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PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL (NEW YORK, N.Y.)

Autopsy Reports, 1872-1911, 1917-1919.

2.33 cubic feet (15 vols.)

HISTORICAL NOTE: Presbyterian Hospital was established in 1868 by philanthropist and book collector James Lenox who intended that the new hospital accept all patients “without regard to race, creed, or color.” It opened in October 1872 on a site bounded by Madison and Park Avenues, 70th and 71st Streets. Presbyterian affiliated with Columbia University in 1911 to form the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, which opened in 1928 in Manhattan’s Washington Heights neighborhood. Presbyterian Hospital and New York Hospital merged on Dec. 31, 1997 to form New York-Presbyterian Hospital.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: Records of autopsies performed on patients who died at Presbyterian Hospital, 1872-1911, 1917-1919. Records 1872-1911 are handwritten and composed in narrative form, while later records are typed and use a pre-printed form. Microscopic examination begins to appear regularly in the mid-1880s.

Volumes 1 and 12 overlap chronologically but do not cover the same cases. Most volumes include indices for both decedent’s name and cause of death.

ACCESS: Open. Because of staff constraints, Archives & Special Collections will only search for an individual record if an exact date of death is provided.

LANGUAGE: English.

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