




More Than Just A Hospital: Community Hospital and Health Inequality in Evanston, Illinois

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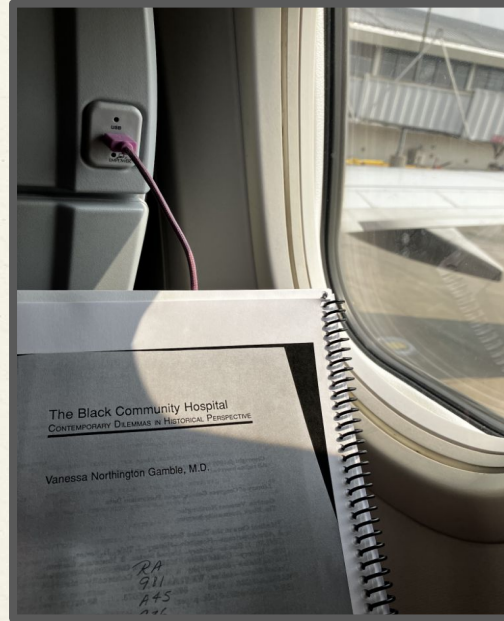
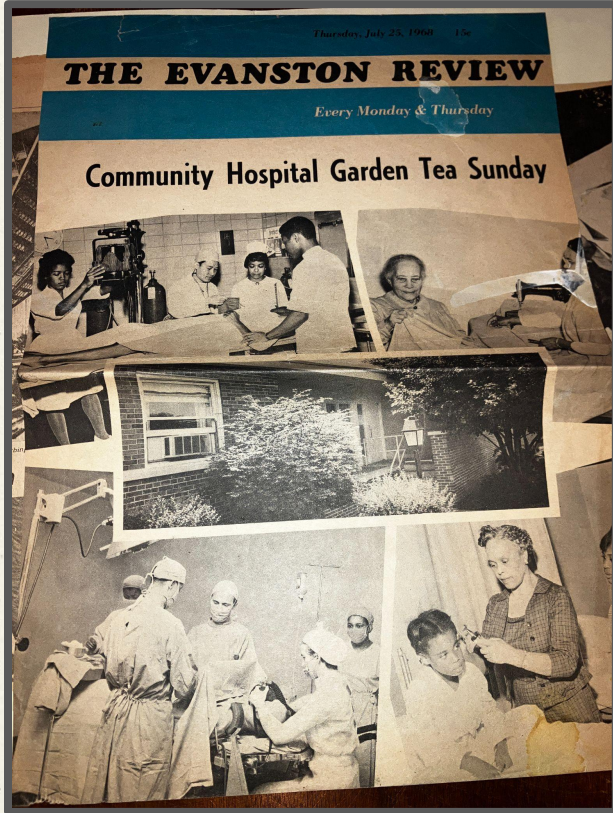


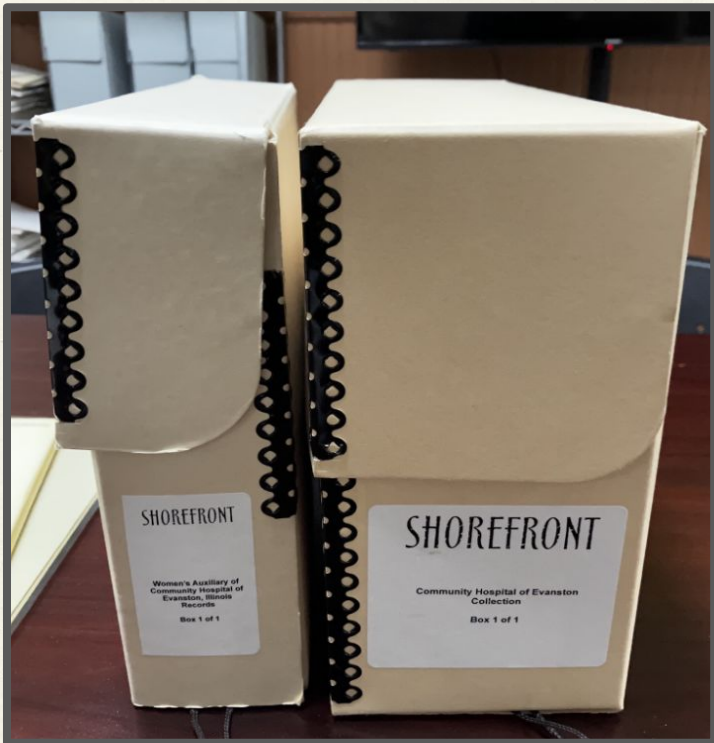
Community Hospital



A nurse tends to two patients a few years after the name "Community Hospital" was first adopted.
(c. 1935)

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Community Hospital Timeline

1940
POPULATION INCREASE, HEALTHCARE GAP
Between 1910 and 1940 Evanston's Black population grew from 1,160 to 6,026. There were 3 hospital beds available for every 1,000 Black Evanstonians, compared to 8 for every 1,000 available for white Evanstonians.

Doctors at Community Hospital prepare for surgery. To maximize space for other hospital facilities, operations take place in the basement next to a boiler room, visible in the background of this image. Additionally, the basement of the Penn House contains a laboratory, X-ray room, and examination room. c. 1945. (Shedfront)

NATIONAL CONNECTION
National He... War and Pro... Civil Rights ...

COMMUNITY HOSPITAL MEMORY
The Great Mi... Matching the Ne... Moving For... Elizabeth Dr. Hill Ans... Fundraising... The Golden ... Reflections Concerns and ... Evanston M... Dr. I...
Evanston Sanitarium Perseverance... Population Increase, Healthcar... The New Co... Family Ori... A Questions... Dr. I...

TimelineJS



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Evanston Sanitarium and Training School for Colored Nurses



Dr. Arthur
Butler



Dr. Isabella
Garnett

Evanston Sanitarium, the home-turned-hospital

Perseverance and Growth



Dr. Rudolph Penn's House, the first location of
Community Hospital (c. 1940)



Basement Surgery in Community Hospital (c.
1945)

Fundraising and Pushback



Dr. Hill (second from left) accepts a donation for the construction of the new Community Hospital at a fundraising event. A sketch of the proposed hospital can be seen behind her. (c. 1949)

The New Community Hospital



Thousands attend the new hospital dedication, the crowd overflowing into the parking lot. (1952)



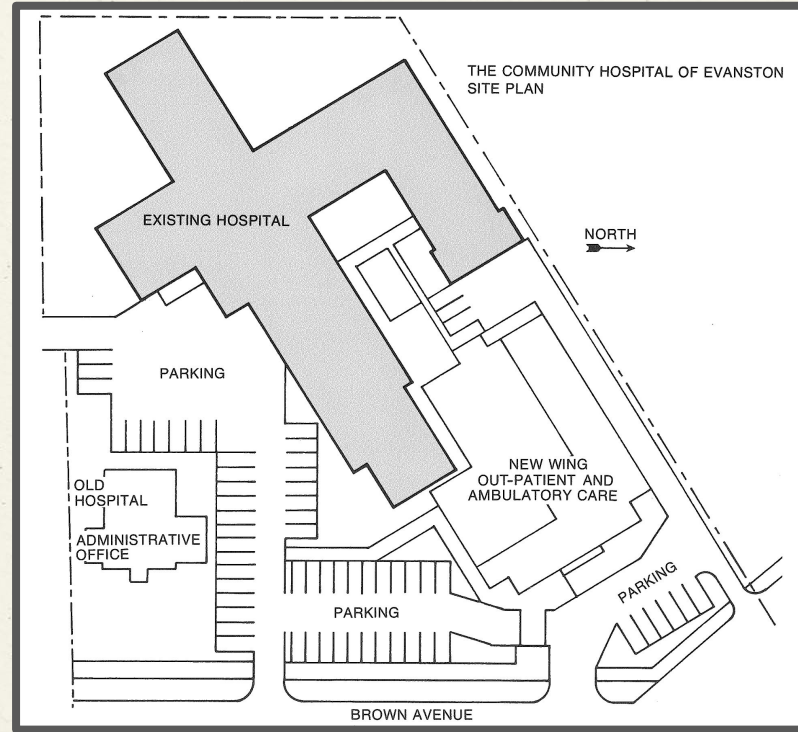
Community Hospital patient receives treatment in the hospital's
Physical Therapy department. (1959)



Dr. Hill and a medical staff member in the midst of daily hospital routines. (c. 1960's)

Community Hospital Closes

Diagram of a proposed \$2.1 million, 33,000 square-foot expansion to the hospital that would increase ambulatory services, medical care and treatments not requiring overnight stays. The proposed expansion never came to fruition. (c. 1975)



Hill Arboretum Apartments

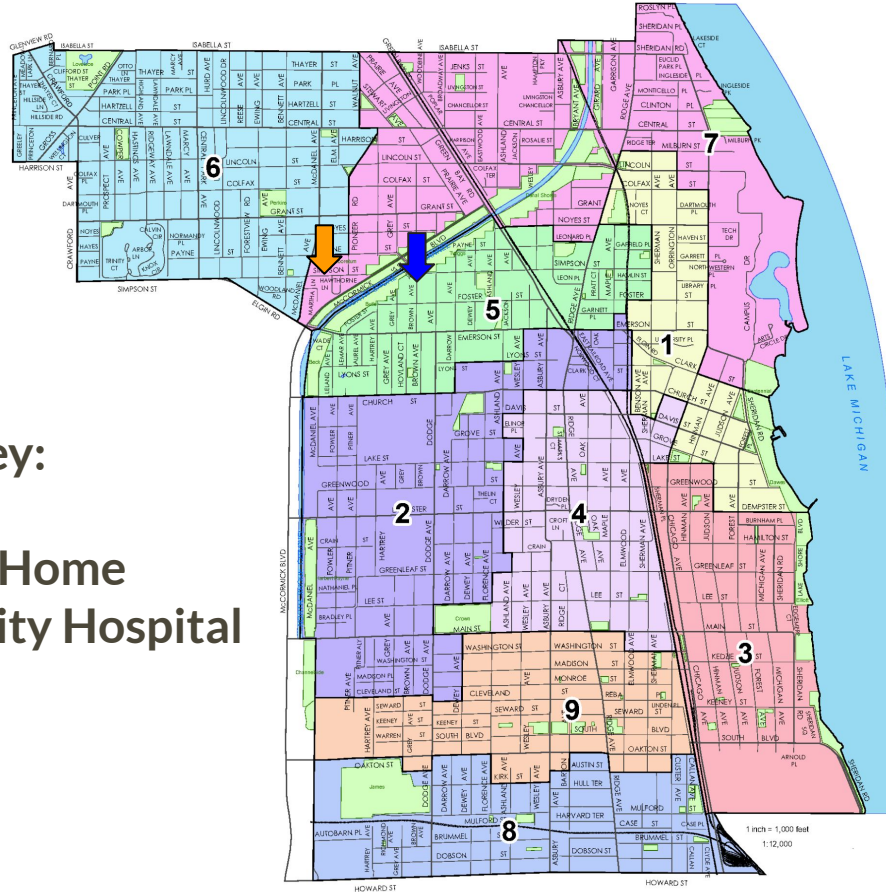


The Hill Arboretum Apartments, which provides affordable housing for adults with physical and mental disabilities and is named for the late Dr. Hill. The apartments facade still mirrors that of Community Hospital. (2023)



A nurse checks in on two children in
Community Hospital's pediatric unit.
(1965)

Map of Evanston, Illinois



Key:



My Home



Community Hospital



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**Thank
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