

Old Woman's Home Collection

1887-2011

Collection Summary:

Title: Old Woman's Home Collection

Summary: Documents, scrapbooks, administrative materials, and newspaper clippings relating to the Old Woman's Home, its transition into the West End Home for Ladies, and later into the West End Home Foundation.

Physical Description: 11.68 linear feet.

Stack Location: MSS-

Repository: Metropolitan Government Archives of Nashville & Davidson County, 615 Church Street, Nashville, TN 37219

Biographical/Historical Note: The West End Home for Ladies (formerly the Old Woman's Home) is a charitable organization first established in 1889, following a bequest left by Mr. M. H. Howard in his will, as a means to provide care for Nashville's Civil War widows. First located at the Weller House at 136 Cherry St. (now Fourth Ave. North), the Old Woman's Home later moved to West End Avenue in 1909. In 1984, the Home moved to its current location at 2818 Vanderbilt Place and became known as the West End Home for Ladies. Today, the Home offers assisted living care for Nashville's elderly women.

Scope and Content: The Old Woman's Home collection contains a variety of materials that cover historical and administrative information regarding the Old Woman's Home (now the West End Home for Ladies) in Nashville, Tennessee. Historical materials include scrapbooks containing newspaper clippings regarding the Home and its history from the 1890s to the 1980s, photographs, and founding documents. In addition, this collection contains 58 brass nameplates honoring the memory of founders, benefactors, and residents of the Home. This collection also contains two books of John L. Stoddard's photography, a book of Gaar Williams cartoons, an Edison phonograph record, and a book of favorite poems of the residents of the Home.

Administrative records of the Old Woman's Home include twelve minute books from 1893 to 1977, Board of Directors meeting minutes from 1954 to 2011, handbooks, directory information, and financial records for the Home and for residents. This collection also contains two personal information notebooks containing the birth dates, death dates, and last wishes from the residents dating between 1924 and 1954. In addition, the Old Woman's Home collection includes charters, by-laws, its constitution, grant information, and amendments with its administrative information as well.

Restrictions:

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Administrative Information:

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