

Remarks

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Dedication

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Richard D. Wood, whose ancestors settled in such places as Woodsville and Woodstown New Jersey down on the southern peninsula bounded by the Delaware River on one side and the Atlantic Ocean on the other. He was a Philadelphian through and through, an astute planner, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and eventually its president who understood (which many trustees do not) his obligations not just to maintenance of the real estate and capital of the institution, but also of its philosophy in reference to pediatric care and research, which needed innovation and creativity.

Earlier in this archive, there are several talks I gave having to do with the future of the Children's Hospital; one is a document prepared for the Board of Trustees where I look forward to what might be accomplished, and the other was an historical note as well as a prophetic piece that I gave when we dedicated the new building, honoring Princess Margaret and Lord Snowdon of the British Royal family who on that occasion represented the United Kingdom's interest in the first Children's Hospital in the English speaking world, built on Great Ormond Street in London.

The user might be interested in this short piece at the dedication of the Richard D. Wood Ambulatory Care Center comparing what I said prophetically 25 years before and what I said retrospectively on this occasion.