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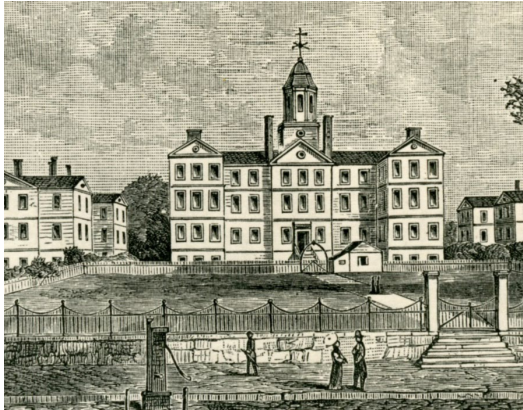
Old Collections & New Approaches

Modernization Efforts in the Medical Center Archives at
NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medicine

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About the Medical Center Archives



Drawing of First New York Hospital site, 1800s.

NewYork-Presbyterian
(formerly New York Hospital),
1771-



New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center from
York Avenue, 1930s.

Weill Cornell Medicine, 1898-
Weill Cornell Medicine Qatar,
2001-



Cornell University Medical College Class of 1914.

300+ personal papers and
manuscript collections

Goals and Approaches

Goals

- Modernize existing systems and workflow.
- Effectively convey history of merger and changes to institutions, as well as relationship between institutions and individuals.
- Improve preservation and access to collections.

Approach

- Break down tasks and projects into manageable pieces.
- Build on activities already in motion.

Rehousing Project

Long-term Goal

Improve storage conditions for long-term preservation.

Immediate Actions

NEH-funded rehousing project as an opportunity for:

- Conduct deep-cleaning of the archives prior to rehousing.
- Gather additional information about the collection for improved intellectual control.

Preparing for a CMS

Long-term Goal

Migrate from Microsoft Access to a Collection Management System (CMS) to improve description, access, searchability, and navigation.

Immediate Actions

- Assign record ID and begin to identify record groups.
- Transform collection finding aids into spreadsheets for data cleanup and facilitate future import into CMS.

Looking Ahead



Student Classes. Faculty Teaching Lab, 1950s. Photo by Maclean Dameron.

- Create **Record Groups** that will inform overall structure and relationship between collections.
- Conduct a **Collection Assessment** to allow for targeted approach to processing and collecting.

Thank you!



Operating Room Amphitheater, New York Hospital, circa 1915.

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