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In October 2015, under a grant generously funded by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, the New York City Municipal Archives embarked upon a large and exciting new project: processing, preserving and cataloging the Almshouse Ledger Collection. This historic collection contains over 400 handwritten volumes pertaining to city run institutions including the Almshouses, Workhouses, Lunatic Asylum, Penitentiary and various hospitals, all which found their home on Blackwell's Island, now Roosevelt Island. The project covers the years 1758-1952. This important project will ensure that the Almshouse Ledger Collection is preserved for future generations of researchers, scholars, genealogists, educators and anyone interested in the social, cultural and medical histories during this period of great change and growth in New York City.

Guide to Human Resources Administration,

Almshouse Ledger Collection, 1758-1952

Collection No.: 0008

Record Group: Human Resources Administration

Title of the Collection: Almshouse Ledger Collection

Date(s): 1758-1952 (bulk 1832-1925)

Extent: 417 ledgers, 81 cubic feet

Abstract: The records of the Almshouse Ledger Collection represent the activities of the institutions under the purview of various city departments on Blackwell's Island. Records in this collection date from 1758 to 1952, with the bulk of the records falling between 1832 and 1925. This collection represents a comprehensive, yet incomplete collection of materials produced by each department overseeing the Almshouses and their related entities. These records document the social service, cultural, medical and corrections history of New York City.

Processing Information: This collection was processed in 1963 by unknown persons. Most recently, project archivist, Nathalie Belkin arranged and described the materials and encoded the finding aid in EAD in winter, 2016.

Repository: New York City Municipal Archives, Department of Records and Information Services

Access and Use: These records are held at 31 Chambers Street, New York, New York. The records are available in digital format and microfilm. Series VI and VII of the collection contain subseries that are restricted. See individual series access restrictions for volume restrictions.

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Historical Note

New York City's Almshouse history dates back to the colonial era when poverty and regular outbreaks of measles and smallpox overtook its streets. Greater care and responsibility of the city's poor and sick, along with their dependents, was needed. In 1736, the city took over as official caregivers to these populations and absorbed the workhouses of New York into its activities. Prior to this time, the church had taken care of New York City's poor and destitute. The first Almshouse was opened on the Commons of the City in 1736 and fell under the care and control of the Overseers of the Poor, House of Correction, Workhouse and Poorhouse, headed by two men appointed by the Office of the Mayor. Broadly referred to as Almshouses, these establishments included workhouses, soldiers' barracks, hospitals, penitentiaries and asylums. A second authorized Almshouse was built in 1795. This second institution, Bridewell, was built next to the first as a prison on which today is the site of City Hall Park, to be used as a jail for convicted criminals and debtors. These institutions, known collectively as Almshouse and Bridewell housed and fed the poor, destitute, criminal, elderly, infirm, sick and mentally ill men, women and children of the City.

The Almshouse and Bridewell Commissioners were appointed to supervise the two houses by New York City Mayor, James Duane in 1784. As the city grew and its affairs became greater and more complex, the commissioners provided general relief to the poor living on the streets and in its slums. The first superintendent for the two facilities was John Sebring. It was his duty to put people to work if they were able. He was also to take in and oversee disorderly people, orphans, runaway servants, the homeless, sick and anyone else found to be in need. If those that could work refused to do so, they were subject to severe punishment. In 1832, five commissioners were appointed to the Common Council of New York. It was these men who established The Almshouse Department and had the power to appoint all the officers, agents and employees of the Almshouse. This period was another time of great change for New York City. It was experiencing rapid population expansion due to large scale immigration from Ireland

and other parts of Europe. Many arrived destitute and immediately fell under the care and control of The Almshouse Department. To that end, in 1845, The Almshouse Department was reorganized. Gone were the five commissioners and only one took the lead as its head. The Almshouse Department now included jurisdiction over the Almshouse, a nursery, hospitals, the homeless, a penitentiary and the New York City Lunatic Asylum, all on Blackwell's Island. Its jurisdiction also covered the city jails and prisons. A Board of Governors was appointed in 1849 to head The Almshouse Department. It was through this board that another facility was established on Blackwell's Island, a workhouse, and many of New York's destitute were moved there.

By 1860, The Almshouse Department was abolished and the Department of Public Charities and Correction took its place. This department had four commissioners who reported to the Board of Supervisors of New York County and to the State Legislature. Financial support for the department came in large part from the County. The commissioners oversaw approximately 7000 inmates who resided in the various cramped institutions. However, more change was to come. In 1895, with severe overcrowding, inadequate funding, terrible living conditions and an ever-rising death rate reported from Blackwell's Island, the Department of Public Charities and Correction was divided into two separate bodies: the Department of Public Charities and the Department of Correction. Blackwell's Island Almshouse, workhouse and the island's hospitals fell under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Charities. Nevertheless, the penitentiary was still active on the island until 1936, but run by the Department of Correction. At this time, criminal inmates from the New York City Lunatic Asylum were moved to Ward's Island, which in turn transferred its patients to the asylum. The asylum (and its hospital wing) was renamed Metropolitan Hospital.

The Department of Public Charities became the Department of Public Welfare in 1920. In 1935, during that department's tenure, convicted criminals from the Almshouse and its related institutions were moved to the newly opened Riker's Island prison facility. In 1938, under a new charter for New York City,

the name of the department which oversaw the Almshouse changed yet again. Now named the Department of Welfare, it was under this department that the Almshouse entities - approximately 6 hospitals, two almshouses, a workhouse and a poorhouse - remained until 1967. The Almshouses and hospitals remained working institutions on Blackwell's Island through the twentieth century. Various city entities took over the governance of the Almshouses, from which three arms of government still linked to the now defunct Almshouses remain: Human Resources Administration, Department of Homeless Services and Administration of Children's Services.

Through the years of the Almshouse and its related entities, Blackwell's Island name also changed. It became Welfare Island in 1921, a name chosen to reflect the large number of institutions it held. Institutions included the Almshouse, Charity Hospital, Metropolitan Hospital, City Home, the City Hospital, Welfare Hospital, Central and Neurological Hospital, The Children's Clearing Bureau and the Incurable Hospital. In 1968 residential development began on the island, thus ending the era of the Almshouse. To reflect the changing times, in 1973 Welfare Island was given its present name, Roosevelt Island. One hospital from the Almshouse era continues to function on the island, NYC Health & Hospitals Corporation/Coler, formed by the merging of Bird S. Coler Hospital and Goldwater Memorial Hospitals (formerly Welfare Hospital). Other remnants from the Almshouse era remain on the island and are now landmarked, including the Strecker Memorial Laboratory (1892, part of City Hospital), the Smallpox Hospital (1850) and the Blackwell's Island Lighthouse (1872). The central octagon of the old asylum is now part of a residential building.

Scope and Content Note

The collection is arranged on a departmental basis and kept in chronological order. Records in this collection range in years from 1758 to 1952, with the bulk of material dating from 1832 onwards, when the City established The Almshouse Department. Prior to 1832, the Almshouse fell under the purview of the Overseers of the Poor, House of Correction, Workhouse and Poorhouse, followed by the

Commissioners of the Almshouse and Bridewell. The ledgers contain information pertaining to several inter-related institutions, known at various times as the Almshouse, Poorhouse, Penitentiary, Workhouse, Incurable Hospital, the City Home and the City Hospital. The materials alternate between specific institutions, a department or neither. The records in this collection include account books, census records, letter books of outgoing correspondence from the Wardens, workhouse and hospital registers, hospital supplies and inventories as well as personal property records pertaining to inmates at the various institutions. The strength of the collection lies with its admissions, census, discharge, deaths and illnesses ledgers. A number of records pertain to children in the Almshouse and other institutions on Blackwell's Island, particularly nursing infants. The hospitals and their various wings are also well represented in the volumes.

The ledger-style admissions, discharges and deaths and census books record the names of people who were confined (voluntarily or otherwise) in the almshouses, asylums, hospitals, workhouse or penitentiary that made up the numerous facilities on Blackwell's Island. Many volumes contain detailed information regarding age, gender, disease, date of admission, discharge and/or death. While overwhelmingly male dominated, women, and children to a lesser extent, are well-represented in these books during the years 1822-1860. With few opportunities for employment outside the home, a widow or unmarried woman without family support was often forced to turn to the city for help. Many women brought their children with them, or had their babies in the institution. Women who were unable to nurse their own children were assigned a wet nurse who was paid by the department overseeing the institution. Many mother-child pairs are noted in the children's registers. Religion, nativity and color of an inmate became a more commonplace piece of information recorded in many volumes from the 1820s going forward.

The collection also contains nine Bond ledgers. During the 19th century, under various New York City Charters, ship captains or vessel owners of ships arriving in New York had to put up a bond acknowledging, as best they could, that no passenger they were transporting would become a charge of the City and agree to pay all expenses and charges for those passengers for two years. However, many of the passengers did end up on Blackwell's Island in one of its facilities. Consequently, these Bond ledgers contain valuable information about the adult and child inmates of the Almshouses and their related entities, including name, age, nativity, child parentage (if known), when they arrived in New York and their port of origin.

Hospital transfer ledgers denote types of illnesses patients suffered from or succumbed to with details on the patients themselves. In some cases, there are notes about doctor visits with the patient. The hospital ledgers allow for deeper understanding of why a patient was admitted and what types of illnesses were most prevalent. Many of the hospital ledgers include a country of origin for the patient. The collection also includes a large number of Stock Books and Requisition, Distribution and Inventory volumes. These shed light on the types of food, beverages and supplies needed to run such overcrowded and busy facilities, as well as the needs of the staff of the institutions.

The collection is in volume form with each volume numbered. The numbers are not chronological. Volumes that were received by the New York City Municipal Archives with numbers already attached to them were retained. For those volumes without a number, one was assigned and these numbers all start with a 0.

The volumes range in size from approximately 14"x9"x1" (height by depth by thickness) to 20"x20"x1" or 16"x17"x2" or 15"x11"x3". Many are about 14"x11"x2". 122 volumes have been digitized and there are 47 rolls of microfilm. The entire collection contains 402 volumes and covers 194 years of New York

City History. The volumes have been sorted by series and their subseries sorted chronologically by year.

The departments included in this record series are the following:

- I. Overseers of the Poor, House of Correction, Workhouse and Poorhouse, 1736-1785
- II. Commissioners of the Almshouse and Bridewell, 1784-1832
- III. The Almshouse Department, 1832-1860
- IV. Department of Public Charities and Correction, 1860-1895
- V. Department of Public Charities, 1895-1920
- VI. Department of Public Welfare, 1920-1938
- VII. Department of Welfare, 1938-1967

Arrangement: The Almshouse Ledger Collection is arranged chronologically into seven series based upon each department overseeing the Almshouse and its related entities.

Within these series, an archivist arranged the materials into subseries by subject and then chronologically within these groupings. An earlier inventory suggests that the collection was arranged on an institutional basis. However, with many volumes misidentified, researchers should assume that very little of the material retains its integrity to any earlier arrangement. Volume numbers within the collection have not been changed by the archivist and they retain their original assigned number. Where noted that a volume overlaps with a prior series, the volume will reside within the series it originates. If a volume was not numbered a new one was assigned in keeping with the collection numbers.

Series Descriptions:

Series I: Overseers of the Poor, House of Correction, Workhouse and Poorhouse, 1736-1785

Date(s): 1758-1818

Size (Extent): 4 ledgers

Scope and Content: This series contains Admissions, Discharges and Death records and Census records. While similar in content, the records of Admissions, Discharges and Death contain labeled columns giving information about date of admittance, name, age, where from, occupation and why sent to the

Almshouse. The Census ledger records a list of names, ages, where born and the reason for being in the Almshouse. Information overlaps between the two subseries. Arrangement is chronological and alphabetical. The early years of the collection have large gaps in record keeping. The bulk of the Admissions, Discharges and Death records come after 1832.

Arrangement: This series is divided into subseries and arranged chronologically by date.

Use: This series is available in digital format and two volumes on microfilm.

Series II: Commissioners of the Almshouse and Bridewell, 1784-1832

Date(s): 1759-1860

Size (Extent): 48 ledgers

Scope and Content: This series contains the greatest number of records pertaining to infants and children, with information regarding their admission, age, place of residence, nursing information and various accounting information. Most entries relate to later years. This series contains many detailed Admissions, Discharge and Death ledgers for the various institutions. This series also holds a strong group of Census ledgers, with most records pertaining to the later years of the Commissioners of the Almshouse and Bridewell. There is a great deal of overlap in the information given in both the Census and Admissions records. The accounts ledgers are detailed and cover various expenditures for foods and supplies, as well as payments made for the relief of the sick and the poor. Other accounts ledgers include information regarding building expenses for the Almshouse and other buildings, as well as accountings of monies paid out to suppliers or for services rendered. The accounts books are all in chronological order. There is only one volume of minutes of the Commissioners of the Almshouse and Bridewell but it provides valuable information, in report form, as to what was going on in the various institutions under their care and control. Contained in this series is the first time any type of distribution record for the Almshouse is noted. The volume in this series deals predominantly with distributions of provisions and clothing.

Arrangement: This series is divided into subseries and arranged chronologically by date.

Use: This series contains records in digital format and volumes on microfilm. For volumes not digitized or on microfilm, please see an archivist.

Series III: The Almshouse Department, 1832-1860

Date(s): 1789-1940

Size (Extent): 36 ledgers

Scope and Content: This series is strongest in its Admission records. The records here are mixed for both male and female inmates/patients, and are entered alphabetically. Most of the records pertain to the Almshouse itself, with others including admissions to the Workhouse. This series also has a large number of volumes containing Admissions, Discharges and Death information. These records have added information that pertains to where a person was from/ born, or how they got to the Almshouse and any other remarks made by the person writing the register. The entries here are also alphabetical. There is a single ledger containing Certificates of Death which are actual death certificates pasted into the volume and arranged chronologically. These certificates came from the office of the Warden of the Almshouse. Census ledgers and ledgers pertaining to children are light in this series. There are five ledgers with reports completed by the Warden of the Almshouse or Workhouse.

Arrangement: This series is divided into subseries and arranged chronologically by date.

Use: This series contains records in digital format and volumes on microfilm. For volumes not digitized or on microfilm, please see an archivist.

Series IV: Department of Public Charities and Correction, 1860-1895

Date(s): 1856-1907

Size (Extent): 77 ledgers

Scope and Content: This series contains a large collection of Admissions, Discharges and Deaths ledgers and simply, Admissions ledgers. All contain similar information, including name, age, occupation, where born, how they got to the institution and which location they lived at. Most group men and women together. There are a handful of ledgers which are separated by gender, and refer to the people in these ledgers as male or female inmates. These people likely resided in the Almshouse. Religion and country/place of origin is tracked with more regularity during this period. As with the prior series of Admissions and Discharges and Death ledgers, there are large overlaps into the following series. Census records in this series differ from other series in that these ledgers do not contain names of individuals, but rather figures (on a weekly or daily basis) as to how many people resided in an institution at any particular time. Some ledgers contain figures on the number of individuals employed at an institution. Requisition, Distribution and Inventory ledgers gain more strength in this series. These ledgers provide itemized provisions, clothing and food consumption lists. For the most part, these ledgers are arranged in chronological order. Some of these ledgers have mixed information containing requisitioned and distributed items, along with item inventories, while others are separated by ledger.

Arrangement: This series is divided into subseries and arranged chronologically by date.

Use: This series contains records in digital format and volumes on microfilm. For volumes not digitized or on microfilm, please see an archivist.

Series V: Department of Public Charities, 1895-1920

Date(s): 1867-1929

Size (Extent): 159 ledgers

Scope and Content: Admissions, Admissions, Discharges and Deaths and Requisitions, Inventory and Distribution ledgers make up the bulk of this series. Patient/Inmate religion is sporadically entered. As with previous series some of these ledgers are separated between male and female inmates. This series also contains the only "Condensing Register" in the entire collection. This ledger contains all the same information as the Admissions, Death and Discharge ledgers, but the dates follow the date of death or discharge. The only thing to differentiate the ledgers is the printed "Condensing Register" on the spine. Census records as well as Admission, Discharge and Death ledgers all overlap with prior series. The Census records also vary with data kept on either a weekly or daily basis. Some ledgers are simply list numbers, whereas other ledgers contain names. Requisition, Distribution and Inventory Ledgers include a variety of good and services including medical, surgical, foods and drugs as well as supplies required or inventoried at each institution. Inmates property – both financial and real are included in this series. This series contains ledgers for the personal and financial property of inmates. Information contained in these ledgers notes monetary amounts surrendered by the inmates upon arrival to the institution as well as other possessions. Most of the entries are carbon copies of receipts. No specific institution is named for these ledgers but a patient name and the ward which they were sent to is given. Hospital Ledgers give vital information regarding diseases and the condition the patient arrived in, along with their religion and country of origin.

Arrangement: This series is divided into subseries and arranged chronologically by date.

Use: This series contains records in digital format and volumes on microfilm. For volumes not digitized or on microfilm, please see an archivist.

Series VI: Department of Public Welfare, 1920-1938

Date(s): 1909-1937

Size (Extent): 83 ledgers

Scope and Content: This series contains ledgers pertaining to Admissions, Discharges and Deaths, Census records, and Inmate personal and financial information, as well as hospital registers. Requisitions, Inventory and Distribution ledgers are strong as are Admissions records. These Requisition, Inventory and Distribution ledgers contain information relating to bills and payments for the hospitals on the island. Contained in the Inmate Personal and Financial Property ledgers are monetary amounts surrendered by the inmates upon arrival to the institution, as well as other possessions they may have brought with them. Most entries are carbon copies. No specific institution is named for these ledgers but a patient name and the ward which they were sent to is given. There is a small collection of personnel records and letter books regarding the staff employed at the various institutions on the island - at this time named Welfare Island. Hospital registers contain information regarding the name, age, and date of hospital admission and disease as well as from which institution they came from. This series contains the one ledger which refers to the Metropolitan Hospital training school and one ledger with a list of patients who received mail. No letters are included.

Arrangement: This series is divided into subseries and arranged chronologically by date.

Use: This series contains records in digital format and volumes on microfilm. For volumes not digitized or on microfilm, please see an archivist. This series also contains records restricted for eighty years

Series VII: Department of Welfare, 1938-1967

Date(s): 1938-1952

Size (Extent): 10 ledgers

Scope and Content: Ledgers in this series are made up primarily of Inmates Personal and Financial Property records. Also included here are Requisition, Inventory and Distribution ledgers and two Accounts ledgers. The Accounts ledgers contain information regarding students and hospital personnel.

Arrangement: This series is divided into subseries and arranged chronologically by date.

Use: There are no digitized or microfilmed records in this series. This series also contains records restricted for eighty years, please see an archivist.

Series I: Overseers of the Poor, House of Correction, Workhouse and Poorhouse (1736-1785)

a. Admissions, Death and Discharge

Volume 211 – 1758-1809

Volume: 161 - 1758-1819

Volume: 160 – 1759-1813

b. Census Records

Volume: 212 – 1758-1759

Series II: Commissioners of the Almshouse and Bridewell (1784-1832)

a. Admissions

Volume 136 – 1822-1860
Volume 146 – 1826-1829
Volume 231 - 1829-1832

b. Admissions, Discharges and Death Ledgers

Volumes 160 & 160
Volume 211 – 1759-1809
Volume 162 – 1789-1823
Volume 163 – 1789-1833
Volume 164 – 1798-1834
Volume 165 – 1798-1835
Volume 167 – 1803-1839
Volume 168 - 1803-1839
Volume 169 – 1803-1841
Volume 170 – 1803-1842
Volume 171 – 1803-1843
Volume 172 – 1803-1844
Volume 173 – 1803-1845
Volume 174 – 1803-1846
Volume 175 – 1803-1847
Volume 176 – 1807-1840
Volume 177 – 1807-1836
Volume 166 – 1808-1837
Volume 05 - 1826-1861

c. Discharge

Volume 089 - 1808-1811
Volume 0326 – 1821-1843

d. Census Records

Volume 212 -1759-1818 - **OVERLAP**
Volume 178 – 1789-1820
Volume 179 – 1789-1824
Volume 184 – 1789-1831
Volume 0120 – 1795-1822
Volume 145 – 1796-1809
Volume 183 – 1798-1832
Volume 187 -1804-1830
Volume 185 – 1813-1829
Volume 186 – 1819-1827

e. Account Ledgers

Volume 145 – 1796-1809 **Turn About Ledger (2nd half)**
Volume 0154 – 1801-1803
Volume 0186 – 1801-1807
Volume 0383 - 1809-1816 **Turn About Ledger (1st half)**

f. Minutes
Volume 0194 – 1808-1829

g. Registers
Volume: 0119 – 1816-1826

h. Bond Registers

Volume 0211 – 1815-1827
Volume 0383 - 1818-1834 - **Turn About Ledger (2nd half)**
Volume 014 – 1819-1840
Volume 0187 – 1827-1839

i. Child Accounts and Receipts Ledgers

Volume 085 – 1812-1817
Volume 0123 – 1815-1820
Volume 0161 – 1819-1824
Volume 0160 – 1824-1829
Volume 0149 – 1829-1832
Volume 0163 – 1829-1835

j. Child Admission and Accounts Ledger

Volume 214 – 1807-1810

k. Requisition, Distribution and Inventory Ledgers

Volume 151 – 1806-1888

Series III: The Almshouse Department (1832-1860)

a. Admission Ledgers

Volume 141 – 1832-1833
Volume 140 - 1834-1835
Volume 230 – 1835-1837
Volume 102 – 1839-1841
Volume 103 – 1841-1843
Volume 104 – 1843-1845
Volume 105 – 1845-1846
Volume 106 – 1846-1848
Volume 107 – 1848-1851
Volume 108 – 1851-1853 309
Volume 113 – 1855-1858
Volume 110 – 1856-1858
Volume 112 - 1857-1861
Volume 111 – 1859-1861

b. Admissions, Discharges and Death Ledgers

Volume 163 – 1789-1833 **OVERLAP**
Volume 164 – 1798-1834 **OVERLAP**

Volume 165 – 1798-1835 **OVERLAP**
Volume 167 – 1803-1839 **OVERLAP**
Volume 168 - 1803-1839 **OVERLAP**
Volume 169 – 1803-1841 **OVERLAP**
Volume 170 – 1803-1842 **OVERLAP**
Volume 171 – 1803-1843 **OVERLAP**
Volume 172 – 1803-1844 **OVERLAP**
Volume 173 – 1803-1845 **OVERLAP**
Volume 174 – 1803-1846 **OVERLAP**
Volume 175 – 1803-1847 **OVERLAP**
Volume 176 – 1807-1840 **OVERLAP**
Volume 177 – 1807-1836 **OVERLAP**
Volume 166 – 1808-1837 **OVERLAP**
Volume 136 – 1822-1860 **OVERLAP**
Volume 05 - 1826-1861 **OVERLAP**
Volume 137 – 1847-1850
Volume 0327 – 1850-1859
Volume 109 – 1854-1856
Volume 221 – 1856-1862

c. Certificates of Death

Volume 0256 – 1853-1858

d. Warden's Reports

Volume 096 – 1849-1851

Volume 080 – 1851

Volume 0118 – 1853-1854

Volume 078 – 1856-1858

Volume 079 – 1858-1860

e. Requisition, Inventory & Distribution

Volume 151 – 1806-1888 **OVERLAP**

Volume 0245 – 1852-1857

f. Accounts Ledgers

Volume 143 – 1834-1844

Volume 0175 – 1836-1838

Volume 0153 – 1838-1843

Volume 0173 – 1841-1843

Volume 0156 – 1843-1861

Volume 0151 – 1854-1856

g. Bill Books

Volume 0152 - 1844-1845

Volume 051 – 1844-1846
Volume 0164 – 1855-1857

h. Hospital Register

Volume 0152 - 1853-1857 **OVERLAP**

i. Bond Registers

Volume 014 – 1819-1840 **OVERLAP**
Volume 0187 – 1827-1839 **OVERLAP**
Volume 190 – 1836-1940
Volume 0245 – **Turn About Ledger (2nd half)**
Volume 213 – 1841-1845

j. Child Accounts and Receipts

Volume 0163 – **OVERLAP**

Series IV: Department of Public Charities and Correction (1860-1895)

Total 73 Ledgers (4 missing not included in total)

a. Admission Ledgers

Volume 112 - 1857-1861 **OVERLAP**
Volume 111 – 1859-1861 **OVERLAP**
Volume 114 – 1861-1863
Volume 201 – 1861-1870 (Male Inmates)
Volume 202 – 1861-1870 (Female Inmates)
Volume 115 – 1863-1866
Volume 116 – 1866-1869
Volume 138 – 1869-1872 -
Volume 203 – 1871-1881 (Male Inmates)
Volume 204 – 1871-1881 (Female Inmates)
Volume 117 – 1872-1876
Volume 118 – 1876-1881
Volume 119 – 1881-1885
Volume 205 – 1882-1889 (Male Inmates)
Volume 206 – 1882-1889 (Female Inmates)
Volume 215 – 1885-1891
Volume 121 – 1885-1891
Volume 131 – 1889-1905
Volume 207 – 1890-1894 (Male Inmates)
Volume 208 – 1890-1894 (Female Inmates)
Volume 226 – 1890-1897
Volume 122 – 1891-1893
Volume 120 – 1892-1893

Volume 224 – 1892-1896
Volume 123 – 1893-1897
Volume 0346 – 1893-1911

b. Death Ledgers

Volume 225 – 1884-1900 – STACK 5

c. Discharge Ledgers

Volume 221 – 1856-1862 **OVERLAP**
Volume 218 – 1861-1864
Volume 219 – 1865-1868
Volume 216 – 1869-1874
Volume 223- 1874-1884
Volume 217 – 1884-1887
Volume 222 – 1888-1893
Volume 220 – 1893-1899

d. Certificates of Death

Volume 232 – 1859-1863
Volume 0257 – 1864-1873

e. Census Records

Volume 134 – 1862-1866
Volume 0117 – 1866-1873
Volume 139 – 1873-1883
Volume 0502 – 1888-1890
Volume 228 – 1883-1892
Volume 148 – 1892-1901
Volume 227 – 1892-1903

f. Warden's Reports

Volume 0188 – 1860-1861
Volume 135 – 1861-1884

g. Requisition, Inventory & Distribution Ledgers

Volume 151 – 1806-1888 **OVERLAP**
Volume 0379 - 1867-1870
Volume 0193 – 1864-1867
Volume 0328 – 1867-1880
Volume 0159 – 1873-1876
Volume 0101 – 1876-1879
Volume 0247 – 1880-1883
Volume 189 – 1882-1886

Volume 0246 – 1883-1886

Volume 188 – 1886-1891

Volume 043 – 1886-1892

Volume 152 – 1888-1891

Volume 086 – 1888-1900

Volume 0139 – 1890

Volume 0102 – 1891-1892

Volume 0103 – 1891-1896

Volume 044 – 1893-1896

h. Accounts Ledgers

Volume 0156 – 1843-1861 **OVERLAP**

Volume 0150 – 1861-1863

Volume 0138 – 1888-1889

Volume 052 – 1892-1895

i. Statement Ledger

Volume 048 - 1878-1894

j. Stock Books

Volume 026 - 1893-1894

k. Payroll Receipts Ledger

Volume 133 – 1861-1875

Volume 055 -1892-1899

l. Child Admission Records

Volume 081 – 1860-1865

Volume 082 – 1862-1866

m. Hospital Registers

Volume 130 -1878-1884

Volume 129 – 1885-1891

Volume 127 – 1891-1895

Volume 233 -1891-1898

n. Medical Case History Ledger

Volume 097 – 1891-1904

o. Name Index

Volume 0189 – 1870-1890

p. Letter Books

Volume 309 – 1888-1889
Volume 308 – 1889-1892
Volume 319 – 1895-1896

Series V: Department of Public Charities (1895-1920)

a. Admission Ledgers

Volume 0346 – 1893-191 – **OVERLAP**
Volume 131 – 1889-1905 **OVERLAP**
Volume 226 – 1890-1897 **OVERLAP**
Volume 224 – 1892-1896 **OVERLAP**
Volume 123 – 1893-1897 **OVERLAP**
Volume 0346 – 1893-1911 **OVERLAP**
Volume 147 – 1895-1901
Volume 209 – 1895-1900 (Male Inmates)
Volume 210 – 1895-1900 (Female Inmates)
Volume 06 - 1896-1910
Volume 124 – 1897-1901
Volume 08 - 1900-1915
Volume 07 – 1901-1905
Volume 155 – 1905
Volume 158 – 1908-1910
Volume 016 – 1909-1929
Volume 011 – 1910-1913
Volume 09 -1916-1920
Volume 012 – 1917-1921

b. Admission, Discharge and Death Ledgers

Volume 225 – 1884-1900 **OVERLAP**
Volume 0279 – 1901-1905 (Male Inmates)
Volume 0282 – 1901-1905 (Female Inmates)
Volume 0283 – 1901-1905 (Female Inmates)
Volume 0284 – 1901-1905 (Female Inmates)
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