

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION MEDICAL CENTER, BUILDING NO.
3
200 East Beach Boulevard
Gulfport
Harrison County
Mississippi

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CONTINUED TREATMENT BUILDING DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, GULFPORT MEDICAL CENTER (Building No.3)

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Location: East Beach Blvd, Gulfport, Harrison County, MS

Significance: The Gulfport Medical Center, originally referred to as Gulfport Veterans Neuropsychiatric Hospital, is among the earliest Veterans Affairs (VA) hospitals designed from a modern prototype plan and health care delivery philosophy. Building 3 is part of the first group of five buildings on the site that form the original hospital complex.

Description: Building 3 faces due west toward the main campus lawn, adjacent to Building 1. A two story building containing 30,632 square feet, its style might be termed neoclassical, best expressed by its symmetry and the giant order pilasters that appear in the primary façade. Constructed of reinforced concrete and hollow block, the original exterior wall finish was stucco, with door and window trim of cast concrete, divided light wood sashes, and tile roof. Building 3 was originally referred to as "Re-Educational Building No. 3" It contained wards of 12-30 beds, as well as few 2-4 bed rooms. It also contained a large day room and screened porch on each floor.

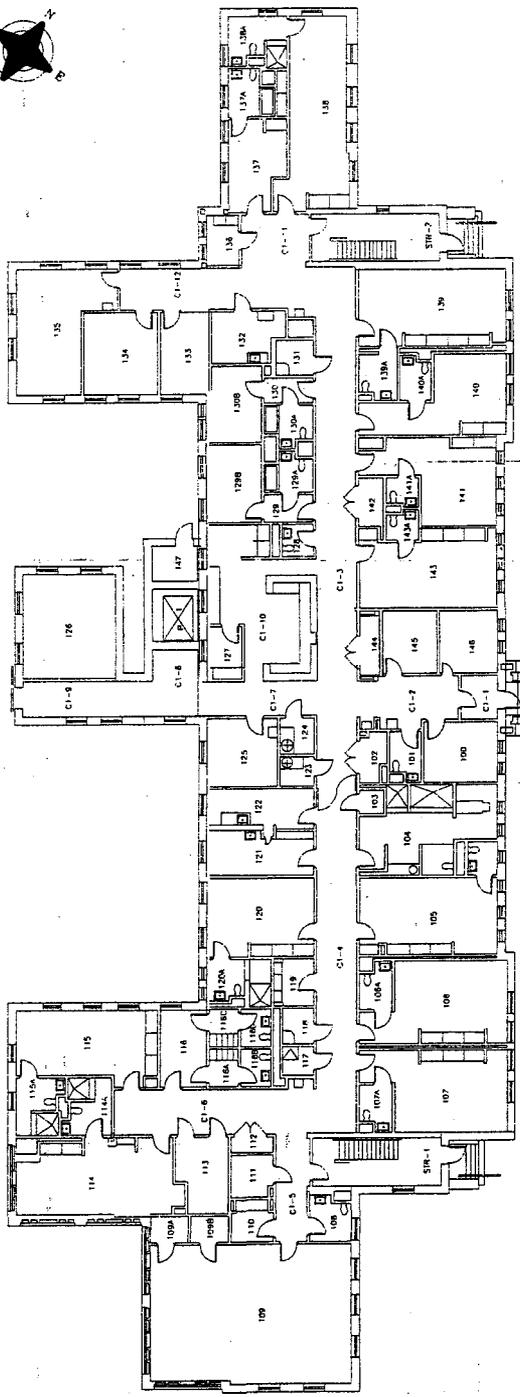
This building was updated several times to meet changes in medical practice, and as a result the original fiber and significance of the interior no longer exist. Exterior walls and trim are now completely covered in Dryvit cladding. Original windows have been replaced with anodized aluminum insulated windows. Screened porches and open wards have been divided into 2-4 bed rooms. The interior is currently being gutted for re-use.

History: Gulfport Buildings 1-5 were designed and constructed by the Department of the Navy in 1923, but was soon thereafter transferred to the Veterans Bureau. In 1921 the newly established Veterans Bureau had initiated a massive construction campaign to produce prototype buildings that would promote the latest practices in medicine and psychiatry. With campus-like sites on the outskirts of towns, the fifty properties derived from this prototype, built in the 1920's, 30's and early 40's, constituted the "Architectural Set." Although built by the Navy, with plans that did not yet conform completely to the new standard designs, Buildings 1-5 represent some of the earliest examples of a coherent design philosophy within the Veterans Bureau. The VA vacated the Gulfport Medical Center in 2005, just prior to Hurricane Katrina, which heavily damaged the site.

Sources: Original construction and subsequent alteration drawings, Gulfport Veterans Administration Medical Center.

Kathleen Schamel, Historic Preservation web pages, Office of Construction and Facilities Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, <http://www.va.gov/facmgt/historic/>

Historian: Joseph E.B. Elliott, contract photographer and historian, 2008.



FIRST FLOOR PLAN
SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

BUILDING 3, FIRST FLOOR

| ROOM # | DESCRIPTION |
|--------|----------------------------|
| 101 | VISITORS LOUNGE |
| 102 | WHEELCHAIR TOILET |
| 103 | RECEPTION |
| 104 | CONCRETE BATH |
| 105 | TELEPHONE CLOSET |
| 106A | PRIVATE TOILET |
| 106B | WHEELCHAIR TOILET |
| 107 | THREE BED ROOM |
| 108 | REC. RM. EQUIPMENT STORAGE |
| 109 | REC. RM. EQUIPMENT STORAGE |
| 110 | CLEAN LINEN ROOM |
| 111 | CONCRETE TOILET |
| 112 | CONCRETE TOILET |
| 113 | FOUR BED ROOM |
| 114 | FOUR BED ROOM |
| 115 | FOUR BED ROOM |
| 116 | THREE BED ROOM |
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| ROOM # | DESCRIPTION |
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| 127 | MEDICATION PREPARATION |
| 128 | AMTE ROOM |
| 129 | PRIVATE BATH |
| 130 | AMTE ROOM |
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BUILDING 3
FIRST FLOOR

DRAWING NO. A-1

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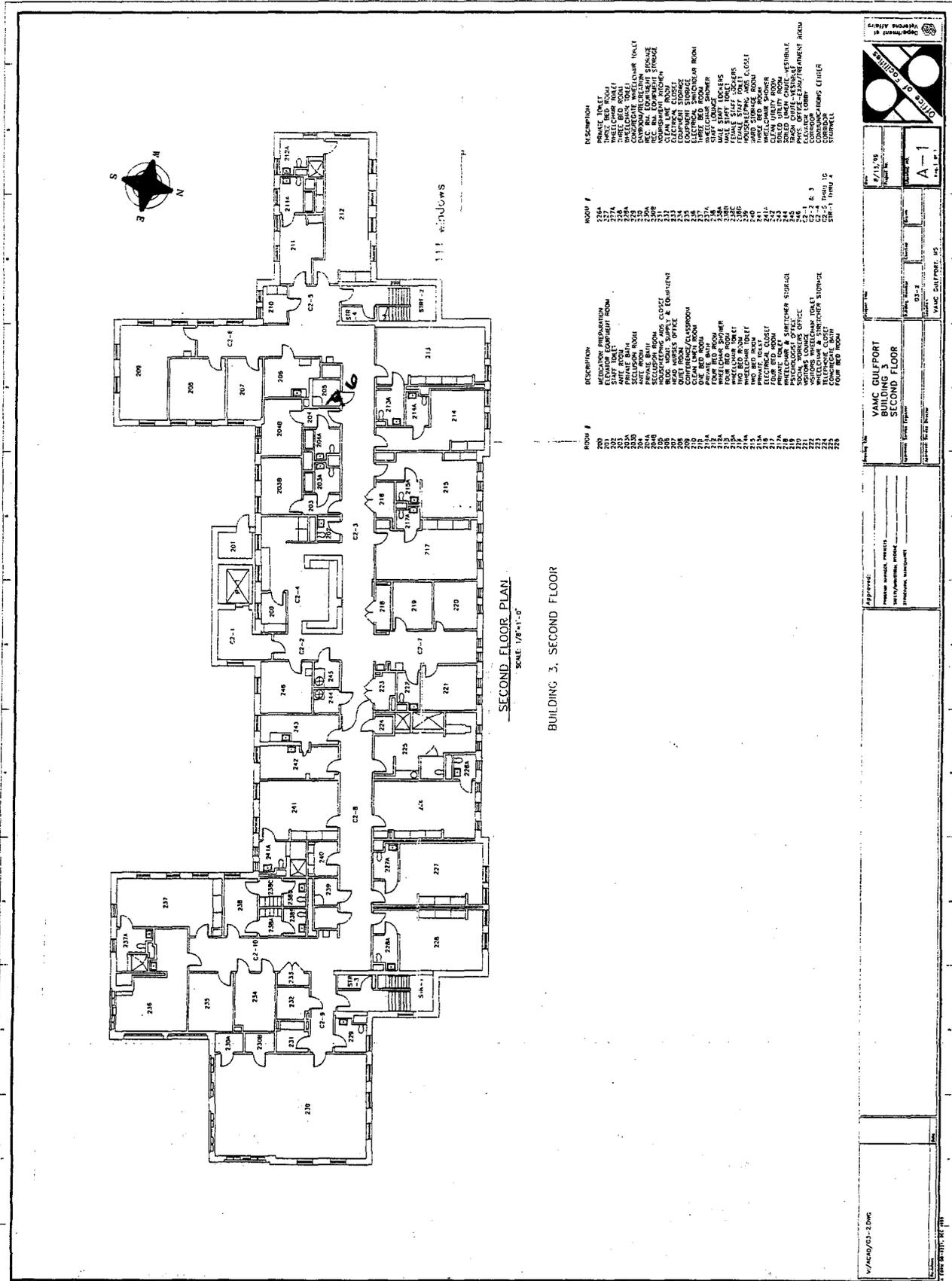
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SECOND FLOOR PLAN
SCALE: 1/8"=1'-0"
BUILDING 3, SECOND FLOOR

| ROOM # | DESCRIPTION | ROOM # | DESCRIPTION |
|--------|-------------------------|--------|---------------------------|
| 209 | MICROWAVE RECREATION | 226A | PRACTICE DENTIST |
| 210 | ELEVATOR EQUIPMENT ROOM | 227 | THREE BED ROOM |
| 211 | WATER ROOM | 228 | THREE BED ROOM |
| 212 | WATER ROOM | 229 | THREE BED ROOM |
| 213 | WATER ROOM | 230 | CONCRETE WHEELCHAIR HOIST |
| 214 | WATER ROOM | 231 | CONCRETE WHEELCHAIR HOIST |
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| 227 | WATER ROOM | 244 | CONCRETE WHEELCHAIR HOIST |
| 228 | WATER ROOM | 245 | CONCRETE WHEELCHAIR HOIST |
| 229 | WATER ROOM | 246 | CONCRETE WHEELCHAIR HOIST |

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