

# **Anne Ramsey Somers papers**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	University of Pennsylvania: Barbara Bates Center for the Study of The History of Nursing
<b>Creator</b>	Somers, Anne Ramsey, 1913-2008
<b>Title</b>	Anne Ramsey Somers papers
<b>Call number</b>	MC 26
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1933-1982
<b>Extent</b>	0.4 linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	Anne Ramsey Somers was an educator, author, and consultant active in the field of health care and health policy. This collection consists of a typescript study written by Somers, a report, and some publications she collected relating to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

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Anne Ramsey Somers papers, Barbara Bates Center for The Study of The History of Nursing,  
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## Biography/History

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Anne Ramsey Somers (1913-2008), educator, author, consultant, was educated at Vassar College (B.A., 1935) and the University of North Carolina (1939-1940). She was an influential health policy analyst, who along with her husband Herman Miles Somers, wrote the important 1961 publication *Doctors, Patients, & Health Insurance* (RA 410 S63 1961). Somers served as a research associate of the Industrial Relation Section of Princeton University's Department of Economics during the bulk of the time represented in this collection.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection consists of a typescript study written by Anne Somers, a report, and some publications she collected relating to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

The 1964 study is entitled "The Pediatrician, The Hospital and The Community: A Case Study In Metropolitan Hospital Planning." Somers and her colleagues investigated modern pediatrics, its place in Philadelphia, and the plans for Children's Hospital in its future site in West Philadelphia. The U.S. Public Health Service funded this study which contains a forwarding comment by Richard D. Wood, president of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Somers conducted this study with Andrew Dickson Hunt, Jr., dean of the College of Human Medicine at Michigan State University and Robert Morris Sigmond, director of the Hospital Planning Association of Allegheny County. The study consists of eleven chapters and is accompanied by one folder of figures and tables. The authors have extensively annotated the study.

In addition to the typescript study, this collection also includes the transcripts of a 1961 meeting of the Advisory Committee on Children's Medical Center held at the University of Pennsylvania. Anne Somers, who with her husband Herman M. Somers, were among the 23 in attendance. The proceedings of the meeting describe plans for the new Children's Hospital site in West Philadelphia and to make it a comprehensive pediatric care medical center. This collection also includes some annual reports and brief histories of Children's Hospital by Arthur H. Lea (1933) and Richard D. Wood, Jr. (1955).

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## Administrative Information

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## Related Materials

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### Related Archival Materials note

Anne Ramsay Somers Papers are located at Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library, MS 1237, RLIN Record ID CTYV84-A683.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### CORPORATE NAME(S)

- Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

### FORM/GENRE(S)

- Typescripts

### OCCUPATION(S)

- Analyst

### PERSONAL NAME(S)

- Somers, Anne Ramsey, 1913-2008

### SUBJECT(S)

- Children--Hospitals
- Health policy.
- Pediatrics.

## Collection Inventory

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### **SERIES 1. TYPESCRIPT.**

	Box	Folder
<b>THE PEDIATRICIAN, THE HOSPITAL AND THE COMMUNITY: A CASE STUDY IN METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL PLANNING.</b>	1	1

Forward, Preface, Summary [folder not found].

### **PART ONE, BACKGROUND.**

	Box	Folder
Chapter I, Modern Pediatrics: A Profession in Transition.	1	2
Chapter II, Philadelphia: People, Progress, Paradox.	1	3
Chapter III, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia: The Evolution of a Hospital.	1	4

### **PART TWO, MAJOR POLICY ISSUES: ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.**

	Box	Folder
Chapter IV, General Aims and Objectives.	1	5
Chapter V, Programs and Facilities: Education and Research.	1	6
Chapter VI, Programs and Facilities: Patient Care and Community.	1	7

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Chapter VII, Medical Staff Organization.	1	8
Chapter VIII, Nursing and Other Personnel.	1	9
Chapter IX, Financing: Operating Expenses and Income.	1	10
Chapter X, Financing: Capital Costs and Funds.	1	11

**PART THREE.**

	Box	Folder
Chapter XI, The Planning Process: Analysis and Recommendations.	1	12
	Box	Folder
Tables, Charts, Footnotes.	2	13

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**SERIES 2. PUBLICATIONS.**

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER, 1961.**

	Box	Folder
Proceedings of Meeting.	2	14
Notes on Proceedings.	2	15
	Box	Folder
Annual Reports, Histories, 1933-1982.	2	16

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