

EDWIN SHAW HOSPITAL
BRIAR HILL CEMETERY RECORD COLLECTION

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: The Springfield Lake Sanatorium Cemetery on Briar Hill (also known as Edwin Shaw Sanatorium Cemetery) holds the remains of 246 men, women, and children who died from tuberculosis from 1915 through 1922. The Springfield Lake Sanatorium, now Edwin Shaw Hospital for Rehabilitation, treated people from five Ohio Counties: Summit, Portage, Stark, Mahoning, and Columbiana. Over time, the cemetery fell into disrepair. In 1997, a project to restore the cemetery commenced. The restored cemetery was dedicated in 2004.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: This collection includes burial records for the Springfield Lake Sanatorium/Briar Hill Cemetery located on the grounds of Edwin Shaw Hospital from 1915 through 1922. Records for patient burials in other cemeteries that were paid by the sanatorium up through 1932; correspondence; plot maps; and various documents pertaining to the 1997 cemetery restoration project are also included.

NOTE: The names Briar Hill Cemetery, Springfield Lake Sanatorium Cemetery, and Edwin Shaw Cemetery are used interchangeably throughout the collection

1 Box (12 ½" x 2 ½" x 10 ½") 10 folders

SERIES I: MAPS

Folder 1: Original plot plan of the sanatorium cemetery located on Briar Hill, plus four copies, no date

SERIES 2: BURIAL RECORDS

Folder 2: Four copies of list of sanatorium cemetery burials, no date

Folder 3: Three copies of draft of patient burial list for sanatorium, Holy Cross, Memorial Park, Glendale, East Akron, Kaiser, and Stow Cemeteries with notes, timesheet, and unknown document; and a copy of non-sanatorium Cemetery burials, no date

SERIES 3: CORRESPONDENCE

Folder 4:

- Letter from Memorial Park Cemetery manager to trustees of Springfield Sanatorium, dated August 14, 1922.

- Letter dated January 20, 1932 from I. C. Plummer of the Division of Vital Statistics, US Bureau of the Census, to unnamed doctor, referring to pages 30 and 45 in *Physicians' Pocket Reference* with attachment:
 - *Physicians Pocket Reference* opened to where page 30 would have been. (page missing upon acquisition).

- Letter stamped December 6, 1923 from D. D. Hartzler & Sons Funeral Directors to Dr. Graham at Springfield Sanatorium.

SERIES 4: MISCELLANEOUS

Folder 5:

- A "John Doe" death certificate from Montgomery County for 1930

- Document listed as "Deaths: with number of burials fro 1915-1924.

- Four leaves of notes with year 1922.

- *Rules and Regulations* booklet of Memorial Park Cemetery

- Text of marker at Briar Hill Cemetery.

SERIES 5: CEMETERY RESTORATION DOCUMENTS

Folder 6: CORRESPONDENCE

- Email correspondence between Barb Getz and Dan Church (last name noted in email address), with attached notes. August 4, 1997.

- Letter from Ohio Storyteller Publishers, dated August 14, 1997.

- Email from Barbara Getz to Sheri (last name not given), December 30, 1997

- Email from Sharon Griton of Edwin Shaw Hospital to unnamed, December 30, 1997

Folder 7: MEETING DOCUMENTS

- Skeen Board Room reservation slip for August 8, 1997 meeting with attachments:
 - Miscellaneous notes
 - Correspondence between Dan Church and Barb Getz, August 4, 1997
 - Addresses of Briar Hill Cemetery Advisory Board members.
- Typed list of Briar Hill Cemetery Advisory Board member addresses and minutes of the first meeting at Edwin Shaw Hospital, August 8, 1997, and attachments:
 - Text of historic marker
 - Copy of August 4, 1997 letter from Ohio Storyteller Publishers
 - Flyer advertising book *The Ohio Storyteller* by James R. Snyder with biography and photo
 - Highlighted copy of August 8, 1997 board meeting

Folder 8: REVISED BURIAL RECORDS

- Record of patients buried and not sponsored, revised September 13, 2004
- Record of burials at Sanatorium Cemetery, revised September 16, 2004
- Record of children buried in Springfield Lake Sanatorium Cemetery, signed by Susan Joyce, July 13, 2006

Folder 9: MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS

- Text of historical marker
- Names and addresses of Briar Hill Cemetery Advisory Board members, August 8, 1997
- Flyer advertising book *The Ohio Storyteller* by James R. Snyder with biography and photo

- Flyer announcing the May 15, 2004 Springfield Lake Sanatorium Cemetery Cleanup, with attachments:
 - Flyer requesting sponsors for patient memorials
 - Memo from Susan Joyce to Tom George regarding arch for gate, May 14, 2004
 - Description of base and text for monument
 - List of contributors of Leadership Gifts to the cemetery project
 - Text of invitation to the September, 20, 2004 Springfield Lake Sanatorium Cemetery Dedication
 - List of organization officials related to the cemetery dedication
- Three copies of plot plan for Edwin Shaw Sanatorium Cemetery with notes
- Card with number of deaths per year from 1915-1924

Folder 10: NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

- "Cemetery getting new life," *Akron Beacon Journal*, August 18, 2004, page B1
- "Funds sought for memorial to victims," *Youngstown Vindicator*, August 14, 2004
- "Making sure they are not forgotten," *The Suburbanite*, September 27, 2004, page 20
- "Angels are watching over the children," *The Suburbanite*, May 30, 2005, page 1