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Finding Aid

➤ Lucas County Home/Infirmery Historical Records, 1913-1939 ◀

MSS-250

Size: 8 linear feet

Provenance: UT Health Science Campus Historical Records

Access: Open

Collection Summary: In January 1838, the Lucas County commissioners located and acquired a site for a county poor farm at the corner of Detroit and Arlington. It later became known as the Lucas County Home and Infirmery. This collection contains register books of employees of the Home and Infirmery covering the period from 1913-1939.

Subjects: [Disability History](#)

Related Collections: Toledo Insane Asylum Maps, MSS-221, & Toledo Mental Health Center Clippings, MSS-198

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Historical Sketch

In Toledo, early care of the mentally ill fell to the Lucas County Poor Farm. The poor farm was an idea dating back to the founding of the state, when township trustees were authorized to appoint an “overseer of the poor” to provide “outdoor relief” to the needy. In January 1838, the Lucas County commissioners located and acquired a site for a county poor farm at the southeast corner of Detroit and Arlington. This later became known as the Lucas County Home and Infirmary.

Scope and Content Note

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Inventory

Box	Folder	Description
1	1	Documents and correspondence, 1937, 1971, & undated
5		Record of Employees, January 1913-1923
5		Sketch of hospital in 1869
6		Record of Employees, February 1923-April 1927
7		Record of Employees, May 1927-July 1930
2		Record of Employees, October 1934-July 1936
3		Record of Employees, August 1936-March 1938
4		Record of Employees, April 1938-October 1939
8		Record of Employees, December 1932-October 1934