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.

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.
Contents List

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.


4105 Unclaimed personal papers of William Doughty. Washington, D.C., 1841-42. 3 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 Despouny 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.

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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.


4128 Statements of account of Charity Hospital with Adam Wagner and Co., 1860-61. 18 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.
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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.
4136 Bill of lading for shipment of surgical instruments to New Orleans. Liverpool, Nov. 25, 1851. 1 item.
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4144 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, 1853. 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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