



Cora Anderson Building - 509 South 9th Street

The Cora Anderson building, owned by Bell County, and has housed the Bell County Public Health District for the past 40 years.

During the days of legally sanctioned segregation, black patients could be treated at Scott and White Memorial Hospital and King's Daughters Hospital, but there were no beds for overnight stays. Community leaders and Scott and White administration, including President Dr. Arthur Carroll. Scott Jr., decided to build a separate "black only" facility, mostly to provide good care to its black patients, but also to alleviate overcrowding at the main Scott & White facility (then covering about 30 blocks around Avenues G and H).

Scott and White built the \$75,000 building and on May 17, 1953, the Cora Anderson Negro Hospital was dedicated into service for Temple's black population on South 9th Street. There were 16 patient rooms and an operating room in the hospital, which was staffed with Scott and White doctors and a mostly black nursing staff. The hospital closed in 1963 when Scott and White moved to its present location on 31st Street. On July 10, 2015, the Temple Historic Preservation Committee held a ceremony at the Cora Anderson Building on South 9th Street in Temple honoring the history and legacy of the Cora Anderson Building.



Photo from Cora Anderson building dedication May 17, 1953.

Photograph of the Cora Anderson Negro Hospital courtesy of the Baylor Scott & White, R.D. Haines Medical Library.