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MENTAL HEALTH

Introduction

Many New Zealanders find Mental Health a sensitive issue, but it is an aspect of ordinary life, affecting many people. It has been of concern to governments since the 1850s. Some records have been created by government departments or agencies, but most by institutions. These were established to house (if not adequately deal with or treat) the individuals deemed, for whatever reason, to be mentally ill.

The Health Department archives held in the Wellington Office include a number of records for mental health institutions throughout New Zealand, 1853-1960. Patient and some staff records for particular institutions are held in the regional offices of Archives New Zealand.

Many of the records held are indexes and registers which include limited information. A considerable number of individual patient files are to be found at Archives New Zealand offices, but not all of them by any means. Other patient files which have survived are likely to be held in hospitals or in the record centres of Health Boards.

Access

Access to most mental health records is restricted because they include personal information, often about more than single individuals. ARCHWAY listings of the records (see www.archives.govt.nz), give specific information about access.

Background

No provision was made for the mentally ill by the Crown Colony government in the 1840s. If such people had no relatives to look after them, or they became too much of a problem, they could be placed only in gaols. In the 1850s and 1860s Provincial Governments set up a number of institutions, known as 'Lunatic Asylums', to house and possibly treat people with serious mental disorders.

'Reports on the Lunatic Asylums in New Zealand' (*AJHR* 1873 H-23) showed the following asylums and numbers of inmates:

Auckland Provincial Lunatic Asylum	125 inmates at 31/12/1872
New Plymouth Lunatic Asylum	2 inmates at 31/1/1873
Napier Lunatic Asylum	up to 7 inmates during 1872
Karori Lunatic Asylum, Wellington	27 inmates at 1/1/1873
Hokitika Lunatic Asylum	45 inmates at 31/12/1872
Sunnyside Lunatic Asylum, Christchurch	123 inmates at 13/5/1873
Dunedin Lunatic Asylum	174 inmates at 31/3/1873

Other institutions were created later. Some changed their names or sites over time. The institutions have variously been called Lunatic Asylums, Mental Hospitals and Psychiatric Hospitals.

Administration

For many years an Inspector of Asylums administered mental health institutions, not the Health Department.

- Central government took over the administration of Lunatic Asylums from provincial governments in 1876. From 1882 the Colonial Secretary [IA Internal Affairs] was responsible for asylums. Resident Magistrates had the power to commit people to asylums.
- In 1904 the Inspector of Asylums, Dr Duncan Macgregor, began applying elsewhere the 'villa hospital' pattern, first used at Seacliff near Dunedin.
- In 1908 a Mental Hospital Department was set up. Under the Mental Defectives Amendment Act 1928 it became the Mental Health Department.
- The Mental Defectives Act 1911 defined six classes of 'mentally defective person' for whom a degree of oversight, care or control was deemed necessary. Only a Magistrate could order people to be received or detained by Mental Hospitals. The act put institutions under an Inspector-General.
- In 1948 the Mental Health Department came under the Health Department as the Mental Hygiene/Health Division within the Department of Health (which itself had been created in 1900).

HOLDINGS

The holdings, at the different Archives offices, on Mental Health (patients and staff), which are most useful to family historians, are listed on the following pages.

Understanding the Records

- A Register was usually the primary mental health record, giving an admission number and usually a patient file number, and providing dates of admission, discharge/death, etc.
- Alphabetical Indexes to Registers were sometimes created to make it easier to find individuals in the registers. These may be in the Registers or separate volumes.
- Patient (case) files were created by staff in the institutions.
- There may be different groups of records for different types of patients.

Access Restrictions

Access to many of the mental health records is restricted by the hospitals or health boards who deposited the records with Archives New Zealand. Access permission is to be gained from a variety of agencies, often Health Boards, and some are listed with the records on the following pages.

The listings of the records in ARCHWAY, Archives New Zealand's electronic finding aid, give more specific information about access restrictions. ARCHWAY can be accessed online through our website: www.archives.govt.nz

Auckland Office:

INSTITUTIONAL RECORDS

Auckland Provincial Lunatic Asylum / Auckland Lunatic Asylum / Auckland Mental Hospital / Oakley Hospital (to 1973), then Carrington Hospital

Patients & Visitors

- Register of Admissions 'B' 1853, 1869-1879 [YCAA 1017/1]
- Casebooks 1853-1916 (some gaps; indexed; some include photographs) [YCAA 1048/1-17]
- Registers of Committed Patient Admissions 1853, 1879-1968 (indexed to 1916) [YCAA 1021/1-11]
- Committed Patients Case Files 1855-1877, 1889-1964 (indexed to 1917) [YCAA 1026/1-1001]
- Committed Patients Case Files 1856-1869 [YCAA 1025/1-2]
- Registers of Discharge, Removal and Death 1889-1917 [YCAA 1036/1-4]
- Registers of Patients absent on trial 1878-1967 [YCAA 1024/1-10]
- Maintenance Payment Ledger 1885-1910 [YCAA 1045/1-3]
- Record Book of Investigations into Relatives' Ability to Pay Maintenance 1890-1899 [YCAA 1044/1]
- Visitors Book 1891-1911 [YCAA 1075/1]
- Casebook of Patients at Motuihi Island 1895 [YCAA 1049/1]
- Official Visitors Books 1897-1973 [YCAA 1049/1; YCAA 1099/1-2]
- Post-mortem Record Books 1905-1951 [YCAA 1040/1]
- Register of Voluntary Boarders 1912-1968 [YCAA 1020/1-9]
- Voluntary Boarder Case Files 1912-1964 [YCAA 1028/1-420]
- Register of World War I Soldier Patients 1914-1919 [YCAA 1020/1]
- Remanded Patient Case Files 1914-1964 [YCAA 1027/1-43]
- Registers of Remanded Patients Admissions 1912-1929, 1948-1968 [YCAA 1023/1, 6-8]
- Index Books of Daily Patient Admissions 1954-1968 [YCAA 1022/1-2]
- Index Books of Chronic Patients 1962, 1965 [YCAA 1041/1-2]
- Registers of Discharge and Transfer 1918-1968 [YCAA 1037/1-8]
- Register of Patient Deaths 1918-1968 [YCAA 1029/1-3]
- Registers of Mechanical Restraint and Seclusion 1921-1965 [YCAA 1038/1-9]
- Registers of Escapes 1936-1963 [YCAA 1039/1]
- Psychological Clinic Record Book 1938-1947 [YCAA 1043/1]

- Register of World War II Soldier Patients 1941-1954 [YCAA 1042/1]
- Mortuary Register 1948-1965 [YCAA 4263/1a]
- Registers of Voluntary Boarder Discharges and Transfers 1956-1968 [YCAA 1088/1-3]

Staff

- Staff Cards c1880s-1950s A-Z [YCAA 4268/1-6]
- Attendants' Duty/Leave Book 1896-1915 (chronological) [YCAA 1073/1]
- Staff Service Books 1905-1909, 1911-1913 [YCAA 1072/1-2]
- Staff Appointment Registers 1908-1965 [YCBQ 15444/1a-2a]
- Staff Salary Record Book 1913-1922 [YCAA 1071/1]
- Staff Sickness & Accident Report Book 1935-1940 [YCAA 1070/1]
- Staff and Patient Work Books 1938-1953 (chronological: staff and their duties) [YCAA 1074/1-6]
- Nursing Records of Duty 1974-1991 [ZABV 5483/1-18]

Kingseat Hospital

- Registers of Admission – committed & remand Patients 1932-1969 [YCBR 4987/1a, 2a]
- Admission books (looseleaf) 1972, 1976, 1982-1984 [YCBR 5174/1a-1c]
- Register of discharges and transfers 1932-1965 [YCBR 5131/1a, 2a]
- Register of discharges, transfers, deaths 1968-1986 [YCBR 5136/1a-3c]
- Register of patients absent on trial 1932-1969 [YCBR 5132/1a-3a]
- Register of mechanical restraint and seclusion 1937-1969 [YCBR 5135/1a-3b]
- Committed patient files c1932-1964 [YCBR 4644/1-253]
- Remand patient files c1934-1966 [YCBR 4642/1-10]
- Voluntary Boarder Files c1933-1968 [YCBR 4643/1-188]
- Staff and Patients' Work Books 1949-1963 [YCBR 5893/1a-3a]
- Kingseat/Raventhorpe Hospital Staff Cards A-Z c1953-1976 [YCBR 5130/1-5]

Raventhorpe Hospital

- Register of Admissions 1946-1966 [YCBR 5151/1a]
- Admission Book (looseleaf) 1979-1988 [YCBR 5173/1a]
- Register of Voluntary Boarders 1946-1969 [YCBR 5150/1a]
- Register of Patients Absent on Trial 1946-1969 [YCBR 5149/1a]
- Out-Patient Files c1949-1979 [YCBR 4645/1-212]

Tokanui Mental Hospital

- Registers of Admissions, male & female 1912-1969 [YCBG 5930/1a-4a]
- Casebook 1912-1920 [YCBG 5939/1a]
- Patient Records 1912-1956 [YCBG 5904/1-36]
- Registers of Death 1913-1921 [YCBG 5921/1a-1b]
- Registers of Discharge and Transfers 1920-1969 [YCBG 5933/1a-5b]
- Registers of Admission: Voluntary Boarders/ inpatients 1920-1969 [YCBG 5908/1a-4a]
- Registers of Mechanical Restraint and Seclusion 1926-1941; 1959-1969 [YCBG 5922/1a-1b]
- Registers of Patients on Leave 1930-1950, 1962-1969 [YCBG 5934/1a-4a]
- Register of Escapes 1936-1969 [YCBG 5923/19]
- Voluntary Boarders 1956 [YCBG 5907/1-32]
- Committed Patient Files 1956-1968 [YCBG 5905/1-288]
- Committed & Voluntary Boarders: Patient Files 1957-1972 [YCBG 5906/1-626]
- Admission Books 1964-1980 [YCBG 59381a-2a]
- Staff and Patient Work Books 1939-1959 (7 volumes, chronological) [YCBG 5935/1a-6a]

COURT RECORDS

Auckland Magistrates Court

Auckland Mental Defect Files 1960-1973
[BADW 10271 (Boxes 1-138)]

Auckland Supreme Court

- Lunacy Files (8-80), Auckland 1871-1920 (indexed) [BBAE 5525]

Wellington Office:

New Zealand-wide records

Archives New Zealand in Wellington holds registers of patients in Lunatic Asylums, Mental Hospitals, etc, for the whole of New Zealand from 1853 to 1960.

Separate indexes are held for the period 1853-1951 and the later registers have indexes included. The Indexes and Registers give Patient File numbers.

Access

Researchers may request Indexes or Registers (see below) in the Wellington Reading Room. Once retrieved, Archives staff will look in the Index or Register for the name asked for by the researcher. If the name is located, the researcher must contact the Ministry of Health to request an access approval letter. The contact address is:

Director-General
Ministry of Health
PO Box 5013
Wellington, New Zealand

Once the access letter is obtained and brought or sent to Archives New Zealand in Wellington, Archives staff will provide a transcript of the relevant register entry. Indexes and registers, which give information about many different patients, cannot themselves be issued to researchers unless the access letter specifies that.

Every researcher using Health Department archives must sign a copy of the declaration agreed upon between the Department and Archives New Zealand. These may be obtained from Archives staff.

Additional restriction: Before any research based on Health Department archives is published it must be submitted to the Director-General of Health (or representative) for approval.

MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

• Indexes of Patients

(6 volumes) 1853-1951

- Index 1 October 1853 – November 1910
[ADCB 16174 H-MHD 5/1]
- Index 2 November 1910 – September 1922
[ADCB 16174 H-MHD 5/2]
- Index 3 September 1922 – December 1930
[ADCB 16174 H-MHD 5/3]
- Index 4 January 1931 – June 1939
[ADCB 16174 H-MHD 5/4]
- Index 5 July 1939 – June 1945
[ADCB 16174 H-MHD 5/5]
- Index 6 July 1945 – December 1951
[ADCB 16174 H-MHD 5/6]

There are *no* indexes for the period 1952-1960, though there are unindexed Registers 1952-1960 (see next column).

• General Registers of Patients

(12 volumes) 1853-1960, in order of admission

Information given in the registers for committed patients may include:

- name of patient
- institution in which s/he was placed
- date of admission
- date of discharge or death
- number of the section of the Mental Health Act under which discharge occurred
- cause of death if it occurred in institution

No information is given about the reasons for admission.

- October 1853 – December 1892
[ADCB 16174 H-MHD 5/7]
- January 1893 – March 1906
[ADCB 16174 H-MHD 5/8]
- March 1906 – November 1910
[ADCB 16174 H-MHD 5/9]
- November 1910 – October 1914
[ADCB 16174 H-MHD 5/10]
- October 1914 – June 1918
[ADCB 16174 H-MHD 5/11]
- June 1918 – March 1925
[ADCB 16174 H-MHD 5/12]
- March 1925 – May 1931
[ADCB 16174 H-MHD 5/13]
- May 1931 – June 1938
[ADCB 16174 H-MHD 5/14]
- June 1938 – May 1945
[ADCB 16174 H-MHD 5/15]
- May 1945 – October 1952
[ADCB 16174 H-MHD 5/16]
- October 1952 – August 1958
[ADCB 16174 H-MHD 5/17]
- September 1958 – March 1960
[ADCB 16174 H-MHD 5/18]

• Registers of Voluntary Boarders

(9 volumes) 1911-1960

For 'voluntary boarders', the name and address of the relative or friend with whom maintenance arrangements were made are also included.

- November 1911 – December 1929
[ADCB 16174 H-MHD 5/19]
- January 1930 – October 1939
[ADCB 16174 H-MHD 5/20]
- October 1939 – February 1947
[ADCB 16174 H-MHD 5/21]
- February 1947 – December 1950
[ADCB 16174 H-MHD 5/22]
- December 1950 – December 1953
[ADCB 16174 H-MHD 5/23]
- December 1953 – May 1956
[ADCB 16174 H-MHD 5/24]
- April 1956 – April 1958
[ADCB 16174 H-MHD 5/25]

April 1958 – October 1959
[ADCB 16174 H-MHD 5/26]

October 1959 – May 1960
[ADCB 16174 H-MHD 5/27]

- **Register of Minors 1912-1953**
September 1912 – December 1953
[ADCB 16174 H-MHD 5/28]
- **Index – Children in Mental Hospitals 1929-1939**
[ADCB 16174 H-MHD 5/29]
- **Register – Mental Health Patients discharged on probation 1955-1957**
[ADCB 16174 H-MHD 5/30]
- **Register – Mental Health Patients discharged on probation 1957-1959**
[ADCB 16174 H-MHD 5/31]
- **Register – Mental Health Outpatients 1946**
[ADCB 16174 H-MHD 5/32]

WELLINGTON AREA

INSTITUTIONAL RECORDS

Porirua (Mental) Hospital (from 1910) preceded by Lunatic Asylums: Karori (1854-1873) and Mt View (1873-1910) (on site of present Government House).

Archives New Zealand does **not** hold the records for Porirua or the earlier institutions. These are still held by the Medical Records Section of Capital & Coast Health. Contact details are:

Privacy & Compliance Officer
Capital & Coast District Health Board
Private Bag 7902
Wellington

Phone: 04 385 5999 ext 5781
Fax: 04 383 5908

Or: Patient Information Officer
Patient Information Services
(address as above)
Phone: 04 385 5999 ext 6503
Fax: 04 385 5812

COURT RECORDS

Wellington Supreme Court

- Lunacy Case Files 1875-1948
[AAAR W3558/244-253]
- Mental Defective Case Files 1947-1951
[AAAR W3558/254-255]

Woodville Magistrates Court

- Record of Lunatics 1909-1911 [AAOY W3298/999]

NELSON

Access

All records containing patient health details (except Registers of Patient Deaths) are restricted for 100 years from the date of record closure. Files, Indexes and Registers will not be made available to researchers without the written permission of the Nelson Marlborough District Health Board.

PATIENT FILES

To access individual patient records:

(a) Contact Archives New Zealand staff who will search to confirm whether a patient record is held and advise the researcher of the full Archives Reference.

(b) Seek written permission to access the record from: Chief Executive, Nelson Marlborough District Health Board, Private Bag 18, Nelson.

(c) Approach Archives New Zealand with the access permission letter to request the specific patient record.

INSTITUTIONAL RECORDS

Nelson Lunatic Asylum

Report Book 1864-1892 [ADHS W5473/98]
Inspectors Report Book 1875-1900 [ADHS W5473/85]
Attendant's Report 1889-1890 [ADHS W5473/87]
Patient Case Book 1912-1919 [ADHS W5473/110]

Ngawhatu (Stoke, 1922-2000)

Register of Deaths 1917-1929 [ADHS W5473/91]
Registers of Patients Absent on Trial 1922-1929, 1930-1954 & 1954-1967 [ADHS W5473/92, 97 & 103]
Register of Discharges and Transfers – Female & Males 1925-1929 [ADHS W5473/93 & 94]
Registers of Discharges & Transfers 1930-1964 & 1964-1969 [ADHS W5473/101 & 102]
Register of Voluntary Boarders 1930-1969 [ADHS W5473/90]
Register of Deaths 1930-1969 [ADHS W5473/95]
Admissions – Formal & Informal 1964-1969 [ADHS W5473/88]

Braemar

Admissions – Formal & Informal 1960-1969 [ADHS W5473/89]
Register of Deaths 1962-1969 [ADHS W5473/96]
Register of Discharges & Transfers 1962-1968 [ADHS W5473/100]
Register of Patients Absent on Trial 1962-1969 [ADHS W5473/104]

General

Seclusion Register 1936-1963 [ADHS W5473/82]
Seclusion Register 1963-1969 [ADHS W5473/83]
Seclusion Counterfoils 1965-1968 [ADHS W5473/84]
Post Mortem Book 1929-1959 [ADHS W5473/99]
Register of Admissions – Male & Female 1912-1929 [ADHS W7473/105 & 106]
Register of Admissions – Male & Female 1930-1963 [ADHS W5473/109]

Christchurch Office:

COURT RECORDS

Christchurch Supreme Court

Forms of Notice of Discharge or Removal 1873
[CAHX CH201/9]

Lunatics Act Case Files – Petitions and Affidavits
c1860-1944 (most before 1910) [CAHX CH240/1-5]

Christchurch Magistrates Court

Mental Defective Files c1937-1948 (range incomplete)
[CAHS CH973/23-24]

Access to the above Court files is restricted for 60 years from file closure. Permission to access from:

Christchurch High or District Court
PO Box 4618
Christchurch

INSTITUTIONAL RECORDS

Hokitika Lunatic Asylum / Seaview Psychiatric Hospital

Access is restricted for 100 years from file closure. Permission is to be obtained from:

Mental Health Services
West Coast District Health Board
PO Box 387
Greymouth

Patients and Visitors

- Registers of Patients/Admissions 1869-1929
[CAHW CH22/73-76]
- Registers of discharges, deaths, removals, transfers 1869-1924, 1927-1969
[CAHW CH22/77-82]
- Medical Journal 1870-1912
[CAHW CH22/107-117]
- Casebooks 1870-1874, 1884-1915
[CAHW CH22/87-92]
- Registers of Seclusion & Mechanical constraint 1871, 1893-1966
[CAHW 12360 CH887/7-9 & CH22/93-98]
- Chaplain's Journal 1873-1920 [CAHW CH22/62]
- Weekly Reports 1874-1920
[CAHW CH22/118-125]
- Official Visitors Books 1874-1993
[CAHW 12361 CH887/11-12]
- South Spit – Seaview Hospital Patient Register 1876-1883
[CAHW 3358 CH706/43a]
- Contributing Patients Ledgers 1877-1912
[CAHW CH22/68-69]
- Register of Patients on Remand 1878-1900
[CAHW CH22/78]
- Probation Registers – Patients absent on trial 1878-1966
[CAHW CH22/84-85]
- Doctor's Journal 1883-1918
[CAHW CH22/100-106]
- Patient Case Files (indexed) c1918-1984
[CAHW 3357 CH870]
- Daily/Day Report Books 1919-1920, 1925, 1967
[CAHW 12284 CH887/1-4]

- Register of Patients' Weights 1922-1931
[CAHW CH22/65]
- Register of Voluntary In-patients 1922-1969
[CAHW CH22/83]
- Register of Escapes 1936-1968
[CAHW CH22/99]
- Record of Constant Observation Notice 1944-1963
[CAHW 12362 CH887/6]
- Patients Day Book ('Milk Register') 1963-1970
[CAHW 12362 CH887/13]
- Outpatients Psychiatric Clinic 1959-1960, 1962-1964, 1966-1967
[CAHW 12199 CH890/14m, 15e-f]

Staff

- Staff – resignations, dismissals, deaths 1901-1922
[CAHW CH22/70]
- Staff Registers (duty, leave, etc) 1925-1938
[CAHW CH22/39, 52, 71, 72, 138]
- Appointment – Immigrants – United Kingdom Nurses and Aliens 1930-1969
[CAHW 12200 CH890/1h (8/2/4)]
- Appointment – Medical Staff – Locums 1937-1960
[CAHW 12200 CH890/1e (8/2/5)]
- Appointment – Medical Staff and Other Specialists 1960-1976 [CAHW 12200 CH890/1c (8/2/2)]

Queen Mary Hospital, Hanmer

Access is restricted for 100 years from file closure. Permission is to be obtained from:

Privacy Officer
Canterbury District Health Board
PO Box 1600
Christchurch

- General Register of Patients (Army, Navy & Civilian) 1918-1947 [CAWS 18297 CH542 9/9]
- Registers of Patients (Male) 1921-1957
[CAWS 17001 CH542 4/4, 5/5,6/6]
- Register of Patients (Air Force) 1921-1957
[CAWS 18280 CH542/9/10]
- Registers of Patients (Female) 1922-1954
[CAWS 17001 CH542 1/1,2/2,3/3]
- Registers of Patients (Pensioners) 1922-1957
[CAWS 17001 CH542 7/7, 8/8]
- Army Patient Registers 1939-1955
[CAWS 18277 CH931/239a-c]
- Army Patient Case Files 1943-1946
[CAWS 18278 CH931/230-232]
- Civilian Patient Case Files 1943-1973?
[CAWS 3420 CH931/1-229]
- Air Force Patient Case Files 1951-1957
[CAWS 18281 CH931/233]
- Indexes of Patients 1957-1970
[CAWS 18279 CH542 10/11,10/12]
- Registers of Patients (Voluntary, Male & Female) 1957-1972 [CAWS 17001 CH542 10/13,10/14, 11/15,11/16,11/17,11/18]
- Civilian Patient Card Index c1968-1972
[CAWS 17002 CH931/240-241]

Sunnyside Lunatic Asylum/ Sunnyside Psychiatric Hospital

Access is restricted for 100 years from file closure.
Permission is to be obtained from;

Privacy Officer
Canterbury District Health Board
PO Box 1600
Christchurch

Patients

- Admission Registers 1854-1929
[CAUY 3212 CH388/1-9]
- Admission Registers 1930-1973
[CAUY 3212 CH764/12-13, 3a-3e]
- Case books 1872-1917
[CAUY 12251 CH388/15-31]
- Registers of Deaths 1872-1895, 1916-1929
[CAUY 3222 CH388/32 & 35]
- Registers of Patients Absent on Trial 1876-1929
[CAUY 3224 CH388/46-47]
- Registers of Discharges and Deaths 1895-1916
[CAUY 3216 CH388/33-34]
- Registers of Boarders 1912-1920, 1925-1929
[CAUY 3216 CH388/13-14]
- Registers of Discharges and Transfers 1916-1944
[CAUY 3221 CH388/37-39]
- Registers of Mechanical Restraint 1920-1945,
1950-1968 [CAUY 3213 CH764/4a-6b]
- Registers of Voluntary Boarders 1930-1949, 1956-
1969 [CAUY 3215 CH764/8a-8d]
- Register of Deaths 1930-1960
[CAUY 3222 CH764/16]
- Registers of Patients Absent on Trial 1930-1968
[CAUY 3224 CH764/18-24]
- Staff and Patients' Work Books 1932-1956
[CAUY 3216 CH388/50-55]
- Registers of Escapes 1936-1971
[CAUY 3220 CH764/11b-11e]
- Register of Soldier Patients 1941-1955
[CAUY 3219 CH764/11a]
- Register of Patients on Leave 1941-1971, 1976
[CAUY 3214 CH764/7a-7c]
- Registers of Discharges and Transfers 1944-1969
[CAUY 3221 CH764/14-15]
- Diary – Admission, Probation, Discharge, Death
1960-1969 [CAUY 3211 CH764/1a-1d, 2a-2f]

Staff

- Salary Book 1912-1918 [CAUY 3216 CH388/48]
- Staff Register 1941-1954
[CAUY 3218 CH764/10d]
- Nursing Staff 1972-1992
[CAWU 2985 CH701 3/45 (Box 21)]
- Domestic Staff, Sunnyside & Templeton Hospitals
1974-1990 [CAWU 2985 CH701 4/8 (Box 24)]

Dunedin Office:

INSTITUTIONAL RECORDS

Access to patient records is restricted for 100 years,
and to staff/student records for 75 years. Permission
is to be obtained from;

Psychiatric Records
Otago District Health Board
Private Bag 1921
Dunedin

Dunedin Lunatic Asylum / Seacliff Hospital / Cherry Farm Hospital / Orokonui Home

Archives New Zealand in Dunedin holds many records
relating to these institutions, not all listed here. The
most useful to family historians are:

Admissions, etc, Registers

- Dunedin – Register of Patients 1863-1868
[DAHI D264/93]
- Seacliff – Indexes to Patient Registers 1863-1920
[DAHI D264/91-92]
- Dunedin & Seacliff – Admissions Registers 1863-
1929 [DAHI D264/94-98]
- Seacliff – Register of Admissions (Dipsomaniacs)
1884-1892 [DAHI D264/109]
- Seacliff / Cherry Farm – Admission Logs/Books
1920-1930, 1936-1950 [DAHI 9155 D342/1f-1k]
- Register of Admissions – Male and Female Book
No.1 1930-1961 [DAHI D266/523]
- Log of Admissions Book No.3 1964-1971
[DAHI D266/515a]
- Admissions Log Book 1964-1968 & Patients
Returning from Leave 1968-1984
[DAHI D266/515b]

Discharge, etc, Registers

- Dunedin & Seacliff – Registers of Discharge,
Removals, Deaths, Transfers 1868-1929
[DAHI D264/100-107]
- Register of Discharges and Transfers – Males and
Females No.1-3 1930-1969
[DAHI D266/524-526]
- Register of Deaths – Males and Females No.1-2
1930-1969 [DAHI D266/527-528]
- Register of Escapes 1936-1969
[DAHI D266/518]
- Morgue Register (includes letters concerning
indigent patients) 1939-1983
[DAHI D266/516]
- Seacliff – Register of Patients on Leave 1947-1963
[DAHI D266/529-530]
- Discharges – Alphabetical Index – Committals and
Voluntary Boarders c1952-1959? 1960-1972
[DAHI D266/514c-514e]

Other Registers

- Seacliff – Registers of Mechanical Restraint 1897-1949 [DAHI D264/78d-88e]
- Seacliff (to November 1964) & Cherry Farm (from December 1964) – Registers of Mechanical Restraint and Seclusion 1955-1968 [DAHI D266/513a-513j]

Patients (Files, Casebooks and Journals)

- Dunedin – Keeper’s Journal 1863-1864 [DAHI D264/1a]
- Statutory Admission Papers 1863-1912 [DAHI D266/1-45]
- Dunedin – Keeper’s Journal 1864-1867 [DAHI D265/2]
- Dunedin & Seacliff – Medical Casebook (indexed) 1863-c1920 [DAHI D265/1]
- Dunedin – Medical Casebooks 1868-1913 (some indexed) [DAHI D264/37-39]
- Patient Files – Admissions 1871-1949 [DAHI D266/46-143]
- Seacliff – Medical Casebooks 1885-1916 [DAHI D264/40-75]
- Orokonui Home – Medical Casebook 1902-1905 [DAHI D264/76]
- Seacliff – Voluntary Boarders Registers/Casebooks (indexed) 1912-1929 [DAHI D264/89-90]
- Patient Files – Voluntary Boarders – Admissions 1912-1949 [DAHI D266/346-358]
- Seacliff Hospital/Cherry Farm Patient Case Files 1926-1955 [DAHI 9153/1-2]
- Patient Files – On Remand – Admissions – 1920-1969 [DAHI D266/337-346]
- Patient Files – Discharges 1950-1970 [DAHI D266/144-336]
- Patients Files – Voluntary Patients – Discharges 1950-1969 [DAHI D266/359-427]

Visiting Books and Inspection [Report] Books

- Dunedin Lunatic Asylum Provincial Surgeon’s Visiting Book and Daily Reports 1863-1876 [DAHI D264/1b-1d]
- Inspector of Asylums, Inspectors’ Report Books Dunedin Lunatic Asylum/Seacliff Lunatic Asylum 1870-1908 [DAHI D264/1e-2b]
- Official Visitors Books Seacliff Hospital 1896-1906 [DAHI D265/3]
- Official Visitors [Report] Books No.1 1950-1973 & No.2 1962-1973 [DAHI D266/514a & 514b]

Correspondence

- Medical Superintendent Outwards Letters 1882-1926 (These letters sometimes contain patient information) [DAHI D264/3a-17a]

Staff

- Dunedin Lunatic Asylum / Seacliff Hospital – Staff Register 1864-1945 [DAHI D264/36]
- Orokonui – Salaries Book 1914-1922 [DAHI D264/33b]
- Staff Attendance Book (Item 2) 1949-1958 [DAHI D266/519a]

Photographs and Plans

A variety of photographs and plans – buildings, patients and staff – is also held in the Dunedin Regional Office for Dunedin Lunatic Asylum / Seacliff Hospital / Cherry Farm Hospital / Orokonui Home.

COURT RECORDS

Supreme Court, Dunedin

- Lunacy Cases Register c1862-1908 [DAAC D349/296c]
- Lunacy Case Files 1863-1937 [DAAC D140/267-272 & D349/304 L89]