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Unit Date

1913-1991

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English

Creator

Stuart Circle Hospital (Richmond, Va.)

Extent

1.5 Linear Feet

Repository

VCU Health Sciences Library

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Collection is open to research.

Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

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Biographical / Historical

Stuart Circle Hospital opened in 1913. The location, at the beginning of Monument Ave, near the J.E.B. Stuart statue, was chosen for its quiet and peaceful vistas. Stuart Circle was opened by seven Richmond doctors who felt that a more individual approach to medicine would be better for their patients. These doctors, led by Dr. Lewis C. Boshier, formed the hospital's first Board of Directors.

Designed by Charles M. Robinson, a prolific designer of public buildings in Virginia, the hospital was a six story red brick building. Much of the sixth floor was dedicated to a large roof garden. Each floor had a solarium, a prominent feature of many hospitals built during this time, where patients could relax in what was thought as the healing rays of the sun. The hospital was constructed with marble and tile floors, high ceilings and large stairways to allow for more natural light.

Stuart Circle was deemed a closed staff hospital, meaning that the doctors worked amongst themselves. This gave the hospital a feeling of familiarity. All of the Doctors were members of the Board of Directors, so they all had equal standing in administering the hospital. In 1928, the Board grew from its initial seven members to ten, only adding doctors when a vacancy was created. The board created Stuart Circle Hospital, Inc. and this body controlled the hospital until they joined Charter Medical Corporation in 1975. Stuart Circle's Board was able to maintain its autonomy even after the merger.

Changes to the building were necessary as the hospital grew. By 1943, the roof garden and solariums had to be converted to patient rooms. In 1964, a new addition was built along the eastern side and was known as the 'new wing'. In 1978, after an attempt to move the hospital to Bon Air in Chesterfield County, the hospital underwent a major renovation, bringing the total number of patient beds to over 150, and adding a parking facility.

Stuart Circle was known for its innovations. In 1977, it started a pilot program and became one of the first hospitals to experiment with same-day surgery, as an alternative to hospital stays and their added expenses. It was the first hospital in Virginia to perform echocardiograms, and was known as a leader in advanced heart care. Stuart Circle also established a program for the deaf via a video tape explaining hospital procedures and policies, and was one of the first to champion the idea of patient education in healthcare.

Stuart Circle had a School of Nursing from 1914 to 1975. During those years it graduated 1063 nurses. After 1928, it was affiliated with the Richmond Professional Institute and later, Virginia Commonwealth University. The nursing students were now able to use their training at Stuart Circle to earn their bachelor's degree. One of its most distinguished Directors was Charlotte Pfeiffer, RN who served on the Virginia Board of Nursing from 1926-1936. She was also the President of the Virginia Nurses' Association from 1940-1942.

By 2000, the Hospital was closed. The building itself underwent another renovation as it was turned into luxury apartments and renamed One Monument Ave.

Scope and Contents

This collection's most prominent feature includes several hardbound copies of the Minutes of the Board of Directors dated from 1946 thru 1970. Also included are photographs and newspaper clippings regarding the hospital that appeared in the Richmond Times-Dispatch or News Leader. Not all records were saved at the time of the hospital's closure; the collection is missing more detailed information regarding the School of Nursing, and the daily operation of the Hospital and its staff.

Keywords

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Arrangement

Records are arranged in chronological order.

Description of Subordinate Components

Stuart Circle Hospital official papers

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4684

Unit Date 1946-1985

Minutes of the Board of Directors

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4688

Unit Date 1946-1970

Extent Bound Volumes

Minutes of the Board of Directors

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4711

Unit Date 1946-1947

Mixed Materials 1.1 (Box-folder)

Minutes of the Board of Directors

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4712

Unit Date 1948-1949

Mixed Materials 1.2 (Box-folder)

Minutes of the Board of Directors

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4713

Unit Date 1950-1951

Mixed Materials 1.3 (Box-folder)

Minutes of the Board of Directors

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4714

Unit Date 1960

Mixed Materials 1.4 (Box-folder)

Minutes of the Board of Directors

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4715

Unit Date 1964

Mixed Materials 1.5 (Box-folder)

Minutes of the Board of Directors

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4716

Unit Date 1965

Mixed Materials 1.6 (Box-folder)

Minutes of the Board of Directors

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4717

Unit Date 1968

Mixed Materials 1.7 (Box-folder)

Advisory Panel Report

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4718

Unit Date 1969-1970

Mixed Materials 1.8 (Box-folder)

Other Records

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4689

Unit Date 1985

Mixed Materials 1.9 (Box-folder)

Scope and Contents

Photocopies of the original computer printouts.

Hospital Printed Material and History

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4685

Historical documents.

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4690

Scope and Contents

This folder contains documents describing the history of the hospital .

"History of Stuart Circle Hospital" by Jerome Caudle.

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4719

Unit Date 21 November 1984

Mixed Materials 2.1 (Box-folder)

Scope and Contents

A history written by a staff member.

School of Nursing

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4720

Unit Date 1938

Mixed Materials 2.1 (Box-folder)

Scope and Contents

25th Anniversary booklet.

Speech

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4721

Unit Date 1992

Mixed Materials 2.1 (Box-folder)

Scope and Contents

Autobiographic speech from the first twins born at the Hospital on 07 May 1914

Hospital Bill

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4722

Unit Date 19 October 1930

Mixed Materials 2.1 (Box-folder)

Bookmarks

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4723

Mixed Materials 2.1 (Box-folder)

Scope and Contents

Handwritten slips of paper related to the stock purchase. Found within several volumes of the bound Minutes.

Patient and Program information.

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4691

Scope and Contents

Various hospital in house publications.

OccuMed folder

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4724

Mixed Materials 2.2 (Box-folder)

Scope and Contents

This folder highlighted the hospital's new Occupational Medicine Services.

Diabetic Treatment Program

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4725

Mixed Materials 2.2 (Box-folder)

Scope and Contents

Flyer highlighting the hospital's inpatient and outpatient diabetic program.

Color Me Well coloring book by Janette Parker.

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4726

Mixed Materials 2.2 (Box-folder)

Scope and Contents

This coloring book made from pen and ink drawings was given to children as they came to the hospital. The artwork and story were created from hospital workers. Note attached reads: "give to kids - lab, etc. also health fairs, booths."

Preparations for the EEG

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4727

Mixed Materials 2.2 (Box-folder)

Scope and Contents

A pad of paper with information and maps concerning patients necessary preparations for an EEG.

Patient Information pamphlet.

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4728

Mixed Materials 2.2 (Box-folder)

Scope and Contents

Useful information regarding hospital rules and procedures.

Newspaper Clippings of the Stuart Circle Hospital.

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4686

Unit Date 1973-1991

Extent Newspaper Clippings both mounted and unmounted.

Scope and Contents

This series contains clippings related to the hospital and its staff. Almost all articles from the Richmond Times-Dispatch and News Leader.

1973-1974

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4692

Mixed Materials 3.1 (Box-folder)

1975

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4693

Mixed Materials 3.2 (Box-folder)

Scope and Contents

Demotion of Westbrook Plantation, closing of the Nursing School at Stuart Circle.

1976

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4694

Mixed Materials 3.3 (Box-folder)

1977

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4695

Mixed Materials 3.4 (Box-folder)

Scope and Contents

Hospital construction plans

1978

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4696

Mixed Materials 3.5 (Box-folder)

Scope and Contents

Construction completed

1979

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4697

Mixed Materials 3.6 (Box-folder)

1980

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4698

Mixed Materials 3.7 (Box-folder)

1981

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4699

Mixed Materials 3.8 (Box-folder)

Scope and Contents

State Senator Edward Willey's heart attack.

1982, 1984

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4700

Mixed Materials 3.9 (Box-folder)

1990-1991

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4701

Mixed Materials 3.10 (Box-folder)

Scope and Contents

Financial woes of Hospital's parent company.

Photographs of the Stuart Circle Hospital.

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4687

Scope and Contents

This series contains photographs of the Hospital and its staff.

Stuart Circle Hospital

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4702

Unit Date Circa 1928

Mixed Materials 4.1 (Box-folder)

Scope and Contents

This folder contains photographs of the interior of the Hospital as well as some in the outdoor courtyard.

Stuart Circle Hospital

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4703

Unit Date Circa 1987

Mixed Materials 4.2 (Box-folder)

Scope and Contents

This folder contains photographs of the hospital workers on duty along with several of the exterior of the Hospital.

School of Nursing

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4704

Mixed Materials 4.3 (Box-folder)

Scope and Contents

This folder contains photographs of the School of Nursing along with interiors of the Laurel Hill House that was used as a dormitory after 1931.

Doctor Portraits

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4705

Mixed Materials 4.4 (Box-folder)

Scope and Contents

This folder contains the photographic portraits of several important doctors at Stuart Circle. Included are Greer Baughman, Lewis C. Boshier, Robert S. Boshier, Jr., Robert C. Bryan, Benjamin H. Gray, Fred M. Hodges, William L. Mason, Jr., Clifton M. Miller, Charlotte Pfeiffer, William D. Suggs and Robert H. Wright.

Construction photos

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4706

Mixed Materials 4.5 (Box-folder)

Scope and Contents

This folder contains photographs of the foundation construction of the most recent expansion of the hospital. One of the photographs is labeled as very important.

Miscellaneous Photographs

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4707

Mixed Materials 4.6 (Box-folder)

Scope and Contents

This folder contains photographs of the opening of a private medical practice as well as a three generation photograph. All photographs are unmarked and undated.

Images of Stuart Circle Hospital, Large sized.

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4708

Mixed Materials 4.7 (Box-folder)

Scope and Contents

This folder contains a large photograph, an etching with negative, and a drawing of the Hospital.

Negatives and photographic proof sheets.

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4709

Mixed Materials 4.8 (Box-folder)

Color Slides

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/4710

Mixed Materials 4.9 (Box-folder)

Scope and Contents

Slides of the exterior of the hospital as well as several nurses.