

**Philatelic Society of Lancaster
County
“Lutheran Charity Seal Collecting”**

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This presentation will focus on Lutheran Charity Stamp Collecting. The most popular and best known of these charities are Lutheran Sanitarium Wheat Ridge, CO, and Grace Lutheran Sanitorium, San Antonio, TX. These two organizations employed Christmas Seals to raise funds to support their efforts. The Christmas Seal and Charity Stamp Society lists these seals as Locals. However, these charities are national, and even international, in their scope. This presentation will focus on both of these two charities.

Lutheran Sanitarium Wheat Ridge, CO



The first three Lutheran Sanitarium Seals, 1910-1912.

Notice that the seals carry an affiliation to Edgewater, CO

Lutheran Sanitarium Wheat Ridge, CO



Lutheran Sanitarium Wheat Ridge 1910 seal

Lutheran Sanitarium Wheat Ridge, CO

The Evangelical Lutheran Sanitarium, which later became known as Lutheran Hospital and then Lutheran Medical Center, was originally established in Wheat Ridge, Colorado, in 1905 as a tent colony for tuberculosis patients. The original campus of Lutheran Medical Center was located at 8300 W 38th Ave, Wheat Ridge, CO.

The "Lutheran Sanitarium" is not located in Edgewater, CO. While there is an Edgewater Lutheran Church, the hospital with this name has always been in Wheat Ridge.

Lutheran Sanitarium Wheat Ridge, CO

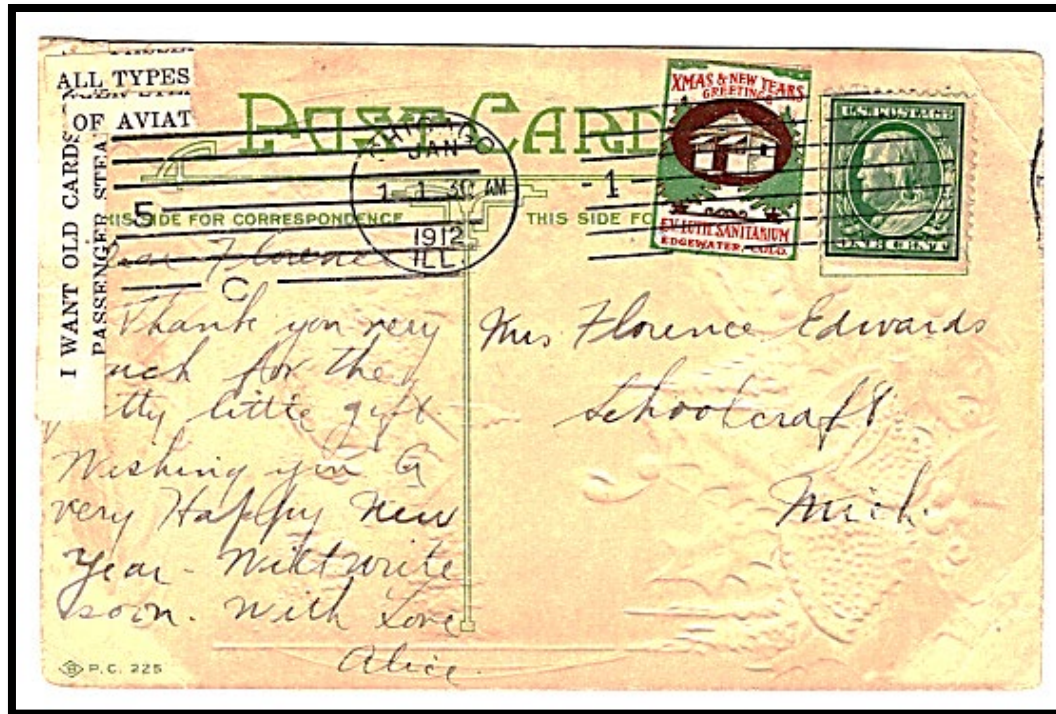
In May, 1905, the Association purchases 20 acres for its "Health Farm" in the Wheat Ridge, Colorado, area. Fifteen tents are erected, including the tent designated as "Walther League Tent No. 1," which was donated on July 17. The first patient was admitted on June 8. Dedication of the tent colony takes place on September 10, 1905.



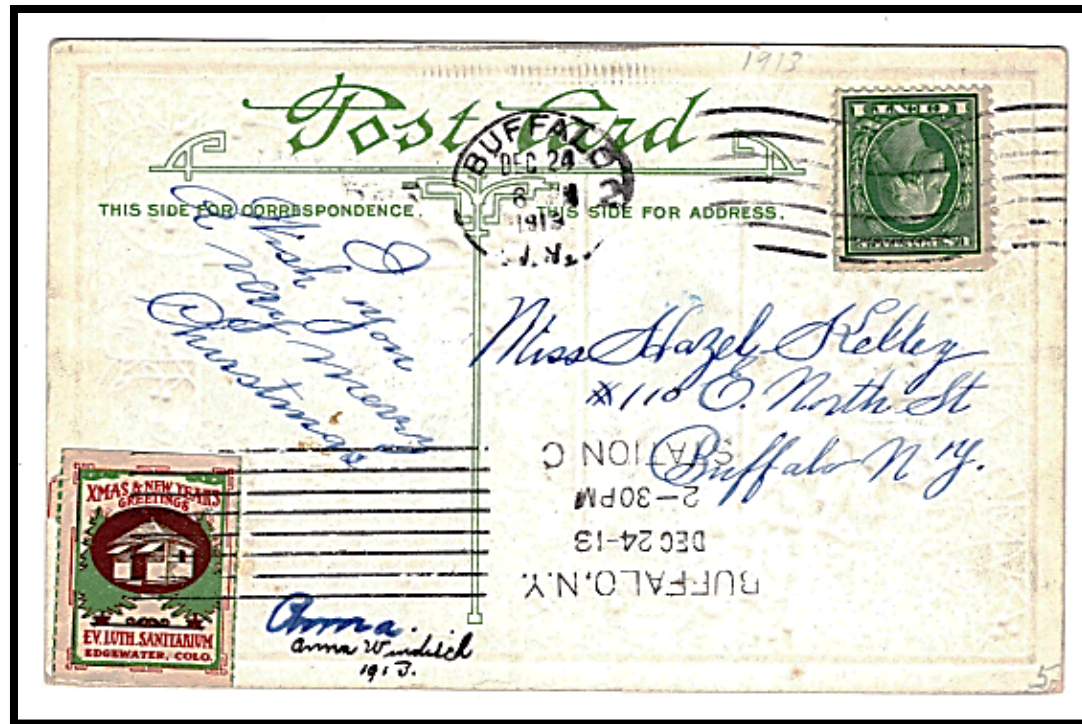
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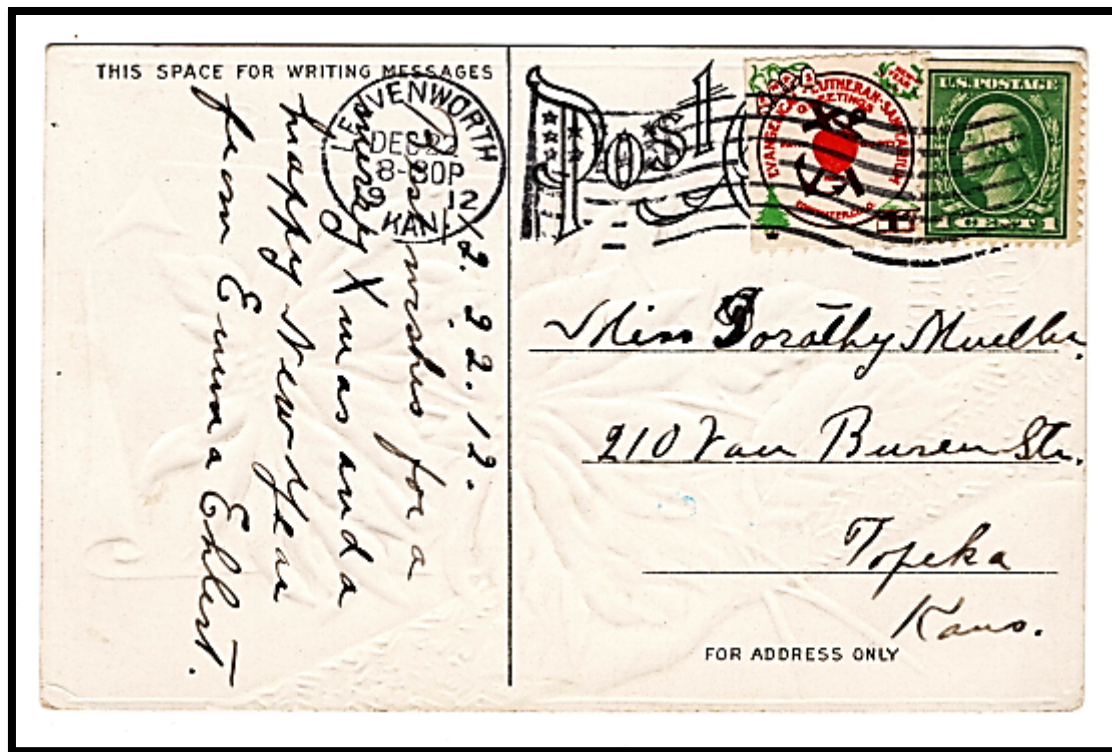
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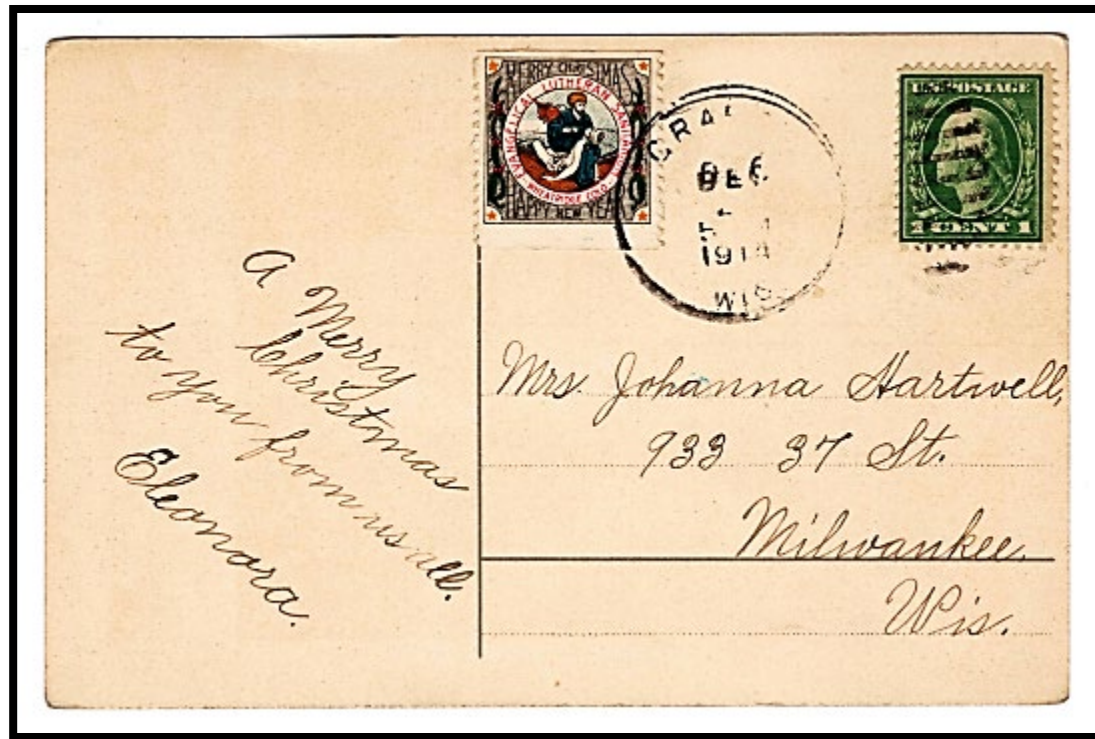
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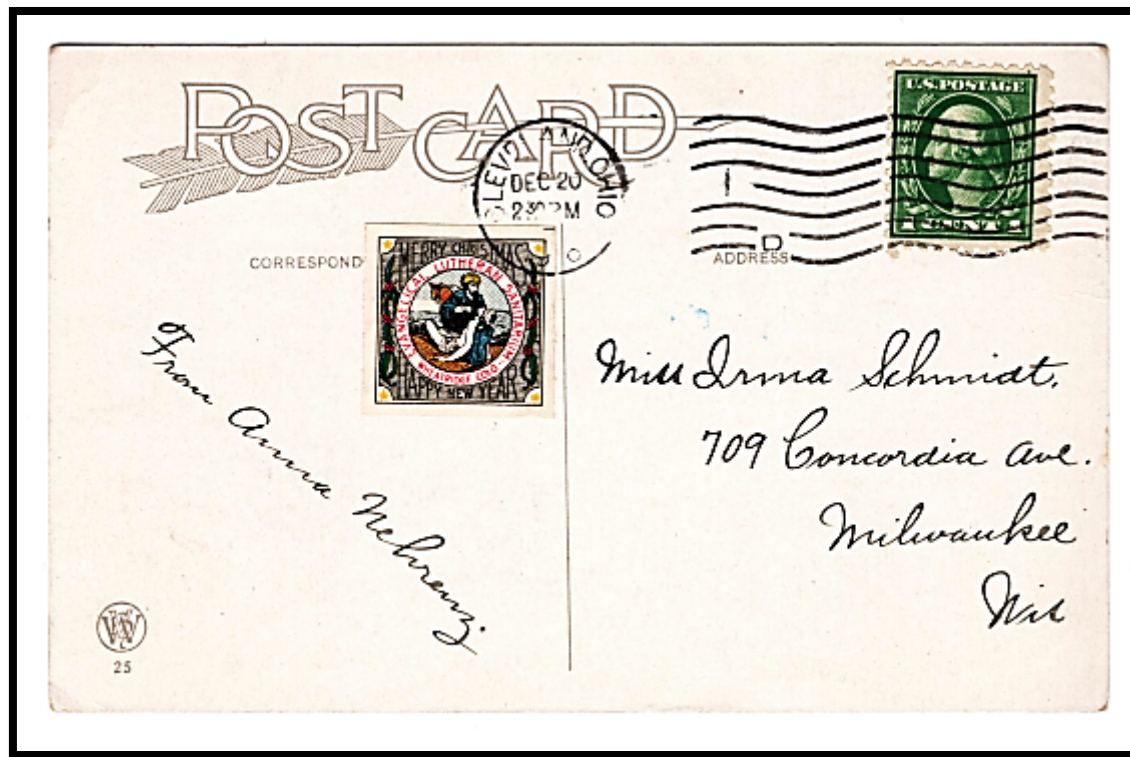
Lutheran Sanitarium Seals from 1913, 1914, and 1916

No seals were issued in 1915

Lutheran Sanitarium Wheat Ridge, CO



Lutheran Sanitarium Wheat Ridge, CO



Lutheran Sanitarium Wheat Ridge, CO



Lutheran Sanitarium Wheat Ridge Seals

1917 and 1918

Lutheran Sanitarium Wheat Ridge, CO



Lutheran Sanitarium Wheat Ridge, CO



Lutheran Sanitarium Wheat Ridge Seals

1919-1921

Lutheran Sanitarium Wheat Ridge, CO



Lutheran Sanitarium Wheat Ridge, CO

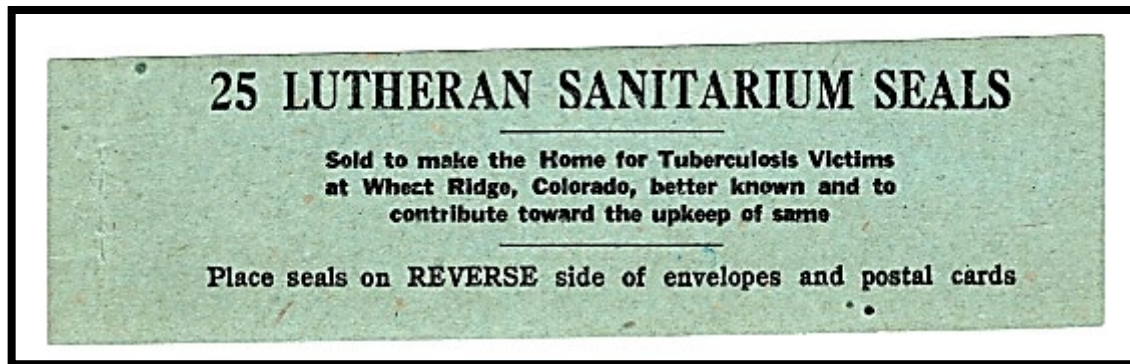


An extremely rare card with a 1920 essay tied to it.

It is estimated that fewer than 10 covers with tied 1920 Lutheran Sanitarium Wheat Ridge seals now exist.



Lutheran Sanitarium Wheat Ridge, CO



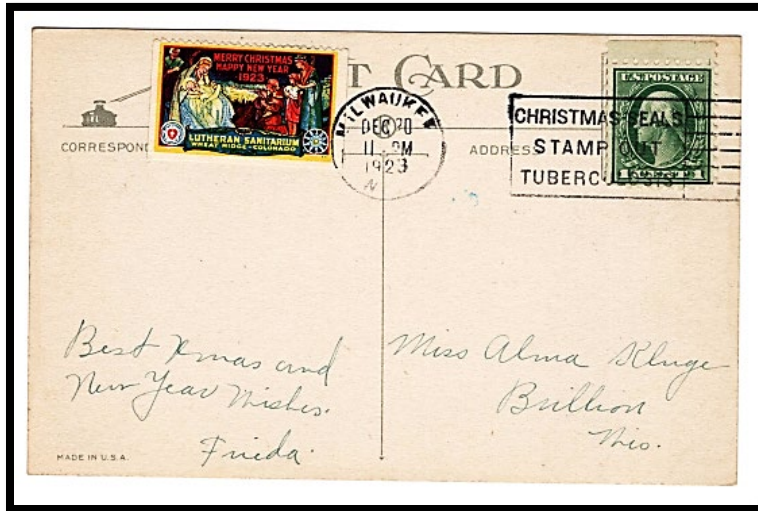
Lutheran Sanitarium Wheat Ridge, CO



Lutheran Sanitarium Wheat Ridge Seals

1922-1924

Lutheran Sanitarium Wheat Ridge, CO



Lutheran Sanitarium Wheat Ridge, CO



Lutheran Sanitarium Wheat Ridge Seals

1925-1928

Lutheran Sanitarium Wheat Ridge, CO



Lutheran Sanitarium Wheat Ridge, CO



Lutheran Sanitarium Wheat Ridge Seal

1929

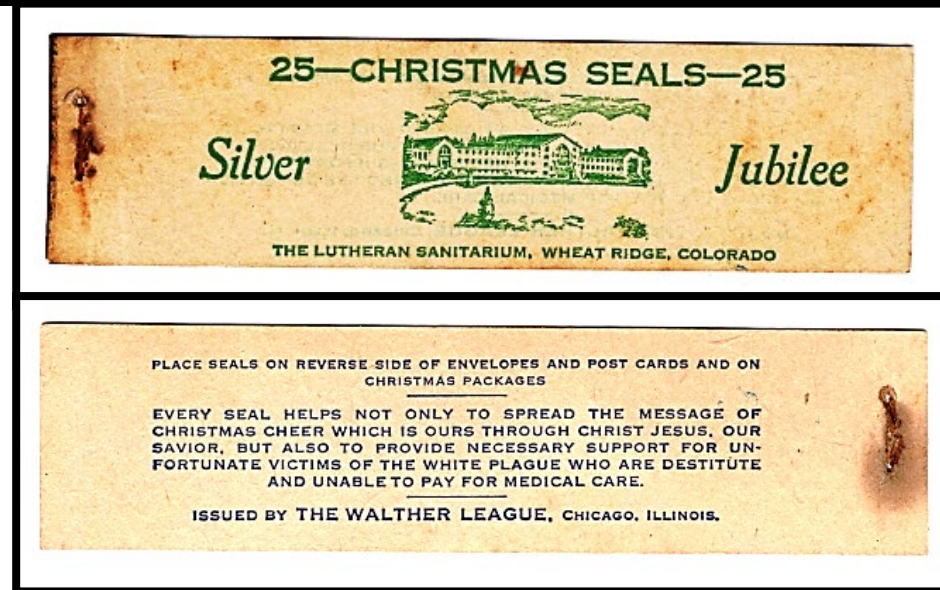
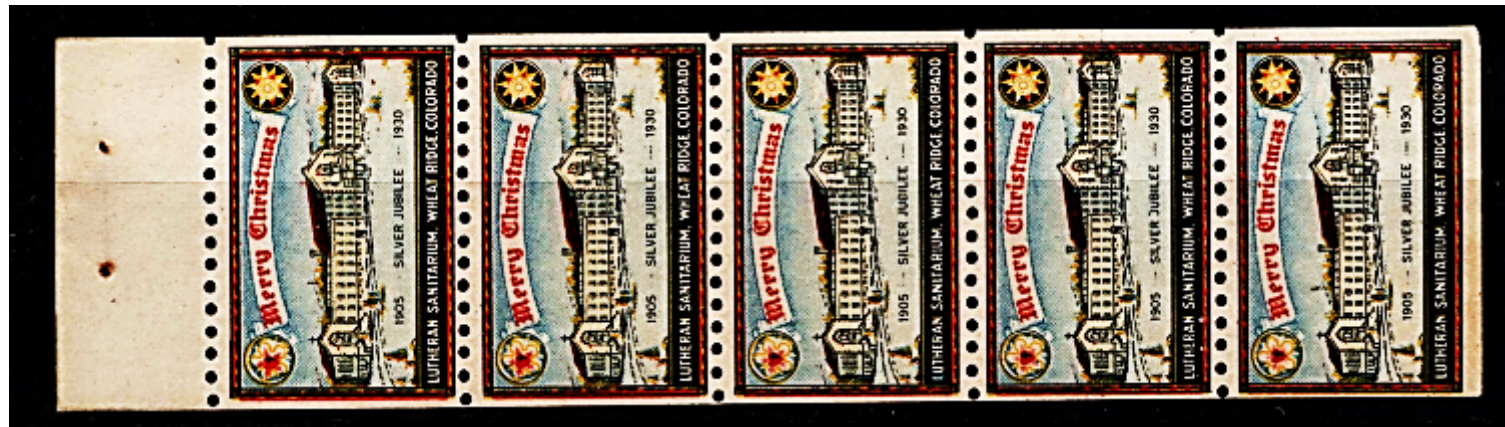
This is the first evidence that I have seen of the seals released in sheets, as well as booklet panes

Lutheran Sanitarium Wheat Ridge, CO

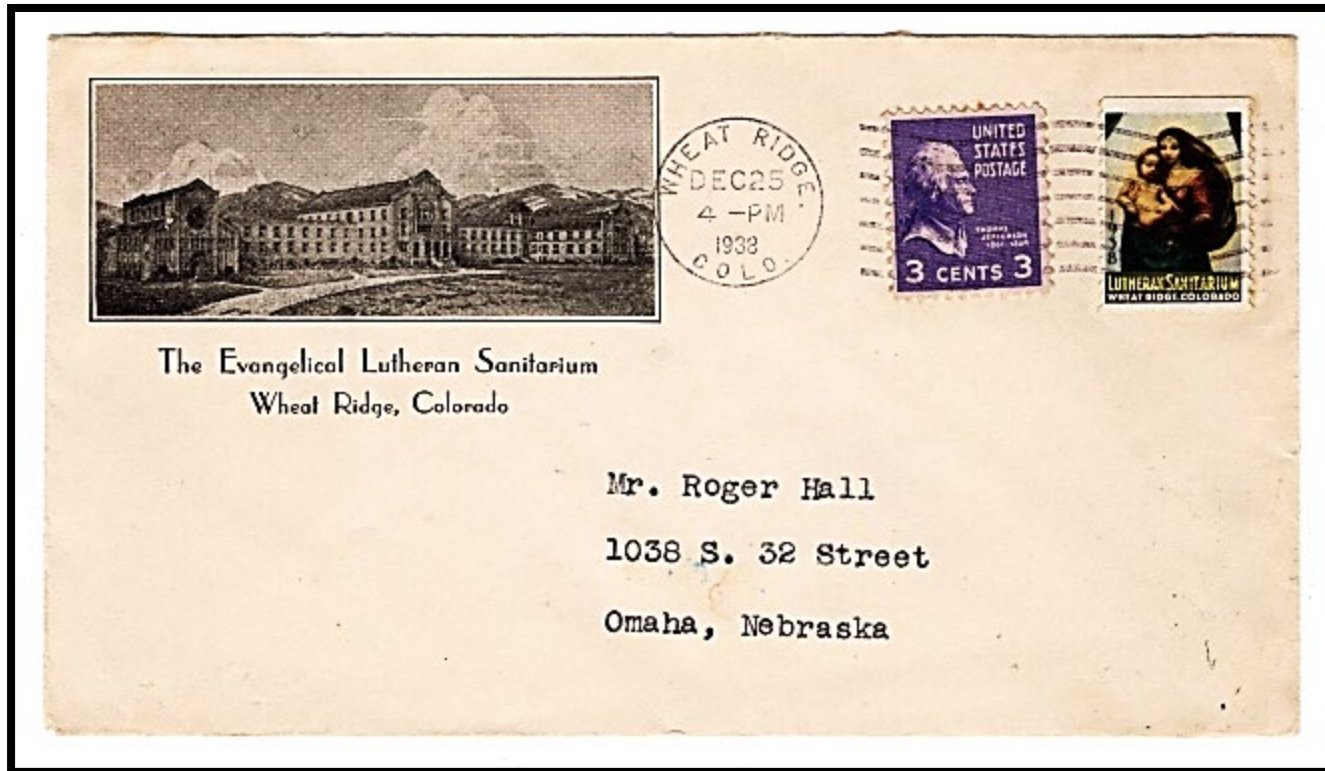


The Silver Jubilee Year. The 25th anniversary of Lutheran Sanitarium Wheat Ridge, CO.

Lutheran Sanitarium Wheat Ridge, CO



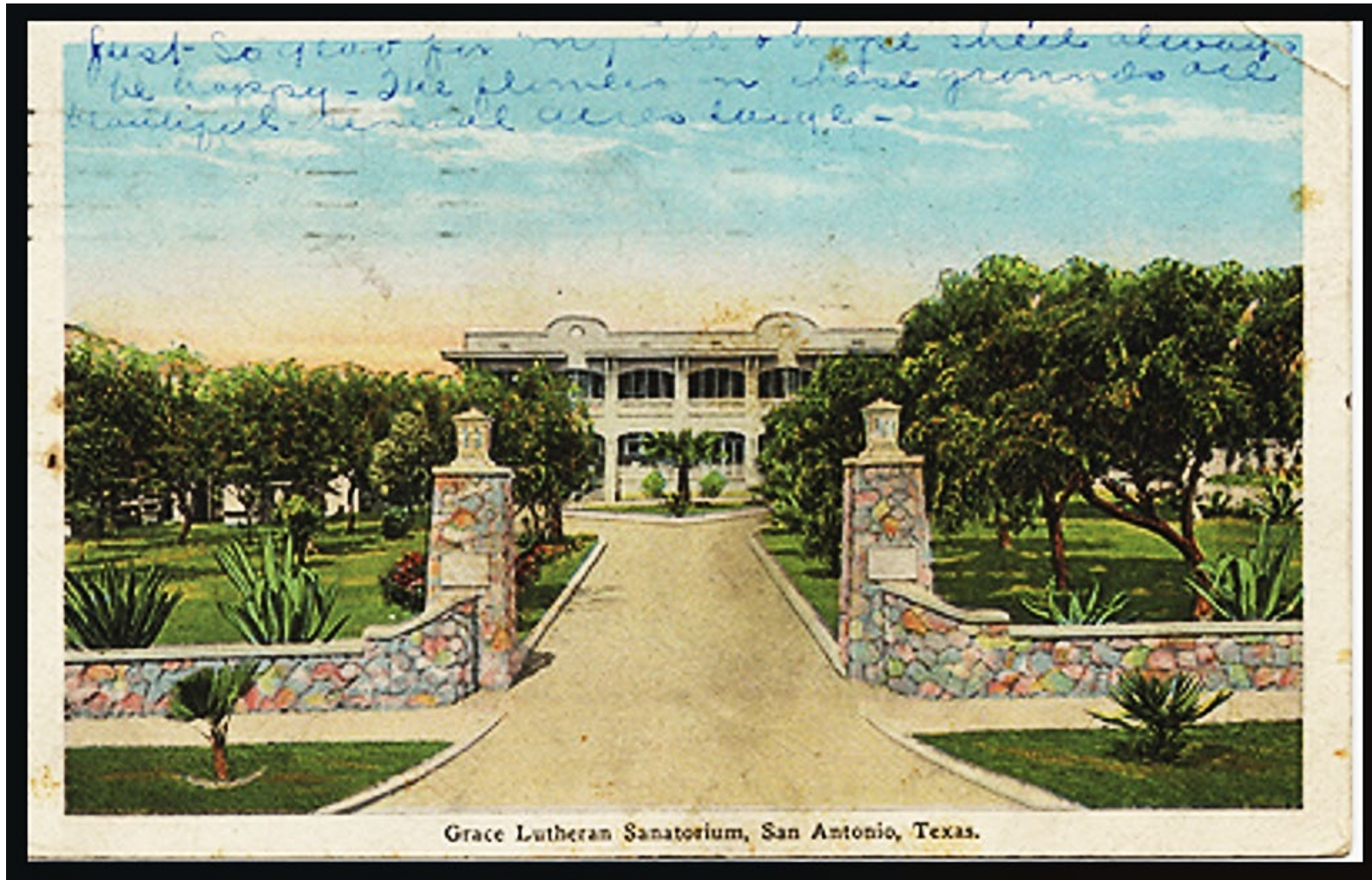
Lutheran Sanitarium Wheat Ridge, CO



Lutheran Sanitarium Wheat Ridge, CO

As I prepared this presentation, I did some research on Lutheran Sanitarium, Wheat Ridge, and discovered a very impressive exhibit by *Alan Moll*. The exhibit is entitled “*Wheat Ridge-The Other Christmas Seal,*” 2016. This is a remarkable piece of collecting. You will be very impressed by what Mr. Moll includes in this display. It is fabulous!

Grace Lutheran Sanatorium San Antonio, TX



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Grace Lutheran Sanatorium Charity Seals

1915, 1918-19

Grace Lutheran Sanatorium San Antonio, TX



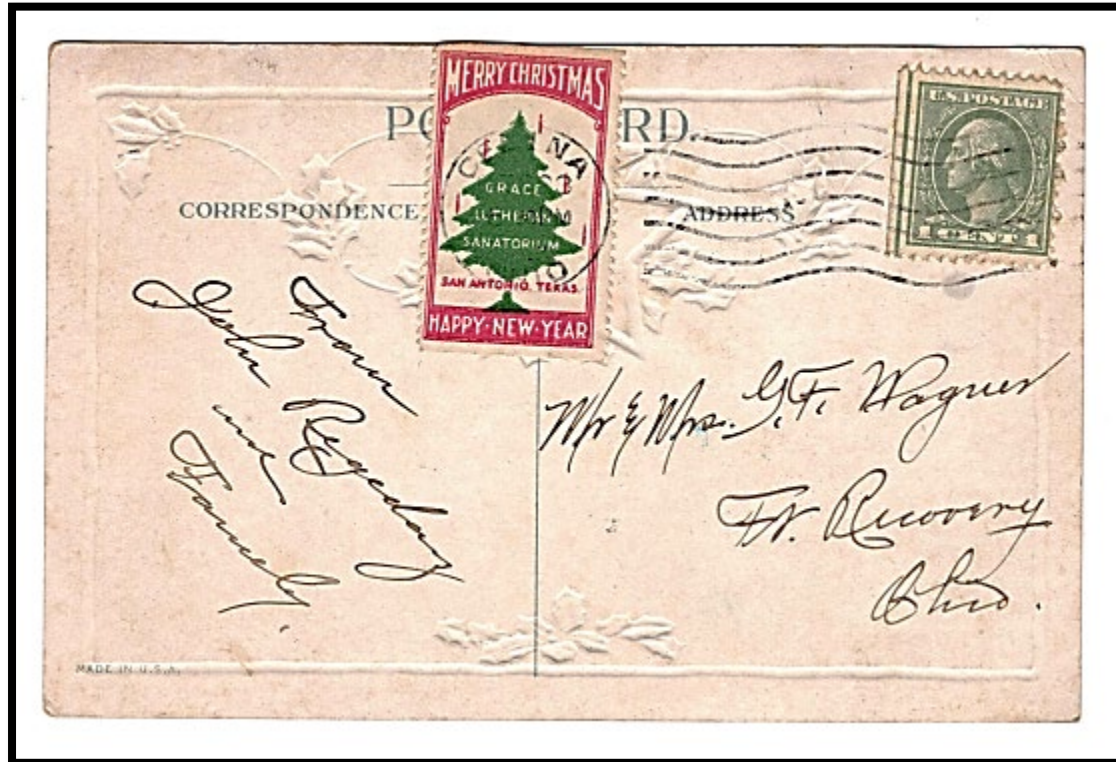
Grace Lutheran Sanatorium San Antonio, TX



Grace Lutheran Sanatorium Charity Seals

1920, 1921, 1922

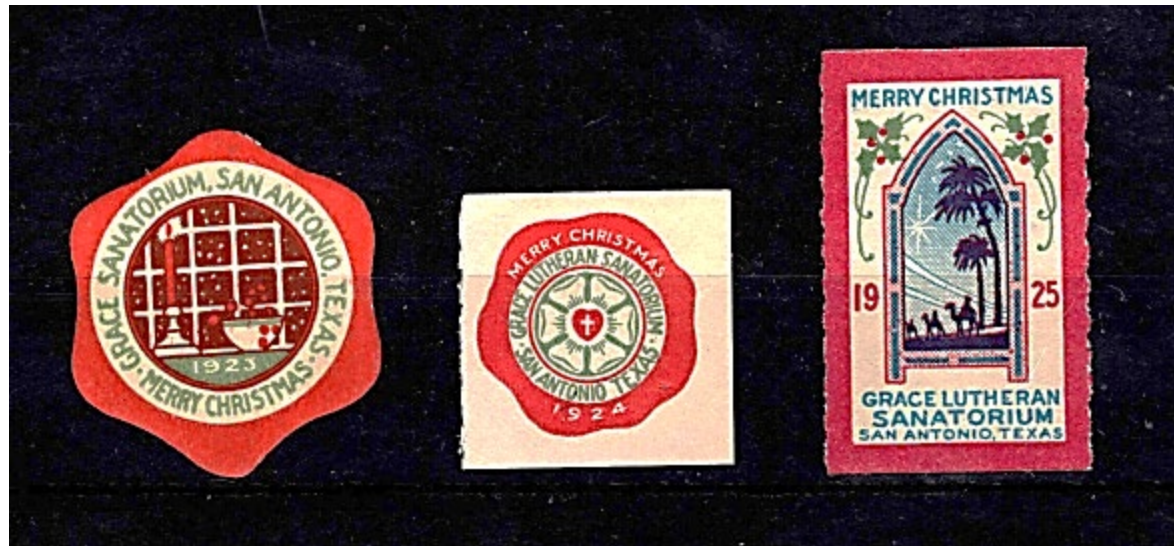
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Grace Lutheran Sanatorium Charity Seals

1923, 1924, 1925

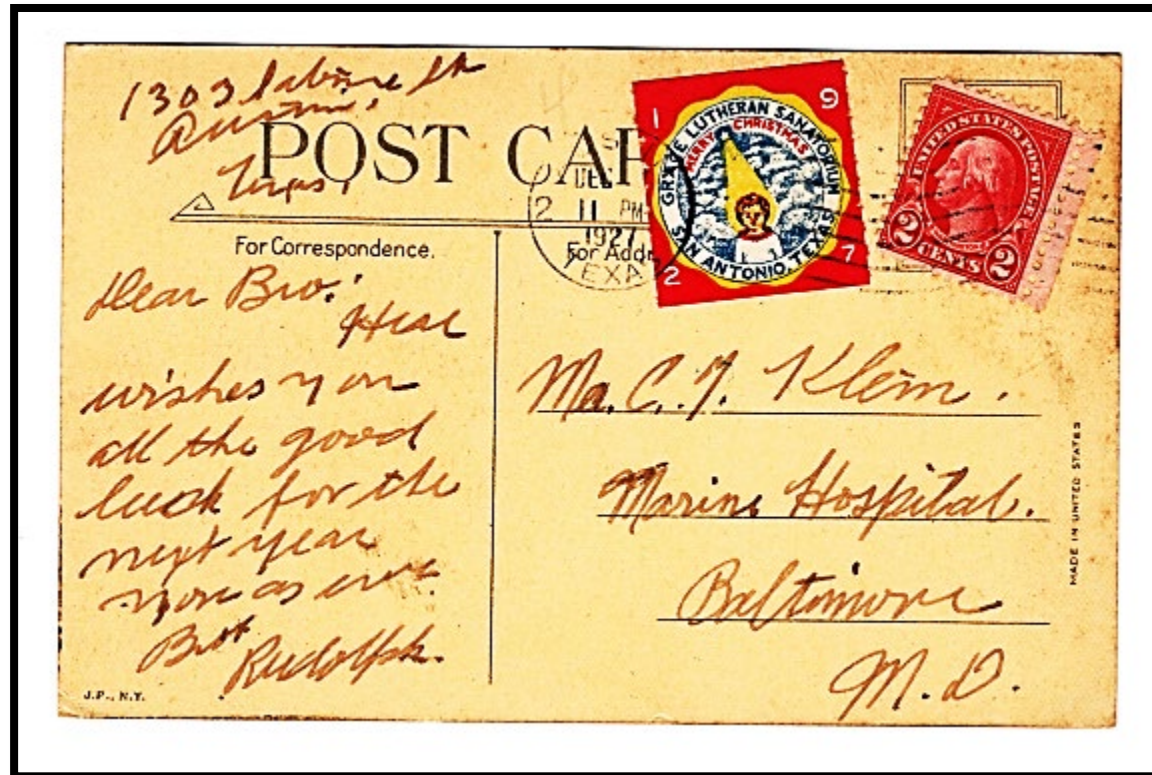
Grace Lutheran Sanatorium San Antonio, TX



Grace Lutheran Sanatorium Charity Seals

1926 and 1927

Grace Lutheran Sanatorium San Antonio, TX



Grace Lutheran Sanatorium San Antonio, TX



Grace Lutheran Sanatorium Charity Seals

1928 - 1931

Grace Lutheran Sanatorium San Antonio, TX



Grace Lutheran Sanatorium San Antonio, TX



Grace Lutheran Sanatorium Charity Seals

1932 and 1933

Grace Lutheran Sanatorium San Antonio, TX



Grace Lutheran Sanatorium Charity Seals

1934, 1935, and 1936

Grace Lutheran Sanatorium San Antonio, TX



Grace Lutheran Sanatorium San Antonio, TX



Grace Lutheran Sanatorium Charity Seals

1937

There are two types of booklet panes-one perforated and the other rouletted.

Grace Lutheran Sanatorium San Antonio, TX



Grace Lutheran Sanatorium Charity Seals

1938-1941

Grace Lutheran Sanatorium San Antonio, TX



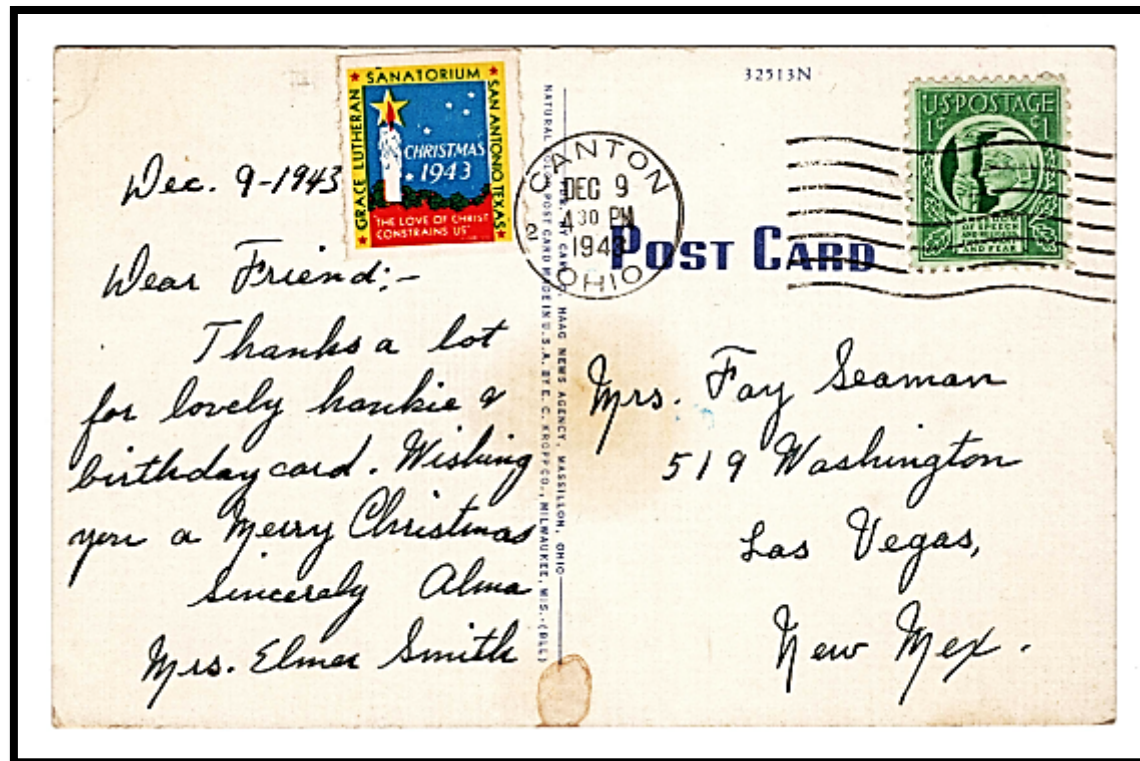
Grace Lutheran Sanatorium Charity Seals

1942-1946

1946 borrowed the design from 1940 and 1941

1945 borrowed the design from 1942

Grace Lutheran Sanatorium San Antonio, TX



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Grace Lutheran Sanatorium Charity Seals

1947-1951

1947 borrowed the design from 1943

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Grace Lutheran Sanatorium Charity Seals

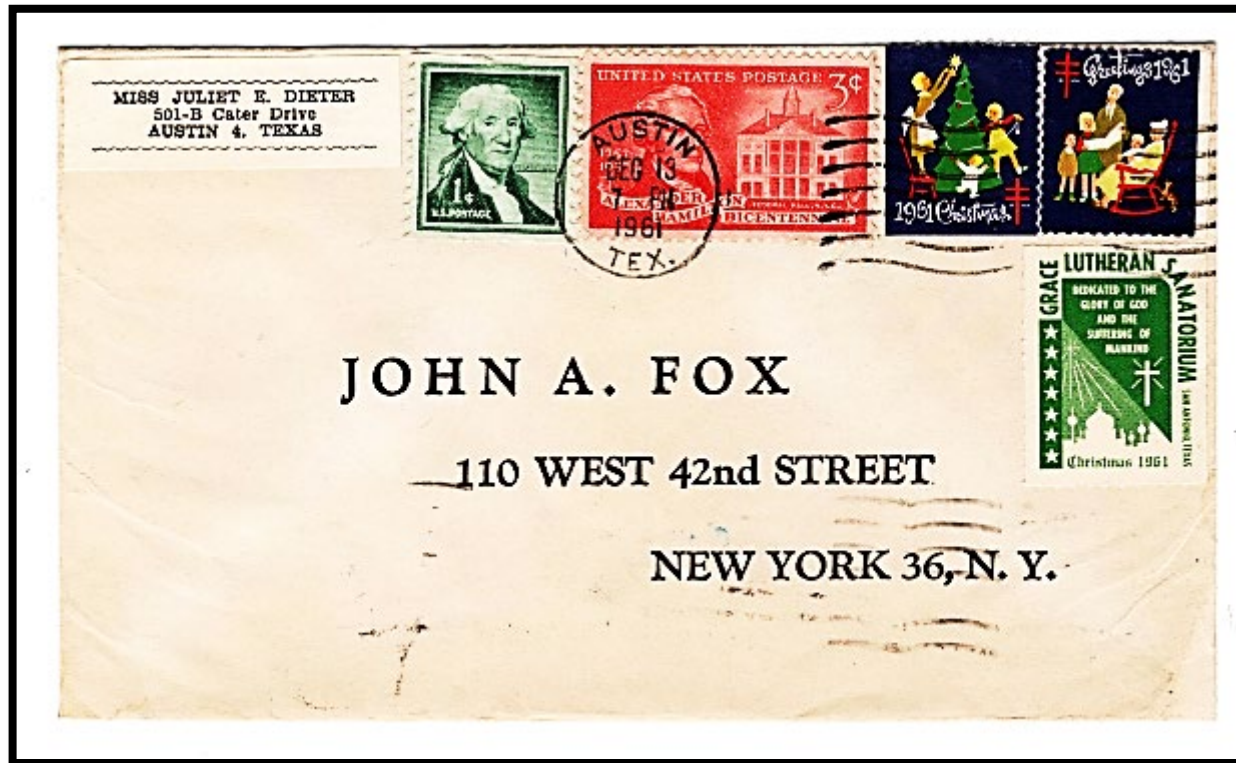
1952 - 1959

Grace Lutheran Sanatorium San Antonio, TX



**Grace Lutheran Sanatorium Charity Seals
1960 and 1961**

Grace Lutheran Sanatorium San Antonio, TX



Grace Lutheran Sanatorium San Antonio, TX



Grace Lutheran Sanatorium Charity Seals

1962 - 1964

In 1965, Grace Lutheran Sanatorium changed its name to Grace Lutheran Hospital



Grace Lutheran Hospital Charity Seals

1965 and 1966

In 1967, the name changed to Lutheran General Hospital



Lutheran General Hospital Charity Seals

1967 - 1973

Lutheran General Hospital



Lutheran General Hospital Charity Seals

1974 - 1977

Another early Lutheran Charity

Saxon Immigration, Missouri Synod

