

Meahl Memorial Hospital

Located at 700 Daytona Ave, this was the first Hospital in Holly Hill.

In 1935, Bertha Meahl developed the building at 700 Daytona Avenue . Bertha was the widow of Charles Meahl, a physician, and resided in Buffalo, New York in 1900. Meahl had acquired the property at the northeast corner of Daytona Avenue and Seventh Street in the early 1930s. In 1935, she hired George Somers and D. G. Hamilton to construct a masonry building that she intended to use as a private hospital.



Meahl leased the facility for ten years to Dr. R. O. Cheney for \$75.00 per month, plus 25% of gross revenues “all improvements and building thereon and all personal property consisting of furniture, furnishings, surgical instruments and supplies and hospital instruments and supplies and other property now on this said date located within and contained within the building situated thereon.” Dr. Cheney broke the lease later that year, and in 1936 Meahl leased the hospital to Dr. A. E. Drexel, who agreed to move from Palatka to Daytona Beach that year to manage the facility.

For her part, Meahl agreed to pay for laundry, nurses, and utilities, and hire cooks, maids, and orderlies. Not surprisingly, the facility was named Meahl Memorial Hospital at Holly Hill.

In 1950 the Hospital changed hands, and renamed Doctors Osteopathic Medical Hospital. In later years the Hospital was closed and the building was sold and converted to an Elderly Nursing Facility.