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Summary information

Repository:	Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada
Title:	Rimbey Hospital, Alta. fonds
Reference code:	F04
Date:	1926-1964 (creation)
Physical description:	2 cm of textual records 7 photographs
Language:	English
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	June 24, 2014October 30, 2018July 2, 2020

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The hospital was called St. Paul's Hospital and was owned by the Archdiocese of Edmonton. The Order of Benedictines ran the hospital for the archdiocese until they had to return to the United States due to their declining numbers. Archbishop Henry Joseph O'Leary then asked the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Diocese of London to take over operations. Sisters Loretto Traynor, Liguori O'Dwyer and Lenora Doyle were the first Sisters from the congregation to work at the hospital. They were all trained nurses and were known for their success managing the day-to-day operations despite financial difficulties. This was because there was no financial support from the provincial government for private hospitals at this time. By 1945, the hospital had 30 beds.

In the 1940s, it became evident that a new and larger hospital was needed. A district vote was held to decide whether the new hospital should remain a Catholic hospital or become a municipal hospital. The vote was in favour of a municipal hospital. The Archdiocese felt this was for the best because they were having trouble financing the hospital without provincial support and thought it was in the best interests of the community to ensure quality of healthcare by relinquishing ownership. Upon the transition of ownership and the withdrawal of the Sisters, they were thanked by the community for the work they had done. The Sisters returned to Edmonton or to London and were reassigned to other positions.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of histories written about the hospital, a newspaper, newspaper clippings, correspondence, a memorandum of agreement, financial papers, a staff list, an invitation, and a newsletter.

Notes

Title notes

- **Variations in title:** Officially known as St. Paul's Hospital.
- **Source of title proper:** Title is based on the contents of the fonds.

Immediate source of acquisition

Records were transferred from the Sisters in Alberta to the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada Archives - London site.

Location of originals

The records are located at The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada Archives.

Restrictions on access

F04-S002-01 Rimbey - St. Paul's is restricted to the public.

The Archives reserves the right to restrict access to the collection depending on the condition of the archival material, the amount of material requested, and the purpose of the research. The use of certain materials may also be restricted for reasons of privacy or sensitivity, or under a donor agreement. Access restrictions will be applied equally to all researchers and reviewed periodically. No researcher will be given access to any materials that contain a personal information bank such as donor agreements or personnel records, or to other proprietary information such as appraisals, insurance valuations, or condition reports.

Conditions governing use

Permission to study archival records does not extend to publication or display rights. The researcher must request this permission in writing from the Archives.

Finding aids

There is a series and file list.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Note [Sources]

P. O'Halloran (ed.), *The Bold Journey 1943-1993: An Alberta History of Catholic Health Care Facilities and of their Owners*. Edmonton, 1993.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
- **Level of detail:** Partial
- **Status description:** Revised

Access points

- Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada (London, Ont.)
 - Graphic material (documentary form)
 - Textual record (documentary form)
 - Photographs (documentary form)
 - Textual records (documentary form)
 - Women and girls (subject)
 - Health care (subject)
 - Religion and religious people (subject)
 - Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada (London, Ont.) (subject)
 - Hospitals (subject)
 - Alberta (place)
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Collection holdings

Series: F04-S001 - Histories of Rimbey Hospital

Title: Histories of Rimbey Hospital

Reference code: F04-S001

Date: ca. 1949 (date of creation)

Scope and content: The series consists of an essay about the history of St. Paul's Hospital, a staff list of the Sisters who worked at the hospital, and a newspaper clipping.

Physical description: 0.5 cm of textual records

Related material: See also F03 Killam Hospital, Alta. Series S001 Histories of Alberta Hospitals.

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: F04-S001-01 - Rimbey 1932-1949

Title: Rimbey 1932-1949

Reference code: F04-S001-01

Publication status:

published

Series: F04-S002 - Transition to Municipal Hospital

Title: Transition to Municipal Hospital

Reference code: F04-S002

Date: 1926-1964 (date of creation)

Scope and content: The series consists of materials relating to the closure of St. Paul's Hospital and the new municipal hospital that replaced it. The series contains correspondence, a newspaper clipping, a memorandum of agreement between the doctors of the hospital and the Archdiocese, financial papers, an invitation to the opening of the new hospital, and a hospital newsletter.

Physical description: 1.5 cm of textual records.

Restrictions on access: F04-S002-01 Rimbey - St. Paul's is restricted to the public.

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: F04-S002-01 - Rimbey - St. Paul's

Title: Rimbey - St. Paul's

Reference code: F04-S002-01

Publication status:

published

File: F04-S002-02 - Rimbey - Nursing School in Jeopardy 1959

Title: Rimbey - Nursing School in Jeopardy 1959

Reference code: F04-S002-02

Publication status:

published

Series: F04-S003 - Photographs

Title: Photographs

Reference code: F04-S003

Date: 1926-1964 (date of creation)

Scope and content: The series consists of photographs that were originally in a photograph album of Alberta hospitals.

Physical description: 6 photographs : b&w
1 photograph : col.

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)
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File: F04-S003-01 - 1932-1949 photographs - St. Paul's Hospital, Rimbey, Alta.

Title: 1932-1949 photographs - St. Paul's Hospital, Rimbey, Alta.

Reference code: F04-S003-01

Publication status:

published
