

# EDWARDS COUNTY HOSPITAL 1942-1970

**2/12/1942**      **620 W. Sixth St.**      **The Kinsley Hospital & Clinic**      **Dr C. H. Johnson**  
 Two-story brick duplex  
 5 beds /operating room/nursery  
 X-ray machine  
 "a hospital is much needed in Kinsley"  
 "does not dispense drugs, uses prescription method  
 Nurse on duty at all times

**1950**              **720 E. Fifth Street**      **Edwards County Hospital**  
 Administered by Lutheran Hospital Association  
 Original board: Chester Bidleman, Mrs. Alice Slentz, Leo Craft,  
 Lee Parker, and Harry Johnston  
 21 employees  
 3 physicians: Dr. W. Lynn McKim, Dr. M. Dale Atwood,  
 Dr. Rene E. Schnoebelen.

1953      Edwards County Hospital has been self-sustaining in the 3 year period of its operation  
 Average number of patients per day was 14 (often 25 patients in hospital to get average)  
 Average stay was 5.63 days –lower than 6.01 at the time at other facilities

8/6/1953                              Edwards County Hospital  
 Lutheran Hospital Association still administering hospital  
 Addition to hospital bringing it up to 35 beds

3/17/1960                              Edwards County Hospital  
 New wing and extensive remodeling  
 43 employees

From 1950 to 1960: 905 babies were born with 10 sets of twins. Admissions were 7680 with 4227 people receiving care. 8497 outpatients with an average of 59 per month in 1950 and 121 in 1960.

	Major Surgery	Minor Surgery	Out Patient Surgery	Blood Transfusions
1950	16	16	4	0
1951	38	109	20	55
1952	44	108	13	30
1953	49	88	14	48
1954	45	107	39	48
1955	34	123	27	45
1956	50	100	47	43
1957	48	129	53	62
1958	51	125	56	65
1959	45	125	73	38
	420	1030	346	404

1970      Mortuary gave up ambulance service and Hospital took over. *(Merely a transport service, not the EMT service of today.)*