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Re: Chestnut Lodge Archives

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Sat, Jan 13, 2024 at 2:10 PM

Dear Alicia—

Unfortunately, we believe no records survived from Chestnut Lodge, at least we have never heard of anyone who was able to discover them. When the facility closed, the records either left with the Bullards or were destroyed at that time. Alternately, if for some reason they remained in the building, they would also have been destroyed by the fire.

I am not sure what information you are seeking vs. what you already know—you are, of course, welcome to do research in our facility, though we do not have any original documents from the hospital itself. The closest thing to primary sources we have are [oral history interviews](#) with Dr. Dexter Bullard and his wife, Anne, which will soon be available in digital format. Let me know if you are interested in accessing them. There was also a [Maryland Historical Trust form](#) submitted while the building was still standing that gives a lot of information on the history, including its original life as a hotel. Otherwise, I know we have a vertical file with newspaper clippings and secondary sources that discuss the history of the facility as well.

If you are interested in doing research, you can learn about how that works here:

<https://montgomeryhistory.org/visit-library/>

Let me know if I can be of further assistance.

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From: Alicia Gladman <alicia.gladman@gmail.com>
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Hello there,

I am writing in hopes of connecting with someone from your organization about some archival records I'm searching for. I had a relative who spent time at Chestnut Lodge in 1970/71, and I am researching her experience there and the place itself. I am honestly not quite sure where to start, especially since the facility is closed and the building gone. I am hoping to be able to access her medical records, although I recognize that this is a long shot. Is there anyone who works with you who is familiar with the history of Chestnut Lodge that might be open to speaking with me?

I appreciate your time,

Alicia Gladman