

## **Board of Health Records**

### **Lawrence, Massachusetts**

#### **Charitable Department Records**

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#### **Book #1: Full Support Record/Pauper Department/City of Lawrence April 2, 1874 – 1914**

This ledger is a record of “Paupers Fully Supported by the City of Lawrence” and contains the following information: Name, Age, Birthplace, Sane/Insane/Idiotic, Period of Support, Place of Support and Remarks. The Place of Support designations are Hospital, City Home and Almshouse. The Remarks column lists information such as the address inmate was admitted from, death and receiving Undertaker. Pages 195-197 contain a list of persons removed from and transferred to the following institutions: Danvers Insane Hospital, Taunton Insane Hospital, Medfield Insane Hospital, Asylum Wards State and Asylum for Criminals State Farm. Enclosed in this ledger is a photocopy of a ledger page dated December 11, 1890 – May 21, 1910 and titled “Inmates Supposed to be Paid for at Almshouse” and contains the following information: Amount, Name, Admitted Date, Ended Date.

#### **Book #2: Pauper House Ledger December 31, 1882 – July 10, 1900**

This ledger is a record of persons supported by the Pauper House and contains the following information: Register Number, Name, Color, Age, Sex, Birthplace, Place of Settlement, Able to Perform Labor, Sane/Insane/Idiotic, Period of support, Place of Support, Average Weekly Cost and Remarks. Near the back of the ledger are entries for the Cottage Hospital from January 1, 1893 – December 1894. The front cover of this ledger is missing.

#### **Book #3: Fully Supported/City of Lawrence/Pauper Department 1894 – 1909**

This ledger is a record of persons supported by the Pauper Department and contains the following information: Registered Number, Name, Age, Date of Admission, Previously Aided or Supported, Color, Sex, Marital Status, Date of Birth, Birthplace, Nativity of Parents, Place of Settlement, Name of Settlement, Able to Labor, Temperate or Intemperate, Sane/Insane, Idiotic, Place of Support, Date of Discharge, How Discharged and Additional Facts.

#### **Book #4: Pauper Department Register December 2, 1914 – May 6, 1927**

This ledger is a record of persons supported by the Almshouse and contains the following information: Registered Number, Age, Name, Sex, Date of Birth, Birthplace, Place of Settlement, Physical or Mental Peculiarities, Date of Admission, Reason of Admission, Date of Discharge, How Discharged, Able to Work, Amount of Earnings and Remarks.

#### **Book #5: Pauper Department Register April 11, 1927 – October 27, 1933**

This ledger is a record of persons supported by the Almshouse and contains the following information: Registered Number, Age, Name, Sex, Date of Birth, Birthplace, Place of Settlement, Physical or Mental Peculiarities, Date of Admission, Reason of Admission, Date of Discharge, How Discharged, Able to Work, Amount of Earnings and Remarks.

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### **Book #6: Pauper Department Records October 27, 1933 – December 31, 1936**

This ledger is a record of persons supported by the Almshouse and contains the following information: Registered Number, Age, Name, Sex, Date of Birth, Birthplace, Place of Settlement, Physical or Mental Peculiarities, Date of Admission, Reason of Admission, Date of Discharge, How Discharged, Able to Work, Amount of Earnings and Remarks.

### **Book #7: Numerical Index of Pauper Department Records 1914 – 1933**

This ledger is an alphabetized listing of Almshouse inmates with a corresponding number beside each name. This corresponding number cross-references their entries in the Pauper Department Registers Book #4 and Book #5.

### **Book #8: City Home and Hospital Register/1937/City of Lawrence January 1, 1937 – June 12, 1939**

This ledger is a record of persons supported by the City Home and is in two sections. Section 1 is an alphabetized list of inmates' names along with a corresponding cross-reference number. Section 2 lists the cross-referenced numbers and the corresponding inmates' information. The following information is included: Registered Number, Name, Color, Age, Sex, Birthplace, Period of Support, Place of Support, Address at Time of Admission.

### **Book #9: City Home and Hospital Register/1939/City of Lawrence May 31, 1939 – December 2, 1941**

This ledger is a record of persons supported by the City Home and is in two sections. Section 1 is an alphabetized list of inmates' names along with a corresponding cross-reference number. Section 2 lists the cross-referenced numbers and the corresponding inmates' information. The following information is included: Registered Number, Name, Color, Age, Sex, Birthplace, Period of Support, Place of Support, Address at Time of Admission.

### **Book #10: City Home and Hospital Register/1942/City of Lawrence December 2, 1941 – June 23, 1947**

This ledger is a record of persons supported by the City Home and is in two sections. Section 1 is an alphabetized list of inmates' names along with a corresponding cross-reference number. Section 2 lists the cross-referenced numbers and the corresponding inmates' information. The following information is included: Registered Number, Name, Color, Age, Sex, Birthplace, Period of Support, Place of Support, Address at Time of Admission.

### **Book #11: City Home and Hospital Register/City of Lawrence June 30, 1947 – June 7, 1953**

This ledger is a record of persons supported by the City Home and is in two sections. Section 1 is an alphabetized list of inmates' names along with a corresponding cross-reference number. Section 2 lists the cross-referenced numbers and the corresponding inmates' information. The following information is included: Registered Number, Name, Color, Age, Sex, Birthplace, Period of Support, Place of Support, Address at Time of Admission.

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### **Book #12: Full Report Record/Welfare Department/City of Lawrence/May 27, 1953 – March 13, 1956**

This ledger is a record of persons supported by the City of Lawrence through the Welfare Department and contains the following information: Registered Number, Name, Age, Sex, Birthplace, Place of Settlement, Period of Support, Place of Support, Address at Time of Admission.

### **Book #13: Almshouse Ledger**

This ledger is blank.

**The following documents are stored in brown accordion file with the Charitable Department Records:**

#### **Folder #1: Report in 1824 on the Relief and Settlement of the Poor (New York Secretary of State)**

This is a photocopy of the Annual Report compiled by the New York State Board of Charities.

#### **Folder #2: Pauper Records/City of Lawrence/1882-1884, 1898**

These are photocopied records of paupers fully supported by the City of Lawrence and include the following information: Registered Number, Name, Age, Sex, Birthplace, Place of Settlement.

#### **Folder #3: "Almshouse Construction and Management 1911/Alexander Johnson, Author.**

This is a photocopy of the book written in 1911.

#### **Folder #4: "Persons (Sample) Supported by City of Lawrence Almshouse"**

This is a typewritten, alphabetical sample list of residents of the Lawrence Almshouse compiled by Edythe Cederlund for her research paper, "Who Were the Paupers of Lawrence".

#### **Report #1: "Who Were the Paupers of Lawrence"/Edythe Cederlund, Author/May 1, 1989**

Accession Number 89.30.3. This research paper focuses on the Lawrence Almshouse and its' residents from the years 1882-1899.