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.

RIGHTS AND ACCESS
Access: This collection is open under the rules and regulations of the Providence Public Library, Special Collections department.
Preferred Citation: Researchers are requested to use the following citation format:
[item title], Portsmouth Grove Hospital Library Association records, Special Collections, Providence Public Library
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INFORMATION FOR RESEARCHERS
Separated material None
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

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