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- NY-6340-A-1                      Elevation of west façade of the Payne Whitney Clinic (PWC), main entrance at bottom center. At bottom of picture excavation work has begun for the New York Hospital's Major Modernization Program.
- NY-6340-A-2                      View looking northwesterly of the PWC, as seen from Roosevelt Island. The East River is at the bottom of the picture.
- NY-6340-A-3                      The Payne Whitney Clinic in a view looking northeasterly. Compare this view, made September 1993, with HABS No. NY-6340-A-64, a photocopy of a historic photograph made about 1932.
- NY-6340-A-4                      Elevation of east façade of the PWC from Roosevelt Island. The East River is at the bottom of the picture.
- NY-6340-A-5                      View, from East River Esplanade looking southwesterly over FDR Drive, of the Payne Whitney Clinic (PWC). The Stich Radiation Center is behind the wall sign reading "The New York Hospital Cornell Medical Center," and occupies the former site of the Psychiatric Garden.
- NY-6340-A-6                      View looking northeasterly of the PWC from Rockefeller University's campus, showing west and south façades.
- NY-6340-A-7                      Elevation of the PWC north façade, looking southerly from N Building. The East River is on the left, mid-town Manhattan is at the right rear.
- NY-6340-A-8                      View of the PWC, looking northeasterly from the sixth floor of a research laboratory building at Rockefeller University.

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- NY-6340-A-9 View of the PWC looking southeasterly from the rooftop terrace at Payson Pavilion. The East River is at rear of picture.
- NY-6340-A-10 Elevation of the south façade, as seen from the steps of the president's house at Rockefeller University. Baker Tower and Payson Pavilion are at rear.
- NY-6340-A-11 View from the East River Esplanade looking northwesterly at the Payne Whitney Clinic, Baker Tower in rear. Compare this view with the photo-copies of historic photographs of construction, HABS Nos. NY-6340-A-65 through NY-6340-A-68. FDR Drive at bottom of this picture was Exterior Street when the New York Hospital was built.
- NY-6340-A-12 View of main entrance to the Payne Whitney Clinic (PWC), leading to entry corridor PW-195E. Refer to sketch plans for locations of rooms and corridors cited with the designation "PW".
- NY-6340-A-13 Sign over doorway leading to interior stairwell down to room PW-17AS, Psychiatric Outpatient Department, on basement level.
- NY-6340-A-14 View looking northerly from the basement level courtyard inside the Payne Whitney Clinic, of the first floor balustrade. The balustrade is connected to PW-140, the first floor waiting room. The courtyard is filled with debris, including a decrepit greenhouse seen in portion on the right, and has not been used as a public space since before 1985.
- NY-6340-A-15 View of windows along the fifth, sixth, and seventh floors of the west façade of the PWC. From left to right and from top to bottom, the windows are parts of the following rooms: PW-731, PW-739, PW-739/PW-751, PW-651, PW-651, PW-651, PW-531, PW-531A, and PW-551.
- NY-6340-A-16 View from the East River Esplanade of the two northernmost openings of the arcade along the PWC courtyard. This view looks over traffic along the FDR Drive. The opening on the right is the same as the opening seen in HABS No. NY-6430-A-21.

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- NY-6340-A-17 View southerly of rooftop patient recreation area PW-970, looking towards mid-town Manhattan. (The 59th Street Bridge and The Chrysler Building are in the background, seen through archways that are 99" high and 88" wide at the base.) This recreation area is atop the south wing of the PWC. Refer to sketch plans for locations of rooms and corridors cited with the designation "PW".
- NY-6340-A-18 View northwesterly of rooftop patient recreation area PW-910. Baker Tower of the New York Hospital is in the left background.
- NY-6340-A-19 View looking northerly of the Payne Whitney Clinic's north wing, from south wing's rooftop, PW-971. The FDR Drive is on the bottom right.
- NY-6340-A-20 View of arch opening on roof PW-940, looking easterly. This arch opening is 98" high and 89 1/4" wide at the base. (The door to stairwell PW-17S is in the left background.)
- NY-6340-A-21 View from basement level courtyard of northernmost arch way opening, looking easterly. The inside dimensions of the opening are 169" high and 107 3/4" wide. This same opening seen from the East River Esplanade is on the right in photograph HABS No. NY-6340-A-16.
- NY-6340-A-22 View looking north of roof passageway PW-910, from near door to corridor PW-995. The grill-covered arch on the left is seen in a perspective distorted by a wide-angle camera lens, and measures 98 3/4" high and 52 1/4" wide at the base. This passageway leads to the rooftop terrace photographed in HABS No. NY-6340-A-18.
- NY-6340-A-23 View looking easterly of oil tank installed on former site of playground. The PWC is on the left, the East River in the background.
- NY-6340-A-24 View of section of the PWC south façade, near the southwest corner of the building. Note masonry blocks detaching from building's frame.
- NY-6340-A-25 View of the Payne Whitney Clinic (PWC), southwest corner, including first floor entrance to Psychiatric Out-Patient Department. Note drop shadows cast by sun-lit masonry blocks beginning to detach from the façade.

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- NY-6340-A-26 Detail of south façade of the PWC, showing first, second, and third floors, with the East River at bottom right. Note drop shadows cast by masonry work detaching from building.
- NY-6340-A-27 The main entry corridor to the PWC, PW-195E, in a view looking easterly towards the fireplace in the waiting room, PW-140. The passageway in the portal is 4'6" wide. Refer to sketch plans for locations of rooms and corridors cited with the designation "PW".
- NY-6340-A-28 View looking south of main waiting room on first floor, PW-140.
- NY-6340-A-29 Elevation of east wall of main waiting room, PW-140, showing pine wood fireplace.
- NY-6340-A-30 View looking northerly of corridor PW-195 from inside main waiting room PW-140, with entry doorway to doctor's office PW-130 on right in background.
- NY-6340-A-31 View looking easterly of southernmost doorway of waiting room PW-140, toward balustrade. The passageway is 45 1/2" wide and 77" high. This balustrade overlooks a courtyard below on the basement level.
- NY-6340-A-32 View looking westerly, out to the PWC's main entrance corridor, PW-195E, from main waiting room PW-140. The passageway framed here in pine wood is 54 inches wide, 84 inches high, and 21 inches deep.
- NY-6340-A-33 View looking northwesterly of corner of waiting room, PW-140. The corridor on the left is PW-195. The floor to ceiling height is 12'6". The passage through the portal is 5'6" wide and 9'7" at its highest point. The raised-panel pine wood wainscot throughout the waiting room is 36" high.
- NY-6340-A-34 Detail of projecting pine wood cornice in PW-140. The cornice is 20 1/2" high. The pilasters are 15" wide.
- NY-6340-A-35 Elevation of pine wood mantelpiece above fireplace along east wall of waiting room PW-140. The mantelpiece and pilasters are 112" wide and are presently planned for salvage and re-installation.

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- NY-6340-A-36 Elevation of east wall of director's office PW-106 after removal of contemporary furnishings. The wooden wainscot is 36" high. Refer to sketch plans for locations of rooms and corridors cited with the designation "PW".
- NY-6340-A-37 View looking southerly into patient's bedroom PW-373.
- NY-6340-A-38 Quiet room for disturbed patients, PW-331, in a view looking westerly from the entry.
- NY-6340-A-39 View looking westerly into lavatory PW-323. Note slate stalls and tile floor.
- NY-6340-A-40 View looking northeasterly of contemporary patient lounge PW-640. This ward is currently active, with limited access.
- NY-6340-A-41 View looking northerly of contemporary patient lounge PW-680. This ward is currently active, with limited access.
- NY-6340-A-42 View looking southwesterly of nurses' station PW-634. Refer to sketch plans for locations of rooms and corridors cited with the designation "PW".
- NY-6340-A-43 View looking southerly inside patients' dining room on sixth floor, PW-651. In background, open door to pantry PW-651A frames dumbwaiter once used to bring meals from kitchen in sub-basement.
- NY-6340-A-44 View looking north inside pantry PW-651A. On right is pass-through to patients' dining room, PW-651.
- NY-6340-A-45 View looking southerly of "brown" or gentleman's lounge, PW-850, and including sandstone fireplace mantel measuring 67 inches high.
- NY-6340-A-46 The "brown" or gentlemen's lounge, PW-850, looking north to the vestibule connecting it with the women's lounge. The bookcases are 82 1/2" high, and the brown floor tiles vary in width from 3 3/8" to 4", similar to the floor in hallway PW-895B.
- NY-6340-A-47 View looking north of "blue" or ladies' lounge, PW-840. Compare to photocopy of historic view, HABS No. NY-6340-A-71. The painted wood mantelpiece measures 52" high.

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- NY-6340-A-48 View looking southwesterly of the Psychiatric Outpatient Department's main entry area on the basement level. This is the southern end of corridor PW-095. On the right is an administrative office, PW-067. Compare this view to the photo-copy of the historic view of this space, HABS No. NY-6340-A-70. Refer to sketch plans for locations of rooms and corridors cited with the designation "PW".
- NY-6340-A-49 View looking northerly inside the Oskar Diethelm Historical Library, PW-01, located behind the Child Psychiatry Department. The cases and shelves are of sugar pine and stand 96 inches high from floor to ceiling.
- NY-6340-A-50 View of gymnasium, PW-810, looking westerly.
- NY-6340-A-51 View looking southerly towards balcony, PW-801, of punching bag and doorway inside gymnasium, PW-810. The height of the birch wood tongue-and-groove wainscot is 104".
- NY-6340-A-52 View of sun room PW-807, from balcony entryway, looking southwesterly. The steel casement window sashes are 81" high and 52 1/2" wide.
- NY-6340-A-53 Elevation of steel-frame casement window, with crank handle, inside the Payne Whitney Clinic, along passageway PW-817. The portal is 44" wide and 64 1/2" high. The window is fully open here, and the two vertical gaps are 4 3/4" wide, making it impossible for a person to pass through. The thick plate glass panes are 7" wide and 8 1/2" high. The grillwork at the bottom of the picture covers a heat radiator.
- NY-6340-A-54 View of steel casement windows in patient lounge PW-680. The specifications here are the same as in photograph HABS No. NY-6340-A-53.
- NY-6340-A-55 View of floor in hallway PW-895B, with entry on left to kitchen PW-871. The brown floor tiles vary in width from 3 3/8" to 4", exclusive of grout, and include forty figured tiles in this hallway.

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- NY-6340-A-56            Elevation of water fountain along south wall of PW-195B. The fountain's tile frame (over cast iron) measures 33 1/2" high and 16 11/16" wide. Water is drawn directly from cold water pipes without supplemental chilling. Refer to sketch plans for locations of rooms and corridors cited with the designation "PW".
- NY-6340-A-57            Hardware on entry door to patient quiet room PW-331. Note the "noiseless" roller latch with black rubber cylinder for noise dampening, and the patient's "finger pull" to prevent barricading this door.
- NY-6340-A-58            View looking easterly of mechanical equipment in apparatus room PW-00021 on the sub-, sub-basement level, eleven feet below sea level. The bags in the center of the picture contain water-softening salt for removing minerals from the public water supply prior to injection into a closed-loop low-pressure steam system used to heat the Payne Whitney Clinic (PWC) in cold weather. The two Dunham-Bush compressors to the left and right of the bags are part of a water-chilling system for hospital machinery. The overhead pipes here include fire ("sprinkler system") lines, low- and high-pressure steam, water supply and waste-water return, and heating and condensate-return lines.
- NY-6340-A-59            View looking northerly of mechanical equipment in apparatus room PW-00021 on the sub-, sub-basement level, eleven feet below sea level. The panel at rear holds Ashton Gauges for monitoring temperatures and pressures. The thick steel pipes on the right are heat carriers for radiators upstairs in the PWC.
- NY-6340-A-60            View looking northwesterly of mechanical equipment in apparatus room PW-00021 on the sub-, sub-basement level, eleven feet below sea level. The 500-gallon tanks seen here use a central core of low-pressure steam lines that heat city ("tap") water to provide domestic hot water for the Payne Whitney Clinic (PWC). Domestic hot water at the PWC is regulated to a temperature of 125 degrees Fahrenheit to prevent scalding. Until 1979 domestic hot water for non-patient floors was heated to 160 degrees Fahrenheit. Refer to sketch plans for locations of rooms and corridors cited with the designation "PW".

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- NY-6340-A-61      Detail of fireline ("sprinkler") equipment, looking northwest-  
erly on second floor of north stairwell PW-16S. The thick  
vertical pipe is a fireline standpipe carrying city-pressure wa-  
ter up from the sub-, sub-basement level. The upper of the  
two valves, which carries the sign reading "This valve con-  
trols supply to automatic sprinklers...must be open at all  
times" controls water supply to half the sprinklers on the sec-  
ond floor. The south stairwell contains a similar valve con-  
trolling the other sprinklers. These valves are attached to an  
electric tamper switch which signals their closing. Above the  
valve joint is a flow alarm to signal the movement of water  
through the sprinklers in this part of the PWC. The lower  
valve seen here controls a fire hose. Refer to sketch plans for  
locations of rooms and corridors cited with the designation  
"PW".
- NY-6340-A-62      View from first floor looking east into north stairwell PW-  
16S. The shutoff valve on the right controls a fire hose.
- NY-6340-A-63      View of areaway looking up and south from the sub-, sub-  
basement, eleven feet below sea level. This areaway is 62"  
wide and connects the front of the Payne Whitney Clinic  
(PWC) with the bedrock, (Manhattan's mica schist), using the  
cement-wrapped steel braces shown here. This view is from a  
portal near the junction of a tunnel, PW-000X2, and an appa-  
ratus room, PW-00021.