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1812-1943

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### **RESTRICTIONS**

The Superintendent's diary is restricted to use by special permission from Friends Hospital. Names of patients should not be used. Please consult with librarian prior to use.

### **RELATED MATERIALS**

See: Extracts from the journal of Dr. Edward Taylor, a physician and superintendent at Friends Hospital, 1823-32 in coll. no. 962; map of property purchased as the site for Friends Hospital, n.d. in coll. no. 955; and pictures of the buildings and grounds in coll. no. 930

### **ABSTRACT**

Minutes of individuals and boards of Friends Hospital (originally The Asylum for Person Deprived of the Use of their Reason), 1812-1943, collectively providing the history of this Quaker organization.

### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

**1813** - Friends Hospital founded by the Quakers. Originally called "The Asylum for Persons Deprived of the Use of Their Reason."

**1817** - Additional buildings allow for up to 50 patients.

**1827** - Two additional patient wings are added.

**1879** - Friends Hospital builds its first greenhouse to enhance a long tradition of horticultural therapy.

**1880** - Additions are made to accommodate 90 additional patients.

**1911** - "The Asylum," as it was known, expanded its property holdings to roughly 100 contiguous acres.

**1916** - Friends Hospital acquired a 326-acre farm in Trevoise.

**1920** - The Trevoise farm's Bensalem Mansion is opened to patients as a convalescent home.

**1970s-1980s** - Bonsall and Tuke Buildings are completed, pushing capacity to 192, where

it remains today.

**1980** - The Greystone Program opens on hospital grounds.

**1989** - Hillside House is built as a companion home to the Greystone Program.

**1996** - The Eating Disorders Program opened, treating adolescents and adults and is one of the only programs in the area to serve children and males with eating disorders.

**1998** - Larkspur Crisis Response Center opened, providing treatment for more than six thousand inpatients each year and an additional 6,000 evaluations and referrals.

**1999** - Friends Hospital was designated a National Historic Landmark by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

**2000** - *U.S. News and World Report* ranked Friends Hospital as one of the nation's top psychiatric hospitals.

**2002** - Six Friends Hospital psychiatrists were ranked among the region's "Top Docs" by Philadelphia Magazine.

**2010** - Friends Hospital designed and opened Philadelphia's first inpatient Recovery Oriented Unit.

(Information from Friends Hospital website, 2010)

## **SUBJECT HEADINGS**

[\*\*Hinchman, Morgan, fl. 1840-1849\*\*](#)

[\*\*Friends' Asylum for the Insane\*\*](#)

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## **SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION**

Includes superintendents' journals, 1817-1894; managers' minutes, 1813-1943; minutes of the corporation, 1888-1941; minutes of the building committee, 1814-1817; visiting committee minutes, 1817-1821, 1827-1864, as well as the case of Morgan Hinchman. The volume including by-laws and minutes of Board of Managers, 1880-99 also contains the constitution of Friends Hospital.

## **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION**

**#1 Receipted bills for the building, 1814-1816.**

**Superintendent's Journals [Day Books], 12 v., 1817-1894.**

**#2 v.1 1817-1820**

- #3 v.2 1820-1824
- #4 v.3 1824-1829
- #5 v.4 1829-1832
- #6 v.5 1832-1836
- #7 v.6 1836-1842
- #8 v.7 1842-1854
- #9 v.8 1854-1867
- #10 v.9 1867-1875
- #11 v.10 1875-1882
- #12 v.11 1882-1891
- #13 v.12 1891-1894

#14 **List of early contributors, 1 v.**

**Minutes of the Contributors, 2 v., 1812-1888.**

- #15 v.1 1812-1828
- #16 v.2 1830-1888

**#17-18 Minutes of the Corporation, 2 v., 1888-1941**

**Managers' Minutes, v.1-10, 1813-1943.**

- #19 v.1 1813-1826
- #20 v.2 1826-1834
- #21 Rough Minutes of Managers' Meeting  
1836-1840
- #22 v.3 1834-1850
- #23 v.4 1850-1870
- #24 v.5 1870-1891
- #25 v.6 1891-1901
- #26 v.7 1901-1909
- #27 v.8 1909-1915
- #28 v.9 1916-1929
- #29 v.10 1929-1943

**#30 Minutes of the Building Committee, 1 v., 1814-1817.**

(with blueprint of hospital site and record of donations of furniture)

**Minutes of Visiting Committee, 11 v., 1817-1821, 1827-1864.**

- #31 v.1-2 1817-1818
- #32 v.3-8 1818-1834
- #33 v.9-10 1837-1843
- #34 v.11 1844-1864

#35 Weather Report, 1848-1852, 1862-1863.

**#36 Case of Morgan Hinchman** (fl. 1840-49)

Hinchman brought suit in 1849 against relatives and personnel of Friends Hospital for incarcerating him against his will