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Richmond Nursing Home (Richmond, Va.)

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3.25 Linear Feet

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There are no restrictions.

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Biographical / Historical

The Richmond Nursing Home has served the community in various capacities since the mid-nineteenth century. It began in 1859 as the almshouse, established to care for the city's indigent population. During the Civil War it operated as General Hospital Number 1, and was the temporary headquarters for the cadets of the Virginia Military Institute from December 1864 to April 1865. The property reverted to its former function at the conclusion of the war. In 1873, part of the building was converted into a city hospital that provided general surgery, medicine, and obstetrical services.

A reform-minded Richmond City Council changed the name of the institution to the City Home in 1905. The Home focused on caring for the elderly and neglected children. The city constructed an additional building in 1908 to house African American patients, replacing the previous facility located near Franklin Street. Also a tubercular pavilion for African Americans was built and used from 1915 to 1936. In 1916 the city acquired Pine Camp Tubercular Hospital and it operated as a branch of the City Home. It remained an all-white facility until 1936, when African American patients from the City Home moved to a new, separate infirmary erected on the grounds of Pine Camp.

The City Home received a nursing home license in 1953 and began the transition to an elder care facility. By 1956 the City Home ended its services for children, shifting the responsibility to the foster care program administered by the Department of Public Welfare. In 1957, the Richmond City Council voted to close Pine Camp Hospital and transfer the remaining patients to the City Home. During this time the Rehabilitation Therapy Division was established to help disabled patients gain a higher level of functionality through educational, occupational, and physical therapy. A 1959 ordinance changed the facility's name to the Richmond Nursing Home and completed the transition to a long-term care facility. The Richmond Nursing Home developed a volunteer program to support its rehabilitation and nursing services. Individuals, churches, civil groups, and college fraternities and sororities from all over central Virginia offered their time and talents.

The upkeep of the original Home became cost prohibitive by the late 1970s and Richmond Nursing Home moved from its historic location at 210 Hospital Street to a newer facility at 1900 Cool Lane in 1980. In 1993, the administration of the home was turned over to the Hospital Authority of Richmond and renamed Seven Hills Health Care Center. The Center continued to operate until December 2007, at which time it lost Medicaid and Medicare funding. By February 2008 the last patients had been relocated and the Center closed.

Scope and Contents

The papers of the Richmond Nursing Home (RNH) consist of items relating to the administration and history of the institution. Materials include correspondence, financial records, evaluations and reports, newspaper clippings, and photographs.

Series 1: Administrative Papers, 1896-1998. This series contains papers relating to the management of RNH and includes items such as correspondence with health care management and financial consultants Pat Rice & Associates, evaluations by the City of Richmond, information on the history of RNH, planning and staffing materials, patient handbooks and statistics, reports, a 1975 transcript from the Open Forum Discussion on WTVR, and other papers associated with the operation of the facility.

Series 2: Printed materials, 1943-1984. This series is composed of clippings and publications featuring the RNH or subjects of importance to the institution. These materials include newsletters such as Proscript, Public Health Messenger, and The Reb, newspaper clippings from the local Richmond papers reporting on topics like patient care and activities, volunteerism, and the public debate between city officials regarding the alleged mistreatment of patients at RNH during the late 1960s. Also found in this series are publications including Aging in Virginia and Confederate Military Hospitals in Richmond.

Series 3: Photographs, undated, 1950-1991. Contained in this series are photographs of the interiors and

exteriors of the RNH facilities located at 210 Hospital Street and 1900 Cool Lane, and photographs of staff, residents, and volunteers. Of particular interest are the photographs from the early 1950s depicting the extensive wear on the original facility and the renovations to correct some of these issues, photos depicting rehabilitation activities, and undated photos of the Negro Tubercular Pavilion. Also in this series are three photos that are possibly of the City Farm located in the same area as Pine Camp, but have not been conclusively identified as such. These photographs are located in the file labeled "Misc., Unidentified"

Separated Materials

Additional records for the Richmond Nursing Home can be found at the Library of Virginia and the Richmond Public Library, which is the official repository for the City's public records.

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Richmond Nursing Home (Richmond, Va.)

Ownership and Custodial History

This collection contains residual records of the Richmond Nursing Home discovered when Seven Hills Health Care Center closed in 2008. These papers offer only a partial record of the activities and history of Richmond Nursing Home. Many of the newspaper articles in this collection were assembled by Robert L. Gordon, an administrator at RNH.

Arrangement

This collection is divided into three series: Series 1, Administrative Papers, 1896-1998; Series 2, Printed Materials, 1943-1984; and Series 3, Photographs, undated, 1950-1991. Efforts have been made to maintain the original organization when possible. Files are arranged alphabetically within each series and the materials within the files are arranged chronologically where applicable.

Description of Subordinate Components

Administrative Papers

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5302

Unit Date 1896-1998

Language English

Annual Reports

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5305

Unit Date 1896, 1900, 1926, 1945, 1960-1961

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Admission and Registration Requirements

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5306

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Correspondence, Consultants

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5307

Unit Date 1981-1983

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Language English

Correspondence, General

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5308

Unit Date 1949-1998

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Language English

Correspondence, Television Programs

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5309

Unit Date 1966-1967

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Language English

Dept. of Public Health, City of Richmond

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5310

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Financial Records

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5311

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Facilities Information

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5312

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Evaluations

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5313

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Health Executive Roundtable Meeting Minutes

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5314

Unit Date 1959

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Language English

Federal Reports and Information

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5315

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

History of the Richmond Nursing Home

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5316

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Institute for Nursing Home Administrators and Employees

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5317

Unit Date 1961

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Language English

Licenses and Certificates

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5318

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

On-site Surveys

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5319

Unit Date 1966-1967

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Language English

Planning and Staffing

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5320

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Patient Handbooks

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5321

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Patient Statistics,

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5322

Unit Date 1952-1967

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Proposed Nursing Home Sites and Names

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5323

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Rehabilitation Research and Studies

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5324

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Rehabilitation Services

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5325

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Rehabilitation Therapies Division

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5326

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Report on Aged and Chronically Ill, City of Richmond,

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5327

Unit Date 1954

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Reports, Financial Management Project,

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5328

Unit Date 1981

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Report on Patient Care at RNH

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5329

Unit Date 1967

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Language English

Reports, Staff Training

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5330

Unit Date 1952-1967

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Language English

Report, Volunteer Services

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5331

Unit Date 1965

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Language English

Speech by William T. Sanger, delivered at RNH

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5332

Unit Date 1962

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Language English

Transcript, Open Forum Discussion on WTVR

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5333

Unit Date 1975

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Language English

Tuberculosis Information

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5334

Mixed Materials 3 (box)

Printed Materials

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5303

Unit Date 1943-1984

Language English

Newsletters

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5335

Mixed Materials 4 (box)

Newspaper Clippings on Rehabilitation and Tuberculosis

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5336

Mixed Materials 4 (box)

Newspaper Clippings, Richmond Afro-American

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5337

Unit Date 1981

Mixed Materials 4 (box)

Language English

Newspaper Clippings, Richmond News Leader

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5338

Unit Date 1967-1968

Mixed Materials 4 (box)

Language English

Newspaper Clippings, Richmond News Leader

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5339

Unit Date 1970-1972

Mixed Materials 4 (box)

Language English

Newspaper Clippings, Richmond News Ledger

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5340

Unit Date 1974-1975

Mixed Materials 4 (box)

Language English

Newspaper Clippings, Richmond Times Dispatch

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5341

Unit Date 1967-1968

Mixed Materials 4 (box)

Language English

Newspaper Clippings, Richmond Times Dispatch

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5342

Unit Date 1970-1972

Mixed Materials 4 (box)

Language English

Newspaper Clippings, Misc.

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5343

Mixed Materials 4 (box)

Publications, Aging In Virginia

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5344

Mixed Materials 4 (box)

Publications, Richmond Civil War Centennial booklets

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5345

Mixed Materials 4 (box)

Photographs

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5304

Unit Date undated, 1950-1991

Language English

Aerial

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5346

Unit Date 1950s

Mixed Materials 5 (box)

Language English

Children

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5347

Unit Date 1950s

Mixed Materials 5 (box)

Language English

Exterior, Cool Lane

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5348

Unit Date 1978

Mixed Materials 5 (box)

Language English

Exterior, Hospital Street

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5349

Unit Date undated, 1951

Mixed Materials 5 (box)

Language English

Interior - Colored Ward, Hospital Street

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5350

Unit Date 1950

Mixed Materials 5 (box)

Language English

Interior - Heating Plant, Hospital Street

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5351

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 5 (box)

Language English

Interior - Kitchen, Dining Room, Ward, etc., Hospital Street

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5352

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 5 (box)

Language English

Interior - Laundry Facility, Hospital Street

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5353

Unit Date 1950

Mixed Materials 5 (box)

Language English

Negro Tuberculosis Pavilion

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5354

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 5 (box)

Language English

Rehabilitation

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5355

Unit Date 1950s

Mixed Materials 5 (box)

Language English

Pi Delta Theta Volunteers

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5356

Unit Date 1956-1957

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Language English

Staff, Residents, and Volunteers

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5357

Unit Date 1950s-1980s

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Language English

Residents and Volunteers and Misc.

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5358

Unit Date undated, 1991

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Language English

Miscellaneous - Bettendorf's Hampton Market, St. Louis, MO

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5359

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Language English

Miscellaneous and Unidentified

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5360

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Language English

Negatives

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5361

Mixed Materials 7 (box)

Slides, Proposed Nursing Home Sites

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/5362

Unit Date 1972

Mixed Materials 6 (box)

Language English