

# GLENS FALLS HOSPITAL GUILD ARCHIVES

## OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Repository:** Crandall Public Library.  
The Folklife Center  
Glens Falls, NY.
- Creator:** Glens Falls Hospital Guild
- Title:** Glens Falls Hospital Guild Collection
- Dates:** 1903 – 2016
- Abstract:** The collection contains the entire extant records of the Guild and its branches, from the foundation in 1903 to 2016. Records include formation of branches and branch records 1951-1990; Minutes 1903-2003, annual reports, financial reports, newspaper clippings, membership lists, photographs, publications, and records of fundraising activities.
- Quantity:** Approx. 18 linear feet (as of 1/2013).
- Identification:** Archives & Manuscripts: Organizations

## HISTORICAL NOTE

The Glens Falls Hospital Guild was founded in 1903. It had a dramatic beginning: "A young woman, Lillian Wendall, needed to be rushed to the Hospital, and the only way this could be accomplished was by wheelbarrow, as some remembered, or by wheel chair, as others remembered. Upon her recovery, to make sure this never happened again, Lillian and 39 members from the Chafing Dish Club, and the Bridge Club banded together to raise money for a horse drawn ambulance. Forty people subscribed a total of \$645. The ambulance was purchased, and on July 8, 1903 the Hospital Guild began." (Through the Years...Glens Falls Hospital Guild Centennial Yearbook, 2003, p. 10). In its first 100 years the Guild raised more than \$2,650,000 for the Hospital and volunteered over 1,669,000 hours of service. The activities of the Guild in both volunteering and fundraising over the years are too numerous and varied to be described here (see Through the Years and Hospital by the Falls, 1987).

## SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

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## INDEX TERMS

**Topics:** Volunteers  
Hospitals  
Glens Falls Hospital

**Places:** Glens Falls, NY  
Whitehall, NY  
Harrisena, NY  
Bolton Landing, NY  
Hartford, NY  
Lake George, NY  
North Warren, NY  
Warrensburg, NY  
Fort Edward, NY  
Hudson Falls, NY

**Form/Genre:** Minutes/Publications/Records/Photos

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

**Preferred Citation:** Glens Falls Hospital Guild Archives  
The Folklife Center  
Crandall Public Library, Glens Falls, NY.

**Accession Information:** Bulk of the collection accessioned in 2010. This was an open collection with yearly accessions until the Guild disbanded (ca. 2017). The last set of records was delivered to the Folklife Center in June 2019, and covers 2012 – 2016.

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## **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS**

**Box 1: Branches 1/5: Whitehall**

**Box 2: Branches 2/5: Harrisena**

**Box 3: Branches 3/5: Formation of, and Branch records 1951-1990**

Bolton Landing  
 Hartford  
 Lake George  
 North Warren  
 Additional folder "Branch History" added 2019

**Box 3a: Branches 3a/5: Warrensburgh**

**Box 4: Branches 4/5: Fort Edward**

**Box 5: Branches 5/5: Hudson Falls**

**Box 6: GFHG Minutes 1903-1948 and Inspection Report 1949**

**Box 7: GFHG Minutes 1949-1961**

Binder "Annual Reports" 1956 -2013 added 2019

**Box 8: GFHG Minutes 1962-1972**

**Box 9: GFHG Minutes 1973-1991, summary of minutes 1915-1960**

**Box 10: GFHG Minutes 1992-2013**

Folder "Tower Grand Opening 2005" added 2019

**Box 11: Publications 1/4**

Folder 1: Glens Falls Hospital Gauzette Jan 1983, Summer 1985  
Glens Falls Hospital News Jan 1990 – May 1996

Folder 2: Glens Falls Hospital Centennial Yearbook 1897 – 1997

Folder 3: Glens Falls Hospital Guild Centennial Yearbook 1903 – 2003

**Box 12: Publications 2/4- GFHG Newsletters 1956-1994**

**Box 13: Publications 3/4- GFHG Newsletters 1995 – 2013**

**Box 14: Publications 4/4**

Christmas Letters

Cookbook - 1994

**Box 15: Fundraising**

Holiday Balls 1963-1968

90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Rummage Sales 1946-1979

Bazaar

**Box 16: Fundraising**

Parade of Baskets

**Box 17: Membership**

Boards of Directors, Branch officers 2006-07, past Presidents, Board meeting schedule

**Box 18: Awards/Volunteers/Director of Volunteers**

**Box 19: Financial**

**Box 20: Annual**

1.By-laws 1950-69, 1970-89, 1981-86

2.Procedures manual, rev. 2000

3.By-laws for Branches and Board of Directors 1949 – 2012 (missing 1952, 1957, 1990, 2009-10)

**Box 21: Photos 1/2**

**Box 22: Photos 2/2**

**Box 23: News clippings 1/2**

**Box 24: News clippings 2/2**

**Box 25: Junior Volunteers; Holiday Balls; Volunteer Recognition**

**Box 26: 3 Large framed items**

**Box 27: Framed Items**

**Box 28: A-V Media**

- 2 video tapes: TV 8 news program; "Celebrating the Century"
- 2 computer discs
- Carousel slide tray with slides
- 1 reel of audio tape

**Box 29: Plaques**

**Box 30: Artifacts**

**Box 31: Tree of Lights/Past Presidents/etc.**

**Box 32: Artifacts: pins, patches, clothing**

**Box 33: 2012 - 2016**

- Includes Membership, minutes, newsletters, Historian's report