

Summit Historical Minute

Overlook Hospital

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Overlook hospital, founded in 1906 by William Henry Lawrence Jr., was founded as a private hospital at the highest point in summit. The hospital was founded to provide emergency care for the rapidly growing toe. The hospital was founded on a \$15,000 loan from civic leaders in summit to build the original three-story structure. The hospital had an initial operating cost of \$30,000 with 42 beds. The hospital quickly became non economically viable as the hospital had a policy to care for “all proper and deserving cases whether able to pay or not, and to take emergency cases at all times”. Overlook has one of the best pediatric cancer centers in New Jersey and is one of only five hospitals certified to perform emergency angioplasty in New Jersey. Overlook has become a very important teaching hospital for pre-medical students and medical students in the state due to its affiliation with Rutgers University. Today the hospital has 428 beds is renowned for its neuroscience center,