

An Annotated Inventory for the Mike Wilkins, M.D. Collection on the Willowbrook State School, 1972-2000

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Overview of the Collection

- Collection No. :** WSSM-3
- Title:** The Mike Wilkins, M.D. Collection on the Willowbrook State School
- Creator:** Mike Wilkins, M.D.
- Dates:** 1972-2000
- Extent:** 6 Folders & 6 Video Recordings
- Abstract:** Dr. Mike Wilkins worked as a staff physician at the Willowbrook State School during the early 1970's. He worked with Dr. William Bronston to try to improve conditions at the school and was dismissed for his activities in this regard. The evening of his dismissal, Wilkins used his key to give Geraldo Rivera, a young ABC reporter, access to the school for what would be the filming of *The Last Great Disgrace*. After his dismissal, Wilkins continued to advocate for change at the institution. This collections includes video recordings, programs and articles related to Willowbrook State School and the impact of the consent decree.

One book has been cataloged and placed in the book collection:

United States. Congress. Senate. Committee on the Judiciary. Subcommittee on the Constitution. *Civil rights of institutionalized persons: hearings before the Subcommittee on the Constitution of the Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate, Ninety-fifth Congress, first session, on S. 1393....* (Washington: U.S. Govt. Print. Off.,1977).

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

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Acquisition

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Processing Information

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Subject Topics

Willowbrook State School

Container Listing

(The following box/folder inventory is in the form of a table. If you are visually impaired and using a pdf reader you may need assistance and should contact the Archives at 718-982-4128)

Box#	Folder#	Title
1		Video Recording – <i>The Last Great Disgrace</i> , 1972 - A copy of Geraldo' Rivera's 1972 news exposé <i>The Last Great Disgrace</i> on 16mm film.
1	1	Correspondence – Funding Cuts, Fall 1971 - Correspondence written by Dr. Jack Hammond and Lee L. Landes concerning the effect of a budget freeze at Willowbrook.
1	2	The Call P.A.C., September 1972 - "The Road Unfolds." This is a timeline of events from 1971-August 1972.
1	3	Article – The Global Willowbrook, January 16, 2000 - An article from <i>New York Times Magazine</i> regarding the conditions in mental institutions around the world.
1	4	Correspondence, February 2000 - Correspondence from Murray B. Schneps, Esq., to Dr. Mike Wilkins. The correspondence includes photocopies of a Visiting Hours Sign from Willowbrook and a list of demands regarding authority and responsibility that were submitted to the Department of Mental Hygiene.

- 1 5 25th Anniversary of the Consent Decree – Program, May 2, 2000
- 1 6 25th Anniversary of the Consent Decree – Reprint of Consent Decree, May 2,
2000
- Reprint of the text of the 1975 Willowbrook Consent Decree.
- 2 Willowbrook State School Flagship Institution of the New York Dept. of
Mental Hygiene, n.d. (VHS (NTSC) Videotape)
- 2 The Last Great Disgrace, 1972 (VHS (NTSC) Videotape)
- 2 20/20 Willowbrook 10 Year Follow-up 1982 (Beta Videotape)
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Videotape)