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OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

Agency: Fergus Falls State Hospital.
Series Title: Subject files.
Dates: 1891-1990.
Quantity: 0.8 cu. ft. (1 box).
Location: See Detailed Description section for box locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Files relating to all aspects of the institution's management, including general administration, personnel, patients, and medical service. Topics covered include accreditation; building and construction; 1990 centennial; improvements; nursing school; patient activities, particularly holiday programs and concerts and gymnasium class; and various diseases and treatments, including psychopathic personality, lobotomy, staphylococcus infections, tranquilizers, phenothiazines, tuberculosis, and typhoid fever.

There are also minutes of the cabinet, library staff, pharmacy committee, and volunteer council; social service staff memos; occupational therapy reports (1940-1941); and socially hazardous persons bulletins (1964-1965). Materials dated after 1984 were created under the hospital's successor, the Fergus Falls Regional Treatment Center.

INDEX TERMS

These records are indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.

Topics:

Antipsychotic drugs—Minnesota.
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Psychiatric hospital care—Minnesota.
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Staphylococcal infections—Minnesota.
State hospitals—Minnesota—Administration.
State hospitals—Minnesota—Design and construction.
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Tuberculosis—Minnesota.
Typhoid fever—Minnesota.
Volunteer workers in mental health—Minnesota.

Organizations:

Fergus Falls State Hospital—Centennial celebrations, etc.
Fergus Falls Regional Treatment Center (Fergus Falls, Minn.)— Centennial celebrations, etc.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS

Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note the location shown below.

Location

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Accreditation, 1959-1965.

Administration, 1958-1965.

Bang, George E., Business Manager, 1960-1969.

Budget estimates, July 1947 - June 1949.

Building and construction, 1959-1961.

Contains a history, current status, remodeling projects, future plans, and budget requests for the institutions buildings.

Burlingame, Dr. C. Charles, 1948-1950.

By-Laws, Fergus Falls State Hospital, 1961-1965.

Cabinet meeting minutes, July 6-September 7, 1965.

Centennial celebration, 1990.

Includes a history of the institution, centennial program, flyer, and script from a play by Daniel Nordquist called Milk & Rest. Milk and rest was the treatment prescribed for early patients.

Chaplains in Minnesota Public Institutions: Proposed policies, June 1951.

Dehumanization, 1963-1965.

Employee classifications and numbers, March 1, 1941.

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Goals Seminar, 1963-1964.
Governor's Committee on the Care of Insane Criminals and Sex Criminals, [undated].
Hastings State Hospital, Rules and Regulations, [undated].
Hospital Improvement Grants, 1963-1965.
Hospital Improvement Program, Proposals, [undated].
Industrial Shop: List of patients attending, August 4, 1924.
Legislation, 1961-1965. 2 folders.
Letterheads of Fergus Falls State Hospital, 1891-1900.
Library staff minutes, July 21, 1965.
Lobotomy, [undated], 1948-1954.
Medical correspondence and information, 1962-1966.
Northwest Regional Mental Health Coordinating Committee, 1962-1965.
Nursing school, 1930-1965.
Nursing practices, 1907-1938.
Occupational Therapy Department: Monthly reports, November 1940 - January 1941.
Park Region Medical Society, 1965.
Patient activities:
 Christmas programs, 1933-1942, 1950.
 Concert and theater programs, 1934-1948.
 An Evening of Magic, [undated].
 Field Day, 1934.
 Gymnasium class record sheets, 1937-1948.
 Song sheets, [1930s].
 Miscellaneous, [ca. 1930s-1940s].
Pharmacy Committee meetings, 1964-1965.
Pharmacy drug list, October 1964.
Phenothiazines, 1964-1965. **RESTRICTED**
Poster: Special Rules, G.O. Welch, Medical Superintendent, [ca. 1910].
Psychopathic personality, 1953-1963. **RESTRICTED**
Rehabilitation therapy, 1963-1965.
Social Service staff memos, 1961-1965.
Socially hazardous persons bulletins, 1964-1965. **RESTRICTED**
Staphylococcus infections, 1958.
Tranquilizers, 1965.
Tuberculosis, 1954-1963.
Typhoid fever, 1961-1962. **RESTRICTED**
Unit system, 1963-1965.
Volunteer Council meeting minutes, October 15, 1976 – December 11, 1981. 2 folders.
 Citizen volunteers dedicated to improving the quality of life opportunities for the residents at the hospital.
Work-Study Task Force Committee Report, September 10, 1965.