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HISTORICAL NOTE

Brooklyn Eye and Ear Hospital was established in 1868 by prominent Brooklynites as a philanthropic clinic. Simeon B. Chittenden was its first president; trustee E.R. Squibb was also the founder of Squibb & Sons Drug Company. The hospital building was erected at 190 Washington Street and opened on April 20th 1869. Increasing demands for patient space necessitated the purchase of the Juvenile High School building at 100 Livingston Street c. 1881. A new building was begun in 1930 on Greene Avenue to replace the old buildings and make room for the new staff which was absorbed in a consolidation with the Williamsburg Hospital in the 1920's. The Depression caught the Eye and Ear at a time when it had large construction costs that originally were to be offset by selling its original property and some of the Williamsburg Hospital lands. When land prices plummeted in the 30's very little of that money was realized. Financial difficulties continued to plague the hospital until it was eventually forced to close its doors in 1976.

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SERIES I BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOX 1 OF 5

F.1) Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors 1919—1929.
1 item

Minutes of Board of Directors:
1868—1915, 1916—1929, 1929—1939, 1940—1949, 1950—1956, 1956—1962,
1962—1967, c. 1976. 9 items

A Hospital's First Century, Harry W. Baehr. 2 items

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Dept. Head meeting (n.d.) 1 item

Superintendent Reports, 1916—1928. Vital Statistics and Financial, 1 item

Superintendent Reports, 1919-1928. Vital Statistics and Financial. 1 item

SERIES II BOARD OF SURGEONS
BOX 3 OF 5

Medical Staff Manual. 1 item

Minutes: 1926—1929, 1930—1940, 1941—1949, 1950—1960, 1961— 1968, 1969—
1972. 8 items

Sub—series A:

Board of Surgeons Committees, minutes: 1970—1972, 1973, 1974. 4 items

SERIES III OPHTHALMIC COMMITTEE

Ophthalmic Committee, minutes of meetings 1964—1969.

Ophthalmic Committee Secretary's copy, contains minutes from 1964—1969 and c. 1970
— C. 1974. 1 item

BOX 4

Infection Committee (with folder), observations in E.Rm. concerning bacterial growth,
after use by doctors and nurses and what procedures should be taken to insure sanitary
conditions. 1 item

Directory containing small sub-committees, minutes of: Ambulatory Care Committee;
Credentials Committee; Medical and Utilization Review Committee, etc. 1 item