



Collection Name: Baker Sanatorium Records
Collection #: MSS 969
Size: .85 cf
Dates: 1918-1976
Processed: November 2008, Christina Mascarenaz
Restrictions: This collection contains restricted material under HIPAA; please consult repository for access.

Administrative History:

Founded in 1912 by Dr. Archibald E. Baker, Sr. of Charleston and Dr. Lawrence Craig of Dillon, South Carolina, Baker-Craig Sanatorium, as it was then known, opened on Thanksgiving Day 1912. Designed by Charleston Architect J.D. Newcomer, it was built at a cost of between \$100,000 and \$150,000. In 1917, Dr. Baker assumed full control of the hospital and amended the charter so the hospital could operate as a charitable institution. In later years, when the family-run hospital ran into financial difficulty, a group of ten Charleston doctors took control of the operations of the hospital rather than allow it to close. In 1963, the trustees purchased the hospital from the Baker family and renamed it Baker Memorial Hospital. In 1981 when the hospital moved to a new building in North Charleston, the old hospital was converted to a condominium complex called Baker House. It is located at the corner of Beaufain and Ashley Avenue on Colonial Lake.

Scope and Content:

The Baker Sanatorium Records, 1918-1976, consists of .85 cubic feet of record books documenting childbirths and patients who were treated at Baker Sanatorium between 1913-1976. This collection contains restricted material; please consult repository for access. This collection is arranged in chronological order. Collection consists of patient records, including a patient register, a patient ledger and a register of operations that lists patients treated at Baker Sanatorium between 1918-1976. The collection documents patient's personal information such as name, address, room number, date of operation and occupation, diagnosis, doctor seen, treatment results and payment summary. Collection also includes two physicians' record notebooks documenting childbirths at Baker between 1933-1941.

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Subject Headings:

Baker, Archibald E., \$d 1862-1934.
Baker-Craig Sanatorium.
Baker Memorial Hospital
Craig, Lawrence
Patient Records—South Carolina
Hospitals—South Carolina.
Medical Records—South Carolina
Obstetrics—South Carolina
Birth Certificates—South Carolina
Death Certificates—South Carolina
Surgical Procedures, Operative—South Carolina
Surgery—South Carolina
Influenza—South Carolina
Diagnosis
Parturition—South Carolina
Pregnancy Outcome—South Carolina
Stillbirth—South Carolina
Alcoholism—South Carolina

Inventory

Box 1:

Volume 1: Record book: dates unknown
Volume 2: Patient Register: 1918- 1922 (In box 3)
Volume 3: Patient ledger: 1927-1934
Physician's birth record:
Volume 4: March-July 1933
Volume 5: August-December 1933

Box 2:

Volume 6: February- March 1941 (RESTRICTED)
Volume 7: March- May 1941 (RESTRICTED)
Volume 8: May 1941 (RESTRICTED)
Volume 9: June- July 1941 (RESTRICTED)
Volume 10: August- September 1941 (RESTRICTED)
Volume 11: September- October 1941 (RESTRICTED)
Volume 12: October – November 1941 (RESTRICTED)
Volume 13: November – December 1941 (RESTRICTED)
Volume 14: December- January 1954 (RESTRICTED)
Volume 15: Register of operations 1968- 1971 (RESTRICTED)
Volume 16: Register of operations 1975- 1976 (RESTRICTED)