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## **Ball Memorial Hospital Records 1933-2000 MSS 136**

Title: Ball Memorial Hospital records

Creator: Ball Memorial Hospital (Muncie, Ind.)

Inclusive Dates: 1933-2000

Extent: 0.2 cubic feet

Containers: 1 box

Language of Materials: Materials entirely in English.

### Preferred Citation:

Ball Memorial Hospital Records, Archives and Special Collections, Ball State University Libraries

### Administrative History:

Presented as a gift to the city of Muncie by the Ball Brothers, Ball Memorial Hospital (BMH) began operation on August 8, 1929. The hospital replaced the 60-bed Muncie Home Hospital, which was located at 1128 S. Mulberry Street and was unable to serve the city's increasing healthcare demands. BMH opened with a 160-bed capacity, and in its first year of operation, admitted 2,302 patients. In addition, 215 babies were delivered at the hospital that same year.

The hospital quickly grew in the years immediately following its opening. In 1930, Maria Bingham Hall was completed providing facilities for student nurses. By 1937, the hospital's capacity had expanded to 224 beds. Following an intensive fundraising campaign, BMH was expanded to 450 beds in 1957. However, hospital demands grew at such a rate that by 1963, another fundraiser campaign was launched, resulting in the construction of a five story, 196-bed East Wing. In 1979, work was completed on a ten-story tower with an additional 320 beds, bringing the total number of beds to over 600. BMH completed a \$19 million construction project that included a new outpatient medical pavilion, parking garage, driveway, main entrance and lobby. BMH remains as East Central Indiana's largest and most comprehensive medical facility and serves as Delaware County's second largest employer.

### Scope and Contents:

This collection includes publications and newsletters produced by Ball Memorial Hospital. The collection also includes a 1933 annual report and a transcript of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration program.

**Related Materials:**

Materials relating to this collection may be found in the following collections in Archives and Special Collections, Ball State University Libraries, Muncie IN:

MSS 71: Ball Memorial School of Nursing Records  
SC 400: Ball Memorial Hospital Homecare Service newsletter  
SC 263: Edna Hayworth Ball Memorial Hospital Nursing collection

**Existence and Locations of Copies:**

**Conditions Governing Access:**

This collection is open for research.

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**Custodial History:**

This collection was received by Archives and Special Collections as a donation from Edna Hayworth in 1985/07/30.

**Accruals:** No additions are expected.

**Processing Information:**

Collection processing completed 1991/04/17 by K. Dean.  
Finding aid created 1991/04/17 by K. Dean.  
Finding aid revised 2001/12.  
EAD finding aid completed 2009/10/02 by Maren L. Read.

**Arrangement:**

This collection is arranged alphabetically.

**Controlled Access Headings:**

- Muncie (Ind.)
- Stoeckel Archives of Local History
- Ball Memorial Hospital (Muncie, Ind.)
- Annual reports
- Newsletters
- Programs
- Documents
- Photographs



Collection Inventory:

Series I: Records, 1933-2006

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	Flier, "Salute to the Military" Dance, 2006
	News Release, 1952
	Newsletter, Ball Memorial News, 1954
	Newsletter, "Hospital Topics", 1959
	Program, Cornerstone Laying of Ball Memorial Hospital, 1927
	Publication, <i>Doctor's Wife</i> , 1978
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	Transcript, 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Program, 1979

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