

Charity Hospital Papers

RG 29

Louisiana State Museum Historical Center

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Descriptive Summary

Provenance:

Title: Charity Hospital Papers

Dates: 1811-1938

Abstract: Records of the Treasurer's Office of Charity Hospital, New Orleans. Includes administrative files and correspondence dealing primarily with revenues, supplies, and buildings. Also includes the unclaimed personal papers of a number of transient patients who died at the Hospital.

Extent: 2 boxes

Accession: 4096A-4197

Biographical / Historical Note

Charity Hospital was founded in 1736 as a public hospital meant to serve the poor. It remained open until 2005, and is considered the second oldest public hospital in the United States.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of 101 folders containing some 450 individual items.

Subjects

Charity Hospital

Purchasing of slaves

Business contracts and accounts

Access of Use Restrictions

Access

Collection is **open** for research.

Related or Separated Materials

- Photograph, "Poly Class Clinic 1907," 1907. Accession #: 2009.022
Manuscript, Membership Commission, administration of Charity Hospital
Accession #: 00159
Location: Mint-03; RG 22, box 2
- Manuscript, will of Jean Louis, 1735
Accession #: 01848.1
Location: Mint-03, RG 1
- Original print, exterior view of Charity Hospital
Accession #: 1972.054.10
Location: LSM (Legacy Location), small box
- Original print, Charity Hospital
Accession #: 1978.118.03
Location: Mint-03; [Visual Arts storage, stationary range].
- Photograph, Ward 36, Charity Hospital, New Orleans
Accession #: 1979.120.138
Location: Mint-03; [Visual Arts], storage
- Original Prints, "The Charity Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana"
Accession #: 1984.001.2.45
Location: LSM (Legacy Location), large box
- Original Print, Charity Hospital, New Orleans
Accession #: 1985.106.074
Location: Mint-03, [Visual Arts], storage
- Original Print, Charity Hospital, New Orleans
Accession #: 1992.023.01.2
Location: Mint-03, [Visual Arts storage, stationary range].
- Original Print, postcard "New Charity Hospital, New Orleans, LA"
Accession #: 2003.085.1
Location: Mint-03, [Visual Arts storage, stationary range].
- Map, Plan of the city and suburbs of New Orleans, 1815
Accession #: 09644
Location: Mint-03, flat file 5, case 1, drawer 3
- Photograph, "View of Charity Hospital, Erected 1832," 1880-1920
Accession #: 09813.0032
Location: Mint-03, [Visual Arts], storage.
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Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

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Acquisition Information

This collection is on extended loan from Louisiana State University System. Originally received July 14, 1915.

Notes

This is an open collection.

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Box 1

- 4096a** Miscellaneous unclaimed personal papers of Clement Palmer (Ohio), Barney Holland (Indiana), Lewis C. Hutchinson (Texas), and Michael O'Brian (army), 1837-43. 10 items (see 4100a).
- 4096b** Statement of number of transient patients admitted, 1847. 1 item.
- 4097** Unclaimed personal papers of James Bradford (Ohio and Tennessee), 1834-46. 13 items.
- 4098** Letter to Henry Bier, treasurer, from William Naylor, D.M. Mack, B. Duffy, and S. Verity, of Tailors Benevolent Association, assigning sum owed them by one Carrigan, described as lessee of the National Amphitheatre, for the benefit of the Hospital. New Orleans, Jul. 20, 1846. 1 item.
- 4099** Receipt by H. Way for papers of S.S. Lippincott, deceased. New Orleans, Mar. 29, 1843. 1 item.
- 4100a** Letter to unknown party from Henry Bier, treasurer, regarding efforts to locate the heirs of Dr. James Murphy (Texas), who died at the Hospital in 1843. Also list of papers left by Murphy. New Orleans, Mar. 18, 1847. 2 items (see 4178).
- 4100b** Inventory of miscellaneous unclaimed personal papers described in 4096a. 1 item.
- 4101** Promissory note by William T. Jones to Charity Hospital for sum due for passage paid to Baltimore. New Orleans, Nov. 21, 1842.
- 4102** Receipt by William Malcolm, syndic for the creditors of Robert Sandeman, deceased, for personal papers, including land deeds in Texas, belonging to Robert Sandeman. New Orleans, Jan. 28, 1845. 1 item.
- 4103** Testament and other papers concerning effects left by Hugh Keenan, native of Ireland, died at Charity Hospital in 1846. New Orleans, 1846. 3 items.
- 4104** Appointment of Bernard McGary as administrator of the interstate succession of his brother Patrick McGary, deceased, New Orleans, Nov. 15, 1849. (On verso, receipt by Bernard McGary for effects delivered by Charity Hospital. New Orleans, Nov 16, 1849). 1 item.
- 4105** Unclaimed personal papers of William Doughty. Washington, D.C., 1841-42. 3 items.
- 4106** Notice of note due by Charity Hospital to Gallier and Esterbrook, architects. New Orleans, May 4, 1861. Plus original note signed by W.G. Austin, treasurer. New Orleans, Sept. 20, 1860. 2 items.
- 4107** Notice of note due by Charity Hospital to Gallier and Esterbrook, architects. New Orleans, Jun. 4, 1861. Plus original note signed by W.G. Austin, treasurer, New Orleans, Oct. 20, 1860. 2 items.
- 4108** Notice of note due by Charity Hospital to E. Reilly and CO. New Orleans, Apr. 22, 1861 (original note attached). 2 items.

- 4109** Certification by James Graham, notary public, of terms of payment agreed to in contract between Charity Hospital and Gallier and Esterbrook, architects, for the construction of two new buildings. New Orleans, Feb. 23, 1861. 1 item.
- 4110** Notice of note due by Charity Hospital to Molony and Brothers. New Orleans, Apr. 19, 1861 (miscellaneous statements attached). 7 items.
- 4111** Draft against the State Treasury by Charity Hospital to pay A. Brousseau and Company for carpeting. New Orleans, (1862). 1 item.
- 4112** Draft against the State Treasury by Charity Hospital to pay John Despouy for potatoes. New Orleans, 1862. 1 item.
- 4113** Draft against the State Treasury by Charity Hospital to pay Clark and Brisbin for printing. New Orleans, 1862. 1 item.
- 4114** Receipt and inventory by H.D. Baldwin, treasurer, for papers and funds delivered by his predecessor, Henry Bier. New Orleans, May 17, 1853. 1 item.
- 4115** Correspondence relating to the succession of Francis McCardle (St. Louis, Mo.), who died at Charity Hospital Aug. 13, 1848, leaving a bequest to the Sisters of Charity. St. Louis and New Orleans, Sept. 2, 1848-Oct. 27, 1852). 7 items.
- 4116** Policies, binders, receipts, and other papers concerning insurance on Charity Hospital building. New Orleans, 1852-53. 10 items.
- 4117** Certification of Pierre Clidamant Becnel having satisfied his creditors (presumably including Charity Hospital). New Orleans, Jul. 8, 1844. 1 item (French).
- 4118** Contract between Charity Hospital and Henry Sellon Bonneval Latrobe for the construction of a new building. New Orleans, Apr. 2, 1817. 1 item.
- 4119** Notice of note due Charity Hospital to P. Choppin of Eug. Rochereau and Co. New Orleans, Feb. 4, 1861. 1 item.
- 4120** Notice of note due Charity Hospital to P. Choppin of Eug. Rochereau and Co. New Orleans, Feb. 16, 1861. 1 item.
- 4121** Notice of note due Charity Hospital to P. Choppin of Eug. Rochereau and Co. New Orleans, Feb. 4, 1861. 1 item.
- 4122a** Act of sale by Charity Hospital to Compagnie de Navigation d'Orleans of site and ruins of former hospital buildings destroyed by fire. New Orleans, Jul. 15, 1813. 1 item (French).
- 4122b** (Transcription and translation of 4122a)
- 4123** Contract between Charity Hospital and Adam Wagner and Co. for hospital meat supply. New Orleans, May 16, 1860. 1 item.
- 4124** Statement of account of Charity Hospital with Adam Wagner and Co. New Orleans, Oct. 23, 1861. 1 item.
- 4125** Statement of meat supplied to Charity Hospital by Adam Wagner and Co., Nov. 24-Dec. 21, 1861. New Orleans, n.d. 1 item.
- 4126** Note and receipts for payments by Charity Hospital to Adam Wagner and Co. New Orleans, Feb. 1860-Aug. 1861. 5 items.
- 4127** Statement of account of Charity Hospital with Adam Wagner and Co., May 1860-Jan. 1861. New Orleans, n.d. 1 item.
- 4128** Statements of account o Charity Hospital with Adam Wagner and Co., 1860-61. 18 items.
- 4129** Daily receipts for meat delivered to Charity Hospital by Adam Wagner and Co. New Orleans, Oct. 1860-Jan. 1861. 118 items.

- 4130** Unclaimed personal papers of John Philip Leps (Texas). 1853. 3 items.
- 4131** (Item not located)
- 4132** Letter of John Weiss and Sons of London to Henry Bier, treasurer of Charity Hospital, regarding a shipment of surgical instruments. London, May 13, 1852. 1 item.
- 4133** (Item not located)
- 4134** Letter of Henry Bier, treasurer of Charity Hospital, to Dr. A.J. Wedderburn of London, regarding the Hospital's surgical instrument needs. New Orleans, Aug. 17, 1850. 1 item.
- 4135** Letter of John Weiss and Son to Henry Bier, advising him of shipment of surgical instruments and describing cabinet. London, Nov. 17, 1851. 1 item.
- 4136** Bill of lading for shipment of surgical instruments to New Orleans. Liverpool, Nov. 25, 1851. 1 item.
- 4137-4144** (These numbers do not pertain to this collection)
- 4145a** Certified copy of act of cession by Micaela Almonaster to her hereditary rights as patroness of Charity Hospital to the city of New Orleans. New Orleans, Mar. 9, 1811. 1 item (French).
- 4145b** Typescript transcription and English translation of act contained in 4145a. 2 items.
- 4146** Letter of Gallier, Turpin and Co., architects, to Henry Bier, treasurer of Charity Hospital, regarding estimate of cost of repairs to Union Cotton Press. New Orleans, Mar. 16, 1852. 1 item.
- 4147** Copy of letter of Henry Bier and J. Calhoun to S.S. Relf requesting his attendance at a meeting of the experts in the case of the Charity Hospital v. Relf. New Orleans, May 30, 1842. 1 item (see 4180).
- 4148** Hospital accounts, trial balance. New Orleans, Jan. 1, 1863. 1 item.
- 4149** Letter of William N. Boley to Alfred Shaw at New Orleans regarding the collection of a sum of money held by the Hospital. Fort Leavenworth, Apr. 11, 1853. 1 item (see 4150).
- 4150** Letter of Alfred Shaw to Henry Bier, treasurer of Charity Hospital, regarding the collection of a sum of money belonging to William N. Boley. New Orleans, Apr. 29, 853. 1 item (see 4149).
- 4151** Letter of Peter J. Flanagan, public administrator, to Louis P. Delahoussaye, secretary-treasurer of the Charity Hospital, requesting the names of deceased patients who have left \$50.00 or more in the Hospital's keeping. New Orleans, Feb. 20, 1913. 1 item.
- 4152** Papers (including will) relating to the succession of Nelson Horatio Crosby (New York and Wisconsin), died at Charity Hospital Jan. 31, 1844. Crosby bequeathed one third of his possessions to the Hospital. New Orleans, 1841-44. 9 items.
- 4153** Letter of Louis P. Delahoussaye, secretary-treasurer, Charity Hospital, to Charlton R. Beattie, U.S. Attorney at New Orleans, regarding the affairs of Richard Murphy, deceased. New Orleans, Aug. 18, 1911. 1 item.
- 4154** Papers related to an exchange of real estate between Charity Hospital and James Freret and the validity of Freret's title to property being offered. New Orleans, 1830. 4 items.
- 4155** Minutes of meetings of the Journeymen Tailors of New Orleans regarding election of officers and appropriation of a sum of money to the Charity Hospital. New Orleans, May 5-6, 1845. 4 items.

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