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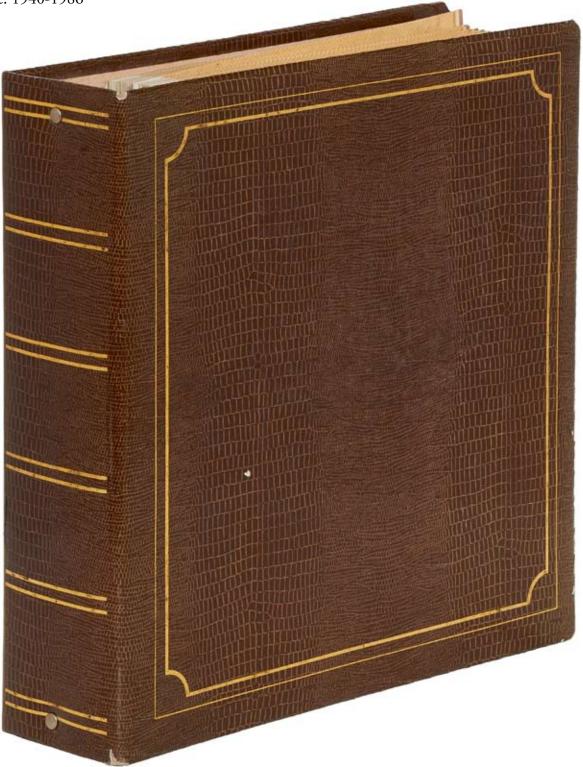
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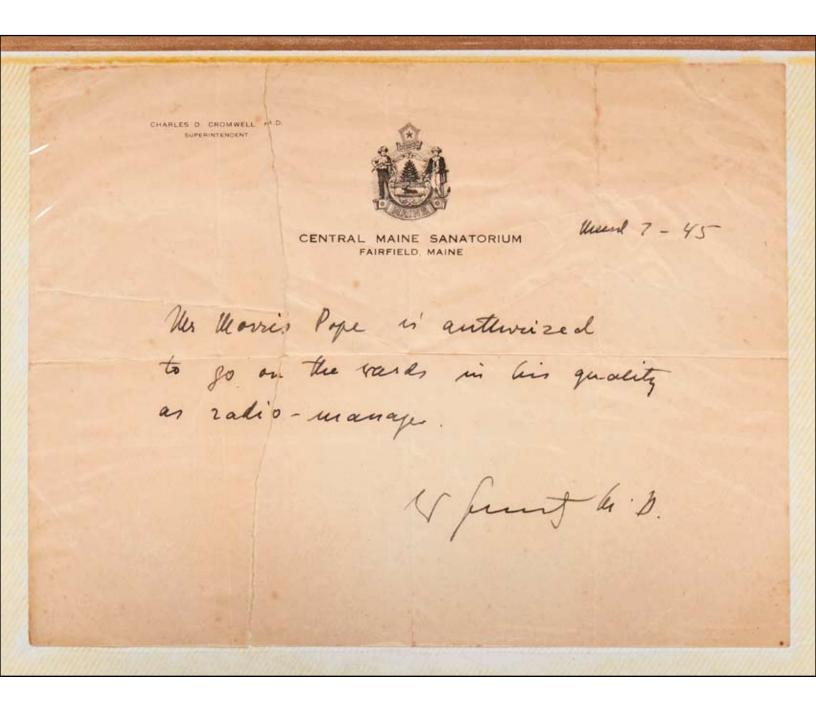
Maurice Pope

[Photo Album]: Memories from the Central Maine Sanatorium

Fairfield, Maine: 1940-1986 \$600



Quarto. Three-ring, 3" thick photo album binder entitled "Memories from the Central Maine Sanatorium" containing 159 black and white photographs and postcards along with some letters and newspaper clippings assembled in 1986 by a former patient, apparently to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the institution. The photographs range in size from 2" x 1½" to 5" x 7" and are housed in adhesive album pages with mylar covers, some with typed captions.



The album and contents are near fine with some age toning and occasional creasing. The Central Maine Sanatorium, or Chase Memorial Sanatorium, was started in 1914 to house tuberculosis patients. Maurice Pope was admitted in the 1940s after serving in World War II, there are numerous photographs of him in uniform, and after his treatment there, he later became an employee of the Sanatorium. The album includes photographs of himself and the other patients in dormitory style beds, while playing cards, walking the grounds, and other scenes. Also included are notes from his doctor saying he is permitted to go out, a letter from a relative, and the front cover of the "Hilltop Observer," a mimeographed newspaper written by the patients. On one postcard he writes, "back this week, have been down to all my meals for three days, hope I can go along now without anymore setbacks but that is the way of the disease." Some of the pictures show girls posing in costumes like hula skirts and pirate garbs. The physical grounds of the hospital are shown throughout the album in postcards, from aerial views, and in photographs with typed captions briefly explaining the history and identifying some of the employees of the facility. The last page has a newspaper clipping announcing the 75th anniversary in 1984. An extensive look at a patient's stay in the medical system after serving in World War II. [BTC#393881]

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CENTRAL MAINE SANATORIUM

Aerial View taken after 1955









HILLTOP OBSERVER

JULY 1951



Typical front cover from the Hilltop Observer, a mimeographed newspaper written by the patients at CMS.



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