



Organization History of Ferrier Harris Nursing Home Manuscript

Collection Number: S0411

Collection Title: Organization History of Ferrier Harris Nursing Home Manuscript

Dates: 1979-1980

Creator: Williams, Harriet

Abstract: This collection contains a brief history of the Ferrier Harris Nursing Home written by Harriet (Lamb) Williams, a former board member of the nursing home and daughter of Ferrier Harris, the organization's namesake.

Collection Size: 0.01 cubic foot
(1 folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

In 1898, members of the Wednesday Afternoon Sewing Club, an African American Christian women's group, made it their objective to establish a nursing home for elderly African Americans in St. Louis. Originally known as the "Old Folks Home", the first site was a wooden house south of St. Louis, followed by 3636 Page Boulevard in 1943. Shortly after the institution's founding, the Wednesday Afternoon Sewing Club devoted itself to managing the nursing home full-time, changing its name to the "Old Folks Home Board," before eventually evolving into a formal board of directors. In the mid-twentieth century, the Board of Directors changed the name from the "Old Folks Home" to "Ferrier Harris Home for the Aged" in recognition of one of its founding members, Rose Ferrier-Harris. By 2001, Ferrier Harris had changed its name to Ferrier Harris Residential Care.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into one folder chronologically.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains a brief history of the Ferrier Harris Nursing Home titled *Organization History of Ferrier Harris Nursing Home*, written by Harriet (Lamb) Williams. The paper chronicles the evolution of Ferrier Harris from its founding in 1898 to the selection of the first site for the "Old Folks Home." Topics of interest include "Old Folks Home Day," an annual celebration that honored the Ferrier Harris's founding. The collection has been arranged into one folder.

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