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Portsmouth Grove Hospital Library Association records
1862-1884

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Number: 019-02

Title: Portsmouth Grove Hospital Library Association records

Creator: Portsmouth Grove Hospital Library Association

Dates: 1862-1884

Quantity: 1 box (.8 linear feet)

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition: Gift of Rhode Island Hospital Library Association, 1899.

Accruals: No accruals are expected.

Custodial history: Materials were a gift of the creator.

Processed by: The collection was processed by Kate Wells in 2019.

Conservation: Not applicable.

Language: Materials are in English.

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INFORMATION FOR RESEARCHERS

Separated material None

Published description	Not applicable
Location of originals	Not applicable
Location of copies	Not applicable
Publication note	Not applicable
Subject headings	Military hospitals--Rhode Island--Portsmouth--History--19th century. Portsmouth Grove Hospital (Portsmouth, R.I.)--History. Rhode Island--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Hospitals. Correspondence. lcgft. Records (Documents). lcgft.

SEE ALSO

007, Harris Collection on the Civil War and Slavery

HISTORICAL NOTE

The Portsmouth Grove Hospital Library Association was incorporated on September 22, 1862 to serve patients at the Lovell General Hospital (also known as Portsmouth Grove Hospital) in Portsmouth, R.I. Lovell General Hospital was a United States Army hospital from 1862-1865 during the American Civil War. The Library Association was created “for the purpose of promoting the moral and religious improvement of sick and wounded soldiers and seamen” by a group of Rhode Island clergymen representing a variety of Christian denominations. Included were Rev. Dr. Henry Jackson of Central Baptist Church in Newport; Rev. Bishop Thomas M. Clarke, Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Rhode Island; Rev. Lyman Whiting of the High Street Congregational Church in Providence; Rev. Benjamin Francis Hayes, pastor of Free Will Baptist Church in Olneyville and principal of the Lapham Institute in Scituate; , Rev. Dr. Edward Brooks Hall of First Unitarian Church of Providence; Rev. Cyrus H. Fay of the First Universalist Society in Providence; Rev. B.F. Summerbell of the Christian Church, and James Butler of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In 1884, the R.I. Hospital Library Association gifted its’ remaining funds to the Providence Public Library to assist in the purchase of the C. Fiske Harris Collection on Civil War and Slavery.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

The collection includes administrative records related to the Portsmouth Grove Hospital Library Association.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION

Materials are organized according to their original arrangement.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Title	Date	Folder
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