

# Healthcare for Nacogdoches

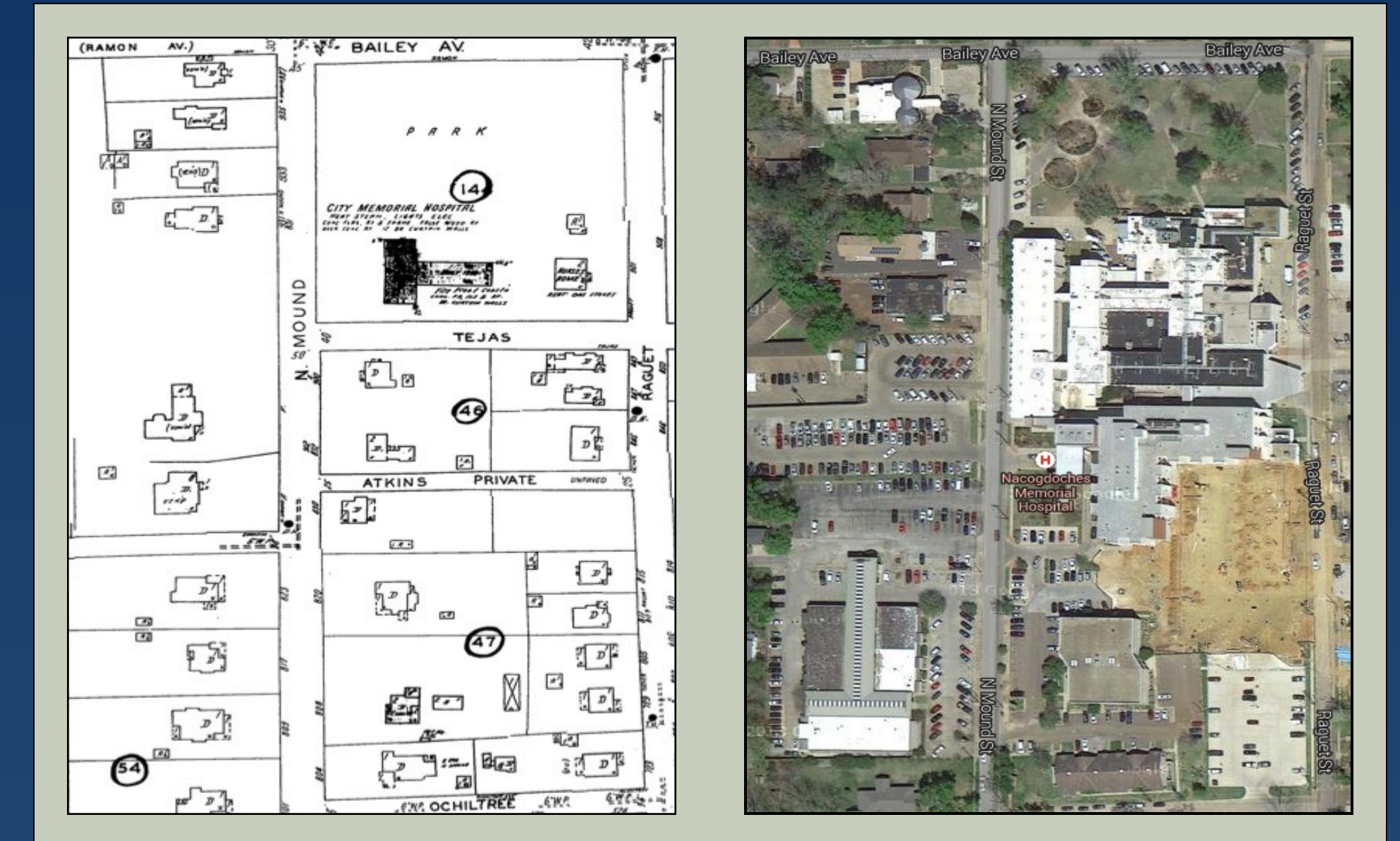
*The good old town of Nacogdoches, "The Friendly City," now has a first class and modern hospital in every sense of the word. The Daily Sentinel, December 12, 1928.*

## A Welcomed Sight

On a cold December day in 1928, an anxious crowd gathered to witness the opening of city's first hospital. Built on land donated by the Blount family, the City Memorial Hospital brought comfort to Nacogdoches, and the surrounding counties, with the promise of modern healthcare.



The original hospital building in 1928



Left– 1929 sanborn map of the hospital area.

Right– A present day view of the hospital area. Notice how different the landscape looks.

## Growing Pains

The growth of Nacogdoches caused the hospital to expand to accommodate a higher population. Over the next several decades, the hospital received several renovations and additions, and by the 1960s, little of the original hospital remained.



The hospital with a new addition Circa 1950.



The front entrance to the Hospital. 2013

## Then and Now

The hospital changed the cultural landscape as it expanded. Expanding the hospital required the demolition of houses built in the 1920s and 1930s. How would the landscape look if the hospital had not been built here? How would Nacogdoches be different if the hospital was built somewhere else?