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Dear Dan,

There is one member of the Association, Joseph Zubin, who has been most intimately involved with the association for half its lifetime. He has written the most recent history (1965) and I have asked him to answer your inquiry.

For ten years I was affiliated with Hillside Hospital, and came to know of the dramatic impact that Israel Strauss played in New York psychiatry between the two World Wars. While Hillside's impact on American psychiatry may be considered modest, it had a great influence on New York psychiatry. Historical notes can best be obtained from Joseph S. A. Miller, the medical director to 1961.

Also, many research institutes were established with much enthusiasm and optimism as the way to cure schizophrenia during the 1950's and 1960's. I was intimately involved in setting up the Missouri Institute in St. Louis (1962-66) and notes about this history may serve as an example of this trend. But then you could document the centers in Omaha, Galesburg, Iowa City, New York, etc., with as much profit.

Good luck in the project.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.

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