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Brief History

In 1894 five physicians made pledges of \$500 each toward the creation of a hospital that would be located midway between Bloomington and Normal. Paul Moratz, a renown local architect, designed the plans for the hospital building. The site, equipment, and building materials were secured with donations from the community and the support of local Protestant churches. The hospital was named to honor a substantial contribution by Abram Brokaw toward the first expansion program in 1901. Over the years several programs, departments, and buildings were added to the hospital. In 1984, Brokaw and Mennonite hospitals merged to create BroMenn.

Scope

The first box of the collection includes materials on the history of Brokaw Hospital and Abram Brokaw, descriptions of the hospital, and its articles of incorporation. The collection also includes personal correspondence for a hospital trustee—Delmar Walker, as well as by-laws, annual reports, evaluations, annual meeting notes, financial statements, special event notices, staff directories, and a building fund solicitation drive.

The second box of the collection contains materials related to the operation of the snack bar at Brokaw Hospital, including information on candystripers (a group of volunteers), financial reports, staff, price lists, and items from various suppliers.

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