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Scope and Content

This collection contains 149 sheets of architectural drawings and plans for the Woodrow Wilson General Hospital (now Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center) in Fishersville, Virginia. Most of the plans were executed by the United States War Department, United States Engineer's Office, the United States Office of the Quartermaster, the firm of Perring & Remington, or the Commonwealth of Virginia- Division of the Budget- Section of Institutional Engineering. These plans depict many of the structures on the grounds of the hospital before and after they were taken over by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

In 1946, the General Assembly of Virginia adopted Senate Joint Resolution No. 4, creating a commission to study the use of the property as a Tuberculosis Sanatorium or other purposes. Originally a United States Army Hospital for war-injured soldiers, the property was declared surplus by the federal government and sold to the Commonwealth in 1947. Virginia operated the facility as a hospital for tuberculosis patients and a

rehabilitation center for disabled individuals.

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