

FLORIDA STATE HOSPITAL TIMELINE

1814-1817	First Seminole War
1817	Scott Massacre
1821	Spain Cedes Florida to the U.S.
1823	Gadsden County is established
1828	First Post Office established at Mount Vernon
1830	Indian Removal Act
1832	Captain Hills surveys land at Mount Vernon
1834	Mount Vernon name changed to Chattahoochee Apalachicola/Chattahoochee Arsenal begins construction
1834-1842	Second Seminole War
1839	Arsenal opens
1855-1858	Third Seminole War
1861	Florida Cedes from the Union
1861-1865	United States Civil War
1865	Arsenal becomes Freedman's Bureau
1868	Florida State Prison established at Chattahoochee Malichi Martin becomes first warden Calvin Williams becomes first prisoner
1870	Betsey (Betsy) Yulee arrives as first insane resident
1877	Prisoners moved to work camps Prison becomes Asylum for the Indigent Insane (Lunacy Law)
1886	Name changed to Florida Hospital for the Insane
1900	Name changed to Florida State Hospital
1905	Asylum Scandal of 1905
1910	Hydrotherapy established as standard treatment for mentally ill patients
1919	Opening of Nurses Training School
1921	First Epileptic Colony established in Gainesville
1926	Influenza Epidemic
193?	Dr. Marynia Farnahan Inspection and Survey
1930s	Introduction of Fever Therapy, Insulin Shock Therapy, Metrazol Shock Therapy, and Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT)

- 1934 Dr. William DeWitt Rogers arrives at FSH
- 1935 Prison Camp established at Florida State Hospital
- 1950 Dr. Walter Freeman and Dr. James W. Watts perform first lobotomy in U.S.
- 1937 Dr. James G. Lyerly performs first lobotomy at Florida State Hospital
- 1940s 9-hole Thronateeska golf course built at Florida State Hospital
Groundwork laid for community-based treatment
- 1940 Dr. William DeWitt Rogers becomes clinical director of the Florida State Hospital
- 1941 Rosemary Kennedy receives lobotomy
- 1946 Dr. Freeman performs first “ice pick” lobotomy
National Mental Health Act passed
- 1947 G. Pierce Woods State Hospital in Arcadia opens
- 1949 National Institute of Mental Health established
- 1950 Dr. William DeWitt Rogers becomes superintendent of Florida State Hospital
- 1951 Child Molestation Act passed
- 1955 FDA approves use of chlorpromazine (Thorazine)
- 1956 Kenneth Donaldson sent to Florida State Hospital
- 1957 Establishment of Florida Division of Mental Health
- 1958 Opening of South Florida State Hospital in Hollywood
- 1959 Opening of Northeast Florida State Hospital/Macclenny
Admission by order of Certification established
- 1960s Integration of Florida State Hospitals
- 1961 Committee on State Institutions conducts investigation of Florida State Hospital
Dr. William DeWitt Rogers becomes director of Florida's Division of Mental Health
- 1970s Move to deinstitutionalize mental health care
- 1972 Baker Act established
- 1973 Forensic hospital opens at Florida State Hospital
- 1975 Kenneth Donaldson wins U.S. Supreme Court Case
- 1976 Florida State Hospital establishes mortuary
Kenneth Donaldson’s book released – *Insanity Inside Out*
- 1986 Seminole Valley Golf Club opens on Florida State Hospital grounds
U.S. Supreme Court rules that the Eighth Amendment prohibits states from inflicting the death penalty upon prisoners who are insane
- 1991 Movie “Chattahoochee” released in theaters

1995 Seminole Valley Golf Course closes amid scandal
1996 Department of Children and Family Services (DCF) established
1999 Florida State Hospital receives Governors Sterling Award for Organizational Excellence
2002 G. Pierce Woods State Hospital in Arcadia closes
2009 & 2012 Florida State Hospital receives accreditation

