



Phelps Health Collection (R1545)

Collection Number: R1545

Collection Title: Phelps Health Collection

Dates: 1937-2024

Creator: Phelps Health (Rolla, Mo.)

Abstract: The Phelps Health Collection contains photographs, newspaper articles, and construction documents collected by the Phelps Health hospital marketing department. The materials document the history of the hospital from 1949 to 2024.

Collection Size: 6 cubic feet

(90 folders, 8 oversize folders, 2,381 photographs, 825 negatives, 1 cassette tape, 1 audio reel, 20 CDs, 1 VHS)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research but may be stored offsite. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Rolla](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at rolla@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Phelps Health on September 29, 2025 (Accession No. RA1766).

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Phelps Health Collection can be found in the following collections:

[Phelps County, Missouri Hospital Collection](#) (R0337)

[*Phelps County Regional Medical Center Auxiliary Records*](#) (R1262)

[*Phelps County Memorial Hospital Scrapbook*](#) (R1293)

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Historical Note:

Phelps Health Medical Clinic and Hospital's rich historical background began in 1949 as a grassroots effort among residents in Rolla and the surrounding communities. Prior to Phelps County Memorial Hospital's opening, there was no other hospital facility located in the area. A medical facility was needed in the community, so area residents and organizations in Rolla stepped up to make that happen. Through philanthropic efforts by community businesses and area residents, construction of the Phelps County Memorial Hospital, as it was called in the early years, was completed on ground donated by the Rolla Lions Club and opened to the public on March 12, 1951.

Throughout the 1970s and 1980s, several expansion projects were initiated at the hospital, including a large, \$14.5 million renovation project in February 1979 that transformed the hospital from a small healthcare center to the primary referral center in south-central Missouri. The hospital was renamed Phelps County Reginal Medical Center (PCRMC) in 1980 to reflect its growth. Other expansions include the Medical Office Building in 2007, the Waynesville Medical Plaza in 2015, the Delbert Day Cancer Institute in 2017, and the Phelps Health Immediate Care Rolla in 2021. Effective January 1, 2019, PCRMC changed its name to Phelps Health.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following 6 series with 5 subseries:

Newspapers

Publications and Promotional Material

Institutional Papers

Audio Visual

Correspondence

Construction

Images

Photographs

Slides

Scrapbooks

Oversize

Scope and Content Note:

Newspapers

This series contains newspaper articles and clippings regarding the Phelps County hospital. The newspapers include advertisements for community events, health fairs, services, and updates on new construction and services provided by the hospital. There are mentions of doctors, nurses, technicians, and staff. This series is arranged in chronological order.

Publications and Promotional Materials

This series consists of published and unpublished materials pertaining to the hospital. Included are newspaper advertisements, press releases, copies of the Phelps County Reginal Medical Center magazine, *Vim and Vigor*, and brochures for various departments. The materials date from 1965 to 2013 and capture the hospitals services, new additions, expansions, history, and some statistical information. This series is arranged by material type.

Institutional Papers

The Papers subseries contains records and paperwork pertaining to the workings of the hospital and its volunteer auxiliary. Included in this series are meeting minutes of department head and the Board of Trustees regarding the administration and progress of the hospital from the late 1970s to the early 1980s.

The Audio-Visual subseries consists of video and audio recordings regarding the hospital's operation and services provided by the hospital. Of note are the audio files of radio interviews on CDs in folder 35. Those interviews were aired on local radio stations and featured different doctors and staff from the hospital talking about community programs and resources of the hospital.

The Correspondence subseries contains correspondence regarding the construction of the original hospital and later additions to the building. Many of the early correspondence are from or to Dr. Clair V. Mann the local engineer on the original construction project or Ernest T. Friton the architect on the project.

The Construction subseries contains blueprints, schematics, daily notes by Clair V. Mann about the hospitals progress. The daily notes include names of companies and individuals who worked on the construction of the hospital, daily weather conditions, and each day's completed work.

Images

This series contains photographs, negatives, and 35mm slides featuring images of the hospital, staff, doctors, events, and the local area. Most of the images are candid shots taken in the hospital or at community events. There are some professional images of doctors, staff, and the hospital used for marketing. Of note are images of construction, addition, and renovations of the hospital over the years. The series is arranged in chronological order.

Scrapbooks

This series consists of scrapbooks containing mostly newspaper articles and some images. The newspaper articles cover events and updates regarding the hospital from 2004 to 2010. Folder 82 contains a scrapbook with mostly images dating from the 1970s to the 1980s. This series is arranged in chronological order.

Oversize

This series contains promotional posters, floor plans from additions, promotional materials for the hospital, and a scrapbook with newspaper articles and photographs dating from 1993 to 2003. This series is arranged by subject.

Container List:**Newspapers**

Box 001	f. 1	Construction and expansions, 1950-2007
	f. 2-8	Articles, 1986-2000
	f. 9	<i>Rolla Daily News</i> , feature stories, 2000-2004
	f. 10-13	Articles, 2001-2006
Box 002	f. 14-16	Articles, 2008-2012, no date

Publications and Promotional Materials

f. 17-18	Brochures and pamphlets, 1965-2001, no date
f. 19	Community Benefit reports, 2008-2013
f. 20	Phelps Regional Health Care Foundation, no date
f. 21	Speeches, history, 1976-1986
f. 22	Press releases, 1980-1982
f. 23	Rolla Chamber of Commerce booklet, 1980s
f. 24	Marketing, 1992
f. 25	Survey, name change, 2007
f. 26-27	Newspaper advertisements, 2003-2005
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Institutional Papers

Box 003	f. 31	Auxiliary and volunteers, 1968-2009
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	f. 33	Board of Trustee meetings, 1980-1982
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	f. 35	Radio interviews, 2011-2013
	f. 36	Programs and services, no date
	f. 37	Smart Doctors TV, no date
	f. 38-44	Correspondence
	f. 38	Clair V. Mann, 1928-1956
	f. 39	Board of Trustees, 1950-1982
	f. 40	Maggi Construction, 1965
	f. 41	Hammond, Charle, and Burns Architects, 1965
	f. 42	Fourth floor addition, 1965
	f. 43	Hammond, Charle, Burns, and Le Pere Architects, 1970
	f. 44	Thank you letters, 1956, no date
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	f. 47	Rolla State Bank, account ledger, 1947

Box 004	f. 48	“Specifications for Construction of a General Hospital Building, Rolla – Phelps County, Missouri,” 1948
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	f. 50	Notes, schematics, and reports, 1949-1951
	f. 51-52	Notes, schematics, and reports, 1949-1951
	f. 53	Clair V. Mann, hospital construction dairy, 1949-1950
	f. 54	Room cards, 1950
	f. 55	Power Plant log, 1950-1955
	f. 56	Women’s Auxiliary, Sewing journal, volunteer hours, 1953-1972
	f. 57	Report on Phelps County Memorial Hospital maintenance department, 1954
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	f. 65	Staff and events, 1980s
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	f. 76	Hospital and staff, 1980s-1990s
	f. 77	Hospital and staff, 1980s-1990s
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	f. 79	Dedication and construction, 1993
	f. 80	Phelps County, no date
	f. 81	Negatives, 1978, no date

Scrapbooks

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Box 006	f. 91	Scrapbook, 1993-2003
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	f. 93	<i>Welcome Rolla Newcomers</i> , 1996
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	f. 95	Photographs, hospital construction, circa 1972
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