

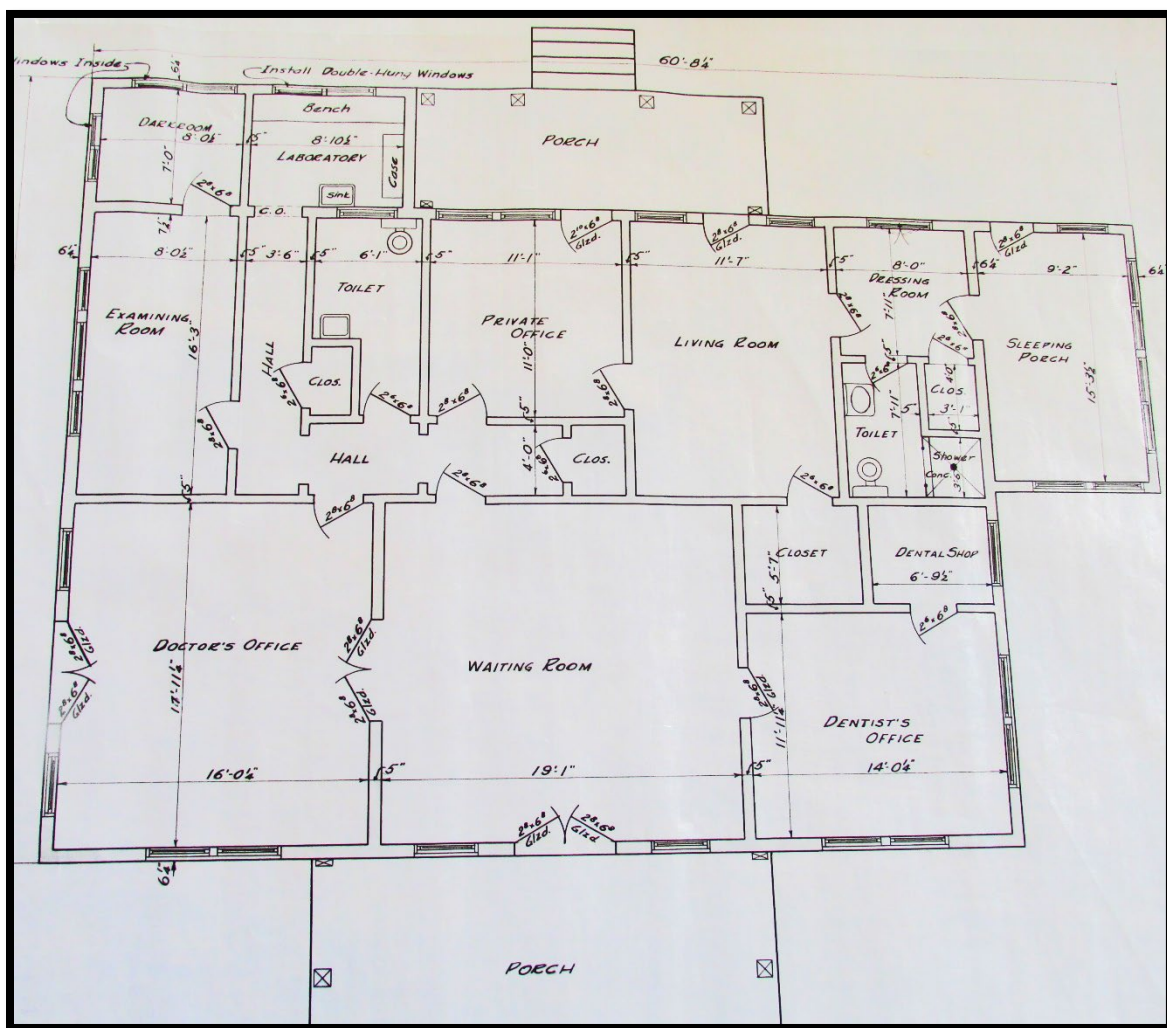
Newsletter119

Keith's Corner/McGill News

August 27, 2021

Doctor's Apartment-McGill Hospital

Newsletter113 was about the Emergency Hospital at McGill. At the end of the article, I mentioned an engineering drawing of an apartment for the doctors. Here is a photo of that drawing.



<h1 style="margin: 0;">QUARTERS EMERGENCY HOSPITAL REVISED FLOOR PLAN</h1>				
SCALE $\frac{1}{4}" = 1'-0"$		DATE <i>Aug. 13, '29</i>		
<h2 style="margin: 0;">KENNECOTT COPPER CORPORATION NEVADA MINES DIVISION—MCGILL, NEVADA ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT</h2>				
TR. CHKD. <i>J.D.W.</i>				
<small>DRAWN</small> <i>H.C.C.</i>	<small>TRACED</small> <i>J Beynon</i>	<small>CHECKED</small>	<small>SIGNED</small>	<small>APPROVED</small>

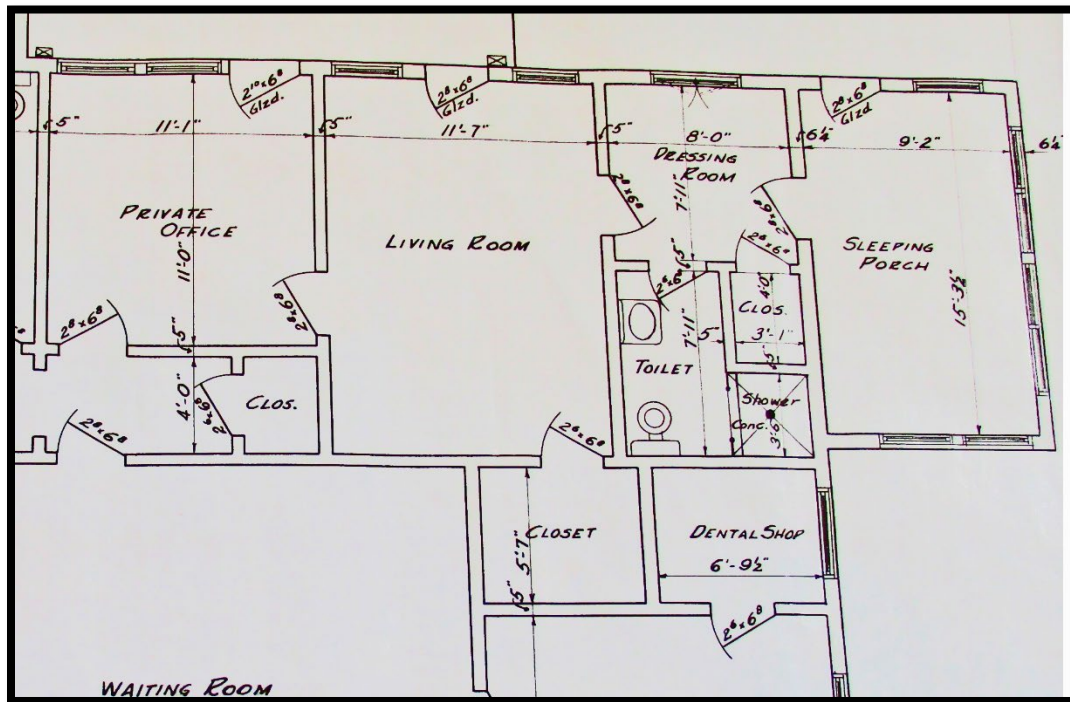
This was the legend box on the drawing. It is a 1954 trace of a drawing from 1929. The original was done by Nevada Con. Copper. The H.C.C. initials are those of Henry Conrad and the J Beynon was a classmate of mine, who graduated in 1954 from WPHS. I don't know who JDW is.

I don't remember hearing about an apartment in the hospital. Guess, I assumed it was all hospital.

We McGill heathens, were more concerned with our own medical ingenuity, like putting dirt on a bleeding cut to stem the flow, or electrical tape on a cut. Hey, the electrical tape stayed on longer than Band-Aids. We had to use electrical tape, until somebody invented duct tape, which works even better. Eventually, the makers of Band-Aids, learned of our expertise in bandages and started using the same adhesive that was on electrical and duct tape. It gives us, former heathens, great comfort in our old age, to know that as youngsters, we helped advance medical science, for the benefit of all mankind.

Hate to break away from discussing the legends of medical science, but need to get back to the floor plan of the hospital.

This is the apartment plan that was finished in 1929.



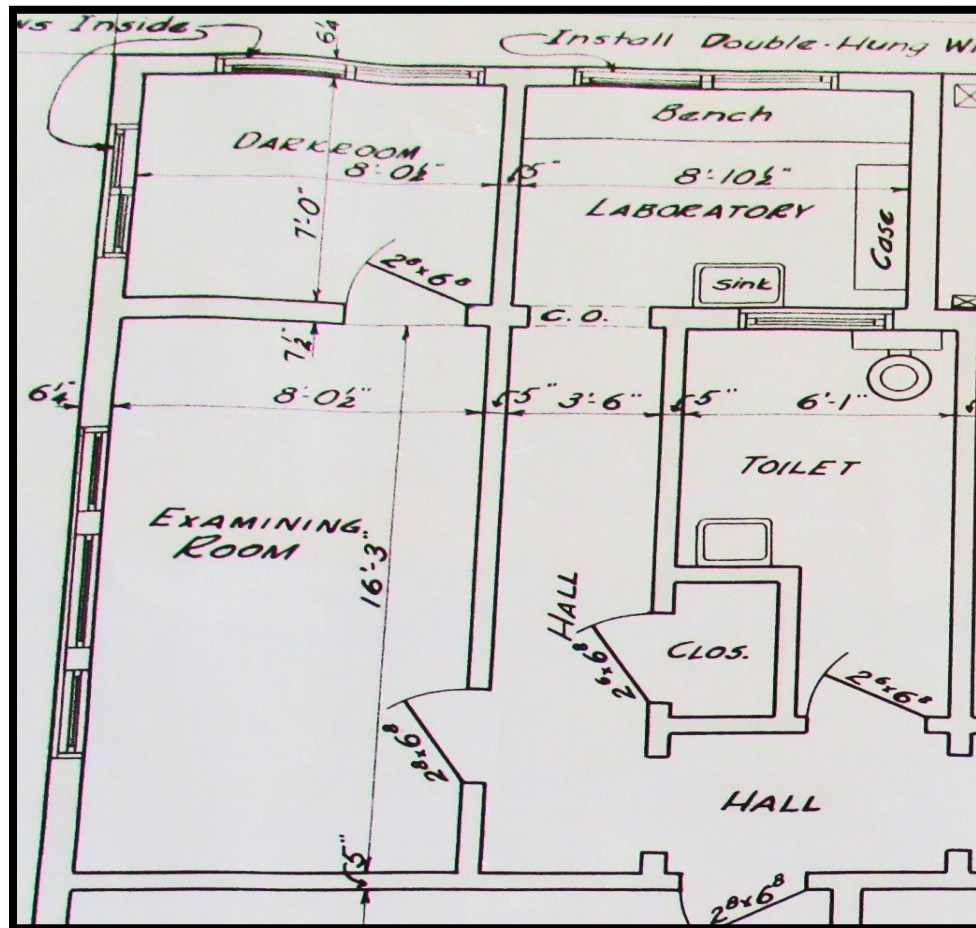
The sleeping porch on the right is the wing that sticks out toward the alley on the south side. It is behind the lilac in this photo.



The dentist's office is behind the AC unit.

Besides the sleeping porch, there is a living room, bathroom, private office, dressing room and several closets. There is no kitchen area, so I assume the Docs ate at the boarding house or a café. Access to the back porch was only from the private office or the living room.

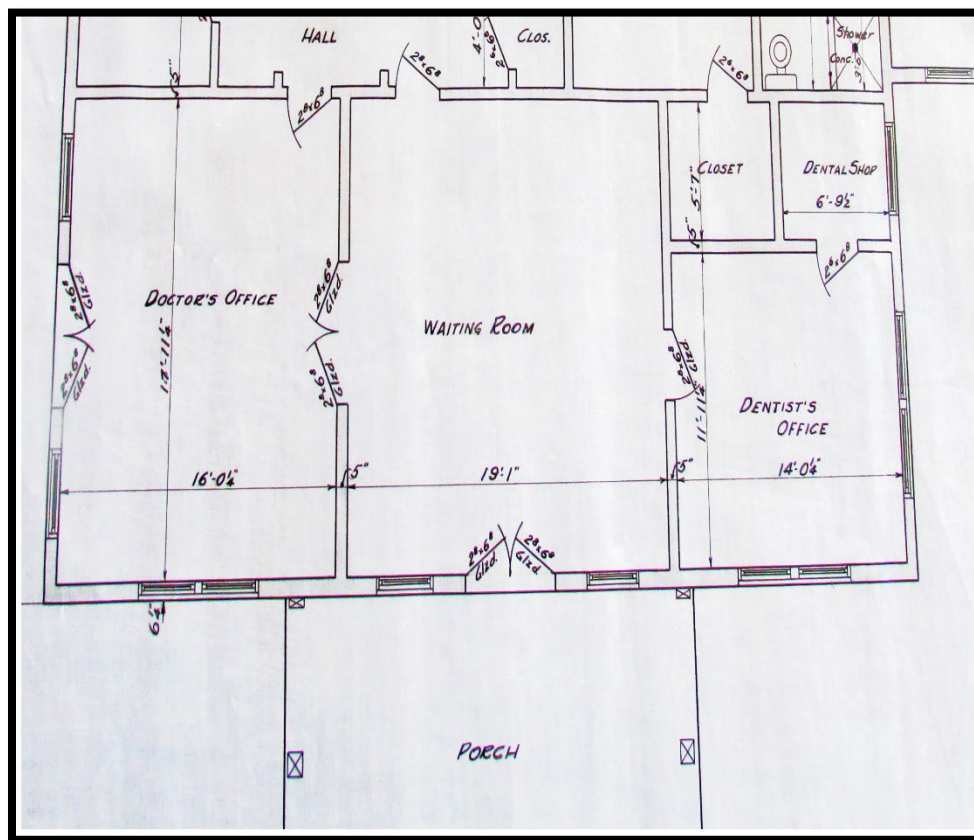
The other side of the hospital contained a dark room, a laboratory and one of the 2 examining rooms..



This examining room was probably for OB/GYN patients, etc. I remember going thru that room to the little room, I mentioned in Newsletter1113. It was probably the dark room, as I remember the walls being black. Boris Karloff and Lon Chaney may have made some of their movies in that room. Could be, that when they stuffed my sinuses with the cotton rope, I was in a horror flick.

Besides improving medical science, we McGill urchins, also, helped develop Hollywood. Wow, think of that. Historical legends before 10 years of age and in two different areas. How rare is that??

This is the front of the hospital, showing the waiting and examining rooms, also the dentist's office and the front porch.



The 1929, Ely Daily Times on December 3rd and 10th reported that the apartment was finished.

McGill News

The annual McGill Birthday party gets under way next Friday night, with the street dance on main street.

The next day will be the picnic at the famous McGill pool. Free swimming. The McGill Volunteer firemen will be there to BBQ plenty of free hot dogs and hamburgers. I will have some photos next week.

Oldie

1909-June 2—C. C. Schanck succeeds W. E. Cross as manager of the Bishop's Jewelry section of Clark's Drug Store in Smelter (McGill), which is in the building that later became the bank.

1909—March 25—There was an as for a Dr. Tollhurst, a Dentist, at the Smelter Emergency Hospital. This is the earliest I can find on the hospital. Haven't found where it was located, as yet.

Old Photo



An enlargement of a photo taken on July 13, 1907, showing the general office and the white building that was the assay office.