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Summary Information

Repository	Northeast Arkansas Regional Archives
Title	Arkansas State Hospital records
Date [inclusive]	1884-1940
Extent	0.27 Cubic feet 1 box, 1 reel microfilm
Language	English
Language of Materials	Materials entirely in English.

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Biographical/Historical Note

The Arkansas Lunatic Asylum was established by the Arkansas General Assembly in 1873. In 1905, the name changed to Arkansas State Hospital for Nervous Diseases, then to Arkansas State Hospital in 1933. A facility known as the State Hospital still exists today, but what was historically encompassed by the "State Hospital" is now part of the Division of Behavioral Health Services of the Arkansas Department of Human Services.

Today the Arkansas State Hospital is the only state owned and operated facility for the treatment of mental illness in Arkansas. The structure, function, and name of this facility have changed with the development of new technology and more progressive views for treating individuals suffering from mental illness, epilepsy, birth defects, learning disabilities, and the effects of old age.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains records of the Arkansas State Hospital, including reports, business records, minutes, and publications. Board of Trustees meetings from 1873-1888 are also on microfilm MFNE1673.

Administrative Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Unknown.

Related Materials

Separated Materials

Board of Trustees meeting minutes from 1873-1888 are available on MFNE1673 held in the NEARA microfilm cabinets.

Reports

Collection Inventory

Reports	Box 1
Annual	
1884	
1894	
Biennial	
1912-1914	
Business records	
Engineering report, "Arkansas State Hospital, 1882-1960, dangerous obsolete"	
Investigations	
Investigation, State Hospital for Nervous Diseases, 1956 November 29, Volume I	

Investigation, State Hospital for Nervous Diseases, 1956 December 13, Volume III

Minutes

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Minutes, Board of Trustees of the Lunatic Asylum, 1883-1888, pages 1-316

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