Preliminary Inventory of the Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital Collection, 1908-2003 and undated
Collection Number 10079
Greensboro Medical Historical Library, Moses Cone Health System Medical Library

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Descriptive Summary

Repository
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Abstract

Moses H. Cone, the son of a German immigrant and the eldest of thirteen children, was born in Jonesboro, Tennessee, in 1857. The Cone family later moved to Baltimore, Maryland, where Moses H. Cone’s father, Herman Cone, started a wholesale grocery business. While still teenagers, Moses H. Cone and his brother, Ceasar Cone (1859-1917), became salesman for their father’s grocery firm. Eventually, the two brothers moved from groceries to textiles and ultimately based their headquarters in Greensboro, North Carolina. In 1895, they built Proximity Manufacturing Company, later named Cone Mills Corporation, which soon became one of North Carolina’s leading textile manufacturers. Cone Mills Corporation also became one of the largest producers of denim in America. Moses H. Cone married Bertha Lindau (1858-1947) on 15 February 1888. During the first years of the 20th Century, Cone built Flat Top Manor (now the Moses H. Cone Memorial Park) in Blowing Rock, North Carolina. Moses Cone and his wife, Bertha Cone, used Flat Top Manor as their primary residence until his death in 1908. Three years after Moses H. Cone’s death, Bertha Cone established the Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital Trust in memory of her deceased husband. After her death in 1947, hospital trustees began planning the construction of the Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital, which was completed in 1953. The Hospital opened its doors to patients on 25 February 1953. The Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital Collection consists of papers, photographs, record books, scrapbooks, and audio-visual materials relating to the Cone family and the Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital. The bulk of the materials consist of legal and administrative documents created by the Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital. Members of the Cone family primarily represented are Moses H. Cone, Ceasar Cone, Etta Cone, Bertha Cone, Claribel Cone, and Fredrick Cone.

Administrative Information

Restrictions to Access

This collection has restrictions to access. Please see below for more information.

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- Cone Mills Corporation
- Cone, Bertha
- Cone, Ceasar
- Cone, Claribel
- Cone, Etta
- Cone, Fredrick
- Cone, Moses
- Flat Top Manor (Blowing Rock, N.C.)
- Greensboro (N.C.)
- History of Medicine
- Hospital Administration
- Hospital Design and Construction
- Hospital Records
- Libraries, Hospital
- Medical Records
- Medical Staff, Hospital
- Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital (Greensboro, N.C.)
- Nursing Staff, Hospital
- Wesley Long Community Hospital (Greensboro, N.C.)

Historical Note

Moses H. Cone, the son of a German immigrant and the eldest of thirteen children, was born in Jonesboro, Tennessee, in 1857. The Cone family later moved to Baltimore, Maryland, where Moses H. Cone’s father, Herman, started a wholesale grocery business. While still teenagers, Moses H. Cone and his brother, Ceasar Cone (1859-1917), became salesman for their father’s grocery firm. The job eventually led them to supply stores in the Southeast where they often accepted marketable fabrics in place of cash for their goods.

Eventually, the two brothers moved from groceries to textiles and ultimately based their headquarters in Greensboro, North Carolina. In 1895, they built Proximity Manufacturing Company, later named Cone Mills Corporation, which soon became one of North Carolina’s leading textile manufacturers. Cone Mills Corporation also became one of the largest producers of denim in America.

Moses H. Cone married Bertha Lindau (1858-1947) on 15 February 1888. During the first years of the 20th Century, Cone built Flat Top Manor (now the Moses H. Cone Memorial Park) in Blowing Rock, North Carolina. Moses Cone and his wife, Bertha Cone, used Flat Top Manor as their primary residence until his death in 1908. Bertha Cone kept Flat Top Manor for the next 39 years until her death in 1947.

Three years after Moses H. Cone’s death, Bertha Cone established the Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital Trust in memory of her deceased husband. After her death in 1947, hospital trustees began planning the construction of the Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital, which was completed in 1953. The Hospital opened its doors to patients on 25 February 1953. Bertha Cone also
conveyed to the hospital trustees the entire Blowing Rock estate, which was eventually donated to the U.S. Government National Park Service and renamed the Moses H. Cone Memorial park.

**Collection Overview**

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Cone Family History materials include: personal and professional correspondence related to family residences, Cone Mills, and the Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital; financial materials related to wills, estates, trust funds, and endowments; and materials comprising a family tree. Members of the Cone family primarily represented are Moses H. Cone, Ceasar Cone, Etta Cone, Bertha Cone, Claribel Cone, and Fredrick Cone.

Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital materials include hospital construction plans and photographs, ledger books, patient records, legal correspondence, hospital policies and procedures, pleadings, newspaper articles, scrapbooks, manuals, annual reports, and staff and facilities photographs.

Audiovisual materials include commercially produced films, non-commercial sound recordings on open reel tape, and non-commercial videotape recordings. Films consist of commercially produced professional development tools used by staff at the Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital. Non-commercial open reel tapes chiefly document several Herman H. Cone Memorial Lectures, 1961-1966. Non-commercial and corporate produced videotapes include: Health Care Reform Town Meetings, with speaker Dennis Barry; documentation of the merger between Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital and Wesley Long Community Hospital; and a recording created in celebration of Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital’s 50th Anniversary.

Materials in the addition of August 2007 consist of hospital newsletters, scrapbooks, architectural drawings and photographs, materials relating to Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital’s 50th Anniversary, newspaper clippings related to Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital, and museum items. Oversized materials include drawings and photographs of Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital, posters for events sponsored by Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital, and architectural drawings for the new west wing.

**Arrangement of Collection**

1. Cone Family History
2. Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital
3. Audiovisual Materials
   3.1 Sound Recordings
   3.2 Videocassettes
   3.3 Film
4. Addition of August 2007

**Detailed Description of the Collection**

About 400 items

Arrangement: Note that the creator’s descriptive titles have, for the most part, been retained. Original order has been maintained.

Box 1: Cone Family History, 1908-1987

Cone Family Tree, circa 1995
Chart records earlier data published in 1978 by Sydney M. Cone, Jr.

Cone Family History Notebook
Cone Family History created by Sydney M. Cone, Jr., in August 1965.

Bertha Cone
Will, Estate, and materials related to The Bertha Cone Fund

Claribel Cone
Will and Estate

Etta Cone
Will, Estate, and Memorial Fund

Fredrick Cone
Will and Estate

Flat Top Manor (Moses H. Cone Memorial Park), Blowing Rock, N.C.
Historical structure report
Blue Ridge Parkway land use maps, 1950 and 1959
Correspondence to and from A.C. Moody, Manager of Mayview Manor in Blowing Rock, N.C.
Correspondence related to the estate, 1947-1956
Correspondence related to the estate, 1957-1982
Estate taxes
Plaque for Bertha Cone
Estate Maintenance and development

Cone Family History (miscellaneous)

2. Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital, 1908-1998 and undated.

About 5900 items

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Restriction: Access to negatives and transparencies is available with special staff assistance.
Box 2: Legal History and Policies

Court Cases
Hospital policies and procedures – integration
History of the Integration of Medicine in Greensboro, N.C., by Robert L.
Phillips, MD
Policy and Procedures for Admitting Negro Patients Adopted by the
Board of Trustees, 11 December 1952
Materials related to integration, 1956 and 1962-1965
Questionnaire and public opinion survey performed by John Harden
concerning integration, 1956
Correspondence, 1962
Correspondence, 1963
Correspondence, 1964
Correspondence, 1965
Pleadings
Memorial Hospital Defendants.
Case No. 7731: Hubert A. Easton, Daniel C. Roane and Samuel James
Gray Plaintiffs vs. Board of Managers of the James Walker Memorial
Hospital.  Defendants – Appellees.
Case No. 789: Hubert A. Easton, et al. Vs. Board of Managers of the
James Walker Memorial Hospital.  Defendants - Appellees.
Case No. -#: The Moses H Cone Memorial Hospital, Petitioners vs.
Mercury Construction Corporation, Respondent.
Newspaper articles related to court cases, 1962-1964

Ledger Books and Papers
Ledger book of important dates, 1908-1958
Handwritten notes, 1958
Miscellaneous notes, 1954-1956
Desktop calendar pages, 1958
List of resignations, 1953-1957

Planning Materials, June 1981

Box 3: Record Books: Operative Procedures, 1953-1983

26 February 1953 – 27 April 1954 (CLOSED until 27 April 2054)
29 December 1955 – 31 August 1956 (CLOSED until 31 August 2056)
13 October 1959 – 23 May 1960 (CLOSED until 23 May 2060)
23 May 1960 – 07 December 1960 (CLOSED until 07 December 2060)
07 December 1960 – 26 June 1961 (CLOSED until 26 June 2061)
05 October 1978 – 08 April 1979 (CLOSED until 08 April 2079)
16 October 1979 – 03 April 1980 (CLOSED until 03 April 2080)
03 April 1980 – 16 September 1980 (CLOSED until 16 September 2080)
05 March 1981 – 05 August 1981 (CLOSED until 05 August 2081)
05 August 1981 – 11 November 1982 (CLOSED until 11 November 2082)
12 January 1982 – 05 June 1982 (CLOSED until 05 June 2082)
05 June 1982 – 04 November 1982 (CLOSED until 04 November 2082)
04 November 1982 – 24 March 1983 (CLOSED until 24 March 2083)
24 March 1983 – 08 August 1983 (CLOSED until 08 August 2083)

**Box 4: Record Books: Operative Procedures, 1983-1987**

08 August 1983 – 13 December 1983 (CLOSED until 13 December 2083)
13 December 1983 – 27 April 1984 (CLOSED until 27 April 2084)
27 April 1984 – 11 September 1984 (CLOSED until 11 September 2084)
31 January 1985 – 10 June 1985 (CLOSED until 10 June 2085)
10 June 1985 – 11 October 1985 (CLOSED until 11 October 2085)
12 October 1985 – 13 February 1986 (CLOSED until 13 February 2086)
13 February 1986 – 12 June 1986 (CLOSED until 12 June 2086)
12 June 1986 – 06 October 1986 (CLOSED until 06 October 2086)
06 October 1986 – 06 February 1987 (CLOSED until 06 February 2087)
06 February 1987 – 02 June 1987 (CLOSED until 02 June 2087)
02 June 1987 – 15 September 1987 (CLOSED until 15 September 2087)
16 September 1987 – 11 December 1987 (CLOSED until 11 December 2087)

**Box 5: Record Books: Emergency Room; Cesarean Sections; and Register of Births and Deaths, 1953-1960**

Emergency Room Records, 1953-1955 (CLOSED until 26 July 2055)
07 March 1953 – 16 January 1954 (CLOSED until 16 January 2054)
23 November 1953 – 27 July 1954 (CLOSED until 27 July 2054)
22 July 1954 – 24 October 1954 (CLOSED until 24 October 2054)
24 October 1954 – 12 March 1955 (CLOSED until 12 March 2055)
12 March 1955 – 03 July 1955 (CLOSED until 03 July 2055)

Cesarean Sections Records and Register of Births
Caesarians: 01 April 1953 – 30 November 1955 (CLOSED until 30 November 2055)
Caesarians: 20 November 1955 – 30 June 1955 (CLOSED until 30 June 2055)
Caesarians: 01 July 1958 – 31 December 1960 (CLOSED until 31 December 2060)
Register of Births: 1953 (CLOSED until 27 April 2053)

Register of Deaths and Stillbirths
Deaths and Stillbirths: 27 February 1953 – 30 November 1957 (CLOSED until 27 February 2053)
Deaths and Stillbirths: 01 December 1957 – 31 January 1961 (CLOSED until 31 January 2061)

**Box 6: Newspaper Scrapbooks, 1947-1974**

June 1947 – June 1956
June 1956 – April 1962
May 1962 – November 1965
June 1966 – August 1969
July 1969 – February 1974
Box 7: Newspaper Scrapbooks and Equipment Notebooks, 1974-1980

Scrapbook: February 1974 – May 1976
Scrapbook: February 1979 – September 1980
Notebook: Office Equipment, 1953
  Room Numbers and Locker Numbers
  Office Furniture and Equipment Categories No. 1H-9H

Box 8: Patient Records, 1925-1962

Patient Records:
  1925-1927 (CLOSED until 26 July 2027)
  1928 – 1931 (CLOSED until 26 July 2031)
  1931 – 1935 (CLOSED until 26 July 2035)
  1935 – 1938 (CLOSED until 26 July 2038)
  1938 – 1941 (CLOSED until 26 July 2041)
  1941 –1944 (CLOSED until 26 July 2044)
  1945 – 1946 (CLOSED until 26 July 2046)
  1947 (CLOSED until 26 July 2047)

Death Records:
  4 July 1954 – 27 November 1955 (CLOSED until 27 November 2055)
  26 November 1955 – 27 July 1960 (CLOSED until 27 July 2060)
  28 July 1960 – 21 August 1962 (CLOSED until 21 August 2062)

Circumcision Schedule, 1953 (CLOSED until 26 July 2053)

Record Book: Patients referred to the private office of a medical staff member, 1953-1954 (CLOSED until 26 July 2054)

Box 9: Patient Records and Registers, 1952-1979

Patient Records:
  19 September 1947 – 23 May 1953 (CLOSED until 23 May 2053)
  25 February 1953 – 06 October 1955 (CLOSED until 06 October 2055)

Registers:
  Register of Medical Staff, 1952-1979 (CLOSED until 26 July 2079)
  Director’s Guest Book, 1952-1979 (CLOSED until 26 July 2079)

Box 10: Manuals, Nursing Programs, and Annual Reports, 1953-1998

Administration Manuals:
  Hospital Formulary, 15 July 1953
  Personnel Manual, 1 February 1956
  Hospital Rates, 1951, 25 February 1953, and 1 July 1959

Nursing Programs:
General Medical Education
Newspaper Articles, 1998
North Carolina Medical Journal, March 1989, Vol. 45, No. 3:
   “Medical Education at the Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital”
Nursing Advertisement
Nursing Education Programs
Survey of Nursing Education
Proposed Working Agreement for School of Practical Nursing between
Greensboro Public Schools and Moses H. Cone Memorial
Hospital
Correspondence with North Carolina A&T University, June-July 1959
Plans for Nurse Education, February 1959
Nursing School Education, University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Correspondence related to funding and programs, 1956-1957
Resolution improving funding to UNCG Nursing Program, 1956-1957
UNCG Nursing School commencement and course outline,

Moses H. Cone Hospital Annual Reports
1950-1959
1960-1969
1970-1979
1980-1989

Box 11: Moses H. Cone Hospital Photographs, 1950-1977

Box 12: Moses H. Cone Hospital Photographs and Slides, circa early 1950s-1982

Box 13: Administration / Hospital Board of Trustees, 1945-1998

Photographs of the Board of Trustees, 1997-1998
Cone Mills stock transactions
Stockholder’s meetings
Early administration records
   Meeting minutes of the Board of Trustees, 1947, 1948, 1949, and 1957
   By-laws of Moses Cone Hospital
   Transfer of shares of stock by Bertha Cone to Moses Cone Hospital
   Report of legal committee, 28 August 1947
   Letter concerning the access to safe deposit box and signing powers for
   the corporation banking account
Materials related to appointment and retirement of hospital directors
   and proposed mergers of hospital
Insurance policies, 13 November 1947 – 17 June 1951
Wesley Long Hospital Records
   Wesley Long Hospital charter
   Loan from Jefferson Pilot
   Audit for year ending 13 December 1946
   Designation of principal address
   Wesley Long Directory, May 1978
Box 14: Library History and Commemorations, 1953-1984 and undated

Moses Cone Health System Medical Library History
Library history related to the initial donation of materials

Founding/Commemoration/Cornerstone Celebrations
Cornerstone laying ceremonies, 02 May 1953
25 year commemoration, February 1978
30 year commemoration, February 1983
Dedication, 22 July 1984


22 Items.

Arrangement: by format.

6 items.

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Audiotape AT-10079/1
Herman Cone Lecture, Greensboro, N.C., 1966 (includes insert).

Audiotape AT-10079/2
Herman Cone Lecture, Greensboro, N.C., 1966.

Audiotape AT-10079/3
Herman Cone Lecture, Greensboro, N.C., 1966.

Audiotape AT-10079/4
Herman Cone Lecture: Dr. Weinstein, Greensboro, N.C., 21 October 1961.

Audiotape AT-10079/5
Herman Cone Lecture No. 2: Dr. Weinstein, undated.

Audiotape AT-10079/6
Herman Cone Memorial Lecture, No. 1: Dr. Dwight E. Harken, undated.

11 items

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Videotape VT-10079/1
Videotape VT-10079/2
The Healthcare Reform Issue, Dennis Barry, speaker, 07 September 1993.

Videotape VT-10079/3
Health Care Reform Town meeting, Dennis Barry, speaker, 07 September 1995.

Videotape VT-10079/4
Managed Care Basics, Dennis Barry, speaker, 12 February 1996.

Videotape VT-10079/5
Succeeding in the Transition, Dennis Barry, speaker, 15 July 1996 (2 copies).

Videotape VT-10079/6
For Life... that's why we're here: One Purpose, One Vision, One Health System, The Moses Cone Health System, undated (4 copies).

Digital Video Disc DVD-10079/1
The Cone Family Legacy of Caring, produced by Jackson Group Interactive, 2003

5 items

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Film F-10079/1

Film F-10079/2
Looking for Yesterday, Edward Feil Productions, Cleveland, Ohio, 1978; 16mm; color; sound; 1200 ft. (Includes inserts)

Film F-10079/3
Business, Behaviorism & the Bottom Line, CRM/McGraw-Hill Films, 1972; 16mm; color; sound; 1200 ft.

Film F-10079/4
Group Dynamics: Groupthink, CRM/McGraw-Hill Films, 1973; 16mm; color; sound.

Film F-10079/6
The Time of Your Life, Cally Curtis Company, Hollywood, 1985; 16mm; color; sound; 30 minutes. (Includes inserts)


About 2000 items (6.5 linear feet)
Unprocessed, but may be used with staff assistance.

Box 15: Moses H. Cone Hospital Review, 1966-1987

Box 16: Moses H. Cone Hospital Review, 1988-1997 and Greensboro Hospital’s Viewpoint, 1988-1989 (includes design notes for Review)

Box 17: Scrapbooks, 1982-1985

Box 18: 50th Anniversary Research Materials, 1941-2003

Box 19: Architectural Drawings and Photographs, 1950-1960

Box 20: Newspaper Clippings, 1987-1991

Box 21: Newspaper Clippings, 1992-2000

Box 22: Museum Items

Box 23: Oversized Materials