

Board of Health Records

Lawrence, Massachusetts

Tuberculosis Hospital Ledgers

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Book #1: Tuberculosis Hospital Ledger 1912 – 1920

This ledger is a record of patients confined to the TB Hospital and includes the following information: Patient Name, Current Date, Admit Date, Discharge Date, Monthly Charge, Payment Received. This ledger is cross-referenced with Book #2 and Book #3.

Book #2: TB Hospital Schedule of Bills Receivable 1914 – 1920

This ledger is a record of billings to Cities and Towns or Boards for the patients confined to the TB Hospital. This information is cross-referenced with Book #1 by listing the ledger page (Bill Number) which coincides with the page number in Book #1.

Book #3: TB Hospital Schedule of Bills Receivable 1922 – 1923

This ledger is a record of billings to Cities and Towns or Boards for the patients confined to the TB Hospital. This information is cross-referenced with Book #1 by listing the ledger page (Bill Number) which coincides with the page number in Book #1.

Book #4: Payments Received from Patients at Lawrence TB Hospital 1917 – 1924

This ledger contains duplicate of payments received from patients for their care while in the TB Hospital to the City of Lawrence. Many of these invoices were signed by Agnes M. MacDougall who was the acting supervisor of the Lawrence TB Hospital. (Note: Anna M. Allen and Thomas F. Joyce were also TB Hospital Supervisors).

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Book #5: Lawrence Municipal Hospital for Tuberculosis

This ledger is in five (5) Sections:

Section 1: This section is an accounting of patients and the amount due for their care per month between the years 1906-1916. These charges were offset by subsidies and by the City of Lawrence or the State Board of Charity.

Section 2: "Record of Vouchers, Approved and Passed to Treasurer for Month" January 1916 – October 31, 1920. This is a monthly accounting of expenses including supplies, utilities, food, payroll and city pharmacy.

Section 3: "Record of Collection for January 1-31, 1915". There is only one entry in this section.

Section 4: "Record of Journal Entries for May 1, 1911". There is only one entry in this section.

Section 5: This section consists of four detached pages with the heading "Inventory from June 1912 for TB Department". This is an itemized list of physical assets categorized by location in the TB Hospital. The total valuation of the TB Hospital is listed as \$47,301.39.

Book #6: TB Hospital Accounts 1921 – 1931

This is a multi-use ledger. The Title Page reads: "Stock Book of Goods Received at Battery Building". The next pages contain an alphabetized list of patients' names alongside a corresponding page number. Also included is an itemized food list with prices from the Currin-Todd Company dated from January 29, 1915 – March 4, 1915. The remainder of the ledger is separated into six sections:

Section 1: This section is a list of patient names, page numbers, "Closed" status, and notes. Another page is labeled "Contagious Diseases" and consists of a short list of Names, Diseases, Dates of Admission, Amount Billed and Amount Paid.

Section 2: "Lawrence Settled Cases/State Subsidy Cases at TB Hospital". This contains a list of Patient Names, Corresponding Page Number, "Closed" status, Positive or Negative Test Results and Date.

Section 3: This section contains a list of Patient Names, City or Town of Origin, Corresponding Page Number, Deceased or Left, Closed status.

Section 4: This sections lists Patients, the amount they were billed for their care and whether payment was made in cash or abated.

Section 5: "Non-Bacillary" heading. There are no entries in this section.

Section 6: This section lists Patients, the amount they were billed for their care and when payment was received.

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Book #7: TB Patient Settlement Book

This ledger was originally used to record Patients' settlements from 1911 – 1913. The ledger was then re-purposed and used to record Lawrence, MA Patients' settlements at the Essex County Sanatorium. Settlement dates are from February 1925 – November 1932.

Book #8: TB Hospital Patient History Book 1912 – 1914

This ledger is a collection of Patients' Medical Records and includes handwritten notes from attending physicians.

Book #9: TB Hospital Patient History Book 1914 – 1916

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Book #10: Reported Cases of TB February 1913 – 1967

This ledger identifies reported cases of TB. Information includes Patient Name, Address, Date of Notice, To Whom Sent and Remarks. Included in the ledger is an undated four page typed list of Lawrence students who have been diagnosed with TB. Information includes Serial Number, Student Name, Student Address, Age, School. Attached note to this list bears dates ranging from 1936-1938.

Book #11: Dangerous Disease Bills and Bill Committed to Holders of Swill Contracts January 3, 1947 – December 31, 1950

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.

Book #12: Dangerous Disease Bills January 4, 1951 – December 10, 1957

This ledger contains detailed copies of bills for Diseases 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.

Book #13: Dangerous Disease Bills January 8, 1958 – December 20, 1968

This ledger contains detailed copies of bills for Disease 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.

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Boxes 1-7: TB Dispensary Patient Records 1914 – 1959 (circa) These loose files are a collection of Patients' Medical Records and include handwritten notes from attending physicians, TB Dispensary cards and Nurse Visitation cards. Information in these records include Patient Names and Addresses, Living Conditions, Medical Treatment and Date of Death.

Cross Referenced Materials:

A) Sanitary Ledgers:

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

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