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**ARRANGEMENT**

The Records are organized by the name the Hospital was under the time of their creation (Charity or Diagnostic) and are arranged alphabetically by folder title.

**AGENCY HISTORY**

Charity Hospital was first incorporated in 1861, with the goal of providing medical assistance to the industrial and manufacturing workers of Philadelphia. The founders hoped to locate the facility in either the north central part of the city. Charity Hospital's first location was in rented space on Buttonwood Street, east of Broad Street; subsequently moving to 1832 Hamilton Street, until finally purchasing the location at 1731 Vine Street.

In 1920 the Board of Trustees petitioned the state to amend the Hospital's Charter by changing the name to Diagnostic Hospital. It was under the name of Diagnostic Hospital that it merged with the Graduate School of Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania in 1926.

### **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The Diagnostic Hospital Records detail the administrative and financial aspects of Charity Hospital in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Of particular note are the Board of Trustees Minutes from 1861-1898, and the Treasurer's account books from 1870-1906.

### **RELATED MATERIAL**

Additional material on Charity Hospital includes The Charity Hospital (Philadelphia, Pa.) Medical Board minute book (1857- 1896) 1902 in the Clubs and Association Records of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

### **CONTROLLED ACCESS HEADINGS**

#### **Subject(s)**

- Hospitals--Pennsylvania--Philadelphia.

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**INVENTORY**

<b>CHARITY HOSPITAL 1861-1920</b>	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
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Charter of the Charity Hospital of the City of Philadelphia - Altered and Amended 1870	1	3
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Minutes of Board of Trustees 1861-1880	1	6
Minutes of Board of Trustees 1880-1989	1	7
Mortgage Property correspondence 1911	1	8
Notes n.d.	1	9
Petition for Amendment to Charter 1905	1	10
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Report of the Finance Committee 1907	1	12
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<b>DIAGNOSTIC HOSPITAL</b>	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Petition of the Diagnostic Hospital of Philadelphia and the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania for Leave to Merge and The Court's Decree Effecting the Merger 1926	1	16