

## **ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL West Smithfield LONDON EC1A 7BE**

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The report is arranged as follows. Hospital records are listed first, with those relating to St. Bartholomew's Hospital itself followed in alphabetical order by records of other hospitals now housed at the St. Bartholomew's archives. After these come the records of other societies, associations and administrative bodies, and finally personal papers.

An overview of the collection is given in the pamphlet produced by City and Hackney Health Authority Archives (then the hospital's parent body), *Resources in the Archives Department: A Guide for Users*. This sets out brief histories of the various institutions concerned and also records material that falls outside the date-span of this survey (for example, the records of various management committees set up to run groups of hospitals following the foundation of the National Health Service). It is supplemented by more detailed records in card-index form that can be consulted at the hospital archives. This report follows the basic structure of the pamphlet, supplementing it with some but not all of the information available on the index cards.

Some documents, dating back to the 12th century, are displayed in the Museum of St. Bartholomew's Hospital run by the Archives department, which also exhibits medical equipment and works of art. The Archive collection is also supplemented by photographs and maps and the printed material in the Hospital Library.

An advance appointment is required before consulting material. Standard closure periods apply to hospital records under the Public Records Acts.

### **HOSPITAL RECORDS**

#### **St. Bartholomew's Hospital**

Board of Governors minutes, 1549-1974.

Medical Council minutes, 1843-1986.

Appeals Committee report, 1931; Archives Committee minutes, 1937-1974; Economy Sub-Committee papers, 1908-1932; Reconstruction Sub-Committee papers, 1937; Special Building Committee papers, 1929. Clerk's Department agenda papers for meetings of Governors and Committees, 1919-1948.

Clerk's Department administrative documentation: letter-books etc., 1801-1939; miscellaneous correspondence outside letter books, 1896-1956; administrative correspondence concerning war, 1927-1941; correspondence on insurance, 1897-1939.

Papers concerning soldiers and sailors, 1666-1715/6. Documents concerning relationship of Hospital with the Corporation of London and London County Council, 1782-1958.

Instructions to staff etc. 1915-1971 (including air-raid instructions, 1915). Leave books (sample), 1885-1894 and 1936-1950. Treasurer's and Almoner's minute books, 1838-1948; order books, 1653-1739; Treasurer's letter-books etc., 1905-1939. Sanitary Officer's papers,

1892-1939. Solicitor's letter-books, 1901-1939. Statistics, 1924-1938. Treasurer's records, 1547-present.

Administrative and financial material, 1547-1986, including the following:

*Almoner's Department*: reports, 1937-1954, list of staff 1937, miscellaneous other papers, 1939-1951.

*Catering Department*: statistics concerning provision of poultry for nurses' dinners, 1886; reports, 1938; suggestions for nurses' menu, 1938.

*Clerk of the Works*: various records, 1870-1919.

*Curator of Instruments*: contract book, 1910-1919; requisition books for X-ray equipment, 1929-1971; surgery stock books, 1930-1950; surgery requisition books, 1930-1951; theatre instruments repair book, 1931-1949; oxygen and gas supply, 1940-1943.

*Dietetic Department*: instructions, correspondence and statistics, 1921-1960.

*Dispensary*: account books detailing drugs acquired from outside firms, 1836-1952; wine and spirit books, 1922-1960; lists of drugs in stock in all wards c.1880-c.1929; correspondence concerning penicillin distribution, 1946-1958; drug stock books, 1916-1929; glass books, 1936-1956; casualty prescriptions, 1928-1935.

*Finance Department*: correspondence, 1791-1961; material on staff salaries, pensions, etc., 1880-1953; material on appeals, bequests, special funds etc., 1852-1959.

*Laundry Department*: statistics and general records, 1921-1968.

*Matron and Nursing*: report books, 1880-1975; letter books, 1935-1957; annual nursing reports, 1911-1956; probationers' application forms (sample), 1928, 1936 and 1944; official papers of Annie McIntosh, Matron, 1910-1927, and of Helen Dey, Matron, 1927-1939; notes of pay-scales for nursing and domestic staff, 1917-1943; Mary Ellen Watkins, ward sister, notes c.1925-1949; diaries etc., 19th century-1946, including for the Zachary Merton Home for Convalescent Nurses, c.1937; lists of: Sisters, c.1862-1897 and c.1935-1946, domestic maids, 1877-1962, nurses, ward assistants and probationers, 1881-1887, nurses, 1879-1905, and probationary nurses, 1877-1961; report books on probationers, 1881-1949; register of probationers, 1886-1930; list of staff staying on after probation, 1901-1915; list of special probationers, 1884-1918; list of staff nurses at Special Treatment Centre, 1917-1929; list of probationers leaving at end of trial period, 1910-1946; pupil probationers at Preliminary Training School, 1925-1958; register of Preliminary Training School, 1924-1952; probationers entering the hospital from Preliminary Training School, 1939-1958; ward maids, 1920-1948; nursing staff on each ward, 1933-1951; nursing staff at the hospital's country branch at Hill End Hospital, St. Albans, 1940; nurses' sickness record books, 1914-1965; register of nurses sent to the Zachary Merton Home for Convalescent Nurses, 1937-1939.

*Medical Committee*: staff registers etc., 1930-1987; lists of House Physicians and Surgeons, 1868/9-1880/1; House Officers signature book, 1898-1946; register of House Officers, 1901-1989; register of Dressers, 1910-1989; regulations etc., 1853-1925; staff grievances, 1901; Medical Council reports, 1867-1942; Medical Council correspondence, 1880-1973.

*Museum*: Curators' catalogues, printed with manuscript annotations, 1831-1929.

*Other Hospitals*: files on other hospitals, 1902-1971.

*Stewards Offices*: records of supplies etc., 1914-1968.

Records of treatment including the following:

*Cardiology Department*: patients' names, 1920-1947.

*Medical Records*: admission registers, general 1818-1971 (from 1870 onward divided by

male and female patients); registers of deaths, 1762-1769, 1807-1816, 1826-1834 and 1838 present; registers of burials at the hospital's burial ground in Seward St., 1744-1755 and 1846-1849; midwifery register 1904-1960; statistics produced by the Medical Records Officer, 1849-1948; out-patient records, 1830-1941; casualties statistics, services, 1939-1942, and statistics collected under the Road Traffic Act 1941-1950; casualties admitted, 1942; air raid casualties, 1939-1951; lists of malingerers and hospital addicts (the "black books"),

1927-1974; case-notes kept by Dr. P.M. Latham, divided by male and female patients, 1826-1841; patients' records, 1835-1922; notes on cases of women's diseases treated by Dr. West, 1849-1861; patients' notes concerning radium and X-rays, 1919-1934; notes on patients in Eliza Ward (lying-in beds), 1911-1917; district midwifery notes, 1892-1899; cashbooks relating to midwifery for outside patients, 1907-1929; electrical treatment for in-patients, 1883-1895; register of patients under restraint, 1904-1927; obstetric delivery books (Elizabeth Ward) 1923-1925 and 1965-1985; blood transfusions, general, 1926-1951; ophthalmic department, drawings of eyes, 1840-1891; correspondence concerning patients, 1923-1938; records of Special Treatment Centre, 1922-1952; Department of Anaesthetics records, 1917-1939, including register of administration of anaesthetics, 1928-1929; Cancer Department records, 1933-1957; casebook of cases from Paget Ward illustrated with X-ray photographs, 1920-1939; Kettlewell convalescent home, records of tuberculosis patients, 1907, and World War I military patients, n.d.; Skin Department, patient notes, 1907-1918, and notice, 1924.

*Ophthalmic Department*: register of female patients treated in eye ward, 1917-1921.

*Pathology*: post-mortem records 1867-1913, surgical pathological registers 1899-1933.

*Physiotherapy Department*: general departmental papers 1912-1940.

*Pharmacy*: manuscript pharmacopoeias, 1768-early 20th century.

*Radiology Department*: departmental records, 1927-1958.

*Theatre Registers*: general, 1928-1950, including operations performed at Hill End Hospital 1939-1950; gynaecology 1936-1986 (with gaps); orthopedic, 1931-1986 (with gap 1939-1956); ear, nose and throat, 1932-1986 (with gap 1939-1961); gastroscopy and bronchoscopy, 1937-1939; plastic surgery 1937-1938; ophthalmic, 1937-1986 (with gap 1939-1961); dental, 1938-1939 and 1970-1986; temporary wartime theatres, 1939-1941 and 1944-1946; Hill End, 1939-1961 (after 1950 restricted to neurosurgery). Sample daily operating lists, 1921, 1928-1932 and 1934-1938.

Records of various clubs and associations associated with the hospital:

*Abernethian Society* (formerly Medical and Philosophical Society) records, 1799-1815 and 1833-1968.

*Association Football Club* records, 1918-1963.

*Cambridge Graduates Club* records, 1876-1949.

*Christian Union* records, 1912-1954.

*Cricket Club* records, 1939-1961.

*Decennial Contemporary Clubs* records, 1832-1988.

*Drama Society* (formerly Amateur Dramatic Club) records, 1888-1969.

*Fountain Club* records, 1919-1985.

*Hockey Club* records, 1922-1962.

*Nurses' Games Clubs* records, 1911-1935.

*League of Nurses* minutes, 1899-1972.

*Paget Club* (academic society for senior staff) records, 1912-1975.  
*Student Nurses Association* records 1939-1952.  
*Students' Union* records, 1905-1948.  
*Students' Union Amalgamated Clubs* records, c.1892-1995.

### **Alexandra Hospital for Children with Hip Disease**

Minutes of Governors and Subscribers, 1879-1922.  
Minutes of Management Committee 1871-1948.  
Annual Reports, 1897, 1903, 1938-1958.  
Medical reports including statistics of admissions, discharges and deaths, 1884-1899.

Administrative and financial records (including records of funds, subscribers, donors, appeals and legacies), 1867-1958, including: letter-books, 1889-1910; letters of recommendation for staff applying for other posts, 1931-1958; letters concerning foundation of hospital for children with diseases of the joints, figures represented including Sir James Paget and John Hilton, 1866-1867.

Accounts etc. 1867-1892

Staff records (mainly post World War II), including register of Nurses and Assistant Nurses, 1940-1951.

Wages records, 1887-1920; wages of staff at the hospital's convalescent home at Clandon, Surrey, 1903-1937.

Estate records re hospital sites, 1874-1955.

Dispensary dangerous drugs registers, 1937-1958.

Records of patients and treatment: admission registers, 1860-1895; register of baptisms, 1910-1951; in-patient clinical case notes, 1870-1910; other in-patient clinical records, 1866-1868, 1893-1907, 1936-1958; casebooks and record cards of Sir Anthony Bowlby's patients, 1884-1906; record cards of James Berry's patients, 1885-1906; operating theatre registers, 1893-1907 (setting out patients of Sir Anthony Bowlby and James Berry) and 1936-1958; out-patient records, 1866-1870 and 1877-1917.

School records, 1922-1958.

### **Eastern Hospital**

(formerly Homerton Fever Hospital, 1870-1885)

Medical Superintendent's reports, 1911-1915 and 1920-1932

Administrative records, 1874-1938, including staff registers, 1874-1938

Estate records (hospital site): muniments of title 1739-1928 and plans c.1927-1934.

Records of patients and treatment: admission registers, 1885-1930 (gaps); death registers, 1899-1901; clinical case notes classified according to disease (typhoid and paratyphoid, gastro-enteritis and dysentery, diphtheria, scarlet fever, measles and whooping cough, etc.), 1926-1954; other clinical records, 1895-1947; register of baptisms, 1938-1966; relief registers, 1906-1907 and 1916; creed registers, 1907-1928; death registers, 1871-1885, 1895-1911; post-mortem reports, 1893-1899, 1909-1935, 1940-1947.

### **German Hospital**

Minutes of Governors and Board of Management, 1846-1948; Minutes of Hospital Committee 1843-1948 (continuing as House Committee 1948-1969); Annual reports, 1851-1943.

Administrative and financial records, 1845-1970.

Engineer's Department records, 1913-1929, including costs of rebuilding hospital and Hitchin convalescent home, 1929.

Dalston convalescent home: administrative correspondence 1904, inventory 1929.

Clinical records: in-patients, 1946-1962; out-patients, 1940-1949.

Estate records for hospital site and adjoining properties in Dalston: muniments of title 1802-1944, general estate records, 1908-1959.

Photographs c.1912-1971.

### **Hackney Hospital**

(formerly Hackney Union Infirmary)

In-patient records: admission registers, 1880-1881, 1909-1910, 1929-1930; creed registers, 1905-1910, 1929-1930; birth registers, 1876-1977 (gaps); death registers, 1892-1983 (gaps).

Estate records for hospital site and adjoining properties in Hackney, 1788-1896.

### **Metropolitan Hospital**

Committee minutes: General 1836-1948, House 1876-1966, Building 1876-1885, Finance 1921-1938, committees in charge of various fund-raising activities (including speedway and whist drives) 1924-1939; Medical Council minutes, 1912-1970.

Administrative material: seals registers, 1935-1946; hospital barber's contract, 1938.

Clinical records: admission and discharge registers, 1923-1946; baptism registers, 1909-1965; post-mortem registers, 1929-1970 (gaps); operating theatre registers, 1936-1969.

Nursing material: report books by Sister Superior 1887-1892, and Matron 1893-1897, 1934-1967 (gap at 1954-1958); registers of nurses, 1888-1940.

Salaries records, 1903-1931.

Ladies Association records, 1913-1924.  
Festival reports, 1889-1914

### **Mothers' Hospital**

Annual reports (including photographs), 1911 and 1914-1947 (some early years supplied by photocopies).

In-patient records: birth registers, 1913-1984. Registers of centres to which the hospital was evacuated during World War II: Willersley Castle, admission and discharge registers, 1940-1945, maternity register books, 1940-1946; Bragborough Hall, maternity register books, 1940-1945. Estate records (hospital site) 1862-1906.

### **St. Leonard's Hospital**

(formerly Shoreditch Infirmary)

Miscellaneous administrative records, 1901-1968.

Medical Officer's report books, 1922-1927.

In-patient records: admission registers, 1898-1967 (gaps); creed registers, 1907-1908 and 1910-1934; registers of in-patients, 1934-1954 (gaps); register of male patients, 1912-1917; register of female patients, 1912-1927; register of male lunatic patients, 1898-1910 and 1915-1924; register of female lunatic patients, 1906-1925; maternity registers, 1936-1939; birth registers, 1892-1938; registers of baptisms, 1891-1940; death registers, 1885-1969; lunacy casebooks, 1907-1913; sample minor theatre records (male patients), 1937-1948; other clinical records, 1937-1948.

Nursing material: Matron's report books, 1921-1939 (gap at 1933); Matron's register of female staff, c.1920-1937; reports on probationers, 1901-1971; service records of trained nursing staff,

1935-1976; report books of nurses, 1937-1940 and 1947-1950.

### **St. Mark's Hospital for Diseases of the Rectum and Colon**

Board of Governors and General Committee (after 1948, House Committee) minutes, 1857-1974.

Medical Committee minutes, 1930-1987.

Annual reports, 1927-1988 (gaps).

Other Administrative and financial records, 1876-1974.

In-patient records: admissions registers, 1900-1961; clinical case records, 1908-1937; register of maternity patients, 1943-1967.

Register of nurses, 1896-1964.

Dispensary pharmacopoeias, 1921 and 1935.

Cuttings, booklets, etc., on the hospital's history, 1896-1947.

Leaflets and programmes concerning appeals, 1927-1953.

## **OTHER INSTITUTIONS AND SOCIETIES**

**British Medical Association**, City Division: minutes, 1918-1930.

**German Orphanage** (a few records kept with those of German Hospital): plans, 1890 and 1913, letter re site value 1914.

**Hamburg German Lutheran Church** (used as chapel by German Hospital; these records kept with those of that establishment): plans, 1898-1926.

**Royal General Dispensary**: committee minutes, 1894-1948, annual general meetings, 1898-1948, cashbooks, 1910-1948, ledger 1927-1948.

**St. Bartholomew's Medical School and College**: signature books, 1842-1936. Administrative and financial material, 1832-1970. Minutes of meetings of Medical Officers and lecturers, 1845-1888, plus agenda books, 1897-1912. College Governors' Annual General Meeting minutes, 1922-1980; College Council minutes, 1929-1967. Committee Minutes: College Committee, 1938-1980, Executive Committee 1936-1980, Finance Committee 1879-1931, Discipline Committee 1880-1951, Estates and General Purposes Committee 1922-1930, Prizes Sub-Committee 1896-1930, various other Sub-Committees 1881-1933. Warden's scrap-books, 1874-1894. Records of dissection, 1832-1873.

**St. Bartholomew's Trained Nurses Institute** (which supplied nurses trained at St.

Bartholomew's for private nursing, on payment of a fee): letters, minutes etc., 1886-1949.

**TB Dispensary Advisory Committee** (joint committee of representatives of the Metropolitan Hospital and the Metropolitan Boroughs of Hackney and Stoke Newington): minutes, 1921-1948. Records held with those of the Metropolitan Hospital.

**Territorial Army Nursing Service:** registers of nurses 1922-1939 (with notes going up to 1941); personal files (sample), 1909-1927; letter books of Helen Dey, Principal Matron, 1931-1948.

## **PARISH RECORDS**

**St. Bartholomew the Less:** registers of baptisms, 1547-1923 and burials (including some hospital patients) 1547-1848; Overseers' books of receipts and payments, 1838-1868; pauper apprenticeship indentures, 1622-1822 and bonds re pauper children 1590-1756.

## **PERSONAL PAPERS AND MISCELLANEA**

Certificates and admission tickets to various lectures, courses, etc., 1794-1910.  
Printed pharmacopoeias, annotated by previous owners (Harold Bull, Geoffrey Evans, William Edward Lee, Basil Hewitt Penn, Percy Selwyn Selwyn-Clarke, H.J. Western) 1888  
1921.

Correspondence by various individuals on hospital issues, including letters by John Abernethy, W. Girling Ball, Florence Nightingale and James Paget (exchange between Nightingale and Paget, 1861).

Anonymous book of culinary and medical recipes, 1657.

John Abernethy, surgeon: manuscript copies of surgical lectures, compiled by Charles F. Edwards, 1834, William Thurnall, 1835, and an unnamed compiler, n.d.

Agnes Wotherspoon Baird, nurse: papers, 1911-1914.

Sydney Francis Josephine Bland, nursing probationer: lecture notes and other papers, 1910  
1918.

Murray Bumstead, patient: papers, 1940-1941.

Ethel Ching, nurse: papers, 1890.

Horace Dobell, medical student: notes on medical and surgical cases, 1847-1848.

Dyce Duckworth, physician: clinical notebooks, 1861-1883 and 1920-1924.

Frederick W. Evans, medical student: notes on medical cases, 1874.

Ethel Bedford Fenwick, senior nurse, pioneer of state registration of nurses: letters from her and papers relating to her, 1878-1948.

David Hoadley Gabb: references re application for position at Hastings Infirmary, 1847.

John Edward Gross, clinical clerk: notes on cases seen in St. Bartholomew's Hospital

medical wards, 1855-1856.

Dora Hallis, patient: papers, 1904-1905.

Ludford Harvey, surgeon: diary and autobiography, c.1806-1826.

Elsie Eva Henry, nurse: papers n.d.

Horace Hill: notebooks, 1927 and n.d.

Luther Holden (Surgeon of St. Bartholomew's, 1865-1881): testimonial volume, n.d.

Mrs. Judge and her children, patients: papers, 1905-1910.

Winifred Luxmoore, nurse: papers, 1923-1942.

G.W. Mackenzie, medical student: notes on materia medica and chemistry lectures, 1845-1846.

W. McDougall, nurse: scrapbook 1901-1906.

William Meacher, American surgeon: diary of a visit to London Hospitals, 1887.

Norman Moore, physician: scrapbook of private letters etc., 1879-1885.

Ellen Musson, nurse: papers, 1898-1957.

N. Powell, nurse: papers, 1933.

Alice Shrives (Sister Paget), nurse: papers, 1886-1910.

G.P. Shuter (Senior Resident Anaesthetist) and George Graham (Physician): letters concerning operating theatre conditions in the 1890s, 1956.

Mabel Sleight, nurse at St. Bartholomew's Hospital: notes on clinical lectures 1888-1891.

Isla Stewart, matron 1887-1910: reminiscences of her, compiled in 1963.

Molly Swords, nurse at the Metropolitan Hospital: memoirs of the period 1943-1946 (compiled 1977).

J.W. Thomas: notes of lectures on surgery by Astley Cooper, 1817-1818.

Madge Viall, nurse: letter describing air raid, 1917.

Emily Wates née Lofts, nurse: letters and papers concerning her, 1892-1956.

Emma Wilson, nurse: papers, 1916-1920.