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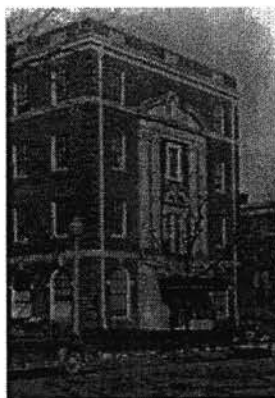
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MEDLINK HOSPITAL'S HUMBLE ORIGINS

Institution has occupied Mass Ave. site for 100 years



The hospital wing at Massachusetts Avenue and Eighth Street was completed in 1930. DC Public Library - Washingtoniana Division.

BY BRIAN KRAFT

MedLINK Hospital is the latest incarnation of an old institution with a rocky history in Washington. The "Eastern Dispensary of the District of Columbia" was first incorporated on April 14, 1888. For its first 17 years, the hospital occupied rented quarters at several locations.

In 1904, the B. F. Leighton House at 708 Massachusetts Ave., NE was purchased for the hospital by Fred W. Smith and Theodore J. Meyer. After some renovations to the building, the hospital moved in the following year. The hospital was permanently incorporated in 1918 under the name "The Eastern Dispensary and Casualty Hospital."

A private institution that always provided a great deal of charitable service, Casualty Hospital was on the brink of oblivion in 1925. "Casualty Hospital is to be abandoned," said Superintendent B. Brent Sandidge. Two months later, the hospital was in the hands of several prominent physicians and citizens of Washington, led by Dr. Joseph D. Rogers, president of the Stanton Park Hospital. A capital campaign was launched and in 1928, work began on a new 100-bed addition, built by the Wardman Construction Company. The old building was remodeled at the same time, and the Evening Star called Casual-

ty Hospital "one of the most modern institutions of its kind in the city."

Fundraising literature from 1930 described Casualty as "an emergency hospital, run by the people, in which no person shall be refused emergency medical or surgical treatment on account of race, color, religion, residence or financial condition." Nonetheless, the new facility was for whites only. The 40-bed facility for African Americans was located in the old Leighton house, the condition of which was quickly deteriorating. Segregation at the hospital continued until the 1950s.

In the mid-1950s the old Leighton house came down, making room for a \$3.6 million wing which would bring the total number of beds up to 238. That extension, dedicated on April 30, 1960, stretched all the way to the corner of Seventh Street and Massachusetts Avenue.

The name was changed to Rogers Memorial Hospital in 1969, in appreciation of the contributions of the family of Dr. Joseph D. Rogers, which had supported the hospital since its salvation in 1925. In 1976, the name was changed to Capitol Hill Hospital. That change accompanied another expansion, costing \$13 million.

Much of the reporting on the hospital in the 1970s was in Washington's black press, reflecting the importance of the hospital to black Washingtonians, as well as the demographics of the surrounding communities on Capitol Hill. On July 3, 1976, the Washington Afro-American editorialized: "Long-time Washington residents may have uncomplimentary memories of the northeast hospital when it was known as Casualty Hospital and the city was divided residentially along strict racial lines. Quite candidly, however, changes in policy and attitude to its patients and medical staff have been on the progressive trend in recent years."

On Feb. 25, 1991, Capitol Hill Hospital "abruptly closed its emergency room, stopped admitting patients and issued lay-off notices to employees," according to the Washington Post. Growing financial losses and the departures of key staff members forced the actions, according to the hospital's owner since the early 1980s, Medlanic Healthcare Group. Services wound down during 1991, before complete closure in December of that year.

In February of 1992, the facility was sold to an investor group, led by Bethesda podiatrist Peter Shin, to be used as an acute care facility and nursing home. MedLINK Hospital, as it is now known, attempted to relocate and make way for residential development. In early 2002, the hospital filed for Chapter 11 in U.S. Bankruptcy Court. MedLINK is currently continuing its effort to develop residential units on the site.

BENJAMIN F. LEIGHTON

*Original owner of
708 Massachusetts Avenue, NE*

B. F. Leighton was born in Pembroke, Maine, in 1847. As a 17-year-old soldier in the First Maine Cavalry, Leighton was wounded, taken prisoner by the Confederates, and held for two months in the infamous Libby Prison. After the war he attended business college and taught briefly in Maine before coming to Washington in 1873. Leighton graduated from the National Law School at the head of his class and was admitted to the bar in 1875. He immediately entered into a successful general practice.

In 1879, Leighton married Sarah Adams Foss of Maine, a descendant of the president Adams of Massachusetts. The Foss family moved from Maine and lived with the Leightons at 1613 P St., NW, where they were recorded in the 1880 census. There were the newlyweds and her parents, Cyrus K. and Sarah Adams Foss (it was common at that time for mother and daughter to share a name), as well as the Foss's younger daughter Louise, an artist.

In November of 1884, B. F. Leighton and C. K. Foss were issued a building permit for 708 Massachusetts Ave., NE. The house cost about \$8,000 (most houses at that time cost \$1,000 to \$2,000). It was designed by Julius Germuiller, a prominent architect who enjoyed a long career in Washington. It was a three-story brick structure, 40 feet across and 38 feet deep,

with a large stable in back.

The Fosses and Leightons moved into the residence in 1885. Mrs. Foss died that same year at age 75. C. K. Foss died in 1892 at age 81. Louise Foss continued to live with the Leightons, who had no children. The Leightons lived at 708 Massachusetts for nearly 20 years. In 1904, they sold 708 to the Casualty Hospital and Eastern Dispensary.

The mansions that would become

Embassy Row were being built at that time, and Leighton commissioned a new house at 1715 22nd St., NW in Kalorama, just north of Massachusetts Avenue.



Leighton: B. F. Leighton - the writer's collection

The tireless B. F. Leighton was involved in numerous civic, business, and educational endeavors. For nearly 40 years, Leighton was dean of the law department of Howard University, retiring just months before his death in 1921. He lectured on constitutional law, contracts, and other subjects. In 1902, Leighton was elected president of the Bar Association and was president of the Board of Trustees of American University from 1914 to 1920.

Leighton was active in real estate from his early days in Washington. He was principally responsible for the original subdivision of Brookland, in Northeast DC, in 1887, and its subsequent improvement and development. In 1899, Leighton bought a farm along Georgia Avenue in Maryland, subdivided it, and called it "Woodside." The Leightons kept a summer home there for many years in what was Silver Spring's first suburban development. ■



The Leighton residence, in its early days as the Casualty Hospital. DC Public Library - Washingtonian Division

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