

Guide to the New Hampshire Centennial Home for the Aged Records, 1878-1963, bulk 1878-1925

Administrative Information

Title and Dates:

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Language:

The materials in this collection are in English.

Extent:

1 box ; 0.33 linear feet

Abstract:

This group of items consists of four bound notebooks with lists of items such as where residents of the home (who were temporarily away) went and when they returned, when the managers visited, a register of applications and admissions, and a list of gifts given to the residents. In addition, there are several items related to individual people that fall outside the dates and subjects of the others. This collection is an addition to a much larger group of records by the same name, accession number 2010.059.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

The New Hampshire Centennial Home for the Aged Records were a gift of the Centennial Inn on August 28, 2012. The Centennial Inn occupies the building that was once the Centennial Home for the Aged.

Processing Information:

This collection was processed by Sandra L. Wheeler in August 2021. The finding aid was written by Sandra L. Wheeler in August 2021. This finding aid follows the standards set forth by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

Access Restrictions:

Available for research.

Location:

The collection is housed at the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord, New Hampshire.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:

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Collection Overview

Administrative Information:

The New Hampshire Centennial Home for the Aged was founded and chartered in 1876 “for the support and maintenance of aged people of both sexes.” Members of the Concord Female Charitable Society identified the need, provided the first funding, and organized and oversaw the operation of the Home. In 1879, the first building was erected at 96 Pleasant Street, Concord, New Hampshire, replaced within 25 years by a larger one. The institution remained at that address until it closed in 1994.

Information about the administrative head of the home and number of residents from census returns shows:

1900 Savannah or Susannah Howe, 61 and single, was the matron. Six servants were listed, and 23 “inmates.”

- 1910 Sarah H Colby, 59 and single, was the matron. Two nurses were listed, and 41 “patients.”
- 1920 Emma Watson, 62 and widowed, was the matron. Also living there: a janitor, cook, housekeeper, two waitresses, four nurses, and 45 “inmates.”
- 1930 Emma Watson, 72, was the matron. She had one cook, six nurses, four maids, and 55 “members.”
- 1940 Ida Adams, 74 and single, was the head. No help was listed. There were 49 “inmates.”

Collection Scope and Content Note:

This collection consists primarily of four bound notebooks kept between 1878 and 1925, plus a small amount of later material related to two individuals, and several unidentified photographs.

The notebooks document activities in the very early years of the operation of the Home, and so supplement the larger collection of records found in accession number 2010.059. The notebook titles accurately describe their contents.

Inmates Visits: when residents left the premises, where they went, and when they returned. The list was kept from 1879 to 1887 and is followed by a few pages listing small items sold, perhaps in a shop onsite, 1894-1895.

Managers Visits: a dated list of visits by named members of the Board of Managers. There are no reports of what they did or with whom they spoke on these visits.

Miscellaneous Contributions: A list kept between 1898 and 1907 of gifts given by outsiders to residents of the home.

Register of Applications: Between 1879 and 1916 this list was kept with information about each applicant: where she was from, who sponsored her, when she was admitted, and when she died. The earlier entries also include what was paid as an entrance fee and whether the person furnished her own room.

Arrangement:

The notebooks are in alphabetical order by title, followed by folders with information about individuals and the unidentified photographs.

Contents List

Box 1

- Folder 1 Inmates Visits, 1879-1887
List of Sales, 1894-1895
- Folder 2 Managers Visits, 1879-1925
- Folder 3 Miscellaneous Contributions, 1878-1907
- Folder 4 Register of Applications, 1879-1916
- Folder 5 Bean, Hannah, bills, 1931-1932
- Folder 6 Burton, Harry and Harriet Brown Burton, vital records, 1884-1963
- Folder 7 Photographs, unidentified, undated

Separated Materials:

A photograph of the New Hampshire Centennial Home for the Aged dated circa 1900 has been moved to Oversized Photographs - Box N.

Subject Terms**People:**

Bean, Hannah E.
Brown, Charles D., 1857-
Brown, Hattie A., 1885-
Burton, Harry H., 1884-1963
Burton, Harriet Brown, 1885-1974
Dwinell, Myrtle M., 1863-

Organizations:

Concord Female Charitable Society
New Hampshire Centennial Home for the Aged

Subjects:

Aging
Genealogy
Older people--Institutional care

Locations:

Concord, NH

Related MaterialsArchives

New Hampshire Centennial Home for the Aged Records, 2010.059