

**Foster G. McGaw (1897-1986) Papers**  
**Scrapbooks, 1951-1983**  
**Series 55/28/4**  
**Boxes 1-12 (including 5 drop-front boxes)**

**Biography**

See biographical component of the descriptive inventory which forms a part of Series 55/28/5 (the Foster G. McGaw Papers), especially the section dealing with Foster and Mary McGaw's extensive philanthropic efforts. Additional information on the American Hospital Supply Corporation and the career of Foster G. McGaw may be found in Frederick D. Sturdivant's study, *Growth Through Service: The Story of American Hospital Supply Corporation* (Northwestern University Press, Evanston, 1970). Related materials concerning Foster McGaw and the American Hospital Supply Corporation have been arranged and described as separate series: corporate publications and catalogs are retained in Series 55/28/1; corporate records of AHSC, 1923-1963, make up Series 55/28/2; his personal papers relating to the American Hospital Supply Corporation--corporate records oriented more specifically around his personal concerns--form Series 55/28/3; and corporate records of Baxter Travenol, which absorbed AHSC in 1985, are arranged as 55/28/6.

**Description of the Series**

This series consists of twenty-six scrapbooks presented to Foster and Mary McGaw by some of the institutions nationwide to which the McGaws made substantial financial donations. The scrapbooks acknowledge the McGaws' gifts of building funds, scholarships, and other monetary contributions, and commemorate ground breaking and cornerstone-laying ceremonies, building dedications, award dinners, memorial concerts and arts festivals. Although a few of the scrapbooks were presented by public libraries and religious organizations, the majority were given by educational institutions which benefited from the McGaws' generosity.

The scrapbooks are arranged into boxes initially according to format. Thereafter they are arranged chronologically according to the date of their presentation to the McGaws or of the event which they document. Most of the scrapbooks are similar in content, and typically feature photographs, drawings, newspaper and magazine clippings, invitations, proclamations, press releases, programs, and letters of thanks. The scrapbooks also contain photographs of the McGaws, the construction and dedication of buildings, honorary speakers, students, university presidents, and participants in the arts festivals. Boxes 7-11 hold five scrapbook volumes, titled "A Tribute to Foster G. McGaw," consisting of approximately 3000 letters congratulating McGaw on his seventy-fifth birthday and the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the American Hospital Supply Corporation in 1971.

Box one of the series includes scrapbooks disassembled or removed from their bindings for purposes of preservation.

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**Provenance:** This series includes separations from the papers of Foster G. McGaw (Accession 88-52). Two scrapbooks were donated by Marge Bradford on April 5, 1989 as Accessions 89-50 and 89-51.

**Restrictions:** None.

**Separations:** Bindings removed from fourteen scrapbooks have been discarded. One photograph of the Mary McGaw music building has been added to the University Archives photograph collection under the heading "Foster G. McGaw."

**Processor:** Alex Strauss, January 28-29, 1998.

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**Container List**

<b><u>Box</u></b>	<b><u>Folder</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Dates</u></b>
1	1	Northwestern University: McGaw Memorial Hall	1951-1953
	2	Northwestern University: McGaw Medical Center Announcement	1969
	3	National College of Education	1972
	4	National College of Education	1974
	5	Foster McGaw Scholar Reception	1975
	6	Presbyterian Home, Evanston, IL. Second Annual Dinner	1975
	7	Denison College: Vail Arts Festival	1979
	8	Denison College: Vail Arts Festival	1980
	9	Cumberland College: Scholarship Fund: Photographs and biographies of scholarship recipients	1980-1981
	10	Maryville College	1981
	11	National College of Education	1981
	12	Davison College: "Uptown Dinner"	1982
	13	Donald B. Plott Memorial Concert	1983
2		Northwestern University: Cornerstone Laying Ceremony of McGaw Memorial Hall	1951
		Northwestern University: Alice S. Millar Chapel	1961-64
		College of Wooster: McGaw Challenge	1972
		Agatha and Frances McGaw Children's Library	1973
3		Northwestern University: McGaw Memorial Hall Dedication	1953
		College of Wooster: McGaw Challenge Student Walkathon	1972
		Dartmouth Medical School: James D. Vail Medical Sciences Building	1974
4		Rockford College: Mary McGaw Hall	1978
		National College of Education Hall of Honor Ceremony	1981
		American Hospital Supply Corporation: Sixty Years- Foster G. McGaw	1982

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		Mary Vail McGaw Laboratories Scrapbook	1983
6		Northwestern University: McGaw Memorial Hall, Alice S. Millar Chapel, McGaw Medical Center	1951-1969
		Foster McGaw: In Honor of His Birthday	1952
7		A Tribute to Foster G. McGaw, volume 1	1972
8		A Tribute to Foster G. McGaw, volume 2	1972
9		A Tribute to Foster G. McGaw, volume 3	1972
10		A Tribute to Foster G. McGaw, volume 4	1972
11		A Tribute to Foster G. McGaw, volume 5	1972
12		Loyola University, Sword of Loyola Presentation	1973
		American Hospital Supply Corporation	1974-1975
		Davidson College, Vail Commons Dedication	1981