

# **Lock Haven Hospital records**

**MC 101**

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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>	Lock Haven Hospital.
<b>Title</b>	Lock Haven Hospital records
<b>Call number</b>	MC 101
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1896-1964
<b>Extent</b>	0.8 linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	This collection contains late 19th and early 20th century administrative records of Lock Haven Hospital, including board minutes, annual reports, and brochures.

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## Biography/History

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The Lock Haven Hospital first opened in a farm house on September 7, 1897 with Dr. Rita B. Church as first Superintendent. A training school for nurses was established that same year when one pupil matriculated for a two year course of study.

The struggle to create a reputable institution was eventually recognized by the community. Mr. Wilson Kistler gave a piece of land for a new building and on May 30, 1903, the hospital in full-fledged form was ready for patients. Cornelia Happersett, superintendent from 1905 to 1908, saw to it that the patients' physical requirements were skillfully met.

On July 28, 1908 the hospital burned to the ground. The determination of the nurses to save the patients from the fire at all costs resulted in the complete loss of their wardrobes and possessions. The hospital was rebuilt and, in 1924, was totally remodeled with significant additions of modern equipment such as an x-ray and a heliotherapy department.

The nursing school closed in 1936 and was reopened in 1943.

The Lock Haven Hospital records begin just before the hospital was formally opened and extend to its closing in 1938 due to financial difficulties. The collection includes the minutes of the board meetings from 1896 to 1938, as well as a series of annual reports spanning select years from 1898 to 1913. There are two pamphlets published after the reopening of the hospital, including one brochure about the Lockhaven Hospital School of Nursing.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition note

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## Controlled Access Headings

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**CORPORATE NAME(S)**

- Lock Haven Hospital.

**FORM/GENRE(S)**

- Administrative records
- Hospital records

**GEOGRAPHIC NAME(S)**

- Lock Haven (Pa.)

**PERSONAL NAME(S)**

- Speth, Al

## Collection Inventory

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### **SERIES 1. MINUTES, BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

	Box	Folder
July 1919-October 9, 1922.	1	1
November 14, 1922-March 8, 1926.	1	2
April 12, 1926-June 10, 1929.	1	3
July 8, 1929-December 14, 1931.	1	4
January 11, 1932-October 22, 1934.	1	5
November 12, 1934-June 13, 1938.	1	6

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### **SERIES 2. ANNUAL REPORTS.**

	Box	Folder
1898-1900, 1903-1904.	1	7
1905-1908.	1	8
1910, 1912-1913.	1	9

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	Box	Folder
<b>SERIES 3. BROCHURES.</b>	1	10
	Box	Folder
School of Nursing Announcement, circa 1950.	1	10
Convalescent Rehabilitation Unit, dedication ceremony, 1964.	1	10

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**SERIES 4. BOUND VOLUMES.**

	Box	Volume
Notes on the preparatory work for the founding of the hospital, 1896; Charter and Bylaws, 1897; Decree of Court, 1897; Annual Reports, 1899-1914.	2	1
Board of Managers Minutes, June 9, 1897-August 23, 1920.	2	2

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