

How the Mental Hospital was Renamed Woodbridge Hospital in 1951

B Y Ng, *FAMS, MBBS, M Med (Psych)

Abstract

This essay consists of three parts. The first, based on Woodbridge Hospital records, explains how the Mental Hospital was renamed Woodbridge Hospital in 1951, an issue which had received intermittent press publicity, though its full details have not been published before. The second part of the essay traces the exact location of the wooden bridge after which the hospital is named. The last part concerns a missing photograph of a Woodbridge Hospital outside Singapore.

Ann Acad Med Singapore 1999; 28:610-2

Key words: Asylum, Cement, Mental illness, Stigma, Wooden bridge

* Senior Registrar

Department of Adult Psychiatry 2

Woodbridge Hospital

Address for Reprints: Dr Ng Beng Yeong, Department of Adult Psychiatry 2, Woodbridge Hospital & Institute of Mental Health, 10 Buangkok Green, Singapore 539747.