Board of Health Records
Lawrence, Massachusetts

Cottage Hospital Patient Records

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Book #1: July 30, 1903-January 29, 1907

This ledger is a record of patients confined to the Cottage Hospital and is in two sections. Section 1 is an alphabetized list of patients’ names along with a corresponding cross-reference number. Section 2 lists the cross-referenced number and the corresponding patients’ individual records. These records list the following patient information: Patient Name, Patient Address, Marital Status, Age, Past and Present Medical History, Treatment, Diagnosis, Discharge Date.

Book #2: January 1, 1907-December 28, 1909

This ledger is a record of patients confined to the Cottage Hospital and is in two sections. Section 1 is an alphabetized list of patients’ names along with a corresponding cross-reference number. Section 2 lists the cross-referenced number and the corresponding patients’ individual records. These records list the following patient information: Patient Name, Patient Address, Marital Status, Age, Past and Present Medical History, Treatment, Diagnosis, Discharge Date. Note: There are some duplicate entries between Book #1 and Book #2 for the month of January 1907.
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Book #1: Admission and Discharge Book October 27, 1912 – January 1918

This ledger is a record of patients confined to the Municipal Hospital and is in two sections. Section 1 is an alphabetized list of patients’ names and includes the following information: Patient Name, Patient Address, Nearest Relative’s Name and Address, Diagnosis, Treatment, Discharge Date or Date of Death.

Book #2: Municipal Hospital Patient Records 1918 – 1925

This ledger is a record of patients confined to the Municipal Hospital and is in two sections. Section 1 is an alphabetized list of patients’ names and includes the following information: Patient Name, Patient Address, Nearest Relative’s Name and Address, Diagnosis, Treatment, Discharge Date or Date of Death. Pages 941-948 contain a list of “Total Number of Deaths for 1918-1924 and includes Names and Dates of Death. Page 949 lists formulations for Baby Formula, Hiccough Relief, Cramps and White Wash.

Book #3: Admittance Book March 20, 1925 – December 1928

This ledger is a record of patients confined to the Municipal Hospital and is in two sections. Section 1 is an alphabetized list of patients’ names and includes the following information: Patient Name, Patient Address, Nearest Relative’s Name and Address, Diagnosis, Treatment, Discharge Date or Date of Death.

Book #4: Municipal Hospital Patient Records 1927 -1934

This ledger is a record of patients confined to the Municipal Hospital and is in two sections. Section 1 is an alphabetized list of patients’ names and includes the following information: Patient Name, Patient Address, Nearest Relative’s Name and Address, Diagnosis, Treatment, Discharge Date or Date of Death.

Book #5: Municipal Hospital Patient Records January, 1934 – September, 1935

This ledger is a record of patients confined to the Municipal Hospital and is in two sections. Section 1 is an alphabetized list of patients’ names and includes the following information: Patient Name, Patient Address, Nearest Relative’s Name and Address, Diagnosis, Treatment, Discharge Date or Date of Death.
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Book #6: Municipal Hospital Operating Room Ledger January, 1935 – June 1938

This ledger contains information pertaining to surgical operations performed at the Municipal Hospital and includes the following information: Date, Patient Name, Operation Performed, Surgeon, Diagnosis, Anesthetist and Nurse.

Folders 1-6: Municipal Hospital Patient Records 1935

These folders contain Patient Records and include the following information: Patient’s Name, Date, Treatment and Vital Signs. See enclosed list for list of Patients’ Names.
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Book #1: Burke Hospital Patient Records Ledger 1935-1936

This ledger is a record of patients confined to the Burke Hospital and is in two sections. Section 1 is an alphabetized list of patients’ names along with a corresponding cross-reference number. Section 2 lists the cross-referenced numbers and the corresponding patients’ individual records. These records list the following patient information: Date of Hospitalization, Patient Name, Patient Address, Nearest Relative, Diagnosis, Discharge Date or Date of Death.

Book #2: Burke Hospital Patient Records Ledger 1936-1938

This ledger is a record of patients confined to the Burke Hospital and is in two sections. Section 1 is an alphabetized list of patients’ names along with a corresponding cross-reference number. Section 2 lists the cross-referenced numbers and the corresponding patients’ individual records. These records list the following patient information: Date of Hospitalization, Patient Name, Patient Address, Nearest Relative, Diagnosis, Discharge Date or Date of Death.

Book #3: Burke Hospital Patient Records Ledger 1938-1940

This ledger is a record of patients confined to the Burke Hospital and is in two sections. Section 1 is an alphabetized list of patients’ names along with a corresponding cross-reference number. Section 2 lists the cross-referenced numbers and the corresponding patients’ individual records. These records list the following patient information: Date of Hospitalization, Patient Name, Patient Address, Nearest Relative, Diagnosis, Discharge Date or Date of Death.

Book #4: Burke Hospital Patient Records Ledger 1940-1944

This ledger is a record of patients confined to the Burke Hospital and is in two sections. Section 1 is an alphabetized list of patients’ names along with a corresponding cross-reference number. Section 2 lists the cross-referenced numbers and the corresponding patients’ individual records. These records list the following patient information: Date of Hospitalization, Patient Name, Patient Address, Nearest Relative, Diagnosis, Discharge Date or Date of Death. Included in this ledger is a typed piece of paper with the heading “Burke Memorial Hospital-Clerkships” and a list of names and dates.
Book #5: Burke Hospital Patient Records Ledger 1944-1947

This ledger is a record of patients confined to the Burke Hospital and is in two sections. Section 1 is an alphabetized list of patients’ names along with a corresponding cross-reference number. Section 2 lists the cross-referenced numbers and the corresponding patients’ individual records. These records list the following patient information: Date of Hospitalization, Patient Name, Patient Address, Nearest Relative, Diagnosis, Discharge Date or Date of Death.

Book #6: Burke Hospital Patient Records Ledger 1947-1949

This ledger is a record of patients confined to the Burke Hospital and is in two sections. Section 1 is an alphabetized list of patients’ names along with a corresponding cross-reference number. Section 2 lists the cross-referenced numbers and the corresponding patients’ individual records. These records list the following patient information: Date of Hospitalization, Patient Name, Patient Address, Nearest Relative, Diagnosis, Discharge Date or Date of Death.

Book #7: Burke Hospital Patient Records Ledger 1949-1952

This ledger is a record of patients confined to the Burke Hospital and is in two sections. Section 1 is an alphabetized list of patients’ names along with a corresponding cross-reference number. Section 2 lists the cross-referenced numbers and the corresponding patients’ individual records. These records list the following patient information: Date of Hospitalization, Patient Name, Patient Address, Nearest Relative, Diagnosis, Discharge Date or Date of Death.

Book #8: Burke Hospital Patient Records Ledger 1952-1957

This ledger is a record of patients confined to the Burke Hospital and is in two sections. Section 1 is an alphabetized list of patients’ names along with a corresponding cross-reference number. Section 2 lists the cross-referenced numbers and the corresponding patients’ individual records. These records list the following patient information: Date of Hospitalization, Patient Name, Patient Address, Nearest Relative, Diagnosis, Discharge Date or Date of Death.

Book #9: Burke Hospital Records of Operations June, 1938-December, 1952

This ledger is a record of operations performed at the Burke Hospital. The following information is contained in each entry: Date of Operation, Patient Name, Type of Operation, Surgeon Name, Pre and Post Diagnosis, Anesthesiologist Name, Attending Nurse Name.

Book #10: Burke Hospital Records of Operations 1953-1959

This ledger is a record of operations performed at the Burke Hospital. The following information is contained in each entry: Date of Operation, Patient Name, Type of Operation, Surgeon Name, Pre and Post Diagnosis, Anesthesiologist Name, Attending Nurse Name.
Book #11: Commitment Record Nursing Service 1960

This spiral notebook contains Patient’s Name, Date Admitted, Referred By, Date Committed. The last page of the notebook contains secretarial notes dated October, 1960.

Book #12: Burke Hospital Payroll September 3, 1953 – December 15, 1961

This ledger contains the payroll records for Burke Hospital. These records list the following employee information: Employee Name, Position, Time Worked, Pay Rate, Deductions, Net Amount. Note: This ledger is stored in the Warehouse.

Book #13: Burke Hospital Monthly Schedule of Unpaid Accounts Receivable December 1954-January 1960

This ledger lists Date, Bill Number, Name and Amount Received. Note: This ledger is stored in the Warehouse.

Book #14: Schedule of Bills Payable by Burke Hospital November 1955 - October 1965

Note: This ledger is stored in the Warehouse.

Book #15: Employee Information Cards 1960’s

A series of bound cards listing Employee Name, Occupation, Birth Date, Nearest Relative and some W-4 Tax Forms. Note: This ledger is stored in the Warehouse.

Book #16: Daily Time Registers of Employees/Patient Care 1949 - 1950

Book #17: Daily Time Registers of Employees/Patient Care 1952 - 1953

Book #18: Daily Time Registers of Employees/Patient Care 1955 - 1956


This ledger contains Dates, Hourly Coverage and Nurses Signatures.


This black ledger lists the distribution of narcotics at the Burke Hospital. The following information is included: Date, Time, Narcotic, Amount Used, Patient Name, Nurse Name.

Book #21: Narcotic Log December 18, 1960 – April 1, 1962

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Book #22: Narcotic Count Book 1960
   This green ledger lists the type and amount of Narcotics on hand, as well as a signature, for the Burke Hospital.

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Book #25: Narcotic Count Book 1962
   This green ledger lists the type and amount of Narcotics on hand, as well as a signature, for the Burke Hospital.

Book #26: Narcotic Count Book 1962-1963
   This green ledger lists the type and amount of Narcotics on hand, as well as a signature, for the Burke Hospital.

Book #27: Narcotic Count Book 1963
   This green ledger lists the type and amount of Narcotics on hand, as well as a signature, for the Burke Hospital.

Book #28: Narcotic Count Book 1963
   This green ledger lists the type and amount of Narcotics on hand, as well as a signature, for the Burke Hospital.

Book #29: Narcotic Count Book 1963-1964
   This green ledger lists the type and amount of Narcotics on hand, as well as a signature, for the Burke Hospital.

   This spiral-bound notebook is a log of the amount of Sodium Seconal on hand as well as a record of the dispensing of it to patients at the Burke Hospital. Patients, names and dates are included.
Book #31: Sodium Seconal Count Book/Second Floor/August 10, 1962-January 30, 1963

This spiral-bound notebook is a log of the amount of Sodium Seconal on hand as well as a record of the dispensing of it to patients at the Burke Hospital. Patients’ names and dates are included.

Book #32: Sodium Seconal Count Book/Female Floor/April 6, 1962-October 8, 1962

This spiral-bound notebook is a log of the amount of Sodium Seconal on hand as well as a record of the dispensing of it to patients at the Burke Hospital. Patients’ names and dates are included.

Book #33: Sodium Seconal Count Book/Female Floor/October 9, 1962-March 28, 1963

This spiral-bound notebook is a log of the amount of Sodium Seconal on hand as well as a record of the dispensing of it to patients at the Burke Hospital. Patients’ names and dates are included.

Book #34: Sodium Seconal Count Book/Female Floor/March 28, 1963-October 11, 1963

This spiral-bound notebook is a log of the amount of Sodium Seconal on hand as well as a record of the dispensing of it to patients at the Burke Hospital. Patients’ names and dates are included.

Book #35: Sodium Seconal Count Book/Male Floor/July 22, 1961-February 26, 1962

This spiral-bound notebook is a log of the amount of Sodium Seconal on hand as well as a record of the dispensing of it to patients at the Burke Hospital. Patients’ names and dates are included.

Book #36: Sodium Seconal Count Book/Male Floor/February 26, 1962-August 10, 1962

This spiral-bound notebook is a log of the amount of Sodium Seconal on hand as well as a record of the dispensing of it to patients at the Burke Hospital. Patients’ names and dates are included.

Book #37: Sodium Seconal Count Book/Male Floor/January 30, 1963-August 24, 1963

This spiral-bound notebook is a log of the amount of Sodium Seconal on hand as well as a record of the dispensing of it to patients at the Burke Hospital. Patients’ names and dates are included.

Book #38: Sodium Seconal Count Book/Male Floor/August 24, 1963-February 25, 1964

This spiral-bound notebook is a log of the amount of Sodium Seconal on hand as well as a record of the dispensing of it to patients at the Burke Hospital. Patients’ names and dates are included.
Book #39: Undertaker Ledger February 28, 1923 – March 31, 1941

This ledger is a record of the removal of the deceased from the Municipal and Burke Hospitals and includes the following information: Date, Name of Deceased, Signature of Receiving Undertaker. The last page of the ledger is entitled “Deaths for Year Ending 1925” and lists the Number of Deaths by month.


This ledger is a record of the removal of the deceased from the Burke Hospital and includes the following information: Date, Name of Deceased, Signature of Receiving Undertaker, Signature of Witness and notes regarding Belongings.

Book #41: Bessie M. Burke Hospital Employee Attendance Records 1972

This three ring binder is a record of employee attendance for the year. Employee names, positions and Social Security numbers are included.

File #1: Rules of Re-Anointing

This is a 3-1/2“ x 6” card with the heading “Saint Laurence O'Toole Church/55 East Haverhill Street/Lawrence, Massachusetts” with a sub-title “Re-anointing”. The card lists three instances of patients with declining health and whether or not a re-anointing should take place.

File #2: Rules Governing the Function of the Medical Examiner 1969

This is a typed bulletin from the Office of the County Commissioners/County of Essex/Salem Massachusetts and is dated February 13, 1969. This bulletin is a notification of the change in the rules governing the functions of the Medical Examiner.