Executive Russ Pry Announces a State Grant for the Edwin Shaw Hospital Scrapbook Project

Summit County Executive Russ Pry is pleased to announce a grant in the amount of $2,000 has been awarded by the Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board (OHRAB) for the Edwin Shaw Hospital Scrapbook Project. The grant will be used to preserve, catalogue and digitize the records for improved public access.

In 2010, the County of Summit Records Center and Archives became the guardian of records for the closed Edwin Shaw Tuberculosis Sanitarium in Lakemore, Ohio. Among the collection of historical documents are admittance cards, burial permit books, board minutes, intake and discharge records, annual reports, financial records, films, newsletters, numerous photographs and several scrapbooks. The scrapbooks include correspondence, pamphlets, brochures, posters, photographs, and glass plates.

The magazine and newspaper clippings include materials from rare industrial, foreign language and technical periodicals not indexed anywhere. The materials as they relate to the Springfield Lake/Edwin Shaw Tuberculosis Sanitarium history do not exist anywhere else in the region, the state or the nation.

“These scrapbooks are important to the understanding of TB treatment,” said Executive Russ Pry. “The scrapbooks also show the public health and social, economic and political factors that influenced the State and County’s campaign against this contagious disease.”

“The scrapbooks reveal the fuller story of the human toll of tuberculosis and the community that developed within the sanitarium,” said Teresa Corall who oversees the program.

The fragile, over-sized scrapbooks, which cover the years from 1915 to 1965, are being preserved/restored, indexed and digitized. The addition of the scrapbooks to the entire Edwin Shaw Tuberculosis Sanitarium Collection would be of interest and use to historians, genealogists, librarians and documentarians.

The funding for this work was supported in part by an award from the Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board, through funding from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), National Archives and Records Administration. The project is scheduled to be completed by December 31, 2015.