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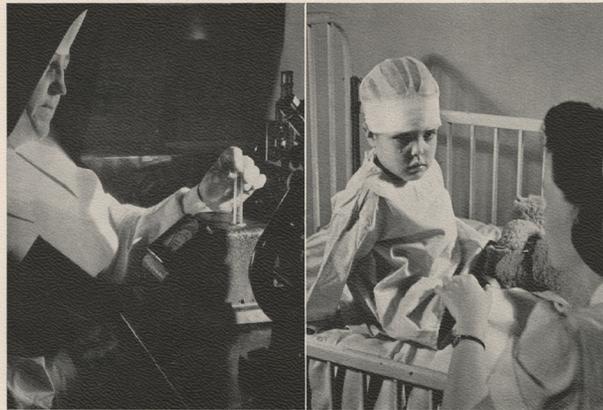
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14	Entire First Floor	12,250	73,500
16	Entire Third Floor	8,900	53,400
19	Entire Sixth Floor	7,000	42,000
13	Entire Ground Floor	5,250	31,500
15	Chapel	5,000	30,000
14	X-ray Department	4,500	27,000
18	Obstetrical Department	3,050	18,300
17	Children's Ward	2,500	15,000
14	Laboratories Department	1,950	11,700
19	Operating Room and Gallery	1,500	9,000
14	Deep Therapy Room	1,400	8,400
14	X-ray Fluoroscopic Room	1,400	8,400
14	X-ray Radiographic Room	1,400	8,400
19	Operating Rooms, each	1,200	7,200
18	Nursery	1,200	7,200
18	Delivery Rooms, each	1,000	6,000
14	Chemical Laboratory	950	5,700
14	Splint and Fracture Rooms	900	5,400
19	Cystoscopic Room	850	5,100
15, 16, 17, 18	Four-bed Wards, each	800	4,800
14	Doctors' Lounge	750	4,500
14	Pharmacy	700	4,200
15	Chaplain's Suite	700	4,200
15	Medical Library	700	4,200
14	Physical Therapy Room	650	3,900
15, 16, 17, 18	Three-bed Wards, each	600	3,600
19	Operating Room	600	3,600
13	Accident Operating Room	500	3,000
14	Pathological Laboratory	500	3,000
14	Waiting Rooms, each	500	3,000
15, 16, 17, 18	Sitting Rooms, each	500	3,000
15	Bishop's Room	500	3,000
16, 17	Private Rooms, each	450	2,700
15, 16, 17, 18	Semi-private, Two-bed Rooms, each	400	2,400
13	Accident Ward	350	2,100
15, 16, 17, 18	Private Rooms, each	350	2,100
15, 16, 17, 18	Nurses' Stations, each	350	2,100
14	Viewing Room	300	1,800
17	Private Rooms, each	300	1,800
15	Guests' Dining Room	250	1,500
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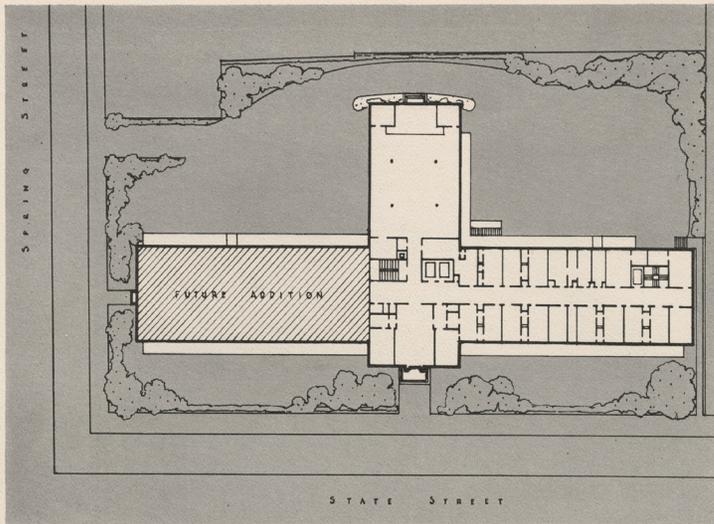


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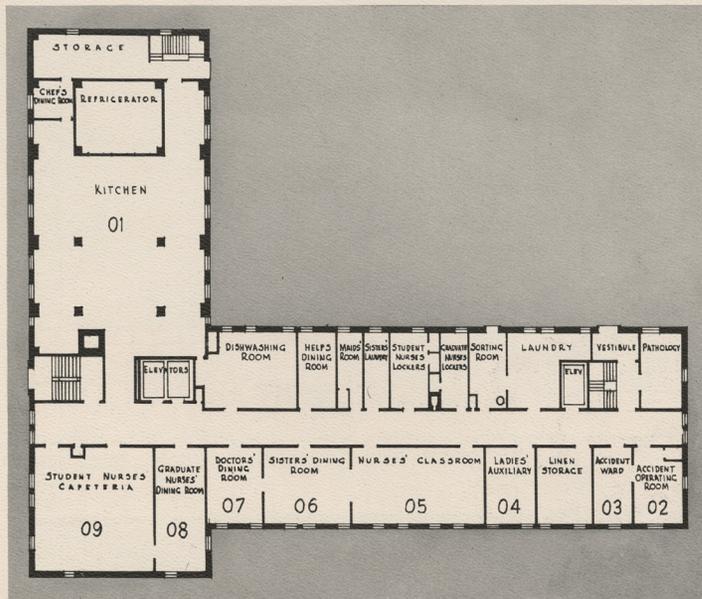
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01	Kitchen	\$1,400	\$ 8,400
02	Accident Operating Room	500	3,000
03	Accident Ward	350	2,100
04	Ladies' Auxiliary Room	350	2,100
05	Nurses' Classroom	600	3,600
06	Sisters' Dining Room	550	3,300
07	Doctors' Dining Room	350	2,100
08	Graduate Nurses' Dining Room	450	2,700
09	Student Nurses' Cafeteria	700	4,200
Entire Ground Floor		5,250	31,500



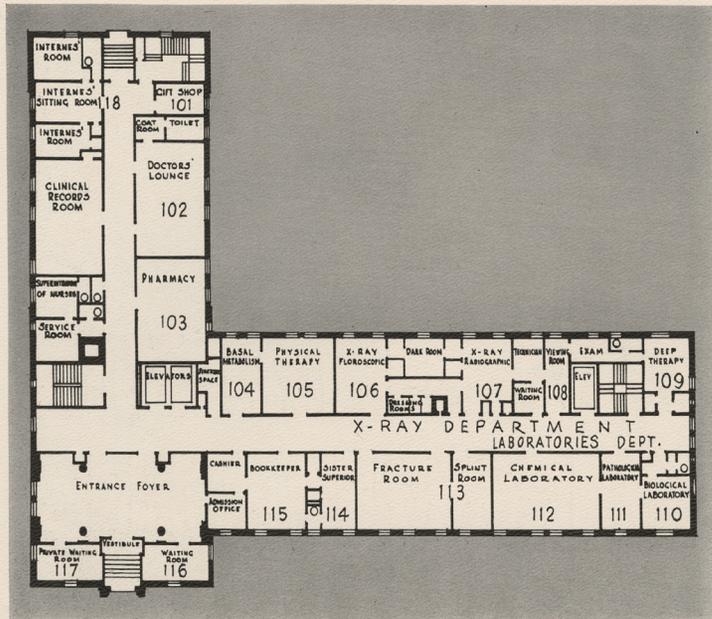
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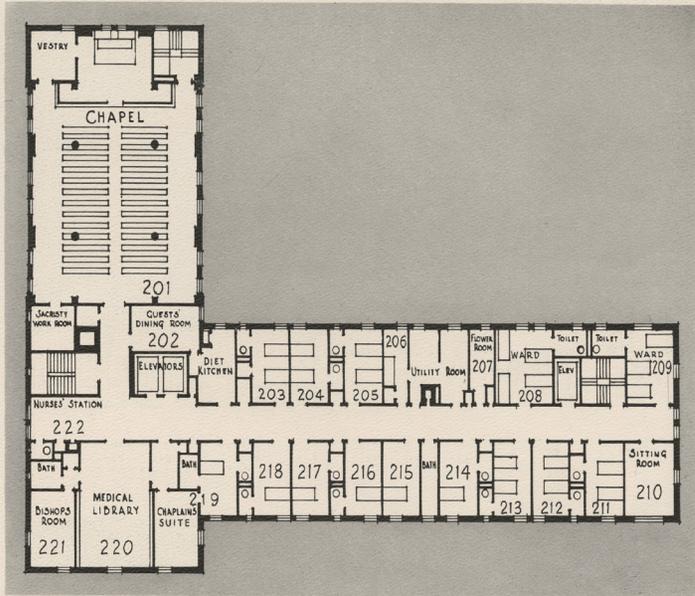
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First Floor

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101	Gift Shop	\$ 200	\$ 1,200
102	Doctors' Lounge	750	4,500
103	Pharmacy	700	4,200
104	Basal Metabolism Room	300	1,800
105	Physical Therapy Room	650	3,900
106	X-ray Fluoroscopic Room	1,400	8,400
107	X-ray Radiographic Room	1,400	8,400
108	Viewing Room	300	1,800
109	Deep Therapy Room	1,400	8,400
110	Biological Laboratory	500	3,000
111	Pathological Laboratory	500	3,000
112	Chemical Laboratory	950	5,700
113	Splint and Fracture Rooms	900	5,400
114	Office	250	1,500
115	Office	350	2,100
116	Waiting Room	500	3,000
117	Private Waiting Room	500	3,000
118	Internes' Suite	700	4,200
106-09, incl.	X-ray Department	4,500	27,000
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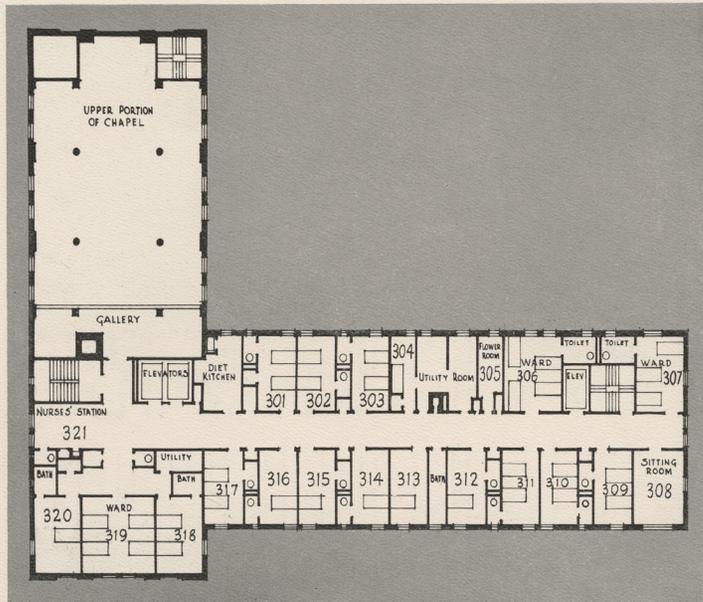
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201	Chapel	\$ 5,000	\$30,000
202	Guests' Dining Room	250	1,500
203, 04, 05, 11, 12, 13	Semi-private, Two-bed Rooms, each	400	2,400
	Individual Beds in Semi-private, Two-bed Rooms	200	1,200
206	Private Room	250	1,500
207	Flower Room	200	1,200
208	Four-bed Ward	800	4,800
	Individual Beds in Four-bed Ward	200	1,200
209	Three-bed Ward	600	3,600
	Individual Beds in Three-bed Ward	200	1,200
210	Sitting Room	500	3,000
214, 15, 16, 17, 18	Private Rooms, each	350	2,100
219	Chaplain's Suite	700	4,200
220	Medical Library	700	4,200
221	Bishop's Room	500	3,000
222	Nurses' Station	350	2,100
	Entire Second Floor	14,000	84,000

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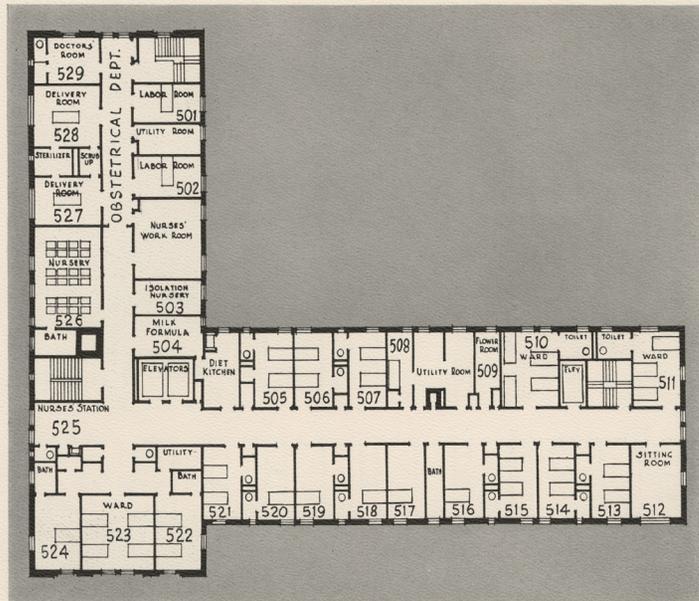
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	Individual Beds in Semi-private, Two-bed Rooms	200	1,200
304	Private Room	250	1,500
305	Flower Room	200	1,200
306, 19	Four-bed Wards, each	800	4,800
	Individual Beds in Four-bed Wards	200	1,200
307	Three-bed Ward	600	3,600
	Individual Beds in Three-bed Ward	200	1,200
308	Sitting Room	500	3,000
312, 13, 14, 15, 16	Private Rooms, each	350	2,100
320	Private Room	450	2,700
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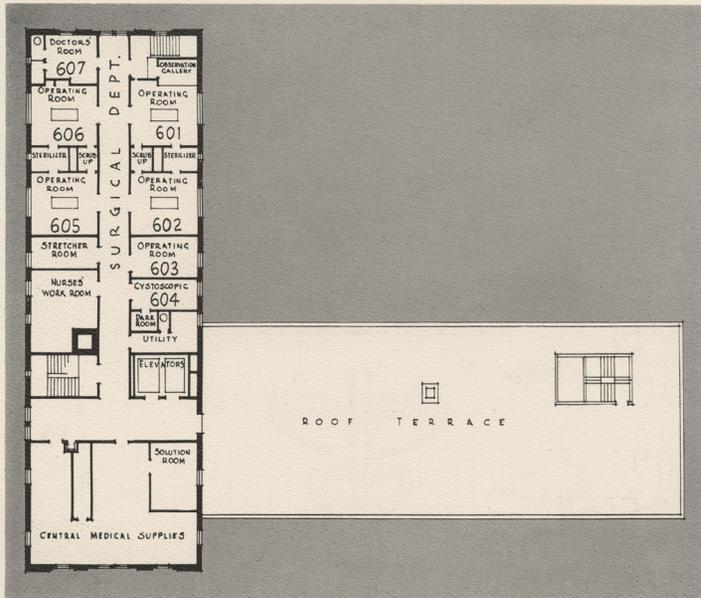
MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Fifth Floor

Identification Number	Room or Department	Each One-sixth Payment	Total
501, 02	Labor Rooms, each	\$ 300	\$ 1,800
503	Isolation Nursery	250	1,500
504	Milk Formula Room	250	1,500
505, 06, 07, 13, 14, 15, 21, 22	Semi-private, Two-bed Rooms, each	400	2,400
	Individual Beds in Semi-private, Two-bed Rooms	200	1,200
508	Private Room	250	1,500
509	Flower Room	200	1,200
510, 23	Four-bed Wards, each	800	4,800
	Individual Beds in Four-bed Wards	200	1,200
511	Three-bed Ward	600	3,600
	Individual Beds in Three-bed Wards	200	1,200
512	Sitting Room	500	3,000
516, 17, 18, 19, 20	Private Rooms, each	350	2,100
524	Private Room	500	3,000
525	Nurses' Station	350	2,100
526	Nursery	1,200	7,200
527, 28	Delivery Rooms, each	1,000	6,000
529	Doctors' Room	450	2,700
501, 02, 27-29, incl.	Obstetrical Department	3,050	18,300
	Entire Fifth Floor	13,700	82,200

MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES
FIFTH FLOOR

Identification Number; Room or Department; Each One-sixth Payment; Total / 501, 02, Labor Rooms, each, \$300...\$1,800 / 503, Isolation Nursery, 250...1,500 / 504, Milk Formula Room, 250...1,500 / 505, 06, 07, 13 / 14, 15, 21, 22, Semi-private, Two-bed Rooms, each, 400...2,400 / Individual Beds in Semi-private, Two-bed / Rooms, 200...1,200 / 508, Private Room, 250...1,500 / 509, Flower Room, 200...1,200 / 510, 23, Four-bed Wards, each, 800...4,800 / Individual Beds in Four-bed Wards, 200...1,200 / 511, Three-bed Ward, 600...3,600 / Individual Beds in Three-bed Wards, 200...1,200 / 512, Sitting Room, 500...3,000 / 516, 17, 18, 19 / 20, Private Rooms, each, 350...2,100 / 524, Private Room, 500...3,000 / 525 Nurses' Station, 350...2,100 / 526, Nursery, 1,200...7,200 / 527, 28, Delivery Rooms, each, 1,000...6,000 / 529, Doctors' Room, 450...2,700 / 501, 02, 27 - / 29, incl., Obstetrical Department, 3,050...18,3000 / Entire Fifth Floor, 13,700...82,200



MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Sixth Floor

Identification Number	Room or Department	Each One-sixth Payment	Total
601.....	Operating Room and Gallery	\$1,500.....	\$ 9,000
602, 05, 06.....	Operating Rooms, each	1,200.....	7,200
603.....	Operating Room	600.....	3,600
604.....	Cystoscopic Room.....	850.....	5,100
607.....	Doctors' Room.....	450.....	2,700
	Entire Sixth Floor.....	7,000.....	42,000



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MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITES SIXTH FLOOR

Identification Number; Room or Department; Each One-sixth Payment; Total / 601, Operating Room and Gallery, \$1,500...\$9,000 / 602, 05, 06, Operating Rooms, each, 1,200...7,200 / 603, Operating Room, 600...3,600 / 604, Cystoscopic Room, 850...5,100 / 607, Doctors' Room, 450...2,700 / Entire Sixth Floor, 7,000...42,000

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