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## ARCHIVES

Worcester City Hospital  
Aid Society  
1997.96

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### Collection Information

Abstract: The Worcester City Hospital Aid Society was organized in 1928 and incorporated in 1972 to provide non-medical services to patients at Worcester City Hospital, to operate a gift shop in the hospital, and to host special events for hospital staff.

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Worcester City Hospital Aid Society.

Hospital and community.

Hospital gift shops.

Hospital patients – Services for.

Volunteer workers in hospitals.

Community organization – Massachusetts – Worcester.

Women in community organization – Massachusetts – Worcester.

## Historical Background

The Worcester City Hospital Aid Society was established in 1928 to provide services for hospital patients in making their hospital stay more comfortable. The organization provided gifts for patients, such as bed jackets and games for children; provided reading and writing materials for adult patients; and other such services beyond the medical needs of the patients. It participated in the equipping and decoration of ward solariums, provided for the services of a beautician/hair dresser for women patients, and contributed in many ways to make the patients hospital stay more comfortable. In addition, the Aid Society hosted teas and other events for medical staff members.

In 1972 the Aid Society incorporated itself under the provisions of Massachusetts law in order to attain non-profit tax-exempt status.

The Aid Society raised operating funds through bake sales and similar fund raising activities. The Aid Society operated the gift shop in the hospital, providing a service for patients and visitors, as well as realizing a profit for its patient services.

Worcester City Hospital ceased operations in 1992, and the Aid Society ended at the same time. Properties of the Aid Society were donated to other organizations in the area, or sold by auction.

### Scope and Content

The Worcester City Hospital Aid Society collection illustrates the activities of the organization between the time of its incorporation in 1972 and its dissolution in 1992. Records include minutes of meetings, yearbooks, by-laws and certificate of incorporation, personal reminiscences, clippings and photographs. The collection also includes several lists and inventories of Aid Society properties, such as china, furniture, flatware, art works, etc., made throughout the last ten years of the organization's existence, and lists of valuations of items.

The collection is arranged topically and chronologically, and is described to item level (series 1, Minutes, to folder level).

### Series Description

- Series 1: Minutes. Minutes of meetings of the Worcester City Hospital Aid Society from 1967 to 1973. Includes attendance sheets, treasurer's and other reports, and related material. Arranged chronologically.
- Series 2: History. Typescript transcription of tape recorded personal reminiscences by Aid Society members.
- Series 3: Official documents. Official copy of Certificate of Incorporation (1972) of the organization, and copies of By-Laws.
- Series 4: Yearbooks. Annual publication of the Aid Society providing names of officers, activities, other information. 1967-1990.
- Series 5: Properties. Information on disposition of property at 88 Jaques Avenue, lists of Aid Society's properties, valuation lists.
- Series 6: Clippings/Photographs. Includes obituary, clipping of Aid Society event, photographs of last Executive Board, Past Presidents.
- Series 7: Miscellaneous. Includes Aid Society notepaper and envelopes, miscellaneous correspondence.
- Series 8: Artifacts. Includes rubber stamp and plastic bookmark.

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Series 1, Minutes

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	1997.96.1.1	Minutes, reports, attendance sheets, Treasurer's reports, etc., of meetings of the Worcester City Hospital Aid Society, 1967-1968. [inventory #1997.96.30 for series]
1	2	1997.96.1.2	Minutes, reports, attendance sheets, Treasurer's reports, etc., of meetings of the Worcester City Hospital Aid Society, 1968-1969.
1	3	1997.96.1.3	Minutes, reports, attendance sheets, Treasurer's reports, etc., of meetings of the Worcester City Hospital Aid Society, 1969-1970.
1	4	1997.96.1.4	Minutes, reports, attendance sheets, treasurer's reports, etc., of meetings of the Worcester City Hospital Aid Society, 1970-1971.
1	5	1997.96.1.5	Minutes, reports, attendance sheets, Treasurer's reports, etc., of meetings of the Worcester City Hospital Aid Society, 1971-1972.
1	6	1997.96.1.6	Minutes, reports, attendance sheets, Treasurer's reports, etc., of meetings of the Worcester City Hospital Aid Society, 1972-1973.

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Series 2, History

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	7	1997.96.2.1	History of the Worcester City Hospital Aid Society, a tape by Gladys Tully, 1976. Typescript transcription of reminiscences of Aid Society members. 13 p. [inventory #1997.96.6]



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Series 3, Official Documents

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	8	1997.96.3.1	Copy of Certificate of Incorporation of Worcester City Hospital Aid Society, Inc., January 24, 1952. [inventory #1997.96.20]
1	8	1997.96.3.2	Certificate for validity of Incorporation Certificate, August 9, 1962. [inventory #1997.96.21]
1	8	1997.96.3.3	By-Laws of the Worcester City Hospital Aid Society, Inc., 1952. 10 p. [inventory #1997.96.3]
1	8	1997.96.3.4	By-Laws of the Worcester City Hospital Aid Society, Inc., Revised 1962, Amended 1968. 16 p. [inventory #1997.96.4]

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Series 4, Yearbooks

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	9	1997.96.4.1a-k	Worcester City Hospital Aid Society, Inc. Yearbooks. [inventory #1997.96.9-19] a. 1967/1968. 20 p. b. 1969/1970. 20 p. c. 1972/1973. 20 p. d. 1976/1977. 23 p. e. 1977/1978. 35 p. f. 1978/1979. 32 p. g. 1980/1981. 24 p. h. 1981/1982. 28 p. i. 1983/1984. 28 p. j. 1984/1985. 24 p. k. 1989/1990. 22 p.

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Series 5, Properties

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	10	1997.96.5.1a-b	Documentation on 88 Jaques Avenue property, November 14, 1991. 2 p. Photocopy. [inventory #1997.96.29]
1	10	1997.96.5.2a-d	List. Items owned by Worcester City Hospital Aid Society, June 13, 1991. 4 p. Photocopy.
1	10	1997.96.5.3a-g	List. Items owned by Worcester City Hospital Aid Society, May 14, 1991. 6 p. Photocopy.
1	10	1997.96.5.4a-d	List. Items (flatware) owned by Worcester City Hospital Aid Society, May 2, 1991. 4 p. Photocopy.
1	10	1997.96.5.5a-g	List. Items (china) owned by Worcester City Hospital Aid Society, May 21, 1991. 7 p. Photocopy.
1	10	1997.96.5.6a-g	List. Miscellaneous items owned by the Worcester City Hospital Aid Society, May 14, 1991. 7 p. Photocopy.
1	10	1997.96.3.7a-g	List. Miscellaneous items owned by the Worcester City Hospital Aid Society, November 7, 1983. 7 p. Photocopy.
1	10	1997.96.5.8a-h	List. Properties owned by the Worcester City Hospital Aid Society, January 27, 1981. 8 p. Photocopy.
1	10	1997.96.5.9a-k	List. Properties owned by the Worcester City Hospital Aid Society, and jointly-owned properties, January 27, 1981. 11 p. Photocopy.
1	10	1997.96.5.10a-b	List. Worcester City Hospital Aid Society properties, December 21, 1980. 2 p. Photocopy.

Series 5, continued

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| 1 | 10 | 1997.96.5.11a-c | List. Worcester City Hospital Aid Society properties, nd. Photocopy.  |
| 1 | 11 | 1997.96.5.12a-h | List. Valuation of Worcester City Hospital Aid Society properties, June 19, 1991. 8 p. Photocopy.   |
| 1 | 11 | 1997.96.5.13    | List. Valuation of Aid Society properties by Skinner Auctioneers, November 18, 1991. [Inventory #1997.96.31]  |
| 1 | 11 | 1997.96.5.14a-b | Letter and valuation from Skinner Auctioneers for items owned by Worcester City Hospital Aid Society, July 1, 1991. 2 p. with envelope. [Inventory #1997.96.22] |
| 1 | 11 | 1997.96.5.15a-f | Memoranda. Valuation forms from Skinner Auctioneers. Nd. 6 p. [Inventory #1997.96.23-38]  |

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Series 6, Clippings/Photographs

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	12	1997.96.6.1	Photographic print, color, 3x3 in. Last picture taken of Executive Board members, October 1992. [inventory #1997.96.36]
1	12	1997.96.6.2	Photographic print, color, 3x3 in. Past presidents, Worcester City Hospital Aid Society, October 17, 1983. [inventory #1997.96.83]
1	12	1997.96.6.3	Clipping. Worcester City Hospital Aid Society ceremonial tea, February 28, 1982. Worcester Sunday Telegram. Aqp. [inventory #1997.96.35]
1	12	1997.96.6.4	Clipping. Obituary of Mrs. George C. Tully, August 20, 1977. [S.l., s.n.] Aqp.
1	12	1997.96.6.5	Clipping. Aid Society celebrates its Golden Anniversary. [S.l., s.n.], 1978. Aqp. [inventory #1997.96.34]

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Series 7, Miscellaneous

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	13	1997.96.7.1	Worcester City Hospital Aid Society notepaper and envelopes. [inventory #1997.96.1-2, 7-8]
1	13	1997.96.7.2	Letter. Dr. Hart from Barbara B. MacDonald. November 1972. Manuscript draft.
1	13	1997.96.7.3a-c	List. "89 names on tablecloth." 3 p. [inventory #1997.96.5]
1	13	1997.96.7.4	Letter. Copy of letter accompanying a check for bookbinding. Nd. [inventory #1997.96.32]
1	13	1997.96.7.5a-g	Correspondence. Worcester City Hospital Aid Society and Worcester Historical Museum, re donations of various items. [inventory #1997.96.33]

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Series 8, Artifacts

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	14	1997.96.8.1	Large plastic bookmark inscribed "Worcester City Hospital". [inventory #1997.96.33]
1	14	1997.96.8.2	Rubber stamp. "Worcester City Hospital Aid Society, Inc." [inventory #1997.96.38]