

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION MEDICAL CENTER, NURSES
QUARTERS BUILDING
(Nurses Homes and Administration Building)
(Building No. 64)
200 East Beach Boulevard
Gulfport
Harrison County
Mississippi

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NURSES HOME AND ADMINISTRATION BUILDING DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, GULFPORT MEDICAL CENTER (Building No.64)

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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, was established in 1923. It is among the earliest Veterans Affairs (VA) hospitals designed from a modern prototype plan and health care delivery philosophy. Building 64, built in 1931, is one several buildings added to the original hospital complex.

Description: Building 64 was originally named the Nurses Quarters Building. Located at the south end of the hospital grounds, adjacent to the main gate, Building 64 faces due west, opposite Building 63. A two story building containing 18,700 square feet, its style can be termed Spanish Mission, expressed in the parapet top, round arched windows, quatrefoil window, wrought iron railings, and "balcony" on front pavilion. Open porches line upper and lower floors, providing outside access to all rooms. Constructed of reinforced concrete and hollow block, the original exterior wall finish was stucco, with door and window trim of cast concrete and wood, and a tile roof. Original plans show individual bedrooms on both floors, and a social room containing a fireplace on the first floor. Plans circa 1950 show the name changed to Nurses Home and Administration Building, and offices on the first floor for personnel, chaplain, fiscal, and engineering.

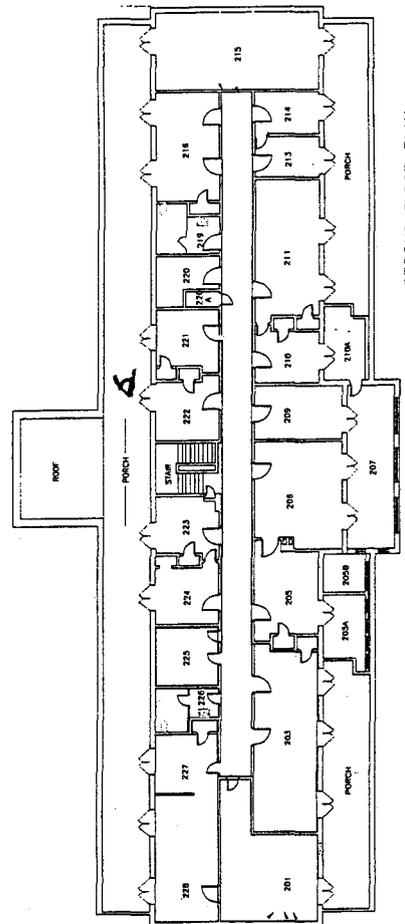
Exterior walls are currently covered in Dryvit cladding. The original divided light wood sashes have been replaced with anodized aluminum insulated windows.

History: 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." Building 64 is a typical example of this 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.

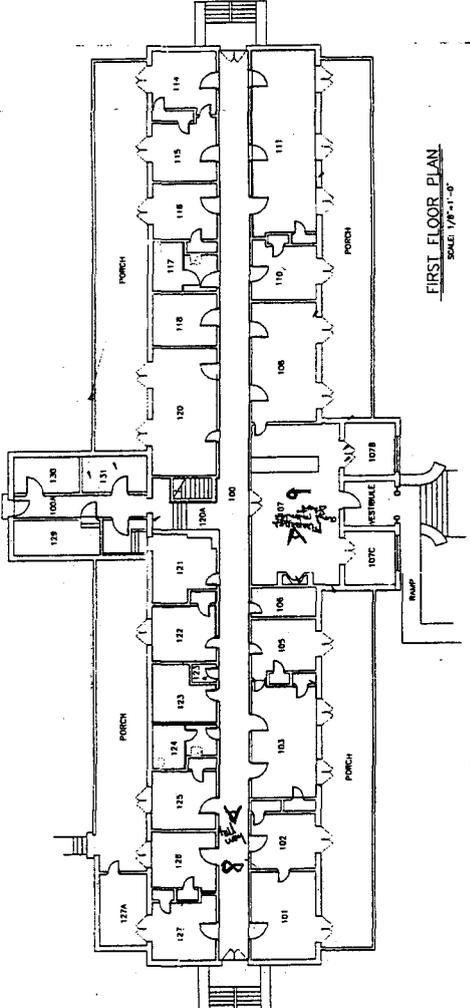
Sources: Original construction and subsequent alteration drawings, Gulfport Veterans Administration Medical Center.

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



SECOND FLOOR PLAN



FIRST FLOOR PLAN

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| 100 | CORRIDOR |
| 101A | PSYCHIATRIST OFFICE |
| 101B | SECRETARY'S OFFICE |
| 102 | SOFT WORKERS OFFICE |
| 103 | GROUP THERAPY ROOM |
| 104 | WAITING ROOM/RECEPTIONIST |
| 105 | CLERICAL OFFICE |
| 106 | CLERICAL OFFICE |
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| 110 | GROUP THERAPY ROOM |
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| 201 | RECEPTIONIST OFFICE |
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