

MJ-79

Providence Hospital fonds. - [textual record, architectural drawing, technical drawing]. - 1916-1994. - 16.5 cm of textual record. - 21 sets of architectural drawings. - 2 technical drawings.

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Administrative history

The Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul arrived in Moose Jaw on November 13, 1912. The John F. Lindsay Home on the corner of Fourth Avenue and Ominica Street West(405 Ominica Street West) was purchased and opened as a thirty bed hospital on November 21, 1912. The first surgery was performed on November 28, 1912, and the first baby born was January 16, 1913.

Soon the hospital became congested. Land was purchased in 1915 for a new hospital. In 1916 construction began on a new building on Lillooet Street. Contractors were Cowlin and Sons of Toronto.

Architect was R.G. Bunyard of Moose Jaw. The new fifty bed Providence Hospital, 201 Lillooet Street East was officially opened and blessed on September 19, 1917 by Archbishop O. E. Mathieu of Regina.

The School of Nursing was opened in 1917 for fourteen students. The Director was Sister Mary Rapheal. The first graduation class in 1920 had 3 graduates. The last nursing class graduated in 1970.

The first Providence Hospital Auxiliary was formed in March 1913 with Mrs. W.W. Irwin as president. It disbanded in 1918 and reorganized again in 1950 with Mrs. H.C. Taylor as chairman.

The Auxiliary functioned to the close of the Hospital.

With the City of Moose Jaw growing rapidly, construction soon began on a new "East Wing". Contractors were Bird & Woodel. Sixty-four beds were added and part of the new addition housed the School of Nursing and accommodation for the Sisters and nurses. The East Wing was officially opened by Governor General Lord Willingdon in May 1928.

In 1946 a nurses' residence was constructed from administration buildings used by the Air Force training at Caron, Sask., during World War II.

The medical laboratory was constructed in 1950 under the direction of the first pathologist Dr. G. Kent. Training for medical laboratory technologists was opened in 1952 under the leadership of Sister Mary Cornelia. A two year program for radiology technician training started under the direction of Sister Mary Rosaire.

In 1960 construction began on the Jubilee (West) Wing. It was officially opened in 1962. Contractor was P.W. Graham & Sons of Moose Jaw. Facilities were improved in x-ray, physiotherapy, emergency and central supply, dietary, and medical records. The Jubilee Wing housed a new operating room suite with a recovery room and a new and expanded obstetrical suite.

In November 1967 pediatrics was centralized at the Union Hospital and obstetrics at the Providence Hospital. This facilitated better utilization of space and avoided duplication of services and costs.

In 1968 a sixteen bed self care unit was opened on the third floor of the East Wing. An intensive care unit of four beds was opened in 1969. Due to lack of Government funding this unit closed in 1975.

In 1973 work began on a forty-two bed long term care unit (level IV facility), completely renovating the second and third floors of the East Wing. The unit officially opened in 1974. In 1976 it was named the "Raphael Wing" in honour of Sister Mary Raphael.

The Day Hospital was established in 1979. It was a medically oriented program that enabled the elderly to maintain and/or enhance their independence, enabling them to live longer in their own homes.

On September 21, 1981 a Pastoral Care Department was opened under the direction of Sister Patricia Kelly.

A volunteer program was formed in 1987, directed by Patricia Boughen.

The Providence Hospital closed in 1995 when acute medical services were centralized at Moose Jaw Union Hospital and Providence Place was opened, replacing St. Anthony's Home in caring for the aged of Moose Jaw and Southern Saskatchewan. The duties of the Sisters shifted from administration and direct medical services to pastoral care. The Providence Hospital building was sold to a developer who let it deteriorate to a state of disrepair. The City of Moose Jaw had the building demolished in the fall of 2006.

Scope and content

This fonds is composed of three series. Included is a mission statement, rules and regulations for medical staff, an invitation to a Nursing School graduation and a program from a fundraising event. There is material related to the building service employees. The second series is a compilation of hospital assets and inventory of equipment, some with descriptions and instructions. The third series consists of blueprints, drawings, specifications and correspondence pertaining to construction of the Providence Hospital in 1917 and all the additions and renovations made to the facility over the years.

Conservation note

This fonds was foldered, re-boxed and portion was encapsulated in 2006.

Physical condition

Many of the blueprints are brittle.

Note of immediate source of acquisition

Accession Number: 1.4/89 donated to the archives by Doug Smith.

Finding aids

See file list.

File List

MJ-79/1 - Personnel - [textual record]. - 1957-1994. - 3.00 cm of textual records.

Box V-122

This series consists of a mission statement, medical staff regulations, building service employee records, and invitation and an event program.

001 - Mission Statement 1992

002 - Medical Staff Rules and Regulations 1981

003 - Invitation-School of Nursing Graduation 1967

004 - Program "Parade of Stars"-Alumnae Fund-raiser 1957

005 - Maintenance Employee List [199-?]

006 - Employee Classification 1990

007 - Union Contract - Building Service Employees 1963

008 - Memorandum of Agreement - Building Service Employees (2 volumes) 1963-1964

009 - Employee Work Specification (Alphabetical/Numerical) 1991-1994

010 - Listing of Departments 1989

011 - Preventive Maintenance Control - Form/Work Orders 1990-1994

MJ-79/2 - Assets. - [textual record]. - 1947, 1989-1992. - 1.50 cm of textual records.
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This series consists of physical assets (inventory and equipment) some with descriptions and instructions.

001 - Assets 1990-1992

002 - Inventory - Garden Shed 1989

003 - Inventory - Outdoor Shed 1992

004 - Delivery and Obstetrical Operating Table-Instructions 1947

005 - Circulating Pumps - Descriptions [199-?]

MJ-79/3 - Building Plans and Specifications - [textual record, architectural, technical drawings]. - 1916-1994. - 12.0 cm of textual records. - 21 sets of rolled architectural drawings. - 2 technical drawings.

Boxes V-123, OS-10, OS-23 - OS-24

This series consists of blueprints, drawings, specifications and correspondence relating to the construction of the Providence Hospital in 1917 and all the additions and renovations made to the facility over the years.

001 - Extension - Specification - File 1120 Set No 3, 1950

002 - Extension - Specification - File 1120 Set No 8, 1950

003 - Additions and Alterations - Specification - File 1143 Set No 2, 1952

004 - Renovations - Correspondence 1953

005 - Smokestack Installation Plan (2 copies) 1960

006 - Alterations - Specification - File 7226 Set No 2, 1973

007 - Alterations - Specification - File 7226 Set No 13, 1973

008 - Alterations - Specification - File 7744 Set No 2, 1978

009 - Alterations - Specification - File 7744 Set No 4, 1978

010 - Renovations - Meeting Minutes/Correspondence 1985, 1986

011 - Renovations - Items Received 1985-1986

012 - Addition and Renovations - Specifications 1985

013 - Addition and Renovation - Work Order 1985

014 - Renovations - Specifications 1994

015 - Supply Catalogue - Bathroom Fixtures (Faxed copy) 1994

016 - Floor Plan - Maternity [197-?]

017 - Floor Plan - Operating and Recovery Rooms [197-?]

018 - Basement Plan - 1 sheet 1916

019 - Floor Plan - 4 sheets 1917

020 - Addition/Renovations - 6 sheets 1926

021 - Boilers - 1 sheet 1941

022 - Addition/Alterations Lab/Nursery/Balcony - 1 sheet, 1950

023 - Laundry Building Extension - 6 sheets (2 sets: copy 1, copy 2) 1950

024 - Laundry Building Extension - 7 sheets, 1950

025 - Site Plan - 1 sheet 1957

026 - Laundry/Lab Extension/Ramp - 1 sheet, 1957

027 - Additions/Alterations - 3 sheets, 1973

028 - Alterations - 1 sheet, 1977

029 - Alterations - 9 sheets, 1978

030 - Site Plan - 1 sheet [198-?]

031 - Elevator Addition - 2 sheets, 1981

032 - Incinerator Plan - 2 sheets, 1982

033 - Incinerator Plan - 1 sheet, 1982

034 - Addition/Renovations - 2 sheets 1985

035 - Addition/Renovations - 10 sheets 1985

036 - Addition Delivery Entrance - 1 sheet 1985

037 - Renovations Third Floor - 1 sheet 1994