

**Board of Health Records**

**Lawrence Massachusetts**

**Sanitary Collections and Conditions Ledgers**

**Rev. 11/15/17**

**Book #1: Weekly Swill Collections Ledger 1929-1932**

This ledger is a record of the amount of swill collected in the City of Lawrence on a weekly basis. Each report is titled "Report of Swill Men Week Ending" and the corresponding date. The reports include the following information: Ward Number, Name of Swill Men, Time Reported, Number of Loads, Where Delivered. The data is recorded on a daily basis within the week's report.

**Book #2: Garbage Book 1896-1906**

This Sanitary Collection Ledger contains information tracking the collection of swill, ashes rubbish and cesspool.

**Book #3: Garbage Book 1906-1915**

This Sanitary Collection Ledger contains information tracking the collection of swill, ashes, rubbish and cesspool.

**Book #4: Night Soil Removals 1881-1888**

This Ledger is a record of the removal of night soil and accounting of cash received for its' removal.

**Book #5: Night Soil Removals 1891-1896**

This ledger is a record of the removal of night soil and accounting of cash received for its' removal.

**Book #6: Night Soil Removals 1890-1912**

This ledger is a record of the removal of night soil and accounting of cash received for its' removal.

**Book #7: Night Soil Removals 1896-1913**

This ledger is a record of the removal of night soil and accounting of cash received for its' removal.

**Book #8: Sanitary Department Auditing Book 1893-1912**

This ledger tracks the sale and removal of night soil, sale of swill and waste paper, and licensing fees. Residential names and addresses are listed.

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### **Book #9: Health Department Cash Book 1885 - 1888**

This ledger is an accounting of cash received for night soil, swill collections, ash collections as well as licensing fees.

### **Book #10: Record of Charges and Collections from Health Department January 31, 1911 – December 31, 1913**

This ledger is a record of names, description of charges and receipts, dates and amounts for the sale and removal of night soil, swill, manure.

### **Book #11: Bills Receivable and Abatements April 1914 – January 1920**

This ledger contains three pages of abatements listed by Date, Name, Amount. Schedules of Bills Receivable for the Health Department are also included and are listed by Date, Bill Number, Name, Description and Amount. The categories listed in Description include Cesspool, Waste Paper Contract, Swill Contract, Vault Cleaning, Sale of Manure, Ambulance Service, Night Soil.

### **Book #12: Bills Receivable Health Department 1922 – 1923**

This ledger contains listings of Bills Receivable and is listed by Date, Bill Number, Name, Description and Amount. The categories listed in Description include Cesspool, Waste Paper Contract, Swill Contract, Vault Cleaning, Sale of Manure, Ambulance Service, Night Soil.

### **Book #13: Health Department Accounting Ledger (in two parts)**

#### **Part 1: Cesspool Cleaning Accounts 1926 – 1945**

This is a record of cesspool cleanings listed by Name, Address, Date, Amount Charged, Amount and Date Paid.

#### **Part 2: Swill and Fish Offal Accounts 1936 – 1953**

This is a record of swill and fish offal sold to swill contractors listed by Date, Amount Charged, Amount and Date Received.

### **Book #14: Dangerous Disease Bills and Bills Committed to Holders of Swill Contracts 1933 – 1946**

This ledger contains detailed copies of bills for Disease and Swill Contracts. The Disease Billings are for expenses incurred by the Lawrence Board of Health for board and medical care of patients, the majority of whom were residing at the Essex Sanitorium in Middleton, MA. The Swill Contracts are billings to swill contractors for the sale of swill collected and sold by the Sanitation Division of the Health Department.

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### **Books #15-44: Time Books Sanitation Division**

These ledgers contain time records for Board of Health Employees on a weekly basis. Information includes Name, Specific Days Worked, Total Time, Rate Per Day and Amount Paid. These ledgers are stored in the Warehouse (9/22/17).

**1926 – 1934 (9 volumes)**

**1936 – 1942 (7 volumes)**

**1948 - 1961 (14 volumes)**

### **Book #45: Schedule of Bills Receivable 1921 Health Department**

This ledger is a listing of cash received and includes entries for the TB Hospital.

### **Cross-Referenced Material:**

#### **A) Tuberculosis Hospital Ledgers:**

**Dangerous Disease Bills and Bills Committed to Holders of Swill Contracts January 3, 1947 – December 31, 1950**

**Book #11**

This ledger contains detailed copies of bills for Diseases and Swill Contracts. The Disease Billings are for expenses incurred by the Lawrence Board of Health for board and medical care of patients, the majority of whom were residing at the Essex Sanatorium in Middleton, MA. The Swill Contracts are billings to swill contractors for the sale of swill collected and sold by the Sanitation Division of the Health Department.