

**Board of Health Records**  
**Lawrence, Massachusetts**

**Board of Health Correspondence and Complaints**

**Rev. 11/15/17**

**Book #1: Board of Health Correspondence 1894 – 1896**

This ledger consists of carbon copies of handwritten correspondence from the Board of Health to residents, business owners and government agencies. The majority of the correspondence is notification of complaints and include topics such as cesspool construction, sewer hook-up, hen removals, rubbish removal, notice of new BOH order prohibiting swine, unreported death and burial. This ledger is in fragile condition.

**Book #2: Board of Health Correspondence 1897 – 1903**

This ledger consists of carbon copies of handwritten correspondence from the Board of Health to residents, business owners and government agencies. Topics include: Smallpox Report, Pasteurized Milk (108), remains of Civil War soldier Harvey Dunn (160), the need for an Isolation Hospital (243,268), Isolation Hospital siting (342), Water Filtration System (370-371). Detailed notes pertaining to these and other topics are included in the file.

**Book #3: Board of Health to Cities and Towns/Notifying Settlement/City of Lawrence/January 10, 1913 – December 22, 1932**

This ledger is a record of billings sent to cities and towns for the care of those municipalities' residents who are currently residing in Lawrence due to a communicable disease deemed dangerous to the public by the Lawrence Board of Health. Such disease include Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Dyptheria, Dog Bites with the majority of cases being Tuberculosis. Patients' names are listed alphabetically alongside a number which corresponds to the individual billings.

**Book #4: Board of Health to State Board of Charities/City of Lawrence/January 11, 1913 – March 9, 1915**

This ledger is a record of patients who have applied to the State Board of Charities via the Office of the Board of Health seeking residence at city hospitals due to illness. The city hospitals listed are the TB Hospital, Lawrence General Hospital and the Municipal Hospital. These patients are too sick to "be removed to the Almshouse". Patients' names are listed alphabetically alongside a number which corresponds to the individual application notifications.

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### **Book #5: Board of Health to State Board of Charities/City of Lawrence/March 13, 1915 – November 19, 1920**

This ledger is a record of patients who have applied to the State Board of Charities via the Office of the Board of Health seeking residence at city hospitals due to illness. The city hospitals listed are the TB Hospital, Lawrence General Hospital and the Municipal Hospital. These patients are too sick to “be removed to the Almshouse”. Patients’ names and addresses are listed alphabetically alongside a number which corresponds to the individual application notifications.

### **Book #6: Board of Health to State Board to Charities/City of Lawrence/November 27, 1920 – August 9, 1932**

This ledger is a record of patients who have applied to the State Board of Charities via the Office of the Board of Health seeking residence at city hospitals due to illness. The city hospitals listed are the TB Hospital, Lawrence General Hospital and the Municipal Hospital. These patients are too sick to “be removed to the Almshouse”. Patients’ names and addresses are listed alphabetically alongside a number which corresponds to the individual application notifications.

### **Book #7: Board of Health Correspondence 1901 – 1904**

This ledger consists of copies of letters written mainly by John O. Collington, Plumbing Inspector, to city property owners.

### **Book #8: Board of Health Correspondence 1908 – 1910**

This ledger consists of copies of letters to city property owners regarding various code violations.

### **Book #9: Sanitary Complaint Register/Board of Health 1960 – 1975**

This ledger consists of records of complaints against city property owners and renters. These records list the following information: Name of Complainant, detailed description of the complaint, date and time complaint received and report of action by the Sanitary Inspector. A list of Sanitary Inspectors with their home addresses and telephone numbers is included in this ledger.

### **Book #10: Sanitary Complaint Register/Board of Health 1964 – 1969**

This ledger consists of records of complaints against city property owners and renters. These records list the following information: Name of Complainant, detailed description of the complaint, date and time complaint received and report of action by the Sanitary Inspector. A list of Sanitary Inspectors with their home addresses and telephone numbers is included in this ledger.

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### **Book #11: Sanitary Complaint Register/Board of Health 1969 – 1975**

This ledger consists of records of complaints against city property owners and renters. These records list the following information: Name of Complainant, detailed description of the complaint, date and time complaint received and report of action by the Sanitary Inspector. A separate section lists Razing Permits (199-214) and includes the property owner's name, Wrecker Company, Building Address and Building Class.

### **Book #12: Sanitary Complaints/Board of Health 1977 – 1983**

This is a folder with loose pages listing various complaints against city property owners and renters.

### **Book #13: Board of Health Unsanitary Condition Notices 1904 – 1923**

This ledger consists of carbon copies of notifications to city property owners requesting that work be done to conform to the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Health. These records list the following information: Property Owner Name, Address, Detailed Description of Violation.