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SDH/001/001

13 February 1832-18 July 1864

Minute book of the Governors and Directors of Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. Minutes frequently refer to financial matters and the admission, discharge and death of patients. Cause of death is infrequently recorded. Includes copy of order of the Lord Lieutenant and Privy Council nominating and appointing governors and directors of the Asylum. Index to names of governors and directors and their date of appointment at beginning of volume; minutes (20 February 1832) include resolution to accept handover of Asylum building from William Murray, architect; same minutes include inventory of furniture in Asylum, resolution that the rules used at Armagh Asylum be adopted, and name Meade Nisbett Stone, medical doctor, as physician, and Francis Crofton as manager / superintendent; minutes (22 March 1832) refer to the setting of salaries and allowances for the manager and matron. Salaries are to be £225 and £100 sterling per annum respectively. Allowances refer to coal, candles, milk and washing; minutes (3 May 1832) include resolution that the Asylum is now in fit state to accept patients. Same minutes refer to letters received from Richmond Lunatic Asylum, Dublin, and jails for the city of Kilkenny, county of Kilkenny and county of Carlow for the admission of patients. Elizabeth Freeman is named as matron; minutes (2 August 1832) state that if the matron has occasion to leave the Asylum, she must first have the consent of two governors, who shall not give their consent without first communicating with the manager; minutes (1 October 1833) contain reference to new matron, Lavinia Parsons; minutes (2 September 1834) allude to death of Francis Crofton, former manager, on 20 August 1834; minutes (7 October 1834) refer to appointment of Patrick McCaffry as manager. Salary set at £150 with same allowances of horse keep, milk, coal and candles enjoyed by former manager; minutes (4 July 1835) include transcription of letter dated 5 June 1835 from William Abraham, House of Industry, Brunswick Street, Dublin, to George Howard, Viscount Morpeth, Chief Secretary for Ireland. Abraham was formerly employed as a cook at Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. He alleges fraud by staff of Carlow District Lunatic Asylum, that is 'converting provisions to other purposes than to what it has been allowed,' and harsh treatment. Interviews of staff find no basis for further investigation; minutes (2 February 1836) include description of livery to be worn by male Asylum servants as coat of blue cloth with red collar and cuffs, with the Institution button, and vest of blue cloth with similar buttons; same minutes include resolution that no servant is permitted to bring their children or other family member to reside in the Asylum, and that no such person will be admitted as a visitor except on Mondays and Thursdays between eleven and one o'clock; minutes (5 May 1836) state that Dr Matthew Esmonde White has produced to the Board the Lord Lieutenant's warrant appointing him physician to the Asylum; minutes (18 October 1837) refer to proposal to erect a small detached infirmary; minutes (20 December 1837) refer to repeated complaints of patients escaping the Asylum grounds by climbing trees adjoining the Dublin Road wall. Propriety of cutting the trees to be discussed at next meeting; decision (17 January 1838) is to pale off the area, it being intended as a working garden for female patients. Warders are to be fined 10 shillings for first escape of a patient in their care, and dismissed for a second escape; minutes (20 May 1840) state that it appears to the Board that there is reason to suspect that practice has arisen of committing minor breach of peace resulting in jail committal as fastest way to gain entry to Asylum. Reference to man who has been waiting for admission to the Asylum for nearly a year. The Board believes that accommodation for an additional 50 patients is now required, there being currently in the Asylum 48 more patients than it was intended to accommodate; minutes (22 July 1840) state that a fresh notice is to be served [on friends or relatives of recovered] patients, and if patients are not removed from the Asylum before 1 August, legal proceedings will be instituted to enforce bonds; minutes (16 June 1841) state that there are now 54 more patients than Asylum was intended to accommodate. No one else can be admitted

unless the 'comparatively harmless patients be withdrawn into the District Poor Houses when the same shall be fit for the reception of Paupers'; minutes (17 November 1841) note that servants who have become teetotallers may be supplied with tea to same amount as beer ration which they previously enjoyed; minutes (16 November 1842) refer to 'certain serious charges' preferred by Thomas Keefe on behalf of his daughter, Mary Keefe, against Patrick McCaffry, Asylum manager; minutes (28 November 1842) record decision of the Lord Lieutenant that McCaffry cannot with propriety continue in his position. Two keepers and a nurse also dismissed. Same minutes record appointment of William Parsons, Carlow, as temporary resident manager; minutes (21 December 1842) record details of a patient whose father is willing to pay expenses of care rendered by the Asylum. Some governors doubt the legality of accepting such payments notwithstanding precedents set by Richmond and Maryborough (Portlaoise) Asylums, and other institutions. Ordered that case be referred to the law officers of the Crown; minutes (15 February 1843) refer to medical attendance on Mary Keefe as she is in labour. Same minutes record decision that female servants will forfeit their situation if they contract marriage without sanction of the Board; minutes (17 May 1843) state that patient committed suicide by hanging; minutes (11 June 1845) record decision that the 'electro magnetic apparatus' recommended by Dr White be purchased for sum not exceeding £4.4.0.; minutes (7 December 1845) include details of disagreement between physician and manager respecting admission of patient by order of the physician. Rules state that physician can only admit patients in cases of urgency and all other admissions are by order of the Board. It is stated that there is no urgency in this case, and that the physician's objective appears to be to establish a right independent of the Board; minutes (21 October 1846) refer to memorial of male servants for additional ration of bread in lieu of potatoes. Ordered that they be allowed two pounds of bread each day in lieu of potatoes and bread. Same minutes refer to death of George O'Farrell, bread contractor. His widow, Barbara O'Farrell, appears before Board and represents the unreasonableness of expecting her to supply the Institution with enormous quantity of bread consequent on the failure of the potato crop. Minutes also refer to negotiations on price of bread contract; minutes (28 March 1848) refer to appointment of Dr Matthew Esmonde White to office of manager in place of William Parsons, deceased; minutes (17 October 1849) refer to appointment of Thomas O'Meara, esquire, medical doctor, as visiting physician, in place of Dr John Tuomy, deceased; minutes (21 November 1849) include transcription of memorial by Timothy Brenan, accountant and storekeeper, seeking salary increase; minutes (20 November 1850) refer to fact that for some time, the Board has been considering lighting the Asylum with gas; decision (8 January 1851) that gas lighting is preferable to candles on cost grounds. Board is agreeable to the number of lights (82) recommended by Dr White; minutes (14 August 1852) record decision to write to Colonel Henry Bruen, Oakpark, Carlow, to seek sale or lease to the Board of land adjoining the Asylum to be used for 'affording healthful occupation to the patients'; minutes (20 November 1854) include statement by Robert Cassidy, governor, that at next monthly meeting he will propose that two warm baths be erected for benefit of patients; minutes (15 August 1855) record that Dr White is to call on the County Surveyor to inspect the Asylum and to give plan and estimate for erection of infirmary; minutes (19 November 1856) include transcription of memorial by Robert Clayton Browne, Chairman, to the Commissioners of Lunacy, regarding inadequacy of accommodation at the Asylum, and proposing that additional accommodation be provided. Counties Carlow and Kildare are willing to pay their due proportions. It is submitted that enlargement of the Asylum at Carlow would be more economic than building a new asylum in Wexford, as recently proposed. Index.

c 550pp

SDH/001/002

15 August 1864-9 January 1871

Minute book of the Governors and Directors of Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. Minutes frequently refer to financial matters and to the admission, discharge and death of patients. Cause of death is infrequently recorded. Minutes (19 December 1864) include transcriptions of memorials received from several members of staff objecting to their proposed retirement and superannuation; minutes (16 July 1866) refer to appointment of Dr Michael Patrick Howlett, New Ross, County Wexford, as resident medical superintendent following the death of Dr Matthew Esmonde White; minutes (17 September 1866) refer to escape of patient from the Asylum. Warder Kelly is fined 10 shillings for neglecting to inform Dr Howlett that person resembling the patient was seen in the neighbourhood of the town on night of escape or acting on the information himself; minutes (18 March 1867) refer to death of Timothy Brenan, clerk and storekeeper. His son, John Brenan, is appointed as his successor; minutes (30 May 1867) include transcription of letter from John Dunne, Secretary, to the Inspectors [of Lunacy]. It states that, heretofore, the Asylum manager has appointed subordinate officers and Dr Howlett appointed John Brenan as clerk and storekeeper. Board is surprised that a John Abraham has come down as having been appointed to same position by his Excellency [Lord Lieutenant]. Board requests that irregular appointment of Abraham be cancelled; minutes (16 September 1867) refer to letter from Inspectors [of Lunacy] to Board. Appointment of John Brenan is annulled and that of John Abraham confirmed; minutes (13 January 1868) include resolution of Board to Government. Asylum is full and there are difficulties surrounding securing accommodation in external premises. In view of fact that new asylum is to open at Enniscorthy, County Wexford, within two weeks, Board recommends that new committals of patients from Wexford should be made to Enniscorthy; minutes (8 February 1869) include resolution regarding proposed additional accommodation. Described as day rooms and associated dormitories for 100 additional patients, new dining hall, and addition to kitchen and laundry comprising bathrooms, privies connected into water closets, repairs to roof of main building, re-arrangement of system of drainage, new main sewer and relaying old subsidiary sewer; minutes (15 March 1869) include resolution that sum of £900 be borrowed for alterations, and an additional sum not exceeding £500 is necessary to put the building into repair. Furthermore, due to prospect of change in law respecting lunatic asylums, proposed additions to main building are deferred for this year; minutes (19 September 1871) include order that John Abraham is to be paid sum of £25 in consideration of acting as clerk of works for the new building; minutes (17 October 1870) include order that sum of £850 be insured on the building and contents of the new dining hall, kitchen etc. Also resolved that the Board is opposed to the separation of Carlow and Kildare, and requests meeting with Lord Lieutenant and other parties to discuss the matter.

77pp

SDH/001/003

10 January 1870-10 October 1873

Minute book of the Board of Governors of Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. This is a pre-printed minute book. There is some overlap between this minute book and SDH/001/002 which contains minutes dating from 15 August 1864-9 January 1871. Minutes include returns regarding number of patients, for instance, number of males and females, discharged, died, escaped, under treatment for medical and surgical diseases, number of patients for each of Kildare and Carlow; tables naming patients recently admitted, discharged, escaped or died; observations on patients' conditions or cause of death; accounts treating of income and expenditure; salaries and pensions to named persons included under expenditure; report of resident medical superintendent on health of inmates and general condition of institution; report of governors who visited the Asylum; details of incoming

correspondence and action taken by Board thereon. It is noted (15 August 1870) that there are currently four cases of cholera; submitted (19 September 1870) that owing to overcrowding on male side of house, necessary to open barn again for reception of patients. Ordered that estimate for fitting up the barn be prepared for next meeting. Cholera is referred to as 'Autumnal Cholera'; rates of wages (9 January 1871) set for employees holding the following positions: four warders, one yardman and messenger, four deputy warders, one gate porter, four head nurses, five deputy nurses, one assistant laundress, one deputy assistant laundress and one boardroom maid; proposed (24 July 1871) that two separate chapels be erected; resolved (21 August 1871) that Miss Parsons be appointed to do the duties of matron for the interval between the death of the late matron [Lavinia Parsons, her mother] and the appointment of a successor; attendance (18 December 1871) of George Wilkinson, architect, regarding tenders for new buildings. Tender of Messrs Ryan, Waterford, contractors, of £11,455 accepted; minutes (19 February 1872) note contents of letter dated 2 February 1872 received from Board of Control regarding loan of £13,000 which has been applied for to complete building works which are described as '2 wings capable of accommodating 150 additional patients. Erection of two separate Chapels - [Foundation] of new main drain'; resolution (19 February 1872) that the probationary appointment of Mrs Mary Ellison to the office of matron be confirmed; minutes (15 July 1872) include report (6 July 1872) of visit to Asylum by J. Nugent, [governor]. Mentions that building work has begun after lengthy delay; minutes (9 May 1873) record contents of letter dated 6 May 1873 received from George Wilkinson, architect, submitting plans of farm offices for approval.

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[SDH/001/004]

1873-1879

Missing. Not acquired. A rough minute book covering the 1873-1879 period is extant (SDH/001/017).

SDH/001/005

14 February 1879-12 January 1883

Minute book of the Board of Governors of Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. This is a pre-printed minute book. Same type of content as SDH/001/003. Includes reference (14 May 1880) to proposal to install water tank to supply water in case of fire. Recommended by George Wilkinson, architect. Estimate, plan and specification requested from Wilkinson; reference (9 July 1880) to one patient being killed by another 'by a blow of a sweeping brush'; reference (8 October 1880) to the death of Dr Howlett, resident medical superintendent, on 22 September 1880 at Cheekpoint, County Waterford; retirement (10 December 1880) of Dr Thomas J. O'Meara as visiting physician after 33 years in the post, and election of Dr C.W. McDowell, B.A. M.D. F.R.C.S.I. L.A.H. as his successor; direction (14 January 1881) to Dr Thomas P. O'Meara, resident medical superintendent, to apply for the occupational pension of a patient in order to defray the cost of his maintenance in the Asylum; reference (11 November 1881) to a patient being delivered of a baby; reference (14 July 1882) to day rooms in the Asylum which have been built recently.

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SDH/001/006

12 January 1883-8 October 1886

Minute book of the Board of Governors of Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. This is a pre-printed minute book. Same type of content as SDH/001/003. Includes approval (13 July 1883) of suggestion by Dr O'Meara to substitute soil wagons for cesspools in the three privies of that construction which remain; minutes (13 July 1883) include consideration of the Lunatic Poor (Ireland) Bill now before Parliament, 'We think them in some respects inadvisable. We also look with grave suspicion on the tendency which the Bill appears to foreshadow with a considerable increase in the Rates paid by a community already overburdened.'

c 650pp

SDH/001/007

12 November 1886-8 August 1890

Minute book of the Board of Governors of Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. This is a pre-printed minute book. Same type of content as SDH/001/003. Includes report (10 December 1886) that the resident medical superintendent is seriously ill with typhoid. Believed that he contracted it in the Asylum; minutes (13 May 1887) refer to James Byrne being requested to draw up a specification for the substantial repair of the roofs of the main buildings of the Asylum, including the roofs surrounding the several yards; minutes (13 February 1888) note that during the previous month, 22 patients died, including 13 from dysentery; minutes (21 December 1888) refer to proposal for supply of water to the Asylum; minutes (8 March 1889) approve of plan and estimate prepared by Mr Quilton [Edward Tankerville Quilton, Carlow County Surveyor], for supply of water for purposes other than cooking and drinking. Proposal is to take water from the river Barrow to the Asylum by means of a gas engine. Quilton is to communicate with the Barrow Navigation Company to ascertain if they will allow the proposal.

c 650pp

SDH/001/008

12 September 1890-13 July 1894

Minute book of the Board of Governors of Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. This is a pre-printed minute book. Same type of content as SDH/001/003. Minutes (13 February 1891) refer to resignation of Mary Ellison, matron, due to failing health; minutes (4 March 1891) state that the salary of the new matron is to be £75 per annum with allowances of £65; minutes (8 May 1891) refer to election of Miss Lucy Woods as matron on probationary basis for three months; report of the resident medical superintendent (11 September 1891) states that there are now '23 Inmates over the utmost limit of accommodation on the male side. There are eleven vacancies on the Female side'; minutes (27 November 1891) refer to delay in structural alterations and improvements at the Asylum. Board of Control rather than the governors now directs such works. Same minutes refer to change in diet at the asylum; minutes (8 January 1892) sanction employment of a musician for one night a week at remuneration of £0.2.6; minutes (8 April 1892) refer to resolution passed in response to resolution passed by the Board of Governors of Cork District Lunatic Asylum on 7 March 1892, 'The Governors of the Carlow District Lunatic Asylum have noticed a new Privy Council Rule, dispensing with the

services of the Visiting Physician, hitherto forming a most important connecting link between the public at large and the lunatic asylum - a connection which has inspired mutual confidence.... The Governors would therefore hope that His Excellency may on further consideration direct that this Rule of His Privy Council be cancelled'; report of the resident medical superintendent (12 August 1892) refers to death of escaped patient which was caused by being struck by a train; minutes (12 August 1892) refer to fact that governors are willing to accept proposal to have the Asylum lit by electricity. A more specific agreement is to be drawn up; minutes (9 September 1892) include transcription of letter dated 9 September 1892 from J. Frederick Lecky, Secretary pro tem, Board of Governors, to the Board of Control, regarding the need for a place of worship for members of the Church of Ireland. At present, Divine Service is held in a dining room. Requests that portion be set aside for a chapel when alterations made to Asylum.

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[SDH/001/009]

1894-1898

Missing. Not acquired. A rough minute book covering the 1894-1898 period is extant (SDH/001/017).

SDH/001/010

9 September 1898-[12 December 1900]

Minute book of the Board of Governors of Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. This is a pre-printed minute book. Same type of content as SDH/001/003. Minutes (11 November 1898) refer to sanction for enlargement of Roman Catholic chapel and erection of Church of Ireland chapel; reference (10 February 1899) to installation of telephones at the Asylum. Cost of same is £107.2.2.

C 300pp

SDH/001/011

11 July 1900-8 January 1902

Minute book of the Committee of Management of Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. This is a pre-printed minute book. Minutes include names of Committee members who are present; receipts reported by Treasurer at last monthly finance meeting; payments ordered by Committee at last monthly finance meeting; summary and reconciliation of treasurer's account, including payments made at finance meeting; return of state of asylum for the month (that is, numbers of patients); information regarding newly admitted patients; information regarding patients recently discharged, escaped and died; reports of resident medical superintendent; report of members of Committee; tenders; communications from the Government, Inspectors of Lunacy and others; applications for admission of patients; and special business. Minutes (9 January 1901) include proposal that Dr Patrick Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, confer with [Thomas Francis] McNamara, architect, regarding scheme to enlarge the Roman Catholic chapel; reference (9 January 1901) to installation of radiators and heating appliances; minutes (13 February 1901) refer to discussion on proposed salary increase for Dr J.J. Fitzgerald, assistant medical officer. Minutes refer to the greatly improved condition of the Asylum under his stewardship; inserted in the minute book are two reports (30



January 1901-9 February 1901) by sub-committees on the working of the Asylum, including workshops managed by a tailor, shoemaker and workmistress on the female side; decision (10 April 1901) to write to the 'clerks of the different Unions where they receive as insane patients inmates from the Counties other than Kildare and Carlow requesting these officials to direct the masters and medical officers [sic] attention to the fact that patients will be only received here who belong to either of the contributing Counties of the asylum'; decision (8 May 1901) that permission be given to Carlow Cricket Club to play four matches on the Asylum ground as an experiment, and that a minimum charge of 10 shillings for each match be made, and a charge of six pence per head for spectators. Income to be allocated to the recreation of attendants and patients; reference (14 August 1901) to the escape of a patient while out on a country walk; minutes (11 December 1901) state that Patrick Darcy's tender of £1,884.4.0 for building an addition to the Roman Catholic chapel was accepted with conditions; minutes (8 January 1902) state that the Committee is prepared to consider applications from six of the married members of the male staff to reside outside the Asylum. The staff will have to satisfy the Committee that their houses are situated in a convenient place.

c 319pp

SDH/001/012

12 February 1902-13 January 1904

Minute book of the Committee of Management of Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. This is a pre-printed minute book. Same layout as SDH/001/011. Includes minutes (12 March 1902) which state that Mr Mitchell's tender for additions to Roman Catholic chapel was accepted, with reduction for the labour of patients; minutes (12 March 1902) detail letter from Patrick [O']Daly, Secretary of the Committee of the Gaelic League, disapproving of the appointment of foreigners as examiners in Irish under the Intermediate Board. Recorded that the Committee approved of the statement; minutes (10 September 1902) refer to refusal of Lucy Woods to resign her position as matron. She shall continue to discharge her duties until the Lord Lieutenant gives consent to her dismissal. Resolution passed that Lucy Woods be given one month's notice; minutes (24 October 1902) state that Committee is satisfied that the month's notice given to Woods was sufficient. Resolved that Nurse Byrne be requested to continue to discharge the duties of matron; minutes (12 November 1902) state that Dr Patrick Foley, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, is requested to ask Thomas Francis McNamara, architect, on what terms he would supervise the erection of external fire hydrants and arrangements for the collection of rainwater from the roofs of the Asylum; minutes (14 January 1903) refer to resolutions passed in connection with removal of lunatics from Naas workhouse. Also refers to accommodation of imbeciles; noted (13 May 1903) that the Joint Committee regrets to learn of death of the late resident medical superintendent, Dr T.P. O'Meara; minutes (13 May 1903) summarise contents of letter dated 8 May 1903 received from William P. Hade, civil engineer. He informs the Committee that the cost of materials, exclusive of single rooms, for improvements to the Asylum is £600. Hade recommends that single rooms be built by contract at end of the observation dormitories. Committee decides to defer decision on proposed single rooms; minutes (8 July 1903) record the election of Dr J.J. Fitzgerald as resident medical superintendent and Dr Edward [J.] McKenna as assistant medical officer. Both appointments subject to the sanction of the Lord Lieutenant; minutes (9 September 1903) note that Charles J. Engledow, Joint Committee member, has arranged to live in County Cork and will be unable to attend Committee meetings any longer.

c 616pp

SDH/001/013

10 February 1904-23 March 1906

Minute book of the Committee of Management of Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. This is a pre-printed minute book. Same layout as SDH/001/011. Minutes (10 August 1904) include approval of Committee for procurement by the resident medical superintendent of medals for attendants who have passed the nursing examination of the Medico-Psychological Association; minutes (8 February 1905) refer to letter dated 2 February 1905 from [Richard] Jones, Chairman, Richmond Asylum, Dublin, regarding test case with reference to liability of the Crown for payment of the maintenance of army and navy lunatics committed to Irish asylums. Informs Committee that judgement has been made in favour of Richmond Asylum; minutes (10 May 1905) record decision to fix nine members for County Carlow and 14 for County Kildare as the proportionate representation on the Joint Committee of the Counties. These figures decided on as the daily average for the last three local financial years has been 151 patients from Carlow and 243 from Kildare; report (14 June 1905) of the resident medical superintendent states that the workhouses of County Kildare are 'practically depleted of their insane inmates'; minutes (9 August 1905) include summary of letter from Manager, Castlecomer Collieries, County Kilkenny, dated 5 August 1905, requesting Asylum to use Irish coal. Minutes note that Irish coal is used as far as possible; report (11 October 1905) of the resident medical superintendent states that for the first time in the history of the institution, the number of female patients has reached two hundred.

c 616pp

SDH/001/014

11 April 1906-8 January 1908

Minute book of the Committee of Management of Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. This is a pre-printed minute book. Same layout as SDH/001/011. Minutes (8 August 1906) include transcription of testimonial given by the Joint Committee to Dr J.J. Fitzgerald, resident medical superintendent, in connection with his application for the same position at Cork District Asylum; minutes (12 September 1906) refer to agreement between the Joint Committee and John Whelan regarding the Committee's lease of land from Whelan at Rathnash and Pollerton, County Carlow. There are earlier references to discussions about these lands in the minutes of meetings held on 23 April 1906, 3 May 1906 and 9 May 1906; minutes (14 November 1906) include resolution that that the carpenter, shoemaker and tailor be granted clothing in the same manner as other male attendants; minutes (27 February 1907) record acceptance of resignation of Dr Fitzgerald as resident medical superintendent; minutes (15 May 1907) include proposal that the salary of the resident medical superintendent be fixed at £350 per annum with additional allowances totalling £150, including provision for a partly-furnished house; minutes (12 June 1907) include direction to the acting resident medical superintendent to write to the Board of Guardians, Carlow Poor Law Union, 'in reference to the transference from the Union to the Asylum of old harmless and infirm patients who could not in any way be considered as requiring asylum treatment to point out that if such cases continue to be sent the Asylum accommodation will be seriously effected [sic]'; minutes (11 September 1907) include resolution that the appointment of Dr Edward J. McKenna as acting resident medical superintendent be continued for a further twelve months. Initially appointed to the position on 27 February 1907.

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SDH/001/015

12 February 1908-13 April 1910

Minute book of the Committee of Management of Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. This is a pre-printed minute book. Includes names of members of the Committee who are in attendance; financial minutes including receipts and payments; returns regarding numbers of patients; names and other details of patients who have been recently admitted, discharged, escaped or died; report of the resident medical superintendent; reports by members of the Committee; tenders; correspondence; applications for the admission of patients; orders to discharge patients; and special business. Includes (11 March 1908) summary of letter from Sir James B. Dougherty, Under-Secretary, Dublin Castle, dated 10 March 1908, regarding the filling of vacant post of resident medical superintendent. Committee is to advertise the position and if it fails to comply, matter will be referred to the Attorney General to proceed with application for a mandamus in the High Court for the making of the appointment. Discussion of letter deferred to next meeting; minutes (8 April 1908) record that resolution passed to advertise the position; minutes (13 May 1908) record decision to fix nine members for County Carlow and 15 for County Kildare as the proportionate representation on the Joint Committee as the daily average number of patients for the last three financial years has been 169 from Carlow and 289 from Kildare; minutes (13 May 1908) includes summary of letter from the Under-Secretary, Dublin Castle, dated 30 April 1908 relative to appointment of resident medical superintendent. Objects to Committee's limitation of the appointment to period of one year. Informs Committee that it is to proceed as instructed previously, that is, a permanent appointment, and if it does not comply, legal proceedings will commence. In response, Committee passes resolution to adhere to original resolution of 11 September to appoint Dr Edward McKenna as acting resident medical superintendent for one year; minutes (26 June 1908) record details of writ of mandamus dated 17 June 1908 against the Joint Committee to appoint a resident medical superintendent; resolution (12 August 1908) to appeal against the Order of the King's Bench Division of 29 July 1908; resolution (11 January 1909) passed that the Joint Committee comply with the order of mandamus issued by the Court of King's Bench regarding appointment of resident medical superintendent; election (12 March 1909) of Dr Thomas A. Greene as resident medical superintendent subject to the sanction of the Lord Lieutenant; minutes (12 July 1909) record the Committee's approval of the principles of the Asylum Officers Superannuation Bill, 1909; report (11 August 1909) of Dr Thomas A. Greene, resident medical superintendent, states that the water supply has not been satisfactory during the last month. Described as 'so inefficient that it is not possible to keep the sanitary annexes properly flushed'; reference (8 September 1909) to report by sub-committee number 2 on erection of cowsheds and cottage at Rathnapish farm. Plans and specification submitted by [William P.] Hade, civil engineer; direction given to resident medical superintendent (8 September 1909) to take steps to have fair rent fixed on two acres at Strawhall, County Carlow, held by the Committee from [Henry] Bruen under a yearly agreement signed in 1873. Current rent is £8; resolution (13 October 1909) regarding deficit in Local Taxation Fund; minutes (9 March 1910) include resolution passed in relation to the Asylum Officers Superannuation Act, 1909. Officers and servants classified under the following headings: First class - Resident Medical Superintendent, Assistant Medical Officer, Clerk, Storekeeper, Matron, Head Attendant, Steward and Gardener, Mechanical Engineer, Charge Attendants, Deputy Attendants, Dining Hall and Store Attendant, Steam Boiler Attendant, Painter Attendant, Carpenter, Shoemaker, Tailor, Charge Nurses, Deputy Nurses, Matron's Servant and Deputy Nurse, Charge Night Nurse, Deputy Night Nurses, Cook, Assistant Cooks, Laundress, Assistant Laundresses, Assistant Medical Officer's Servant, Boardroom Attendant, Dining Hall Maid, Cutter and Attendant, Gate Porter, Roman Catholic Chaplain, Protestant Episcopalian Chaplain, Apothecary, Night Charge Attendant and Deputy Night Attendants; report (13 April 1910) of the resident medical

superintendent notes that there has been a 'severe epidemic' of influenza for the past two weeks, affecting 37 people. Index.

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SDH/001/016

11 May 1910-11 September 1912

Minute book of the Committee of Management of Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. This is a pre-printed minute book. Same format as SDH/001/015. Minutes (11 May 1910) refer to proposal to erect a bakery; expression of sympathy (11 May 1910) on the death of King Edward VII; minutes (8 June 1910) refer to letter dated 7 June 1910 received from Major [John] Alexander, [Milford, County Carlow], asking the Board to consider lighting the Asylum by electricity. Resident medical superintendent directed to write to Alexander to request estimate; resolution (12 October 1910) that the Joint Committee protests against the proposed reduction by 32% of the grant-in-aid hitherto paid from the Local Taxation account in respect of the cost of maintenance of pauper lunatics at the rate of four shillings per person per week. Joint Committee requests representatives in Parliament to take immediate steps to secure continued payment, otherwise an additional burden of over £1,500 will be placed on the ratepayers of counties Carlow and Kildare; report (8 February 1911) of resident medical superintendent notes that for some time past, there has been a number of resignations from the staff, particularly from the female side, and that it has been very difficult to find suitable applicants for vacant posts. The resident medical superintendent's opinion is that the principal cause of this is the comparatively small initial wages offered, which are lower than those obtained in ordinary domestic service. Recommends formation of sub-committee to report on wages; report (8 March 1911) of the resident medical superintendent notes that fresh inconvenience has again been caused by deficiency of water pressure. Ordinary bathing of patients could not be carried out; report (12 July 1911) of resident medical superintendent records the death of Thomas Orford, Justice of the Peace, Foxhill, Athy, County Kildare, former member of Joint Committee. Notes that Orford had only ceased to be a member of Joint Committee a few weeks before his death; report (13 September 1911) of the resident medical superintendent refers to two cases of enteric fever on the male side. Also notes the overcrowded state of the Asylum which provides accommodation for 421 patients, but which has had more than 500 residents for some years. Report also suggests that proximity to the Quarry Hole, which is described as a 'pestiferous place' and 'public latrine', is cause of enteric fever; report (10 January 1912) of resident medical superintendent records death of John Lyons, Hacketstown, County Carlow, County Councillor and member of Joint Committee. Minutes (13 March 1912) record expression of sympathy on the death of Henry Bruen, Oakpark, County Carlow, former Chairman of the old Asylum Board and former member of the Joint Committee; minutes (13 March 1912) include summary of letter dated 17 February 1912 from Down District Asylum enclosing resolution with regard to deficiency in payment of the grant-in-aid. Suggests that joint action of Asylum Committees is essential to success and asks for names of delegates who will attend a meeting; minutes (12 June 1912) include resolution on the Mental Deficiency Bill now before Parliament; minutes (10 July 1912) include summary of letter from Messrs Edwards & Flood, 12 Molesworth Street, Dublin, solicitors, relative to sale of Durbin estate at Rathnapish, County Carlow, of which the Joint Committee holds 22 acres. Resident medical superintendent is directed to negotiate for purchase of same. Index.

c 600pp

SDH/001/017

13 February 1832-13 June 1900

Rough minute books of the Board of Governors and Directors of Carlow District Lunatic Asylum

/1 13 February 1832-19 April 1854 c 450pp

/2 17 May 1854-14 August 1885 c 500pp

/3 11 September 1885-2[3] March 1900 c 500pp

/4 2 March 1900-13 June 1900 24pp

Minute books for the periods 1873-1879 and 1894-1898 do not appear to be extant. Information regarding these timeframes is extracted from the rough minute books and presented here.

Minutes (12 December 1873) include resolution that tender of William Faircloth for erecting farm offices and boundary wall for sum of £1,760 be accepted; minutes (9 February 1877) note that the office of clerk and storekeeper is to be divided, and that advertisement is to be issued for post of storekeeper at annual salary of £25 with rations, or £50 without rations; minutes (10 March 1877) note the appointment of Michael Mealy as storekeeper; minutes (11 May 1877) discuss the making of a ball court; direction (8 February 1878) to resident medical superintendent to advertise for tenders for erection of a ball court; minutes (10 August 1894) include resolution that the Asylum's governors have no objection to the lighting of a ward by electricity, as an experiment, as proposed by Milford Electricity Supply Company. The Company is to bear all costs and it is further stated that the governors hope to install electric lighting worked by steam power; approval (12 October 1894) of resident medical superintendent's granting of extra dietary to patients engaged at laundry work and occasionally, to those on the farm. Also, that tea may be given to patients attending the monthly dance; resolution (9 November 1894) calling for the resignation of John Abraham, clerk, as an auditor's report has found that his books are in same unsatisfactory state as before a period of suspension; reference (14 December 1894) to confirmation of appointment of Stephen Nolan as storekeeper; minutes (14 December 1894) include transcription of letter from John Abraham, clerk, to the governors. Declines to resign as called for during meeting of governors on 9 November 1894. Governors pass resolution to dismiss him. Abraham is called before meeting and resolution is read to him; minutes (11 January 1895) refer to letter dated 31 December 1894 from Office of Board of Control, forwarding report by Edward T. Quilton, Carlow County Surveyor, regarding building works at the Asylum. Agreed that loan of £500 be applied for in connection with accommodation for assistant medical officer, and loan of £300 be applied for in connection with chapel for 'I.C.' [Irish Church] patients; minutes (10 April 1896) note attendance at meeting of Quilton, Carlow County Surveyor. Informs governors that the cost of taking a water supply from the river Barrow would be circa £800; minutes (14 August 1896) state that deputation from the Carlow Town Commissioners attended meeting and agreement reached on water supply. Asylum is to take 16,000 gallons of water per day at rate of 5 pence per 1,000 gallons. Maximum charge of £120 per annum; minutes (9 July 1897) note that governors approve plans by Quilton, Carlow County Surveyor, for enlargement of Roman Catholic chapel and resolve that Board of Control be requested to obtain loan of £850 to facilitate works.

4 items

**SDH/002 Patient Registers, 1832-[1980]**

SDH/002/001

20 April 1832-5 July 1852

Register of applications for admission to Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. Covering dates refer to initial date of application. Information recorded about each applicant includes: name; place of birth; place of abode before admission; date of application; how long ill; when application was laid before the Board; when entered proceedings of the Board; date of admission; medical person certifying the case; rejected and why; date of second application; whether admitted on second application; and observations. Some applicants admitted from other asylums or gaols.

23 folios

SDH/002/002

7 May 1832-23 December 1845

Register of admissions to Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. Information about each patient includes: number; name; age; religious denomination; date of admission; occupation or trade; place of abode before admission; from what county; nearest relative and address; by whom recommended (Magistrate or medical person certifying); probable cause of disease; how long ill before admission; species of disease; date of any relapse; period of transfer to convalescent division; dates associated with discharge (recovered, relieved and on trial and unfit); period and cause of death; person signing removal and where residing; and observations. Covering dates refer to dates of admission to Asylum. Previous residence may be gaol or other asylum. Index to names.

30 folios

SDH/002/003

20 February 1846-29 June 1900

Register of Patients at Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. Register created in accordance with the Central Criminal Lunatic Asylum (Ireland) Act, 1845 (8th and 9th Victoria, Cap. 107). Section 25 of this Act provides that a registry be created in each district asylum for the lunatic poor to record admissions, discharges, deaths, and a medical journal. Marked Schedule No. 2. Information recorded includes: date of discharge or death; date of last admission; number in register of patients; name; sex; discharges, and whether recovered, relieved or not improved; died; assigned cause of death; age at death; and observations. Covering dates refer to date of discharge or death. Includes list of patients who were transferred to Kilkenny Asylum. Earliest date of transfer of these patients is 13 September 1852.

c 155pp

SDH/002/004

27 February 1846-30 December 1887

Register of Patients at Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. Register created in accordance with the Central Criminal Lunatic Asylum (Ireland) Act, 1845 (8th and 9th Victoria, Cap. 107). Section 25 of this Act provides that a registry be created in each district asylum for the lunatic poor to record admissions, discharges, deaths, and a medical journal. Marked Schedule No. 1. Information recorded about each patient includes: number in order of admission; date of admission; name; sex; age; condition as to marriage; condition of life and previous occupation; previous place of abode; county, union or parish to which belonging; by whose authority sent; dates of medical certificates, and by whom signed; form of mental disorder; supposed cause of insanity; bodily condition and name of disease, if any; whether 'epileptic' or 'congenital idiot'; duration of existing attack; number of previous attacks; age on first attack; date of discharge or death; whether recovered, relieved, not improved or died; and observations. Earlier entries lack medical information. Information regarding some patients is repeated in SDH/002/001 as there is crossover of dates covered. Covering dates used here refer to dates of admission.

c 100 folios

SDH/002/005

7 July 1848-23 June 1900

Register of admissions to Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. Marked Schedule No. 1. Information about each patient includes: date of previous admission, if any; number in order of admission; date of admission; name; sex; age; marital status; condition of life and previous occupation; previous place of abode; county, union or borough to which chargeable; by whose authority sent; dates of medical certificates, and by whom signed; form of mental disorder; supposed cause of insanity; bodily condition and name of disease, if any; whether 'epileptic' or 'congenital idiot'; duration of existing attack; number of previous attacks; age on first attack; date of removal, discharge or death; whether recovered, relieved or not improved; died; and observations. Religious denomination is sometimes indicated under the patient's name. Number in order of admission is not sequential. Covering dates refer to dates of admission to Asylum.

30 folios

SDH/002/006

7 July 1848-21 February 1896

Register of patients in Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. Referred to as 'Admission Book' on cover. Information recorded in this register includes: number in order of admission and date of admission; name; sex; condition as to marriage; condition of life and previous occupation; previous place of abode; county, union or parish to which belonging; by whose authority sent; dates of medical certificates, and by whom signed; form of mental disorder; supposed cause of insanity; bodily condition and name of disease, if any; whether 'epileptic' or 'congenital idiot'; duration of existing attacks; number of previous attacks; age on first attack; date of discharge or death; if discharged, whether recovered, relieved or not improved; died; whether from County Carlow or Kildare; and observations. The observations column sometimes contains information on the literacy of patients. Religious denomination is sometimes given in the name column. Covering dates refer to dates of admission to Asylum.

c 80 folios

SDH/002/007

(7 July 1848-2 September 1871) -10 January 1888-13 July 1894

Register of patients of Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. Referred to as 'Registry of Admissions' on front cover. Marked Schedule No. 1. Information recorded about each patient includes number in order of admission; date of admission; name; religious denomination; sex; age; marital status; condition of life and previous occupation; previous place of abode; county, union or parish to which chargeable; by whose authority sent; dates of medical certificates and by whom signed; form of mental disorder; supposed cause of insanity; bodily condition and name of disease, if any; whether 'epileptic' or 'congenital idiot'; duration of existing attack; age on first attack; date of discharge or death; whether recovered, relieved or not improved on discharge; and observations. The observations column is frequently used to record if a patient had been admitted previously. Previous place of abode is sometimes another asylum, a prison or workhouse. Admission numbers are sequential. Covering dates refer to dates of admission. Details of patients admitted between 7 July 1848-2 September 1871 and with admission numbers in the range 670-1678 (with lacunae) are recorded over several pages in this volume.

48 folios

SDH/002/008

4 October 1849-21 November 1864

Registry Book of Carlow District Lunatic Asylum (4 October 1849-8 December 1856). Information recorded about each patient includes: number in physician's registry; number in general registry; name and residence; sex; age; single or married; number of children; occupation; degree of education; religious denomination; habits of life; original disposition and intellect; date of first attack; number of previous attacks, and their duration; duration of present attacks; alleged or predisposing factors, that is, hereditary or other; exciting causes; form of mental disorder; particular propensities and hallucinations; bodily disorder (if any) apparently connected with the insanity; changes in form of disorder while in the Asylum; date of admission; date of discharge; result; cause of death, with post-mortem appearance; outline of medical treatment; disorders occurring while in the Asylum, as registered in sick list; and general observations. Title page gives further instruction as to how to complete several columns. Covering dates refer to dates of admission.

At end of volume are physicians' monthly reports and reports of post-mortems (15 September 1852-21 November 1864). The monthly reports [are likely those submitted to the meetings of the Asylum's Board of Governors] and are signed by the resident medical superintendent and visiting physician;



physicians' statement (19 April 1854) for the year ending 31 March 1854; report (December 1854-January 1855) by the resident physician and visiting physician on the Asylum's baths, dining halls, chapel and infirmaries.

c 75 folios and 82pp

SDH/002/009

9 January 1857-[c 29 September 1876]

Registry Book of Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. Information recorded about each patient includes: number in physician's registry; number in general registry; name and residence; sex; age; single or married; number of children; occupation; degree of education; religious denomination; habits of life; original disposition and intellect; date of first attack; number of previous attacks and their duration; duration of present attack; alleged or predisposing factors, that is, hereditary or other; exciting causes; form of mental disorder; particular propensities and hallucinations; bodily disorder (if any) apparently connected with the insanity; changes in form of disorder while in the Asylum; date of admission; date of discharge; result; cause of death with post-mortem appearance; outline of medical treatment; disorders occurring while in the Asylum, as registered in sick list; and general observations. Covering dates given here refer to dates of admission. Date of admission is not given for the last several entries.

c 185 folios

SDH/002/010

9 July 1863-4 April 1916

Register of admissions to Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. Marked Form 8. Information recorded about each patient includes: date of previous admission, if any; number in order of admission; date of admission; name; sex; age; marital status; condition of life and previous occupation; previous place of abode; county, borough or union to which chargeable; by whose authority sent; dates of medical certificates and by whom sent; form of mental disorder; supposed cause of insanity; bodily condition and name of disease, if any; whether 'epileptic' or 'congenital idiot'; duration of existing attack; number of previous attacks; age on first attack; date of removal, discharge or death; whether recovered, relieved, not improved or died; and observations. Index. Number in order of admission is not sequential.

c 100 folios

SDH/002/011

16 November 1876-12 April 1888

Register of Patients at Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. Register created in accordance with the Central Criminal Lunatic Asylum (Ireland) Act, 1845 (8th and 9th Victoria, Cap. 107). Section 25 of this Act provides that a registry be created in each district asylum for the lunatic poor to record admissions, discharges, deaths, and a medical journal. Marked Schedule No. 1. Information recorded includes: number in order of admission; date of admission; name; sex; age; condition as to marriage; condition of life and previous occupation; previous place of abode; county, union or parish to which belonging; by whose authority sent; dates of medical certificates, and by whom signed; form of mental disorder; supposed cause of insanity; bodily condition and name of disease, if any; whether 'epileptic' or 'congenital idiot'; duration of existing attack; number of previous attacks; age on first attack; date of discharge or death; whether recovered, relieved, not improved or died; and observations. Earlier entries lack medical information. Religious denomination is sometimes recorded in the name column. Information regarding some patients is repeated in SDH/002/004 as there is some crossover of dates covered. Covering dates used here refer to dates of admission.

c 85 folios

SDH/002/012

17 April 1888-3 October 1895

Register of Patients at Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. Register created in accordance with the Central Criminal Lunatic Asylum (Ireland) Act, 1845 (8th and 9th Victoria, Cap. 107). Section 25 of this Act provides that a registry be created in each district asylum for the lunatic poor to record admissions, discharges, deaths, and a medical journal. Marked Schedule No. 1. Information recorded about each patient includes: number in order of admission; date of admission; name; sex; age; condition as to marriage; condition of life and previous occupation; previous place of abode; county, union or parish to which belonging; by whose authority sent; dates of medical certificates, and by whom signed; form of mental disorder; supposed cause of insanity; bodily condition and name of disease, if any; whether 'epileptic' or 'congenital idiot'; duration of existing attack; number of previous attacks; age on first attack; date of discharge or death; whether recovered, relieved, not improved or died; and observations. Religious denomination is sometimes recorded in the name column. Covering dates used here refer to dates of admission.

c 60 folios

SDH/002/013

c 30 September 1960-[1980]

Daily Averages Book, St Dymphna's Hospital, Carlow. It contains records of the numbers of patients in various categories. Patients are classified as follows: County Carlow, County Kildare, County Carlow criminal, County Kildare criminal, non-district patients, gross totals. These numbers are then divided into male and female.

166pp

SDH/003/001

1844-1857

Bound volume containing several reports on asylums. Includes:

Reports of the Inspectors-General on the District, Local, and Private Lunatic Asylums in Ireland for 1843 and 1844;

Reports on the District, Local, and Private Lunatic Asylums in Ireland for 1845, 1846, 1848, 1851, 1853, 1855 and 1857;

Sixth Annual Report of the Inspectors on the State of the Private Lunatic Asylums in Ireland, under the provisions of the Act, 5 & 6 Victoria Cap. 123 (October 1848).

Report (1844) states, regarding Carlow District Lunatic Asylum, that of 172 patients, 86 are employed: the males at agricultural work and gardening, trades and housework; and the females at sewing, knitting, quilting and housework. The accommodation comprises 88 single cells, 12 large cells, three large sleeping rooms for the idiots and tranquil, 10 day rooms, one laundry, one kitchen and store rooms. This report also includes a section on Wexford Local Asylum which accommodates 16 patients. It is described as a 'remnant of the old poor-house system in Wexford' and that it is intended to transfer the patients to Carlow or return them to relatives. Also includes section on the County and City of Kilkenny Pauper Lunatic Asylum which is under the care of the Board of Superintendence of the county gaol. It is supported by grand jury presentments; Appendix No. 3 comprises the General Rules for the Government of all the District Lunatic Asylums in Ireland, made, framed, and established by the Lord Lieutenant and Council of Ireland, March 27, 1843. It includes rules for meetings of the Board of Governors, admission and treatment of patients, and duties of officers and servants;

Report (1844) states that the mode of heating Carlow District Lunatic Asylum is by fires in the corridors and that they do not provide sufficient warmth. There is also a reference to fires in the day rooms. Noted that the Asylum occupies 15 acres and 39 perches statute measure of which around 10 acres are available for agriculture; patients are classified thus: violent and highly excitable, refractory classes, less violent and quiet classes, and the convalescent. The 1844 Report includes section on the County and City of Kilkenny Local Lunatic Asylum. It states that no new case is taken into this asylum unless the District Asylum in Carlow is unable to accommodate the patient;

Report (1846) states, regarding Carlow District Lunatic Asylum, that it employs seven officers and 31 servants, 23 of whom are exclusively employed in attending to patients. This affords average of one attendant to eight and a fraction patients. Report includes discussion of moral and medical treatment at the Asylum. The 1846 Report includes transcription of letter dated 23 May 1846 from Thomas Haughton, Member of Board of Governors and Directors, Carlow District Lunatic Asylum, to Dr Francis White, Inspector of Lunatic Asylums, in which he mentions that Mr Lynch, architect, examined the Asylum buildings [probably Joseph Lynch, Carlow, architect];

Report (1848) refers to the death, within the last year, of William Parsons, manager, Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. He was succeeded by Dr Matthew Esmonde White, formerly the visiting physician, in accordance with the principle of appointing 'professional gentlemen to the office of resident managers.' Report mentions that existing regulations will have to be revised to define duties of medical attendants. The 1848 Report also discusses increased mortality during 1847, the worst year of the Great Famine. Notes that during 1847 there were 422 deaths in district lunatic asylums and 122 deaths in gaols. This was an increase over the preceding year by 224 and 47 respectively. Mortality decreased during 1848;

Report (1857) states that Carlow District Lunatic Asylum was built to accommodate 104 patients. There have not been any additions or alterations but by 'a better regulation of the sleeping apartments, room was obtained for 96 additional inmates.'

1 item

SDH/003/002

1885

Publication, 'General Rules and Regulations for the Management of District Lunatic Asylums in Ireland' (Dublin: Alex. Thom & Co., 1885).

48pp

SDH/003/003

1910

Publication, 'The Asylums Officers' Superannuation Act, 1909, with full practical notes and tables of deductions under the act' (London: The Poor-Law Publications Company, 1910).

59pp

SDH/003/004

1938

Publication, 'Annual Report of the Inspector of Mental Hospitals for the year 1936' (Dublin: The Stationery Office, 1938).

54pp

SDH/003/005

20 March 1985-June/July 1985

File containing photocopies of reviews of 'St Luke's Hospital, Clonmel, 1834-1984' by Eamonn Lonergan.

2 items

SDH/003/006

[2001]

Publication, 'St Canice's Hospital, 1852-2001.' Published by the Communications Department, St Canice's Hospital, Dublin Road, Kilkenny. ISBN: 1874218072.

28pp

**SDH/004      Maps and drawings, [c 1870-1900]**

SDH/004/001

No date

Architectural drawing. Attendants' dormitory, female side, Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. Alterations marked thereon. Neither creator of drawing nor date of creation is indicated thereon.

1 item (545mm x 760mm)

SDH/004/002

1877-1910

Architectural drawing. Plan of second floor of Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. Marked 'F No. 2.' The use assigned to some rooms is written thereon. Plan is drawn on a piece of paper which has been glued to a larger sheet. Signed by Edward T. Quilton, Carlow County Surveyor.

1 item (490mm x 670mm)

SDH/004/003

1877-1910

Architectural drawing. Roof plan of Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. Marked 'F No. 4.' Signed by Edward T. Quilton, Carlow County Surveyor.

1 item (665mm x 490mm)

SDH/004/004

March 1893-11 November 1893

Architectural drawing. Ground plan of buildings on site of Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. Includes the main Asylum building, lodge at entrance gate, Roman Catholic chapel, farm yard and County Infirmary. Pipeline also marked thereon. Signed by Edward T. Quilton, Carlow County Surveyor (March 1893); and signed by J. Pemberton, contractor (11 November 1893). [Drawing may be connected with programme of improvements to laundry, boiler house etc].

1 item (680mm x 960mm)

SDH/004/005

[1893-1899]

Architectural drawing. Plan of laundry, boiler and engine house etc, Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. The plan gives the uses to which various rooms are put. Date and creator of drawing not named.

[Creator may be Edward T. Quilton, Carlow County Surveyor]. Position of three yards is also marked on the plan.

1 item (680mm x 950mm)

SDH/004/006

November 1896-9 July 1897

Architectural drawing. Proposed addition to the Roman Catholic Chapel, Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. Signed by Edward T. Quilton, Carlow County Surveyor. Marked 'Approved' by J.E. Medlicott, [Chairman] (9 July 1897). Drawing is on tracing-type paper which has been attached to sturdier backing paper.

1 item (543mm x 690mm)

SDH/004/007

[c 21 January 1898]

Architectural drawing. Administrative block, stores, kitchen and workshops, Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. Signed by Edward T. Quilton, Carlow County Surveyor. Marked 'H No. 3'; and [drawing number] 11. Also stated that this drawing was referred to in report dated 22 June 1900. [Initialled JPOF and EMC]. Drawing is undated but is tentatively dated with reference to signature on document SDH/004/008.

1 item (685mm x 990mm)

SDH/004/008

[c 21 January 1898]

CLOSED DUE TO PHYSICAL DAMAGE. ACCESS VIA SURROGATE COPY ONLY. Architectural drawing. Details of roof over dining hall, Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. Signed by Edward T. Quilton, Carlow County Surveyor. Marked 'H No. 4' and [drawing number] 12. Also stated that this drawing was referred to in report dated 22 June 1900. [Initialled JPOF and EMC]. Signed by John B. Healy, contractor, and reference to date of articles [of agreement], 21 January 1898.

1 item

SDH/004/009

[c 21 January 1898]

Architectural drawing. Administrative block, stores, kitchen and workshops, Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. Signed by Edward T. Quilton, Carlow County Surveyor. Marked 'H No. 2' and [drawing number] 10. Also stated that this drawing was referred to in report dated 22 June 1900. [Initialled JPOF and EMC]. Drawing is undated but is tentatively dated with reference to signature on document of John B. Healy, contractor, who refers to articles of agreement dated 21 January 1898.

1 item (680mm x 990mm)

SDH/004/010

[c 21 January 1898]

Architectural drawing. New work room, Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. Signed by Edward T. Quilton, Carlow County Surveyor. Marked 'H No. 5' and [drawing number] 13. Also stated that this drawing was referred to in report dated 22 June 1900. [Initialled JPOF and EMC]. Drawing is undated but is tentatively dated with reference to signature on document of John B. Healy, contractor, who refers to articles of agreement dated 21 January 1898. Drawing is backed with linen.

1 item (695mm x 895mm)

SDH/004/011

[c 21 January 1898]

CLOSED DUE TO PHYSICAL DAMAGE. ACCESS VIA SURROGATE COPY ONLY. Architectural drawing. Administrative block, dining hall, stores, kitchen and workshops, Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. Signed by Edward T. Quilton, Carlow County Surveyor. Marked 'H No. 1' and [drawing number] 9. Also stated that this drawing was referred to in report dated 22 June 1900. [Initialled JPOF and EMC]. Drawing is undated but is dated with reference to signature on document of John B. Healy, contractor, who refers to articles of agreement dated 21 January 1898.

1 item (680mm x 950mm)

SDH/004/012

c 22 June 1900

Architectural drawing. Details of church [Roman Catholic Chapel], Carlow District Lunatic Asylum, drawing number 2. Architect is not named [Thomas Francis McNamara].

1 item (650mm x 830mm)

SDH/004/013

No date

Architectural drawing. Sections showing alterations and additions through administration block, Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. The areas which are named are bathroom, dressing room and visitor's room, male side; clerk's office; and apartment of 'A.M.O.' [assistant medical officer].

1 item (980mm x 700mm)

SDH/004/014

No date

Architectural drawing. Cross-section through line C and D of Carlow District Lunatic Asylum; side and front elevation of part of the building. Marked drawing number 4. Signed 'Present' by Frederick MacCabe, M.D. [medical doctor], and James T. Ryan.

1 item (955mm x 655mm)

SDH/004/015

No date

Architectural drawing. Roof plan and additional wings, Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. Marked drawing number 3. Signed 'Present' by Frederick MacCabe, medical doctor, and James T. Ryan. The name John Ryan is also written thereon in pencil.

1 item (550mm x 740mm)

SDH/004/016

No date

CLOSED DUE TO PHYSICAL DAMAGE. ACCESS VIA SURROGATE COPY ONLY. Architectural drawing. Ground block plan, Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. Marked drawing number 1. Signed 'Present' by Frederick MacCabe, medical doctor, and James T. Ryan. The name John Ryan is also written thereon in pencil.

1 item (710mm x 915mm)

SDH/004/017

No date

Architectural drawing. Alterations to roof, Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. Written on verso is 'men's dining hall roof.' Two copies of drawing. One is closed due to physical damage.

2 items (710mm x 990mm each)

SDH/004/018

No date

Townland index map, County Carlow, issued by the Ordnance Survey of Ireland. Map is attached to wooden rollers and backed with fabric.

1 item (790mm x 935mm)



SDH/004/019

No date

Architectural drawing. Plan of kitchen, Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. Women's dining hall is adjacent.

1 item (690mm x 1000mm)

SDH/004/020

No date

Architectural drawing. Attendants' dormitories, male side, Carlow District Lunatic Asylum.

1 item (640mm x 760mm)

SDH/004/021

1870

Road map of County of Carlow drawn by John C. Bower, Carlow County Engineer [County Surveyor]. Printed by Forster & Company, Dublin.

1 item (445mm x 560mm)

SDH/004/022

No date

Architectural drawing. Latrines, Carlow District Lunatic Asylum.

1 item (690mm x 1015mm)

SDH/004/023

No date

Architectural drawing. New work room, Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. Marked 'H No. 5.'

1 item (990mm x 700mm)

**SDH/005      Finance, 1891-1971**

SDH/005/001

13 February 1891

Statement and abstract of accounts of Dr T.P. O'Meara, resident medical superintendent, Carlow District Lunatic Asylum, for the year 1 January-31 December 1890. Includes return of officers and servants who are employed by the Asylum. Names and positions are given.

1 item

SDH/005/002

10 January 1929-[August 1966]

Register of mortgages. Information recorded includes date of mortgage; parties to mortgage; purposes for which loan was obtained; and date of final discharge etc. Covering dates refer to dates of mortgages.

6 folios

SDH/005/003

17 December 1943

Abstract of Accounts of the Joint Committee of Carlow District Mental Hospital for the year ended on 31 March 1943.

4 folios

SDH/005/004

October 1959-March 1961

Bound volume which contains financial statements regarding expenditure at St Dymphna's Hospital, Carlow.

c 113pp

SDH/005/005

30 July 1971

Abstract of accounts of the Joint Mental Health Board, St Dymphna's Hospital, Carlow, for the year ended 31 March 1971.

4 folios

SDH/006/001

8 March 1892

Return showing the number and names of officers, servants and other persons employed at Carlow District Lunatic Asylum from 1 January 1891-31 December 1891. Return created in accordance with Section 5 of the 31st and 32nd Victoria, Cap. 97. Information recorded about each person includes name, office, date of appointment to present office, salary, allowances and annual value of allowances.

1 item

SDH/006/002

6 January 1938-4 January 1948

Register of persons employed in excepted employment with reference to the Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Act, 1935. There is an entry for each half-year. The information recorded about each employee includes identity number, name, date of birth, age, class of employment, department or place of employment, dates of employment, previous employment, periods of absence without pay, information regarding termination of employment, employee's address, number of contributions payable and [amount of contribution]. Some classes of information are frequently not recorded.

58 folios

**SDH/007      Correspondence, 1892-1959**

SDH/007/001

17 September 1892-25 October 1910

Damp press letterbook which mostly contains copy letters written by the incumbent resident medical superintendent, Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. Letters are written to a wide range of recipients including Asylum staff, the Board of Control, Registrar of Lunacy, solicitors, suppliers and relatives of patients. Index.

c 1000pp

SDH/007/002

[c 1901]

Specification for proposed additions to Roman Catholic chapel, Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. Drawn up by Hague & McNamara Architects, 50 Dawson Street, Dublin.

7pp

SDH/007/003

25 March 1902-9 November 1938

File relating to capitation grants, mostly circular letters issued by the Department of Local Government and Public Health, and resolutions passed by the Joint Committees of mental hospitals protesting at the low level of available grants.

27 items

SDH/007/004

31 December 1904

Photocopy of letter from A.A. Flynn, Auditor, to the Secretary, Local Government Board, Dublin, regarding recent audit of accounts of Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. Notes that expenditure for half-year decreased by £220.18.10 despite increased number of patients. Auditor satisfied that reduction is due to able management. [Letter taken from an unidentified publication].

1p

SDH/007/005

30 June 1905

Memorandum from J. Lawton, County Wexford Cricket Club, Enniscorthy, County Wexford, to Dr J.J. Fitzgerald, Carlow. Asks that Dr Fitzgerald and F. Lennon play an upcoming game for the club.

1 item

SDH/007/006

[4 October 1919-6 January 1926]

File, mostly containing letters, relating to terms and conditions of staff in District Mental Hospitals. Includes petition (16 June 1920) by [staff] to Dr Thomas A. Greene, resident medical superintendent, requesting something for supper at night as it is a long time from 4.30pm until 7.30am the next morning; circular letter (20 August 1923) from James J. Doyle, Secretary to the 1922 Conference [Conference of Irish Asylum Committee], Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, to the resident medical superintendent, District Mental Hospitals. States that at recent meeting of the Joint Committee, Grangegorman, reference was made to admission of nine members of same family as patients. Resolution adopted regarding research into impact of 'heredity' on mental illness and the desirability of establishing a pathological laboratory for research into insanity and nervous diseases; circular letter (16 December 1925) from Dr Greene to other District Mental Hospitals requesting information about salaries payable to 'subordinate staff.' Replies to same; file also includes several letters from the Irish Mental Hospital Workers' Union making representations on behalf of its members.

c 60 items

SDH/007/007

c 23 November 1922

Minutes of proceedings of the second conference of Management Committees of Irish District Mental Hospitals, held at Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin.

1p

SDH/007/008

21 February 1925-22 June 1960

File relating to combined purchasing, mostly circular letters from the Combined Purchasing Section, Department of Local Government and Public Health. Includes circular letter (21 February 1925) from T.P. Conlon, resident medical superintendent, Monaghan District Mental Hospital, enclosing resolution adopted by the hospital's Joint Committee. The resolution protests at the quality of goods supplied by the Central Purchasing Department.

c 44 items

SDH/007/009

June 1930

Entry form for Carlow Mental Hospital Sports organised by the National Athletic and Cycling Association of Ireland. Includes list of events.

1 item

SDH/007/010

18 April 1936-9 June 1937

File relating to the Associated Hospitals' Sweepstake Committee and the Irish National Association of Hospitals.

10 items

SDH/007/011

6 May 1936

Printed circular letter from Dr Thomas A. Greene, resident medical superintendent, Carlow District Mental Hospital, to each member of the Joint Committee, regarding application by the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union and the Amalgamated Transport and General Workers' Union requesting that arrangements be made by which the wages and conditions put into operation in 1926 be varied in such manner as will put into operation again the wages and conditions prevailing in 1920. Includes details of salary scale and comparative table of the salary scale in operation in other Irish mental hospitals.

5pp

SDH/007/012

11 February 1944-30 January 1954

File of letters, most of which relate to the capitation grant payable to District Mental Hospitals. Includes letter (11 February 1944) from R. Henderson, Secretary, The National Health Insurance Society, Brugh House, O'Connell Street Upper, Dublin, to the resident medical superintendent, Carlow District Mental Hospital, that it has been reported by several resident medical superintendents that due to shortage of supplies such as cigarettes, tobacco and sweets, they are finding it difficult to expend grant money on such comforts.

21 items

SDH/007/013

16 March [c 1948-1950]

Copy of letter from E. Murray, Chief Clerk, Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board, Dublin, to the Chief Clerk, District Mental Hospital, Carlow, regarding pension arrangements for Nurse Margaret Whelan (now Mrs Foley).

1p

SDH/007/014

16 June 1956

Circular letter from E.M. Murray, Chief Clerk, Grangegorman Mental Hospital, Dublin, to the Chief Clerk of each District Mental Hospital, regarding pension provisions in place for widows of officers who die while in service. Such grants are made under Part VIII of the Mental Treatment Act, 1945.

1p

SDH/007/015

5 February 1959-11 February 1959

Circular letter from John P. Flynn, County Manager, The Courthouse, Nenagh, County Tipperary, to the manager of each Mental Hospital, seeking information on the provisions of the Mental

Treatment Act, 1945, as regards pensions payable to the widows and dependants of deceased officers. Copy of reply present.

2 items

**SDH/008            Male case book, 1906-1915**

SDH/008/001

1906-1915

Male case book, Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. Information recorded about each patient includes: name, previous occupation, education, weight, cause of attack, number in register, date of admission, state as to married, relatives, diet, clinical history and treatment. Weight and diet are usually not recorded. Each patient's record usually begins with description of physical appearance; and each record includes periodic notes about condition and treatment. Photographs of many patients are present. Where the patient died while in the hospital, a 'notice of death' form has been pasted into the volume. The 'notice of death' is addressed to the Inspectors of Lunatics and is marked 'Schedule No. 10.' This volume contains records of patients who were admitted between 1 January 1906-30 September 1907. Index.

c 600pp

**SDH/009            Media, [c 1909-1950]**

SDH/009/001

[c 1909-1950]

Scrapbook containing newspaper cuttings regarding Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. Includes reports on meetings of the Asylum's Joint Committee; and reports of meetings of Carlow Urban District Council and Boards of Guardians in the Carlow Asylum District. The Urban District Council meetings often refer to Carlow's water supply. The Asylum had ongoing difficulties with its water supply and there are many references to this issue in the minute books (SDH/001/001-SDH/001/017); printed Abstract of Accounts, Form 25, Articles 25 and 65, County of Carlow, for the half-year ended 30 September 1927; extract from 'The Irish Law Times Reporter' (23 January 1909) regarding the case of Rex (Courtenay) versus Joint Committee of Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. Case relates to appointment of resident medical superintendent; newspaper clipping (no date) regarding deputation from Richmond Asylum, Dublin, waiting on the Chief Secretary to represent to him the necessity of supplementing the Local Taxation Account, used for maintenance of district lunatic asylums; newspaper article (27 November 1909) taken from the 'Leinster Leader' regarding lunatics in Naas workhouse; printed circular letter (18 November 1909) from Dr Thomas A. Greene, Resident Medical Superintendent, Carlow District Lunatic Asylum, to the Clerk of each Board of Guardians in the Carlow Asylum District. States that the Asylum will for many years to come pay annual instalments on loans totalling £34,100, spent within the last 15 years to extend the institution. Institution is, at present, overcrowded. Over past three years, 34.7% of admitted patients came from workhouses and are 'in many instances, chronic harmless patients' who could be cared for in workhouses. Requests

co-operation from Boards of Guardians so that 'all, but the very acute, cases of insanity' are retained in workhouses.

c 20pp

SDH/009/002

11 June 1949

Newspaper clipping taken from 'The Nationalist' regarding the closure of grounds of Carlow District Mental Hospital to some sports clubs.

1 item

SDH/009/003

9 December 1950

Newspaper clipping regarding court case taken by former patient against doctor, claiming false imprisonment. Appellant spent more than a year at Mullingar District Mental Hospital, County Westmeath, before it was found that he was not of unsound mind.

1 item

SDH/009/004

December 1970-January 1971

Newspaper article by Canon F.A.G. Willis regarding the removal of the high walls surrounding St Dymphna's Hospital, Carlow.

1 item

SDH/009/005

12 March 1971

Newspaper article regarding the handing over of St Dymphna's Hospital to the new Regional Health Board. Article also treats of the hospital's history. Includes images of the hospital including view from Dublin Road entrance, old entrance showing the 14 foot walls which previously surrounded the hospital, and aerial view of the hospital. Article is incomplete.

1 item

SDH/009/006

22 March 1978-9 August 1994

Notebook which contains advertisements printed in newspapers at the request of St Dymphna's Hospital, Carlow. Advertisements refer to recruitment of staff and tenders for goods and services.



c 45pp

SDH/009/007

October 1980

Issue of 'Magill' magazine which includes article on mental hospitals.

62pp

SDH/009/008

19 January 1990

Photocopy of article from the 'Irish Medical Times' by Dr James J. Wilson, consultant psychiatrist, regarding threats against his life by a patient.

1 item

**SDH/010      Miscellaneous, 1911-[c 1980]**

SDH/010/001

1911-[c 1980]

[Index] created by Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. It contains references to both employees and more general terms. Not known what item the indexing numbers relate to. There are several entries (1911) at the beginning of the volume which refer to instructions given to Paul Brown, Carlow, solicitor, to have the property of patients taken under the County Court.

c 35 folios

**SDH/011      Provisions and stock records, 1939-1982**

SDH/011/001

c 31 March 1939-30 September 1947

Storekeeper's General Inventory Book 'Male.' Divided into six broad categories: male patients' clothing; bedding, linen etc; brushes; delph; hardware; furniture, sundries etc. Then broken down into individual articles.

144 folios

SDH/011/002

April 1948-October 1959

Departmental or divisional stock book of Carlow District Mental Hospital. Divided into six broad categories: male patients' clothing; bedding, linen etc; brushes; delph; hardware; furniture, sundries etc. Monthly record.

139 folios

SDH/011/003

22 March 1952-21 October 1961

Bound volume containing records of washing materials issued. Refers to a wide range of items including candles, boot polish, brass polish, matches, soap and soda. Weekly record.

c 191 folios

SDH/011/004

c 30 September 1957-31 December 1979

Tailor's conversion books. Each contains records of how much cloth was used in the making of clothing

/1 c 30 September 1957- 31 March 1967 c 350pp

/2 c 30 September 1967-31 March 1971 98pp

/3 c 31 March 1972-31 December 1979 c 100pp

SDH/011/005

30 September 1959-c 31 December 1974

Divisional stock book of St Dymphna's Hospital, Carlow. Subdivided into the following broad categories: female patients' clothing; male patients' clothing; bedding, linen etc; brushes; delph; hardware; furniture etc. These categories are then broken down into individual articles.

24 folios

SDH/011/006

9 April 1965-29 March 1966

Book of 'cancel docketts' completed by the tailor, St Dymphna's Hospital, Carlow. 'Cancel docketts' are used to record that articles are worn out or no longer of use.

6pp

SDH/011/007

9 April 1965-29 March 1966

File of certificates listing articles issued daily from stores at St Dymphna's Hospital, Carlow. Certificates list items requisitioned by the tailor.

9 items

SDH/011/008

10 July 1965-13 July 1968

Fuel and Light Book. Contains weekly record of fuel distributed to various employees and divisions or departments.

161 folios

SDH/011/009

[1967-1977]

Binder [probably used by the storekeeper], St Dymphna's Hospital, Carlow, to record levels of various items in stock. Includes food, clothing and furniture.

c 500pp

SDH/011/010

20 July 1969-3 December [1979]

Fuel and Light Book. Contains records of fuel distributed to various employees and divisions or departments.

161 folios

SDH/011/011

9 January 1970-8 September 1975

Requirement book of St Dymphna's Hospital, Carlow. Mostly contains details of required medical supplies.

c 66pp

SDH/011/012

17 January 1975-c 31 March 1982

Furniture and hardware receipt book.

c 25 folios

**SDH/012      County Manager's Orders, 1942-1960**

SDH/012/001

8 September 1942-30 December 1960

Volumes containing Carlow County Manger's Orders regarding Carlow District Mental Hospital. Manager's Orders are issued under Section 19 of County Management Act, 1940. Orders commonly relate to appointment and resignation of staff, salaries, admission and discharge of patients, including paying patients, and expenditure. Volumes are indexed. Includes order number 404 (6 March 1945) which refers to purchase of circa 78 statute acres at Bestfield, County Carlow, from Captain H.A. Bruen; order number 1041 (19 December 1947) requests sanction of Minister for Health for purchase of Newgarden House and lands, [County Carlow]; order number 7480 (12 April 1960) lists officers and servants of the hospital pursuant to Section 65 of the Mental Treatment Act, 1945. Includes position and date of appointment.

ACCESS RESTRICTION: Manager's Orders may not be used to access information about patients as these records fall within the cutoff date of 100 years from admission.

/1 8 September 1942-23 August 1944 c 135pp

/2 7 September 1944-31 July 1945 c 75pp

/3 30 August 1945-8 February 1947 c 130pp

/4 18 February 1947-15 March 1948 c 135pp

/5 15 March 1948-9 March 1949 c 150pp

/6 9 March 1949-23 November 1949 c 140pp

/7 23 November 1949-9 August 1950 c 135pp

/8 10 August 1950-24 April 1951 c 135pp

/9 24 April 1951-15 February 1952 c 140pp

/10 15 February 1952-14 January 1953 c 140pp

/11 14 January 1953-9 October 1953 c 140pp

[/12] Missing. Not acquired

/13 25 August 1954-24 May 1955 c 140pp

/14 6 June 1955-26 January 1956 c 140pp

[/15] Missing. Not acquired

[/16] Missing. Not acquired

[/17] Missing. Not acquired

[/18] Missing. Not acquired

/19 16 July 1958-11 March 1959 c 140pp

[/20] Missing. Not acquired

/21 8 January 1960-30 December 1960

15 items

**SDH/013      Legislation, 1945**

SDH/013/001

1945

Mental Treatment Act, 1945.

111pp

**SDH/014      Diet, 1947-1975**

SDH/014/001

6 April 1947-22 September 1965

Daily Diet Distribution Book. It contains a table for each day, subdivided into patients' rations and officers' rations. The number and gender of patients, attendants and tradesmen present at each meal is given. Patients are further subdivided under the following headings: ordinary, workrooms and laundry, bread and milk, extra medical diet only, and epileptics. Three posts are listed under officers. They are: resident medical superintendent, assistant medical officers, and matron or head nurse. It also details the volume or weight of each foodstuff which is distributed. Weekly totals are also given for each foodstuff. At beginning of volume is extract from The Asylum Books and Records Order, 1900. It details: the amount of food allowable to patients on each day under the Patients' General Dietary Scale and some 'remarks' about permissible variations; attendants' dietary; and officers' allowances.

133 folios

SDH/014/002

6 May 1950-14 July 1951

Extra diet check book of Carlow District Mental Hospital. Entries are weekly and are subdivided into 'articles of food' and 'stimulants etc.' List of foods includes bread, beef, bacon, tea, sugar, butter, eggs, cornflour and pudding. Stimulants include Bovril, brandy, whiskey, wine, porter and minerals. Amount distributed under each heading is enumerated. Amount distributed to each division in the

hospital, as well as to the kitchen and farm workers, is given. Entries are signed by the medical officer.

74 folios

SDH/014/003

May 1963-January 1975

Male Staff Ration Book. Refers to meals supplied to named employees.

c 100 folios

SDH/014/004

26 September 1965-30 September 1967

Daily Diet Distribution Book. It contains a table for each day which is divided into two sections. The first section treats of the number and gender of persons under the following headings: Kelvin Grove, patients, extra medical diet, and attendants and nurses. The second section treats of the resident medical superintendent, senior assistant medical officer, junior assistant medical officer, sales to storekeeper, sales to steward, sales to engineer and sales to other members of staff. Daily totals are given of the volume or weight of each foodstuff which is distributed for each section of the daily table. Gross weekly totals are also given. Several other headings also appear, most notably, the maternity unit from 12 July 1967. A cookery class is also mentioned a number of times.

246 folios

SDH/014/005

March 1967-November 1970

Female Staff Ration Book. Refers to meals supplied to employees.

c 96 folios

SDH/014/006

1 October 1967-22 October 1969

Daily Diet Distribution Book. It contains a table for each day which is divided into two sections. The first section treats of the number and gender of persons under the following headings: Kelvin Grove, patients, extra medical diet, and attendants and nurses. The second section treats of the resident medical superintendent, senior assistant medical officer, junior assistant medical officer, sales to storekeeper, sales to steward, sales to other members of staff and the maternity unit. Daily totals are given of the volume or weight of each foodstuff which is distributed for each section of the daily table. Gross weekly totals are also given.

251 folios

SDH/014/007

27 September 1969-22 January 1972

Extra diet check book of St Dymphna's Hospital, Carlow. Entries are weekly and are signed by the medical officer. The list of foods is given as jam, milk, beef, rashers, porter, tea, eggs, Bovril, sugar, butter, bacon and cheese or luncheon sausage. Amount distributed to each division in the hospital is given. Some specified by name as St Mary's, Kg [weight], O.P., kitchen and farm workers.

121 folios

SDH/014/008

23 October 1969-17 November 1971

Daily Diet Distribution Book. It contains a table for each day which is divided into two sections. The first section treats of the number and gender of persons under the following headings: Kelvin Grove, patients, extra medical diet and attendants and nurses. The second section treats of the resident medical superintendent, senior assistant medical officer, junior assistant medical officer, sales to storekeeper, sales to steward, sales to other members of staff, maternity unit and clinics. Daily totals are given of the volume or weight of each foodstuff which is distributed for each section of the daily table. Gross weekly totals are also given.

252 folios

**SDH/015      Farm, 1961-1976**

SDH/015/001

September 1961-March 1974

Farm Stock Book. Contains monthly records of animals on hand, slaughtered and sold. Inserted were certificates issued by veterinary surgeons certifying circumstances of animals' deaths. These have been removed from the volume for better preservation. The page number on which certificates were found has been recorded on the certificate.

c 150 folios

SDH/015/002

10 October 1975-8 September 1976

Bound volume which contains daily record of work completed on the farm, St Dymphna's Hospital, Carlow.

c 350pp

**SDH/016      Photograph, 1971**

SDH/016/001

March 1971

Black and white photograph of members and officials of the Carlow-Kildare Mental Health Board who are photographed outside St Dymphna's Hospital, Carlow, after the last meeting of the Board. Names of those who are photographed are given.

1 item