



Collection Name: Colleton County Hospital Photographs
Collection #: MSS 957
Size: 10 folders: 224 prints, 230 negatives (.5 cf)
Dates: 1955-1975
Processed: April 2007/SDH
Restrictions: None

Organizational history:

In 1914, Dr. Charles EsDorn and his wife Clara, a nurse, opened their home as a hospital, thus establishing the first community hospital in Walterboro, South Carolina. In 1946, the Clara K. EsDorn hospital was purchased by Colleton County and renamed Colleton County Hospital. A year later, having outgrown its building, the hospital moved to the decommissioned airbase on the outskirts of town. In 1952, a new facility was built in downtown Walterboro on S. Lemacks Street. The hospital's physical plant was expanded regularly from the 1950s through the 1970s, with the addition of Emergency Services, Physical Therapy, and Intensive Care Unit facilities, among others. By the late 1970s, Colleton County could no longer afford to operate the hospital and in 1980 the hospital board was abolished and the hospital sold to Hospital Corporation of America. A new hospital replaced the Colleton County Hospital at a new location.

Scope and Content Note:

The Colleton County Hospital Photographs, 1955-1975, consist of 224 prints and 230 negatives of the hospital, its staff, and programs at the hospital located at S. Lemacks Street in Walterboro, South Carolina. The photographs were from the morgue of the Walterboro *Press and Standard*. The photographs are arranged in five series: bloodmobiles and clinics, construction, facilities and equipment, health department, and people. Included are images of bloodmobiles, midwifery clinics, fire safety demonstrations, nuclear medicine facilities and equipment, hospital construction progress, nursing classes, vaccination clinics, surgery, and the Colleton County Health Department staff and facilities. There are six negatives which could not be printed. They include images of the administration of the Salk vaccine in 1955, exterior shots of the hospital building in 1956, and Mrs. Hughes and an unidentified woman in 1956. Prints and negatives have been separated by material for storage.

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Subject Headings:

Bloodmobiles—South Carolina—Photographs.
Education, Nursing—South Carolina— Photographs.
Equipment and Supplies, Hospital— Photographs.
Hospital Design and Construction—South Carolina— Photographs.
Midwifery—South Carolina— Photographs.
Surgical Procedures, Operative—Photographs.
Colleton County Health Department (South Carolina)— Photographs.
Colleton County Hospital (Walterboro, S.C.)— Photographs.

Inventory:

Folder 1: Bloodmobiles:

Bloodmobile, 8/68
Bloodmobile, 4/69
Bloodmobile, 10/7/71
Bloodmobile, 7/5/73
Donors, Bloodmobile, 12/56
Bloodmobile, 5/15/75
Measles vaccine clinic, 1970

Folder 2: Construction:

Hospital construction 7/15/71 “not used”
Hospital construction, 9/9/71
Hospital construction, 11/11/71
Hospital Construction, 12/30/71
Hospital construction (inside) 2/24/72

Folder 3: Facilities and equipment:

Monitoring machine at hospital, 4/67
Defibrillator demonstration at hospital, 3/71
Hospital Clinic Lab, Dr. Jones, 8/71
X-ray lab at hospital, 11/22/71
Physical therapy department, 4/25/74
Nuclear medicine facilities, 7/18/74
Hospital ICU, 11/20/75

Folder 4: Health department:

Plaque dedicated at Health Department, 5/2/74
Health department, 5/1/75

Folder 5: People:

Dr. Carroll Brown, x-rays, 2/66
Dr. Mole [?] and Dr. Fisher, 12/67
Fire extinguisher demonstrated by nurses, 5/68
Nurses aids, 1/20/70
Hospital picture, JoAnne Traxler, LPN and Reynoldo Martinez 7/8/71

Dr. B. C. Phillips, Mrs, Wendy Zeigler, Mrs. C.C. Clewning, pap smear staff,
4/13/72

Dr. Banov lecture at hospital annex, 9/14/72

Dr. Bartlett (surgery), 8/23/73

Student nurses' first aid class, 3/21/74

Nurses completing cardiac course, 5/16/74

Midwives clinic, 7/4/74

Sertoma wagon at hospital, 2/20/75

LPNs 3/27/75

Doctors day, 4/3/75

Folders 6-10: Negatives of prints arranged as above