

**Inventory to the
Baptist Hospitals
Collection**

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Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana, c. 1950s

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I. Historical Note

Baptist hospitals started in 1890 with the founding of the Missouri Baptist Sanitarium, later the Missouri Baptist Hospital, by W. G. Mayfield. In 1903, Len G. Broughton oversaw the construction of a Baptist hospital in Atlanta, Georgia, and Southern Baptists in other states pushed for a local hospital. In response to this grassroots hospital movement, the 1915 Southern Baptist Convention in Houston, Texas established the Southern Baptist Hospital Conference, which later became the Southern Baptist Hospital Commission. From the Commission's establishment into the late 1940s, about thirty hospitals started in the South, Midwest, and West for a total of thirty-nine in 1954. By 1949, the Convention adopted a policy to discourage its acquisition of future hospitals and instead promoted local and state sponsorship.

Dr. Louis J. Bristow was a prominent figure in Baptist hospitals, who campaigned for the Baptist Hospital in Columbia, South Carolina that opened in 1918. He was also a member of the Southern Baptist Hospital Commission. Following the South Carolina experience, Dr. Bristow moved to Alabama in 1922, and served as the superintendent of the Alabama Baptist Hospital in Selma. In 1924, Dr. Bristow became superintendent of the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, Louisiana, which operated with the motto, "Healing Humanity's Hurt." Dr. Bristow published a book by the same title in 1927 with the Baptist Sunday School Board. Dr. Bristow was born January 19, 1876 in Timmonsville, South Carolina. He married Caroline Winkler in 1902, and the Bristows had three children, Gwen, Louis J., Jr., and Caroline. Gwen was a journalist and author, and published several novels. Dr. Bristow died November 15, 1957 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

II. Scope and Content Note

The Baptist Hospitals Collection (1902-1998) contains one linear foot of materials in two boxes. An artificial collection, it has an alphabetical arrangement and includes articles, clippings, correspondence, minutes, newsletters, pamphlets, programs, and reports. There is also a scrapbook with clippings about Dr. Louis J. Bristow, who helped found several Baptist hospitals throughout the south, and a microfilmed copy of the scrapbook is available in the Archives (MF 4714).

Because of its artificial nature, the collection contains background information about a variety of hospitals in the South, Midwest, and West and the Kathleen Mallory Hospital in Laichow, China. The majority of the materials are about Dr. Louis J. Bristow and the three hospitals he directed including the Baptist Hospital in Columbia, South Carolina, Alabama Baptist Hospital in Selma, and the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, Louisiana. Other topics discussed relate to the Southern Baptist Hospital Commission, and the effort to refine Convention policy regarding its role in the administration of affiliated hospitals. There is additional information about the nursing schools operated by the hospitals.

III. Folder Listing

Box 1

- 1.1 Articles – Edwards, George H. – “The South Carolina Baptist Hospital”
- 1.2 Articles – Jolly, Robert – “History of the Baptist Hospital, Houston, Texas” – 1907
- 1.3 Articles – Loudon, G. M. – “Miami Baptist Hospital, Miami, Oklahoma, 1919-1927”
- 1.4 Articles – Smith, Hugh C. – “The Virginia Baptist Hospital, Lynchburg, Virginia” – 1924
- 1.5 Articles – Sullivan, James L. – “Beginnings of Mid-State Baptist Hospital, Nashville, Tennessee” – 1948
- 1.6 Articles – Walker, J. L. – “Central Texas Baptist Sanitarium and School of Nursing” – 1920
- 1.7 Articles – Willingham, Elizabeth W. – “Medical Work in Mission Lands”
- 1.8 Background – Baptist Hospital History
- 1.9 Catalogs – Southern Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, New Orleans, Louisiana – 1937
- 1.10 Clippings – Georgia Baptist Hospital – 1922-1925
- 1.11 Clippings – South Carolina Baptist Hospitals – 1998
- 1.12 Clippings – Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana – 1932
- 1.13 Correspondence – Baptist Hospital Charter Restudy Committee – 1947
- 1.14 Correspondence – Baptist Hospital Charter Restudy Committee – 1948
- 1.15 Correspondence – Baptist Hospital Charter Restudy Committee – 1949
- 1.16 Correspondence – Kathleen Mallory Hospital – Laichow, China – 1927
- 1.17 Correspondence – Requests for Histories – 1927
- 1.18 Correspondence – Southern Baptist Hospital Board – 1967
- 1.19 History – Georgia Baptist Hospital – 1903
- 1.20 History – Southern Baptist Sanitarium – El, Paso, Texas – 1927
- 1.21 Minutes – Extracts from Southern Baptist Convention Minutes Related to Southern Baptist Hospital
- 1.22 Newsletters – Baptist Topics, North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, North Carolina – 1962
- 1.23 Newsletters – The Baton Rouge General News, Baton Rouge General Hospital, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – 1962
- 1.24 Newsletters – The Children’s Messenger, Hapeville, Georgia – 1962
- 1.25 Newsletters – Hospi-Topics, Missouri Baptist Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri – 1962
- 1.26 Newsletters – Rebel Review, Birmingham, Alabama – 1961-1962
- 1.27 Newsletters – Scope, Memorial Baptist Hospital, Houston, Texas – 1961-1962
- 1.28 Newsletters – Signs, Missouri Baptist Missions to the Deaf, Jefferson City, Missouri – 1961
- 1.29 Newsletters – The Stethoscope, Baptist Memorial Hospital, Jacksonville, Florida – 1962
- 1.30 Newsletters – The Triangle, Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana – 1961-1962
- 1.31 Photographs

- 1.32 Pamphlets – Southern Baptist Hospital – New Orleans – 1925
- 1.33 Programs – Religious Focus Week, Mather School of Nursing, Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana – 1947
- 1.34 Proposed Program Structure – Southern Baptist Hospitals
- 1.35 Report of the Baptist Hospital in New Orleans – 1925
- 1.36 Report of Baptist Medical Center, Jacksonville, Florida – 1980
- 1.37 Report of Committee on Sanitarium – 1912
- 1.38 Report of East Tennessee Baptist Hospital, Knoxville, Tennessee – 1958
- 1.39 Report of Hwanghsien Hospital – 1926
- 1.40 Report of Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana – 1926
- 1.41 Report of Women and Children’s Building, Baylor University Hospital – 1958
- 1.42 Resolutions – Maryland Baptist Union Association – 1922

Box 2

- 2.1 Scrapbook – Dr. Louis J. Bristow – 1920-1944