

Mountain Hospital Finally Fulfills a 95 Year Old Vision



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These similar views looking northwest across Concession Street from the corner of Sherman Ave (Cut) demonstrate the changing face of the Mountain Hospital. In 1917, it was planned to build a giant six-wing veteran's hospital on the mountain brow between Poplar Avenue and Sherman Avenue. By 1918, all that was completed of this ambitious project was a nurse's residence and one hospital wing shown in the aerial view. There was no generous patron back then and when the funding for the project dried up, the federal government commandeered the Brant Hotel in Burlington and converted it into a veteran's convalescent hospital. In time a giant hospital did emerge with the addition of a hodgepodge of facilities: Maternity Hospital 1932, Henderson General Hospital 1954, Cancer Clinic 1986 (as shown in the second photo). Recent major renovations have created the present Juravinski Hospital. Although it took ninety-five years for the vision to be fulfilled, the hospital is today, the dominant feature of Mount Hamilton providing a wide selection of health services.

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