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Biography/Organization History

The Clara Barton Hospital (CBH), founded in 1903, was one of the oldest in Los Angeles. Located at the corner of Pico and Hope Streets, it began with a capacity of thirteen beds. A training school for nurses was established at the same time. Between the years 1910 and 1975, after a series of additions, relocations, and mergings, the school existed under the name of the Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center. The following chronology details the history of the nursing school and its relationships with various other institutions.

1903  The Clara Barton Hospital was organized in 1903 by H.P. Barton and a few of his associates. Located at the corner of Pico and Hope Streets in Los Angeles, it began operating with a capacity of thirteen beds. A training school for nurses was established at the same time. The institution was given the name "Clara Barton Hospital" because Clara Barton devoted her life to philanthropic work, not because she was the aunt of Dr. H.P. Barton.

1905  It was soon realized that the small quarters were inadequate and the Deaconess Hospital at 447 South Olive Street was purchased, which had a capacity of 60 beds.

1910  An annex was added to the hospital, increasing the capacity to 100 beds. A new Nurses' Home was also built at that time.

1922  The hospital was standardized according to the American College of Surgeons rating and continued as a Class "A" Institution.

1926  The Clara Barton Hospital and the Hollywood Hospital were amalgamated, and the Clara Barton Hospital facilities, medical staff, and nursing school were moved to the Hollywood location. The name of this new hospital was the Hollywood Clara Barton Memorial Hospital, and the school of nursing was called the Hollywood Clara Barton Memorial School for Nurses.

1930s During the depression years, the new hospital was considering to announce bankruptcy, but was saved by Mrs. Millicent Olmsted. She envisioned a Presbyterian Hospital to provide medical care to the entire community, and established a trust fund of nearly $750,000 as its beginning.

1937  Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital-Olmsted Memorial came into existence, leasing the facilities of the Hollywood Clara Barton Memorial. 1944 -The School of Nursing of the Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital was established, with Ruth Esther Feider, A.B., R.N., graduate of UCLA as director.

1945  The lease for the Hollywood Clara Barton Memorial Hospital was terminated and the facility was purchased by the Board of Trustees.

1961  A four-story South Wing was completed, adding two beds, a new surgical suite, and a cobalt therapy unit to the institution.

1975  The Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center opened its 11-story Diagnostic and Treatment Center Tower.

1989  The Queen of Angels-Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center opens, the result of a merger between the Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center and Queen of Angels.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of correspondence and printed materials concerning the CBH Alumnae Association, photographs of the CBH nursing school graduates and alumnae, yearbooks from the CBH nursing school, and historical ephemera and clippings concerning the history of the various Los Angeles County hospitals that existed at the same time as CBH and the people associated with it.

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