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**Westwood General Hospital Association**

**ACCESSION 2006.042**

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**Westwood General Hospital Association fonds. – [textual records]. – 1929-1935. – 10 folders**

**Administrative History**

The Westwood Hospital was set up in 1919 by Dr. C.E. Avery DeWitt. His father, Dr. George DeWitt had bought a large house on Westwood Avenue in the 1890s to use as a private hospital. The house continued to act as a hospital until 1929 (Sheppard, Tom. 2003. *Historic Wolfville, Grand Pré and Countryside*, 63).

In 1929, a Committee of Management was derived from the Westwood General Hospital Association to take over the operation of the Hospital. Subsequently, the Hospital Committee began to explore the possibility of building a new hospital facility. A proposal with cost estimates was soon approved by the Association and the formal proceedings for the creation of a new hospital began.

At a meeting of The Incorporators of Westwood General Hospital in April 1930, the Association formally changed its name to the Eastern Kings Memorial Hospital. In 1930, the new hospital building was opened, effectively replacing the Westwood Hospital.

**Scope and Content**

The records of the Westwood General Hospital Association document the transition of the administration and physical location from the Westwood General Hospital to the Eastern Kings Memorial Hospital.

Fonds consists of files concerning the opening of the new hospital building.

2006.042/10 clippings [1930] concerning the opening of the Eastern Kings Memorial Hospital

The fonds also consists of two series:

1. Hospital Committee
  - i) correspondence
  - ii) administrative records
  - iii) minutes
2. Committee of Management

## **Notes**

Supplied title based on contents of funds.

Further accruals are not expected.

Order imposed by Archivist.

Related records can be found in the Corporation of the Eastern Kings Memorial Hospital accession 2006.025.

Records were received with the records of the Corporation of the Eastern Kings Memorial Hospital accession but were in a separate envelope marked Westwood General Hospital. The envelope's records contained documents of the Westwood General Hospital Association and the Eastern Kings Memorial Hospital. The Archivist determined that, because the records document the transitional years between the two hospitals, these records would remain distinct.

At the time of the building this finding aid, the relationship between the Incorporators of the Westwood General Hospital and the Westwood General Hospital Association is unclear. The Archivist can infer that that Association is a subsidiary body of the Incorporators, but the records do not clearly define that relationship.

## **Access Points**

Westwood General Hospital Association (Wolfville, Kings Co., NS)

Westwood General Hospital Association (Wolfville, Kings Co., NS). Committee of Management

Westwood General Hospital Association (Wolfville, Kings Co., NS). General Committee

Westwood General Hospital Association (Wolfville, Kings Co., NS). Hospital Committee

Incorporators of the Westwood General Hospital (Wolfville, Kings Co., NS)

Eastern Kings Memorial Hospital (Wolfville, Kings Co., NS)

Corporation of the Eastern Kings Memorial Hospital (Wolfville, Kings Co., NS). Board of Management

**1 Hospital Committee. – 1929-1935. – 8 folders**

Series contains three sub-series: minutes, correspondence, and administrative records.

**Note:** Supplied title based on contents of series

File list included below with sub-series descriptions

**i) Minutes. – 1929-1930. – 2 folders**

Sub-series contains minutes of the Hospital Committee, set up to explore the possibility of building a new hospital facility. Also contains minutes of the General Committee, which may have been the early name for the Hospital Committee.

2006.042/1 Hospital Committee minutes (1929-1930)

2006.042/3 General Committee minutes (1929)

**ii) Correspondence. – 1928-1935. – 1 folder**

Sub-series contains correspondence, of the Hospital Committee.

**Note:** The correspondence and administrative records were, in most cases, interfiled. In cases when the correspondence did not make reference to any attached documentation, Archivist separated the administrative records.

2006.042/4 correspondence (1928-1935) includes building information, discussions concerning the need for a hospital in Wolfville

**iii) Administrative records. – 1929-1933. – 5 folders**

Sub-series contains administrative records either created or under the consideration of the Hospital Committee, including documents relating to the new hospital.

**Note:** The administrative records and correspondence were, in most cases, interfiled. Archivist separated the administrative records as these records held great importance to the mandate of the Hospital Committee.

2006.042/5 proposal for community hospital [1929?] includes estimates of expenses

2006.042/6 pledges for new building (1929)

2006.042/7 building expenses (1930), detailed bill from Leslie R. Fairn

2006.042/8 equipment contracts and supplies proposals (1930, 1933)

2006.042/9 by-laws of the Eastern Kings Memorial Hospital (1930) as approved by the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia

**2 Committee of Management. – 1929-1933. – 2 folders**

Series contains minutes of the Committee of Management, set up to take over the administration of the Hospital. Also contains minutes of the Board of Management, which was a Committee of the Eastern Kings Memorial Hospital.

**Note:** Supplied title based on contents of series

File list included below

2006.042/2 Committee of Management minutes (1929-1933) includes letter defining the duties of the Committee

2006.042/3 Board of Management minutes (1930)