapers and Magazines
 - b. Brochures and items
 - c. Records
3. Mt. Carmel Auxiliary
 - a. Scrapbooks
 - b. Photographs
 - c. Documents

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series 1: Historical Items and Presentation

Box 10 – Papers and Documents

Historical files
School of Nursing
Sisters of St. Joseph
Mt. Carmel Hospital

Box 1 – Photographs

Slides and Negatives

Box 2 – Photographs

Slides and Negatives
“Original Scripts”
“Faces of Mt. Carmel”

Box 3 – Photographs

Employees
Staff
Events

Box 4 – Photographs

Staff and Employees

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Candy Stripers
Auxiliary
Transitional Care Unit
Cancer Care Center
Doctors
School of Nursing
Sisters of St. Joseph
Foundation
Centennial Celebration

Box 5 – Photographs

Dedications
Ground breakings
Events and Programs
Hospital Building and Grounds
Historical, miscellaneous

Box 6 – Photographs

Employees
Candy Stripers

Box 7 – Miscellaneous

Quilts, Shirt, Hospital Gown
Mission plaques
Physician's Prayer
Congressional Record

Box 8 – Scrapbooks

Guest book
Mt. Carmel School of Nursing newspaper and photo scrapbooks

Oversize 1 – Historical Presentation

Invocation of Dedication of Mt. Carmel
Congressional Record
Admission and Patient Registries
Photographs and Negatives
Awards
Newspapers
News clipping scrapbook
Portrait of nuns
Sisters of St. Joseph wall hanging
Mt. Carmel Hospital timelines
Rocks/coal from Our Lady

Oversize 2 – Historical Presentation

Poster boards – Miner's Hall Museum, Mt. Carmel and Via Christi, Pittsburg and Mt. Carmel,

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Services List

Hospital Auxiliary Member sign
Newspaper clippings
Photos of hospital staff and scenes
Surgical Operation Atlas
Timelines
Historical Information
Photographs
School of Nursing photos
Framed photos

Oversize 3 – Historical Presentation and items

Books
Cups
Films and recordings
Rocks/coal from Our Lady

Outside Boxes

Scrapbooks and Mt. Carmel Graduate Nurses list

Series 2: Publicity, Publications, and Programs

Box 9 – Newspapers about Mt. Carmel

Hospital Dedication 1971
Building Fund 1945-46
1950-1959, The Pittsburg Headlight-Sun
1960-1969
1966-1972
The 1960's, The Pittsburg Headlight-Sun
1970
1971 (with newspaper from 1964 and 1968)
1972-75
1976-1983
Newspaper Articles (1984 and 1985)
1986
1987
1987-1989
Other Med Centers

Box 11 – Publicity and Programs

Heartbeat
Weavings
Hospital Turnaround
National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly
First Steps Program

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Other Media and Correspondence
Certificate

Box 12 – Publicity, Programs, and Records

Tempo
The Pittsburg Sun
Brochures and Services Packet
Tapes
Records

- Memorials and Building Fund
- Business Offices
- Bonds
- Property
- 1930 Patient Record
- Convent and Chaplain's Residence
- Building Committee

Box 13 – Promotional Material and Miscellaneous

Brochures
Mission cards
Bookmarks
Community Quotes
Dowel Rods
“Celebration of the Century”
Display Captions
Surgical Equipment

Series 3: Auxiliary

Box 14

Photographs
Member lists
News clippings
Meeting minutes
Commendations 1996
History
Photos 1997-2004
Hand puppet
Volunteer handbook

Box 15

Scrapbooks
Oversize photographs
Reception desk sign