# John Lange Hospital Minute Book (SC21)

#### Introduction

This collection contains a minute book for the John Lange Hospital.

## Descriptive Summary

Creator: John Lange Hospital

Title: John Lange Hospital Minute Book Dates: July 21, 1902-December 2, 1902

Size: 0.2 linear feet, 1 box Collection Number: SC21

#### **Donor Information**

Gift, Mr. D. N. Crosthwait, Jr.

#### Citation Note

John Lange Hospital Minute Book (SC21), Missouri Valley Special Collections, Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, Missouri.

#### Administrative Information

Related Collections: Additional hospital information may be found in the vertical files for Hospitals--Lange, John; and Kansas City--Fire Department--African Americans 1902. Multiple magazine articles regarding the hospital may also be found in the Missouri Valley Special Collections local history collections.

#### Historical Sketch

The John Lange Hospital and Training School for Nurses was established by Dr. Thomas C. Unthank as a hospital to meet the needs of African American patients in the Kansas City area. It was named after John Lange, the business manager of popular musician Blind Boone. John Lange donated a large sum of money to the hospital, which opened in 1902 as one of the best equipped of its kind in the area. After Lange's death in 1916, the hospital lost most of its support and closed in 1920.

### Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of a minute book (pages 3-15 filled in) and a photocopy of the meeting minutes. The minutes cover 12 meetings held from July 21, 1902 to December 2, 1902. Items mentioned include the adoption of the hospital charter, an offer to help furnish rooms for children, and the resignation of the board president.

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