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Winchester Medical Center Records
Collection Number: 1626 WFCHS/THL

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ACCESSION NUMBER(S): 2025.008 WFCHS

EXTENT: 1.25 linear feet.

DATE: 1901-2002.

EXISTENCE AND LOCATION OF COPIES: Photographs in this collection have been digitized and are available to view online through the Past Perfect online database: <http://handley.pastperfectonline.com/>

SCOPE AND CONTENT: The collection contains reports, programs, articles, oral histories, hospital magazines and newsletters, and other materials concerning the Winchester area hospital, which opened in March 1903. Also included in the collection are historical nursing school materials, news articles and staff directories.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL: Winchester Medical Center began as Winchester Memorial Hospital on the corner of Clifford and Stewart streets in Winchester, Virginia. It opened on March 17, 1903. When the hospital first opened, it had 12 private rooms and a ward with 24 beds. Over the years, buildings and services expanded. The Winchester Memorial Hospital Training School for Nurses was a separate operation. The school began when the hospital began in 1903. The Class of 1905 was the first class, and it contained one person, Mary Milliner. The nursing school operated for sixty years and closed in 1964. The Class of 1964 was the last class.

The new facility, an \$80 million hospital complex, opened in December 1989. It is located at 1840 Amherst Street, west of Winchester. Valley Health is the parent company that owns the facility. The 411-bed hospital continues to grow as new units and services are added.

RELATED MATERIAL: Media Collection, 1306 THL – Nurses' Reunion, October 6, 1990.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: MMF Nursing School—Winchester Memorial Hospital, 1901-1964
Foreman, Michael M. *History of Winchester Memorial Hospital Training School for Nurses 1903-1964, Winchester, Virginia*. Winchester, VA: self-published, 1990.

IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: Gift of multiple donors.

CONTAINER LIST:

BOX 1

A Healthy History, Winchester Medical Center Celebrates 100 Years—supplement to *The Winchester Star*, March 14, 2003—newsprint, 16 pages

Address—"The Rising Cost of Hospital Care," by Mr. H. E. Alberti, 1960, 7 leaves, typescript

Annual Report—1904, 1905, 1906, printed

Annual Report—1956, printed

Annual Reports—1965, 1966, 1969, printed

Annual Reports—1972, 1973, 1976, 1979, printed

Annual Reports—1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, printed

Building Committee minutes, 1901-1902, 1 item, manuscript

By-laws, Officers, Minutes of Organizational Meeting, May 24, 1901, 4 pages manuscript, 4 leaves typescript

Contract of Medical Services, 1944, 4 leaves, printed (photocopy)

Dedication 1989—Winchester Medical Center, 1 item, 8 pages, newsprint

"Economic Impact of Winchester Medical Center on the Local Population of Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia," by Virginia Maniscalco, May 1995, 15 leaves, typescript

Fancy Dress Ball—Benefit of the Winchester Memorial Hospital; September 6, 1907, 1 item, printed

Fundraising booklet—"Winchester Memorial Hospital: Doorway to Health," 1948, includes photos and floor plans, 20 pages, printed

Remarks on Growth of the Hospital, c. 1989, by Dr. Brian Landes, two leaves, transcript

Ladies Auxiliary-news articles (photocopy), membership booklet, 1985, History 1902-2002, printed, 18 pages

Membership booklet 1985-86, 17 leaves, printed

BOX 2

Magazines—1988, 1989

Picture of Health, Volume 1, No. 1, 1988, printed

Picture of Health, Volume 2, No. 1, Fall 1989, printed

Memorandum to Employees, 1973-74, seven leaves, mimeograph

News articles, unnumbered items

Newsletters–1945

”Spring Issue,” April 30, 1945, printed

”Christmas Issue,” December 15, 1945, printed

Newsletter for Employees -- Aug. 2, 1974, Aug., 30, 1974, Jan. 14, 1975, Jan. 31, 1975, Feb. 25, 1975, mimeograph

Newsletters–1975, 1982, 1983, folder contains the following:

"Highlights," 1975, printed

"Highlights," May-December 1982, printed

"Highlights," January-June 1983, printed

Newsletter – “Highlights,” July/August 1976, 1 item, printed

Nurses – McCone, Mary Jane; unnumbered leaves, printed—includes life information, experiences and military service of Mary Jane McCone used for an application to the Virginia Nursing Hall of Fame

Nurses -- Nursing Care Mini Tests – 15 leaves, mimeograph

Nurses -- Newsletter–1999

“The Compass–A Century of Healthcare,” Dec. 30, 1999, printed

Nurses -- Newsletter – 2012

“Valley Health Link,” 1 item, printed

Nurses -- Nursing School-Announcement, c. 1950’s, 1 item, printed

Nurses -- Nursing School–class of 1946 reunion, 1996, 1 item, printed

Nurses -- Nursing School Graduation program, 1922,
Program for Baccalaureate Service, June 12, 1955 2 items, printed

Nurses – DVD of Nurses’ Reunion, October 6, 1990 (Located in Media Collection, 1306 THL)

Nurses – Training School Record, 1912-1923, 34 leaves, photocopy

Patient Handbook–Winchester Medical Center

Pencil – “Hospital Auxiliary Pencil Day”, n.d., 2 items

Southern Hospitals, vol. 30, no. 2 (February 1962), contains article by hospital administrator Carl S. Napps entitled “Winchester Memorial Fulfills Designation as Area Hospital,” pages 27-30, 1 item, printed

Staff Directory, 1985-1986, 1 item, printed

Staff Directory, 2000, 2002, 2 items, printed

Staff – news Articles, Announcements – unnumbered items, printed (photocopy)

Week of the Nurse, 1982, 9 leaves, typescript

Wellness Center and Health Depot – news articles, etc. – unnumbered items

BOX 3

Administrative papers, 2 items; 1 leaf manuscript; 1 item, printed

Follies Edition—newspaper supplement published by *The Winchester Star* includes articles, photos of the upcoming follies, and ads of sponsors, 1974-1975-1976, 3 items, printed

Follies Edition—newspaper supplement published by *The Winchester Star* includes articles, photos of the upcoming follies, and ads of sponsors, 1977-1978-1979, 3 items, printed

Follies Edition—newspaper supplement published by *The Winchester Star* includes articles, photos of the upcoming follies, and ads of sponsors, 1980-1981-1982, 3 items, printed

Follies programs—1968, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1976, 1977, 8 items, printed

Follies programs—1972-1981, 13 items, printed

Follies programs—1991, 1992, 2009, 3 items, printed

Jokes used in Hospital Follies, unnumbered pages, printed

News articles, unnumbered, printed

Posters for Follies 1990, 1993, 1994, 2000

Physical Location: Oversize, Box 26

YEARBOOKS

Chrysalis, School of Nursing

1947 (vol. 1); 1947 (vol. II); 1948; 1950; 1951; 1952; 1953; 1954; 1955; 1956; 1957: 1959; 1960; 1961; 1962

PHOTOGRAPHS

- [1626-001] 416, 418, 420 West Clifford Street, Winchester, VA. Homes demolished for hospital parking lot, 1982.
- [1626-002] 201 South Stewart Street. Old Winchester Memorial Hospital - corner of Cork & Stewart Streets, circa 1953.
- [1626-003] 201 South Stewart Street. Old Winchester Memorial Hospital - Stewart Street side, 1953.
- [1626-004] 201 South Stewart Street/333 West Cork Street. Old Winchester Memorial Hospital - aerial view, Clifford Street side, circa 1998.
- [1626-005] 201 South Stewart Street/333 West Cork Street. Old Winchester Memorial Hospital - aerial view, corner of Cork and Stewart Streets, 1990.
- [1626-006] 201 South Stewart Street/333 West Cork Street. Old Winchester Memorial Hospital - aerial view, from a distance, October 1988.
- [1626-007] Radiologist at Winchester Memorial Hospital, with radiotherapy machine, circa 1948.
- [1626-008] 201 South Stewart Street. Old Winchester Memorial Hospital, main entrance, 1950.
- [1626-009] Old Winchester Memorial Hospital. Dr. James A. Miller (left) in new emergency room, circa 1960.
- [1626-010] Old Winchester Memorial Hospital. Hazel Hottel Eckhart in premature nursery. Nurses Bean and Wood on right, circa 1958.
- [1626-011] Old Winchester Memorial Hospital, Pediatrics section. Mrs. Marie Farrell facing camera; a Mrs. Moorehead also in picture (not specifically identified), circa 1960.

- [1626-012]** Old Winchester Memorial Hospital, Pediatrics section. Mrs. Irene Hisghman(?) in one of six nursery wards, circa 1960.
- [1626-013]** Old Winchester Memorial Hospital, Cafeteria. Nellie Stottlemeyer on far left, circa 1960.
- [1626-014]** Old Winchester Memorial Hospital, open ward, 6-8 beds per ward. All wards converted to semiprivate rooms by 1976, circa 1960.
- [1626-015]** Margaret Toon Harrell, Winchester Memorial Hospital nursing school graduate. With cape, January 28, 1949.
- [1626-016]** Margaret Toon Harrell, Winchester Memorial Hospital nursing school graduate. Without cape, March 29, 1949.
- [1626-017]** Nancy Baggerly O'Neal, Winchester Memorial Hospital nursing school graduate, 3-year diploma, 1960.
- [1626-018]** Joanne Marie Phillips, Winchester Memorial Hospital nursing school graduate. From Chrysalis (yearbook), 1955.
- [1626-019]** Sarah Ann Loy, Winchester Memorial Hospital nursing school graduate. From Chrysalis (yearbook), 1955.
- [1626-020]** Virginia Franklin, Winchester Memorial Hospital nursing school graduate, class of 1947.
- [1626-021]** Phoebe Franklin, Winchester Memorial Hospital nursing school graduate, class of 1947.
- [1626-022]** Louise Perry "Nikki" Zuckerman, Winchester Memorial Hospital nursing school graduate, class of 1946.
- [1626-023]** Mildred Richman (Slaughter), Winchester Memorial Hospital nursing school graduate, class of 1952.
- [1626-024]** Betty Sager (Knee), Winchester Memorial Hospital nursing school graduate, class of 1952.
- [1626-025]** Freda Dunn Bowers, Winchester Memorial Hospital nursing school graduate, class of 1960.
- [1626-026]** Ruth Naomi Dunn, Winchester Memorial Hospital nursing school graduate, class of 1960.
- [1626-027]** Winchester Memorial Hospital nursing school graduates, class of 1952. Left to right, front row: Anne Fletcher, Betty Bemis, Mildred Richman, Margaret (Peggy) Merriner Emmart, Doris Rinker, Joan Hamilton, Betty Sager, Dorothy Broy; back row: Mary Lou Swisher, Nancy Smith, Carolyn Brill, Ruth Racey, Phyllis Bowman, Daisy Riner, Betty Ryman, Ruth Derflinger, 1952.
- [1626-028]** Winchester Memorial Hospital nursing school class reunion, class of 1952. Left to right, front row: Betty Sager Knee, Mildred Richman Slaughter, Betty Bemis Lambert, Dorothy Broy Fletcher, Peggy Merriner Emmart; middle row: Anne Fletcher Desalets, Joan Hamilton Seger; back row: Carolyn Brill Oates, Mary Lou Swisher Linton, Harriet Davis (married name unknown), Virginia Hoffaker Allen, Dorothy Shell Walker, October 6, 1990.
- [1626-029]** Anna Dellinger Lowery, Winchester Memorial Hospital nursing school graduate, class of 1953, 1960.
- [1626-030]** Janet Miller, Winchester Memorial Hospital nursing school graduate. (Later Janet Bean, then Janet Hughes.), circa 1956-1958.