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Guide to the

**Henryton Tuberculosis Sanatorium ledger**

1944-1992 [bulk 1944-1960]

Sc MG 959

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## Summary

**Creator:** Henryton State Hospital

**Title:** Henryton Tuberculosis Sanatorium ledger

**Date:** 1944-1992 [bulk 1944-1960]

**Size:** 0.25 linear feet (1 box)

**Source:** Purchase, Brian Cassidy, 2019

**Abstract:** Founded in 1922, the Henrytown Tuberculosis Sanatorium was one of the first facilities established in Maryland to provide medical treatment to Black patients suffering from tuberculosis. The Henryton Tuberculosis Sanatorium ledger is a handwritten log for several thousand patients treated at the sanatorium from January 1944 to October 1960.

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## Creator History

Founded in 1922, the Henrytown Tuberculosis Sanatorium was one of the first facilities established in Maryland to provide medical treatment to Black patients suffering from tuberculosis. In 1962, the facility was converted to the Henryton State Hospital. The hospital closed in 1985 and the building was torn down in 2013.

## Scope and Content Note

The Henryton Tuberculosis Sanatorium ledger is a handwritten log for several thousand patients treated at the sanatorium from January 1944 to October 1960. This folio-sized ledger records detailed information about each patient, identified by number only. Data includes age, sex, marital status, religion, occupation, country of residence, and length of stay. Pertinent information regarding the patients condition and symptoms are recorded as well, including disease status when admitted (minimal, moderate, advanced, etc.), extent of lesions, condition when discharged (improved, unimproved, died), followed by pulse, temperature, and weight when admitted and discharged. Laid in is a typed letter dated 1954 from William Wilson informing the hospital that the writer will no longer be able to visit the hospital to cut the hair of patients. Also inserted is a small collection of news clippings from 1992 on tuberculosis.

## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

African Americans -- Diseases

African Americans -- Health and hygiene

Tuberculosis -- Maryland

### **Names**

Henryton State Hospital