

**Register of the**  
**Battle Creek Sanitarium**  
**Collection**

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# Battle Creek Sanitarium

## (Collection 234)

### Scope and Content

Battle Creek Sanitarium was legally incorporated on April 9, 1867 under the name Western Health Reform Institute. In the beginning the institution went through financial struggles for a few years and its medical staff was not well qualified. However, when John Harvey Kellogg, M.D. joined the staff in 1875 the Battle Creek Sanitarium grew and became known world-wide. In 1897, when the charter of the Western Health Reform Institute expired, it was reorganized under a new body, the Michigan Sanitarium and Benevolent Association. The new institution was to perform acts of an undenominational, unsectarian, humanitarian, and philanthropic nature. Later this provision would play a key role in Kellogg's attempt to show that the Battle Creek Sanitarium was not under Seventh-day Adventist control.

On Feb. 18, 1902, the Sanitarium building burned down. While the Seventh-day Adventist leaders wanted only a modest reconstruction, Kellogg desired to build an even larger structure. This led to an open conflict between Kellogg and the Seventh-day Adventist Church leadership. This result in Kellogg eventually leaving the church.

Kellogg built a grandiose building but the new structure put the institution in heavy debt. A few years later the great depression hit the country. The sanitarium was not immune to the financial difficulties of the times. In 1938 the Sanitarium was re-organized under the name Battle Creek Sanitarium and Benevolent Association which took the assets and obligations of the enterprise. In 1942 the main building of the Sanitarium was sold to the United States government and the debt was paid in full. The Battle Creek Sanitarium, however, continued to have a few buildings, real estate, about one million dollars in cash and some other assets. The disbursement of these assets caused a controversy between Kellogg and other members of the association, most of whom were Adventists. Eventually there was a court action and the dispute was settled by dividing the assets of the Sanitarium between Kellogg and the Seventh-day Adventist denomination.

The present collection contains: a) legal documents related to Battle Creek and its properties; b) minutes of the Board of Trustees and some major actions taken; c) financial documentation related to the Sanitarium and Dr. Kellogg; d) correspondence primarily related to the court events; e) court documents; f) materials describing the work done in the different departments of the Sanitarium; and g) miscellaneous materials related to the Sanitarium and its history.

## **Extent**

The collection contains 16 boxes (approximately 8 feet) plus one oversized box.

## **Arrangement**

The arrangement of the present collection was done by the Center for Adventist Research. There was no apparent order at the time processing began. The collection is arranged into five major parts:

- a) Legal Documents
- b) Minutes / Meetings of Boards of Trustees
- c) Financial Matters
- d) Correspondence
- e) Court Documents
- f) Departmental Materials
- g) Miscellaneous Materials

The materials under each section has been arranged alphabetically under the names of different entities related to the Battle Creek Sanitarium. Some miscellaneous materials have been put at the end of some of the sub-sections.

## **Provenance**

This collection was donated to the Center for Adventist Research by the Lake Union Conference in January, 1981.

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### **INVENTORY**

#### **I. Legal Documents**

American Medical Missionary College (1872-1905)

- Box1 Fld1 By-Laws and Articles of Association/Incorporation.
- Box1 Fld2 Legal Contracts.
- Box1 Fld3 Proposition to Sell Battle Creek College to American Medical Missionary College.

Battle Creek Cereal Coffee Co. (1917)

- Box1 Fld4 Articles of Association/Incorporation.

Battle Creek Food Company (1924)

- Box1 Fld5 Legal Agreement.

Battle Creek Sanitarium and Benevolent Association (1931-1968)

- Box1 Fld6 By-Laws and Articles of Association/Incorporation.
- Box1 Fld7 Merger Agreement between Battle Creek Sanitarium and Benevolent Association and The Race Betterment Foundation [proposal by John H. Kellogg].

Battle Creek Sanitarium Co. (1902-1917)

- Box1 Fld8 Articles of Association/Incorporation.
- Box1 Fld9 Legal Contracts.
- Box1 Fld10 Memorandum of Agreement between Battle Creek Sanitarium Co. and Edgar C. Linn.
- Box1 Fld11 Record of Stockholders.

Battle Creek Sanitarium Health Food Company (1899-1901)

- Box1 Fld12 Articles of Association/Incorporation.
- Box1 Fld13 Warranty / Deeds (original copies).

Harper Hospital

- Box1 Fld14 Articles of Association/Incorporation.

Health Reform Institute (1867-1898)

- Box1 Fld15 By-Laws and Articles of Association/Incorporation.
- Box1 Fld16 Dissolution of the Health Reform Institution.

International Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association (1893-1901)  
Box1 Fld17 Articles of Association (Amendments).

Kellogg Food Company (1908-1910)  
Box1 Fld18 Articles of Association/Incorporation.

Michigan Sanitarium and Benevolent Association (1898-1938)  
Box1 Fld19 By-Laws and Articles of Association/Incorporation.  
Box2 Fld1 Legal Contracts/Policy of Settlements.  
Box2 Fld2 First Mortgage/Deed of Trust.  
Box2 Fld3 Plan of Reorganization.

The Race Betterment Foundation (1917-1923)  
Box2 Fld4 Articles of Association/Incorporation.  
Box2 Fld5 Deeds.

Sanitarium Equipment Company (1917)  
Box2 Fld6 Articles of Association/Incorporation.

Sanitarium Improvement Co. (1884-1909)  
Box2 Fld7 By-Laws and Articles of Association/Incorporation.

Seventh-day Adventist Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association (1893)  
Box2 Fld8 Articles of Association/Incorporation.

Miscellaneous (legal documents related to Battle Creek Sanitarium Corporations)  
Box2 Fld9 Articles of Association/Incorporation.  
Box2 Fld10 Chronologically arranged memorandum showing  
relationship of the Battle Creek Sanitarium and related  
companies and corporations.  
Box2 Fld11 Examination of Title.  
Box2 Fld12 Legal Contracts (1899-1904).  
Box2 Fld13 Other materials related to Battle Creek Sanitarium and its  
government.  
Box2 Fld14 Warranty Deeds (1887,1889).

## **II. Minutes / Meetings**

American Medical Missionary College (1899-1907)  
Box3 Fld1 Minutes (1899-1907).  
Box3 Fld2 Original handwritten notes (1905).

Battle Creek Sanitarium and Benevolent Association (1933-1945)

- Box3 Fld3 Minutes (1933-1942).
- Box3 Fld4 Minutes (1943).
- Box3 Fld5 Minutes (1944).
- Box3 Fld6 Votes (1943).
- Box3 Fld7 Preliminary meeting of Seventh-day Adventist members of the Battle Creek Sanitarium Constituency (prior to the Battle Creek Sanitarium and Benevolent Association constituency meeting, 1943).
- Box3 Fld8 Pendente Lite minutes (1944-1945).

Battle Creek Sanitarium Co. (1902-1908)

- Box3 Fld9 Meetings of the Board of Managers (1902,1903,1908).

Battle Creek Sanitarium Health Food Company (1901-1902)

- Box3 Fld10 Meetings of the Board of Trustees.

Chicago Committee Meetings

- Box4 Fld1 Board Minutes.

Good Health Publishing Company (1898-1902)

- Box4 Fld2 Articles of Association/Incorporation.

Health Reform Institute (1883)

- Box4 Fld3 Portion of Directors Meeting.

Michigan Sanitarium and Benevolent Association (1898-1944)

- Box4 Fld4 Articles of Association/Incorporation.
- Box4 Fld5 Board Minutes.

Modern Medicine Publishing Co. (1908)

- Box4 Fld6 Minutes of Stockholders.

Race Betterment Foundation (1917)

- Box4 Fld7 Board Minutes.

Sanitarium Food Company (1901-1926)

- Box4 Fld8 Board Minutes.

Sanitas Nut Food Company (1908)

- Box4 Fld9 Minutes of Stockholders.

Seventh-day Adventist Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association (1897)

- Box4 Fld10 Board Minutes.

### III. Financial Matters

Battle Creek College (1934)

Box4 Fld11 Financial Report.  
Bank Records.

Battle Creek Food Company (1905, 1920-1936)

Box4 Fld12 Annual Financial Report and other financial statements  
related to Dr. John H. Kellogg s transactions.

Battle Creek Sanitarium (1925-1945)

Box4 Fld13 Financial Statements/Accounting Periods.

Box4 Fld14 Check Register of Battle Creek Sanitarium. (See oversize  
document box).

Battle Creek Sanitarium and Benevolent Association (1939, 1943)

Box4 Fld15 Indenture between Battle Creek Sanitarium and Benevolent  
Association and Security Noational Bank of Battle  
Creek (Jan. 1, 1939).

Box4 Fld16 Report of Examination (Jan. 2, 1943).

Battle Creek Sanitarium Co. (1906-1920)

Box5 Fld1 Annual Report: Battle Creek Sanitarium and Hospital  
(1910-1914).

Box5 Fld2 Annual Report: Battle Creek Sanitarium and Hospital  
(1915-1920).

Box5 Fld3 Annual Report/Balance Sheet (1906).

Box5 Fld4 Memorandum of Proposition made by the Battle Creek  
Sanitarium Co.

Box5 Fld5 Report of Audit (1911).

Box5 Fld6 Statement of Inventory (Oct. 1, 1914).

Good Health Pub. Co. (1905)

Box5 Fld7 Annual Report.

Health Reform Institute (1872, 1894)

Box5 Fld8 Shares.

Box5 Fld9 Ledger of Closing Years of Health Reform Institute (Includes  
Salary and tithe payments of J. H. Kellogg).

International Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association

Box6 Fld1 Statement to the Creditors.

Kellogg Food Company (1914)

Box6 Fld2 Inventory and other financial documents.

Michigan Sanitarium and Benevolent Association (1902-1931)

Box6 Fld3 General Ledger (1902-1908).

Box6 Fld4 Financial Statements and Real Properties List (1909, 1913).

Box6 Fld5 Checks (1923).

Box6 Fld6 Mortgages (1927).

Box6 Fld7 Audits (1928-1931).

Race Betterment Foundation

Box6 Fld8 Bank Statements (1931).

Miscellaneous

Box6 Fld9 Manchester Addition and other financial statements  
(1898-1909).

Box6 Fld10 Seventh-day Adventist Pub. Assn. Receivership Estate  
Document (1906).

Box6 Fld11 Accounts (1921-1922).

Box6 Fld12 Donations Granted by Seventh-day Adventists to  
Sanitariums (1933-1942).

Box6 Fld13 Accounts and Payroll Information about J. H. Kellogg.

Box6 Fld14 Memo: Dr. Case s vacations.

Box6 Fld15 Checks (original).

#### IV. Correspondence

(Note: All letters are filed alphabetically by the name of the recipient).

Box6 Fld16 Arthur, Jesse

Box6 Fld17 Arthur, Jesse

Box7 Fld1 Arthur, Jesse

Box7 Fld2 Arthur, Jesse

Box7 Fld3 Babcock, A. L.

Box7 Fld4 Ballard, Byron L.

Box7 Fld5 Bailey, John W. (Major)

Box7 Fld6 Bird, John E.

Box7 Fld7 Branson, W. H.

Box7 Fld8 Branson, W. H.

Box7 Fld9 Branson, W. H.

Box7 Fld10 Bunch, Taylor G.

Box7 Fld11 Clark, O. S.



Box7 Fld12 Coggin, Charles B.  
Box7 Fld13 Colver, Benton N.  
Box7 Fld14 Colver, Benton N.  
Box7 Fld15 Coulston, Harold E.  
Box7 Fld16 Courville, Cyril B.  
Box7 Fld17 Daniells, A. G.  
Box7 Fld18 Dart, M. O.  
Box7 Fld19 Dethmers, John T.  
Box7 Fld20 Eggleston, E. L.  
Box8 Fld1 Evans, I. H.  
Box8 Fld2 Evans, I. H.  
Box8 Fld3 Evans, I. H.  
Box8 Fld4 Fuller, Fred E.  
Box8 Fld5 Hanchett, Benton  
Box8 Fld6 Hara, H. James  
Box8 Fld7 Harris, Rowland H.  
Box8 Fld8 Harris, Rowland H.  
Box8 Fld9 Harris, Rowland H.  
Box8 Fld10 Haughey, Ruth E.  
Box8 Fld11 Haynes, C. B.  
Box8 Fld12 Holden, W. B.  
Box8 Fld13 Irwin, C. B.  
Box8 Fld14 Jorgensen, E. J.  
Box8 Fld15 Judd, Geo E.  
Box8 Fld16 Kellogg, J. H.  
Box8 Fld17 Kellogg, W. K.  
Box8 Fld18 Keck, Irving  
Box8 Fld19 Koelsche, Giles A.  
Box8 Fld20 Kress, D. H.  
Box8 Fld21 McKinley, L. L.  
Box8 Fld22 Magan, Percy T.  
Box8 Fld23 Mills, A. J.  
Box9 Fld1 Murton, J. A.  
Box9 Fld2 Nelson, W. E.  
Box9 Fld3 Nielsen, J. M.  
Box9 Fld4 Nethery, J. J.  
Box9 Fld5 Olson, A. B.  
Box9 Fld6 Parshall, L. Clyde  
Box9 Fld7 Pingnot, E. L.  
Box9 Fld8 Prince, C. C.  
Box9 Fld9 Riley, (Dr.)  
Box9 Fld10 Robinson, D. E.  
Box9 Fld11 Rosenvold, Lloyd K.

Box9 Fld12 Stewart, Charles E.  
Box9 Fld13 Taft, M. C.  
Box9 Fld14 Thomason, George  
Box9 Fld15 Wallar, J. Lloyd  
Box9 Fld16 Welebir, Ferdinand  
Box9 Fld17 Wentworth, Merton W.  
Box9 Fld18 White, Ellen G.  
Box9 Fld19 Williams, Ora (Miss)  
Box9 Fld20 Wright, J. F.  
Box9 Fld21 Single letters to individuals  
Box9 Fld22 Letters to organizations  
Box9 Fld23 Envelops

## V. Court Documents

Battle Creek Sanitarium and Benevolent Association and John H. Kellogg vs. General Conference Corporation of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Box10 Fld1 Court Documents I (1943-1945).  
Box10 Fld2 Court Documents II (1943-1945).  
Box10 Fld3 Testimony of Dr. Rowland H. Harris (1943).  
Box10 Fld4 Testimony of Dr. George Thomason (1943).  
Box10 Fld5 Investigation of the Battle Creek Sanitarium: Report of the Committee of Fifteen.  
Box10 Fld6 Proposals of Defendants for Compromise of Settlement (1944).  
Box10 Fld7 J. H. Kellogg: Court Questions and Possible Answers.  
Box10 Fld8 Bill of Complaint.  
Box10 Fld9 Possible Testimonies (to be used in the Court).  
Box10 Fld10 Newspapers Articles on the Court Developments.

Michigan Sanitarium and Benevolent Association vs. The City of Battle Creek

Box10 Fld11 Court Documents (1909-1910).  
Box10 Fld12 Documents/Materials related to the Court Case (1918).  
Box10 Fld13 Newspaper Articles on the Court Developments.

The People on the Relation of John E. Bird (Attorney General) vs. Michigan Sanitarium and Benevolent Association

Box11 Fld1 Court Documents I (1909).  
Box11 Fld2 Court Documents II (1909).  
Box11 Fld3 Court Documents.  
Box11 Fld4 Court Documents.  
Box11 Fld5 Court Documents: Briefs for Respondent I (original documents).  
Box11 Fld6 Court Documents: Briefs for Respondent II (original documents).

Miscellaneous Materials

- Box11 Fld7 Court Cases related to the Battle Creek Sanitarium and J. H. Kellogg.
- Box11 Fld8 Hand-written materials related to the court documents.

**VI. Departmental Materials of the Battle Creek Sanitarium**

Organization, Staff, and Personnel

- Box11 Fld9 Application for Employment.
- Box12 Fld1 Departmental Telephone Directories.
- Box12 Fld2 Directory for Personnel.
- Box12 Fld3 List of Executive Staff and Heads of Departments and Divisions.
- Box12 Fld4 Medical Staff / Staff qualifications.
- Box12 Fld5 Medical Staff Association and Committees.
- Box12 Fld6 Minimum Standards for Hospitals.
- Box12 Fld7 Need/Suggestions of Departments I.
- Box12 Fld8 Need/Suggestions of Departments II.
- Box12 Fld9 Need/Suggestions of Departments III.
- Box12 Fld10 Organizational Structure Documents: Constituency.
- Box12 Fld11 Organizational Structure Documents (outline of personnel and functions).
- Box12 Fld12 Organizational Structure Documents: Schedule of Departments and Sub-Departments.
- Box13 Fld1 Organizational Structure and Documents: Radial Plan of Organization, Picture and Description.
- Box13 Fld2 Questionnaires related to Staff and Departments I.
- Box13 Fld3 Questionnaires related to Staff and Departments II.
- Box13 Fld4 Rules, Regulations, and Routine Procedures of the Battle Creek Sanitarium Departments.
- Box13 Fld5 Rules, Regulations, and Routine Procedures: Dr. Jespersen's Office.
- Box13 Fld6 Rules, Regulations, and Routine Procedures: Dr. A. B. Olson's Office.
- Box13 Fld7 Rules, Regulations, and Routine Procedures: Dr. Rowland H. Harris Office.
- Box13 Fld8 Rules, Regulations, and Routine Procedures: Dr. VanderVoort's Office.
- Box13 Fld9 Statement of Routine Procedure of the Hospital Department of Battle Creek Sanitarium.
- Box13 Fld10 The Battle Creek Sanitarium: An Institution for Health Reconstruction. Origin, Purposes, Methods.

## Departments

Box13 Fld11 Accounting / Collection Departments.  
Box13 Fld12 Air Therapy Department.  
Box13 Fld13 Anesthesia Department.  
Box13 Fld14 Beauty Service / Barber Shop.  
Box13 Fld15 Cafeteria (Dining Room).  
Box13 Fld16 Cafeteria (Dining Room).  
Box13 Fld17 Cardio-Vascular Department (Cardiology).  
Box14 Fld1 Chemical Laboratory.  
Box14 Fld2 Chest Department.  
Box14 Fld3 Chiropody Department.  
Box14 Fld4 Clinical Laboratories.  
Box14 Fld5 Colon Department.  
Box14 Fld6 Daily Labor Report.  
Box14 Fld7 Dental Department.  
Box14 Fld8 Dietician Department.  
Box14 Fld9 Electro-therapy Department.  
Box14 Fld10 Entertainment / Recreation Service.  
Box14 Fld11 Extension Department.  
Box14 Fld12 Eye, Ear, Nose, Throat Department.  
Box14 Fld13 Farm and Dairy Department.  
Box14 Fld14 Fecal Laboratory.  
Box14 Fld15 Gastro-Enterology Department.  
Box14 Fld16 Gymnasium.  
Box14 Fld17 House Keeping Department.  
Box14 Fld18 Hydrotherapy Department.  
Box14 Fld19 Internal Medicine Department.  
Box14 Fld20 Laundry.  
Box15 Fld1 Library / Medical Library.  
Box15 Fld2 Mail Service / Track Delivery.  
Box15 Fld3 Maintenance Department.  
Box15 Fld4 Mechanotherapy Department.  
Box15 Fld5 Medical Assignment Office.  
Box15 Fld6 Medical Record Office.  
Box15 Fld7 Metabolism Laboratory.  
Box15 Fld8 Neurological Department.  
Box15 Fld9 Nursing Department (Men and Women).  
Box15 Fld10 Occupational Therapy Department.  
Box15 Fld11 Ophthalmology Department.  
Box15 Fld12 Otolaryngology Department.  
Box15 Fld13 Pathology Department.  
Box15 Fld14 Pavlov Physiological Institute.

Box15 Fld15 Pharmacology Department.  
Box15 Fld16 Photographic Department.  
Box15 Fld17 Phototherapy Department.  
Box15 Fld18 Physical Therapy.  
Box15 Fld19 Proctology Department.  
Box15 Fld20 Radiology Department (X-ray).  
Box15 Fld21 Rehabilitation Institute.  
Box15 Fld22 Religious Department / Chaplaincy.  
Box15 Fld23 Roentgenology Department.  
Box15 Fld24 Social/Recreation Department (Music).  
Box15 Fld25 Strength Test Department.  
Box16 Fld1 Surgical Department.  
Box16 Fld2 Transportation Department.  
Box16 Fld3 Treatment of Cancer Office.  
Box16 Fld4 Urinary Department.  
Box16 Fld5 Urological Department.  
Box16 Fld6 Welfare Department.  
Box16 Fld7 Miscellaneous: Other Departmental Blanks.  
Box16 Fld8 Miscellaneous: Other Departmental Blanks.

## **VII. Miscellaneous Materials (related to Battle Creek Sanitarium)**

Box16 Fld9 Advertisements and Clippings about J. H. Kellogg's book,  
*Plain Facts for both Sexes*, (published by Good Health  
Pub. Co.).  
Box16 Fld10 Announcements / Brochures about Battle Creek Sanitarium  
and its programs.  
Box16 Fld11 Architecture Plan of the New Building of the Battle Creek  
Sanitarium.  
Box16 Fld12 Documents about Battle Creek history, development and  
control.  
Box16 Fld13 Documents about relations between Seventh-day  
Adventists and Battle Creek Sanitarium relations.  
Box16 Fld14 Documents related to Dr. John H. Kellogg.  
Box16 Fld15 Prospectus about the writings of the book, *History of the  
Health Reform Movement Among Seventh-day  
Adventists* - by D. E. Robinson.  
Box16 Fld16 The Food Reform Bureau, Its Purpose and Plans.  
Box16 Fld17 The Golden Jubilee of the Battle Creek Sanitarium  
brochure: 1866-1916.  
Box16 Fld18 Year book of the Seventh-day Adventist Medical Missionary  
and Benevolent Association (1866-1896).  
Box16 Fld19 Newspaper clippings.