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NEUROLOGICAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION OF KANSAS CITY RECORDS,
1935-1975

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Introduction

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Organizational records of the Neurological Hospital, formally known as the Robinson Sanitarium or Clinic.

Included in this collection are materials concerning correspondence, meeting minutes, financial records, public relations, the Robinson Memorial Fund, personnel papers, legal documents, and other various administrative records, chiefly from the 1960s.

Biographical Statement

The Punton Sanitarium, built in 1897 by Dr. John Punton, became Kansas City's first hospital dedicated to the treatment of mental illnesses and nervous disorders. The sanitarium was located at 29th street and Forest Avenue. Three years later, Dr. Punton built a second sanitarium located at 30th Street and The Paseo.

In 1910, Dr. Punton retired from his practice and sold his institution to G. Wilse Robinson, who, at the time, was the superintendent of the Kansas City General Hospital, and to internist James W. Owsely. Together, they ran the Punton Sanitarium until they dissolved their partnership in 1923. After which, Dr. Robinson purchased the Dyer home located at 8100 Independence Road (now Wilson Road) and moved the facilities to that location. It became known as the Robinson Sanitarium. Dr. Robinson's son, G. Wilse Robinson, Jr., joined his practice in 1929.

In 1934 the Robinson Clinic, Inc., a non-profit association, replaced the sanitarium company. By 1935, the Robinson Clinic, Inc. purchased the former Christian Church Hospital and Nurses' Home located at 27th Street and The Paseo.

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