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Brokaw/Mennonite/BroMenn Hospitals Collection

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This collection includes written materials concerning three interrelated Bloomington-Normal hospitals: Brokaw Hospital, Mennonite Hospital, and BroMenn Hospital. Brokaw Hospital and Mennonite Hospital merged in 1984 to create BroMenn Hospital. The collection includes materials from all three hospitals, from their inceptions to the present.

A Short History

Brokaw Hospital opened in 1896 as the "Deaconess Hospital" with the support of five local doctors. It was placed between the two towns of Bloomington and Normal, which soon grew around it. Abram Brokaw, a local businessman, made a large donation to the hospital in 1901, which led the hospital's staff to rename it "Brokaw Hospital" in honor of Abram and his family. Brokaw Hospital, as with other hospitals of the day, was known for often treating needy patients for free or for lower costs. Brokaw Hospital also created a school of nursing, the Brokaw Hospital School for Nurses, in January of 1902. It was integrated into Illinois Wesleyan University in the early 1960's.

In 1919, Mennonite church leaders from around the area decided to begin their own hospital in Bloomington called the Mennonite Sanitarium. It later became known as the Mennonite Hospital. Along with the Mennonite Hospital, the Mennonite School of Nursing was created to train nurses to work at the hospital. In 1999, the Mennonite School of Nursing was folded into Illinois State University.

Both hospitals experienced considerable growth, and both were compelled to add on to their buildings and to hire larger numbers of doctors and nurses. In 1984, Brokaw and Mennonite Hospitals combined with Eureka Hospital to create BroMenn Health Care and BroMenn Medical Center. The Medical Center is located on the former Brokaw Hospital site.

Then, in 2010, BroMenn merged with Oak Brook, IL-based Advocate Health Care and the facility became known as Advocate Bromenn Medical Center.

For Additional Information
(Available in Museum Library)

Beier, Lucinda McCray. *A Matter of Life and Death: Health, Illness and Medicine in McLean County, 1830-1995*, 1996. See pages 88-96.

Hasbrouck, Jason. *History of McLean County Illinois.* volume 1, 1924. See pages 320-325.

Prince, Ezra and Burnham, John, eds. *Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois and History of McLean County*, 1908. See pages 884-885.

Smith, Whitfield. *Biographical History of the Members of the McLean County Medical Society*, 1934. See pages 75-77.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder #1: Brokaw / Miscellany
1.1   1920 - A brochure
1.2   10/11/1951 - A program for the Breaking of Ground for the New Brokaw Hospital Building
1.3   1956 - A fold-out brochure
1.4   1950's - A pamphlet for "The Annuity Investment Program"
1.5   1961 - A brochure "about your hospital"
1.6   1961 - A pamphlet for an open house for a new surgery building
1.7   1960's - A brochure
1.8   1965 - A brochure detailing the Brokaw building's new additions
1.9   Dedication Banquet program, May 22, 1967
1.10   4/26/1971 - A program for Brokaw Hospital's Annual Meeting
1.11   Medical Staff Directory, 1981. 2 copies.

1.12 "Wanted—25 Young Women Who Wish to Become Nurses. Board and Tuition Free," Advertisement, *Pantagraph*, April 1, 1920, p. 17.
1.13 "History of Brokaw Hospital" by Maude F. Essig, R.N., 6 pgs. (incomplete), no date.
1.14 "Brokaw—History," timelines, 4 pgs., no date.
1.15 No date – A history of Brokaw Hospital Training School for Nurses
1.16 Booklet: Family Centered Maternity Care, 1985 8 pp.
1.17 Booklet: Maternal Child Center Directory, circa 1985.   8 pp.

Folder #2: Brokaw By-Laws/Rules
2.1 Date unknown - Card with Brokaw's visiting hours and room rates
2.2 5/6/1976 – Listing of Brokaw's By-Laws as approved by the Board of Directors.

Folder #3: Brokaw Fundraising
3.1 1951 - Program for Brokaw's Building Fund Campaign (three copies)
3.2 1/1971 – Program for the "Diamond Jubilee" (75 year anniversary) event as presented by the Brokaw Service League

Folder #4: Brokaw Bills
4.1 8/20/1925 – Bill for 7-day stay at the hospital - $45.65.
4.2 11/21/1935 – Bill for a 5-day stay at the hospital - $31.45
4.3 11/28/1935 – Bill for a 7-day stay at the hospital - $54.35
4.4 12/4/1935 - Bill for Professional Services (nurse visits) - $18
4.5 12/15/1936 – Bill for 7-day stay at the hospital - $22.75
4.6 2/8/1937 – Bill for 7-day stay at the hospital - $28.65
4.7 2/28/1948 – Envelope reminding patient of a check-up visit back to the hospital

Folder #5: Brokaw Trustee Quarterly Meetings Part I
5.1 10/16/1961 – Minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting
5.2 4/16/1962 – Minutes for Board of Trustees and Directors Meeting
5.3 5/13/1963 – Minutes for Board of Trustees and Directors Meeting
5.4 8/19/1963 – Minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting
5.5 11/18/1963 – Minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting
5.6 2/17/1964 – Minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting
5.7 5/25/1964 – Minutes for Board of Trustees and Directors Meeting
5.8 8/17/1964 – Minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting
5.9 11/16/1964 – Minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting
5.10 2/15/1965 – Minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting
5.11 5/17/1965 – Minutes for Board of Trustees and Directors Meeting
5.12 8/23/1965 – Minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting
5.13 11/15/1965 – Minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting
5.14 2/21/1966 – Minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting
5.15 5/16/1966 – Minutes for Board of Trustees and Directors Meeting
5.16 11/21/1966 – Minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting

5.17   2/20/1967 – Minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting
5.18   5/15/1967 – Minutes for Board of Trustees and Directors Meeting
5.19   5/20/1968 – Minutes for Board of Trustees and Directors Meeting
5.20   11/18/1968 – Minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting
5.21   2/17/1969 – Minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting
5.22   5/19/1969 – Minutes for Board of Trustees and Directors Meeting
5.23   8/18/1969 – Minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting
5.24   11/17/1969 – Minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting
5.25   2/16/1970 – Minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting

Folder #6: Brokaw Trustee Quarterly Meetings Part II
6.1   5/18/1970 – Minutes for Board of Trustees and Directors Meeting (2x)
6.2   10/26/1970 – Minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting
6.3   8/17/1970 – Minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting
6.4   1/25/1971 – Minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting for 75th Anniversary
6.5   3/1971 – Comparative Service Statistics
6.6   4/26/1971 – Minutes for Board of Trustees and Directors Meeting
6.7   7/26/1971 – Minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting
6.8   10/25/1971 – Minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting
6.9   1/24/1972 – Minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting
6.10   4/24/1972 – Minutes for Board of Trustees and Directors Meeting
6.11   7/24/1972 – Minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting
6.12   10/23/1972 – Minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting
6.13   1/22/1973 – Minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting
6.14   4/30/1973 – Minutes for Board of Trustees and Directors Meeting
6.15   7/23/1973 – Minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting
6.16   10/22/1973 – Minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting
6.17   1/28/1974 – Minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting
6.18   4/22/1974 – Minutes for Board of Trustees and Directors Meeting
6.19   7/22/1974 – Minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting
6.20   10/28/1974 – Minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting
6.21   1/27/1975 – Minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting
6.22   1/21/1975 – Minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting
6.23   1/24/1977 – Minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting
6.24   7/25/1977 – Minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting
6.25   11/28/1977 – Minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting
6.26   2/27/1978 – Minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting

Folder #7: Brokaw Business Reports
7.1   12/31/1957 – Balance sheet
7.2   1965 – Miscellaneous paperwork and reports on building fund
7.3   2/21/1966 – McLean County Area Enlistment Need Report
7.4   8/21/1967 – Accumulated statistics and summary of hospital activities
7.5   1970 – Statistics of 2 previous years

7.6   1971 – Statistics of 2 previous years
7.7   3/31/1971 – Administrator's Report
7.8   1977-1978 – Annual Report

<u>Folder #8: Brokaw Letters to Trustees</u>
8.1   5/13/1963 – Letter about annual meeting
8.2   7/27/1965 – Letter asking for help with blood donations
8.3   12/22/1965 – Letter informing of meeting with area church leaders
8.4   2/24/1966 – Letter asking about any available nurses
8.5   8/6/1968 – Letter asking for help with blood donations
8.6   8/8/1968 – Letter informing of hospital's expenses

<u>Folder #9: Brokaw Briefs for Brokaw Trustees</u>
9.1   The first *Brokaw Briefs for Brokaw Trustees* newsletter
9.2   12/1970 – Hospital report for trustees
9.3   1/1971 – Hospital report for trustees
9.4   2/1971 – Hospital report for trustees on Diamond Anniversary
9.5   3/1971 – Hospital report for trustees
9.6   5/1971 – Hospital report for trustees
9.7   7/1971 – Hospital report for trustees including promotions
9.8   9/1971 – Hospital report for trustees including information on joining "Nader's Raiders"
9.9   10/1971 – Hospital report for trustees with a medical cost "fable"
9.10   11/1971 – Hospital report for trustees
9.11   12/1971 – Hospital report for trustees
9.12   2/1972 – Hospital report for trustees
9.13   8/1972 – Hospital report for trustees including an affiliation agreement with the
        University of Illinois College of Medicine
9.14   1/1973 – Hospital report for trustees
9.15   3/1973 – Hospital report for trustees with employee awards
9.16   12/1973 – Hospital report for trustees
9.17   Hospital report for trustees

<u>Folder #10: The Brokaw-O-Gram</u>
10.1   11/22/1961 – Newsletter listing programs and events at Brokaw
10.2   5/1962 – Newsletter listing programs and events at Brokaw
10.3   9/1962 – Newsletter listing programs and events at Brokaw
10.4   10/1962 – Newsletter listing programs and events at Brokaw
10.5   11/1962 – Newsletter listing programs and events at Brokaw
10.6   12/1962 – Newsletter listing programs and events at Brokaw
10.7   3,4,5/1963 – Newsletter listing programs and events at Brokaw
10.8   6,7,8/1963 – Newsletter listing programs and events at Brokaw

Folder #11: Brokaw's Intercom Newsletter

11.1   3/1969 – The *Intercom* newsletter giving information about the different employees of Brokaw
11.2   5/1969 – Birthdays and department information from the hospital
11.3   6/1969 – Department information
11.4   9/1969 – Department information and vacation stories
11.5   5/1976 – Hospital and individual information
11.6   6/1976 – Information of hospital happenings
11.7   3/1977 – Information of hospital happenings
11.8   11/1977 – Hospital news
11.9   12/1977 – Christmas edition of the hospital's news
11.10   2/1978 – Hospital news
11.11   4/1978 – News on hospital happenings
11.12   5/1978 – Hospital news
11.13   7/1978 – Hospital news

Folder #12: Mennonite Annual Reports
12.1   1931 – Hospital statistics, 2copies.
12.2   1947 Annual Report in green
12.3   1948 Annual Report in orange
12.4   1950 Annual Report in brown
12.5   1951 Annual Report in yellow
12.6   1952 Annual Report in teal
12.7   1953 Annual Report in light green
12.8   1954 Annual Report in white
12.9   1961 Annual Report
12.10   "Facts At Your Fingertips about Mennonite Hospital," card, 1961.
12.11   1962 Annual Report
12.12   1963 Annual Report

Folder #13: Mennonite Fundraising / Miscellany
13.1   "The New Mennonite Hospital," brochure detailing future expansion plans, never realized, no date.
13.2   Christmas card, 1944.
13.3   12/21/1953 A letter encouraging donations to the Mennonite Hospital for the Christmas season
13.4   Annual Recognition Banquet program, November 6, 1975.
13.5   Program, Mennonite Hospital, Groundbreaking Service, December 3, 1967.
13.6   Special Anniversary Issue of "The Menno-Light" newsletter, April 1979 (covers history of hospital, 1919-1979)
13.7   "The Menno-Light," December 1979.

Folder #14: Mennonite School of Nursing

14.1 1945-46 – Announcement for the Mennonite School of Nursing in Bloomington
14.2 Catalog, 1979-81
14.3 5/30/1987 - An invitation and program for the Celebration Event NLN Accreditation Mennonite College of Nursing.
14.4 1997 – A booklet for the school giving basic information about attending it
14.5 6/30/1999 – A *Twin City Community News* article about the 80th Anniversary of the School of Nursing

Folder #15: BroMenn Pamphlets
15.1 A "Welcome to BroMenn" pamphlet
15.2 "Caring Through Life's Stages," undated. 28 pp.
15.3 Summer 1996 – A "BroMenn Healthwatch" pamphlet

Folder #16: BroMenn Fundraising
16.1 1994-1995 – A donor report
16.2 2000 – A booklet for the Resource Development Program

Folder #17: BroMenn Service Auxiliary
17.1 Membership Directory, BroMenn Service Auxiliary, July 1, 2001-June 30, 2002, 42 pgs.

Folder #18: Brokaw Hospital Newspaper Articles
18.1 "Abram Brokaw and Brokaw Hospital," *Pantagraph*, March 15, 1905, p. 5.
18.2 "Abram Brokaw's Gift," *Weekly Leader,* August 1, 1890, p. 3.

Folder #19: Brokaw Hospital Historical Narratives
19.1 "Beginnings of Brokaw Hospital," Dr. E. Mammen, 4 pages.
19.2 Graduation ceremony speech by Charles E. Chapin, May 12, 1922, 9 pages.
19.3 Cornerstone speech by Dr. H. Schroeder, September 17, 1900, 6 handwritten pages.
19.4 Cornerstone speech by Dr. H. Schroeder, September 17, 1900, transcribed to three typewritten pages.

Folder # 20: Deaconess Hospital Patient Admissions
20.1 Patient admission records, May 1896 – August 1897.

Folder # 21: Advocate Bromenn Public Class Fliers

<u>Folder # 22: Advocate Bromenn Brochures, etc.</u>
"Your Patient Portal," 2017
  22.1 Brochure: "The Center for Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Medicine," 2017.
  22.2 Booklet: "Making Every Day Count," Advocate at Home/Hospice, 2014. 6 pp.
  22.3 Advocate Hospice/Advocate at Home. Handout plus insert on Grief Support Group. 2017.
  22.4 Form letter from Advocate at Home regarding grief support group and newsletter, July 2017. Accompanies Month1 of newsletter "Daybreak" plus flier of July 2017 upcoming events

<u>Folder #23: Mennonite School of Nursing Commencements 1924-1945</u>
  23.1 Commencement Announcement Class of 1925
  23.2 Commencement Announcement Class of 1927
  23.3 Commencement Announcement Class of 1928
  23.4 Commencement Announcement Class of 1929
  23.5 Commencement Announcement Class of 1930
  23.6 Commencement Announcement Class of 1931
  23.7 Commencement Announcement Class of 1932
  23.8 Commencement Program Class of 1932
  23.9 Commencement Announcement Class of 1933
  23.10 Commencement Announcement Class of 1934
  23.11 Commencement Program Class of 1934
  23.12 Commencement Announcement Class of 1935
  23.13 Commencement Announcement Class of 1938
  23.14 Commencement Announcement Class of 1939
  23.15 Commencement Announcement Class of 1945
  23.16 Commencement Program, undated