Prior to the construction of the Chown Building, named after Dr. Henry Havelock Chown, former Dean of the Medical School, a garage for the coaches and carriages of staff and students of the Faculty of Medicine was located on the site. The coach house was then converted to house the animals used by the medical students during the course of their studies. This building was demolished in order to erect the Chown Building, which was completed in 1965.