



Phelps County, Missouri Hospital Collection (R0337)

Collection Number: R0337

Collection Title: Phelps County, Missouri Hospital Collection

Dates: 1946

Creator: Phelps Health (Rolla, Mo.)

Abstract: The Phelps County, Missouri Hospital Collection contains a leaflet promoting a bond issue for construction of a public hospital in Phelps County, Missouri. The proposition was accepted by voters in the general election of 5 November 1946. The Phelps County Memorial Hospital opened at Rolla in 1951. In the 1980's the name was changed to Phelps County Regional Medical Center, and in 2019 the name was changed again to Phelps Health.

Collection Size: 0.01 cubic foot
(1 folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Rolla](https://www.shsmo.org/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 collection was donated to the University of Missouri by J. B. Alexander on February 20, 1985 (Accession No. RA0273).

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Phelps County, Missouri Hospital Collection can be found in the following collections:

Phelps County Regional Medical Center Auxiliary Records (R1262)

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Historical Note:

Phelps Health'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.

The Rolla Daily News reported, "Its [Phelps County Memorial Hospital] completion represents a long-cherished hope of many hundreds of persons of the county. It stands today as a tribute to hard work and sacrifice on the part of persons with enough civic pride and enough interest in health and welfare for themselves and their fellows to work and fight for such a facility."

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. Other Expansions include the Medical Office Building in 2007, the Waynesville Medical Plaza in 2015, the Delbert Day Cancer Institute in 2017, and Phelps Health Immediate Care Rolla in 2021.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in its original order.

Scope and Content Note:

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