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Historical Note:

The Public Hospital for Persons of Insane and Disordered Minds, as the facility was first known, was established by act of the Virginia colonial legislature on June 4, 1770. The act, which intended to "Make Provision for the Support and Maintenance of Ideots, Lunaticks, and other Persons of unsound Minds," authorized the House of Burgesses to appoint a fifteen-man Court Of Directors to oversee the future hospital's operations and admissions.

In 1841, the hospital was renamed the Eastern Lunatic Asylum and newly-appointed superintendent John Minson Galt II initiated a series of reforms which came to have great effect on the history of mental treatment.

The current name is Eastern State Hospital,

part of the Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services system. Further information about this individual or organization may be available in the Special Collections Research Center Wiki: [http://scdbwiki.swem.wm.edu/wiki/index.php/Eastern_Lunatic_Asylum_\(Va.\)](http://scdbwiki.swem.wm.edu/wiki/index.php/Eastern_Lunatic_Asylum_(Va.)).

Scope and Contents

12 Ledgers from the Eastern Lunatic Asylum in Williamsburg, Virginia recording purchases of food items, kitchen items, tools, clothing and other items for the hospital.

Classified Receipts: August 31, 1892 to February 28, 1899.

Ledger book listing 3 months of daily receipts on each page, 9 pages of items per quarter ranging from bacon to furniture sets.

Consolidated Morning Report Book: March 1, 1876 to May 7, 1877.

Daily record of the condition of the hospital by ward, listing available beds, number of patients, officers, special employees, ward attendants, servants and laborers. Each ward attendant's name is listed followed by the status of his or her ward. A section of each page lists "remarks" which notes arrivals, transfers, furloughs, deaths and discharges.

Farm Book: October 3, 1876 to September 30, 1903.

Farm Accounts from 1877-1881. Includes "Products of the Farm and Garden" and fiscal year 1882-1903 itemized by produce.

Order book: 1916 and undated.

Mostly orders for food items. Includes loose invoices.

Invoices Ledger: January 1, 1876 to July 18, 1882. Complete records of accounts by supplier, itemized list of items with prices charged for each. A major supplier was E.M. Lee who is also listed in other records as the "Steward" of the hospital.

Requisital: April 23, 1878 to March 11, 1881.

Official record of acquisitions as opposed to the "Day Books" which were more or less a note pad. Penned by clerk of the hospital. Each entry is signed by the official who received and/or requested the supplies. Some

items were taken by some officials - gifts or payment?

Ledger: March 2, 1880 to July 1, 1882.

Ledger book showing supplies received/used by ward and official who received the supplies, such as the Supervisor, Chief Cook, Steward, Matron and Housekeeper.

Ledger: March 12, 1881 to February 28, 1883.

Ledger: December 17, 1887 to August 30, 1890.

Ledger book showing supplies received/used by ward and official who received the supplies, such as the Supervisor, Chief Cook, Steward, Matron and Housekeeper. Interesting note: entry under "Drug Room" was "464 gal. whiskey."

Ledger: September 1, 1890 to November 1890.

Ledger book showing supplies received/used by ward and official who received the supplies, such as the Supervisor, Chief Cook, Steward, Matron and Housekeeper. Some new departments such as "Sundry Issues" and "Executive."

Ledger: September 1, 1890 to May 28, 1892.

Same.

Related Materials:

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Arrangement of Materials:

Each ledger is in chronological order.

Description of Subordinate Components

Ledger - Classified Receipts

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/245660

Unit Date 1892 August 31-1899 February 28

Mixed Materials 1 (Bound Volume)

Scope and Contents

Ledger book listing 3 months of daily receipts on each page, 9 pages of items per quarter ranging from bacon to furniture sets.

Ledger - Consolidated Morning Report Book

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/245661

Unit Date 1876 March 1 - 1877 May 7

Mixed Materials 2 (Bound Volume)

Scope and Contents

Consolidated morning report book listing daily reports of patients in the Eastern Lunatic Asylum, 1876 March 1 - 1877 May 7.

Daily record of the condition of the hospital by ward, listing available beds, number of patients, officers, special employees, ward attendants, servants and laborers. Each ward attendant's name is listed followed by the status of his or her ward. A section of each page lists "remarks" which notes arrivals, transfers, furloughs, deaths and discharges.

Ledger - Farm Book

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/245662

Unit Date 1876 October 3 - 1903 September 30

Mixed Materials 3 (Bound Volume)

Scope and Contents

Farm Accounts from 1877-1881. Includes "Products of the Farm and Garden" and fiscal year 1882-1903 itemized by produce.

Ledger - Order Book

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/245663

Unit Date 1916 and undated

Mixed Materials 4 (Bound Volume)

Scope and Contents

Mostly orders for food items. Includes loose invoices.

Ledger - Invoices Ledger

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/245664

Unit Date 1876 January 1 to 1882 July 18

Mixed Materials 5 (Bound Volume)

Scope and Contents

Complete records of accounts by supplier, itemized list of items with prices charged for each. A major supplier was E.M. Lee who is also listed in other records as the "Steward" of the hospital.

Ledger - Requisital

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/245665

Unit Date 1878 April 23 - 1881 March 11

Mixed Materials 6 (Bound Volume)

Scope and Contents

Official record of acquisitions as opposed to the "Day Books" which were more or less a note pad. Penned by clerk of the hospital. Each entry is signed by the official who received and/or requested the supplies. Some items were taken by some officials - gifts or payment?

Ledger

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/245666

Unit Date 1880 March 2 - 1882 July 1

Mixed Materials 7 (Bound Volume)

Scope and Contents

Ledger book showing supplies received/used by ward and official who received the supplies, such as the Supervisor, Chief Cook, Steward, Matron and Housekeeper.

Ledger

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/245667

Unit Date 1881 March 12 - 1883 February 28

Mixed Materials 8 (Bound Volume)

Scope and Contents

Ledger book showing supplies received/used by ward and official who received the supplies, such as the Supervisor, Chief Cook, Steward, Matron and Housekeeper.

Ledger

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/245668

Unit Date 1887 December 17 - 1890 August 30

Mixed Materials 9 (Bound Volume)

Scope and Contents

Ledger book showing supplies received/used by ward and official who received the supplies, such as the Supervisor, Chief Cook, Steward, Matron and Housekeeper. Interesting note: entry under "Drug Room" was "464 gal. whiskey."

Ledger

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/245669

Unit Date 1890 September 1 - 1890 November

Mixed Materials 10 (Bound Volume)

Scope and Contents

Ledger book showing supplies received/used by ward and official who received the supplies, such as the Supervisor, Chief Cook, Steward, Matron and Housekeeper. Some new departments such as "Sundry Issues" and "Executive."

Ledger

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/245670

Unit Date 1890 September 1 - 1892 May 28

Mixed Materials 11 (Bound Volume)

Scope and Contents

Ledger book showing supplies received/used by ward and official who received the supplies, such as the Supervisor, Chief Cook, Steward, Matron and Housekeeper. Some new departments such as "Sundry Issues" and "Executive."

Ledger

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/245671

Unit Date 1890 September 1 - 1892 May 28

Mixed Materials 12 (Bound Volume)

Scope and Contents

Ledger book showing supplies received/used by ward and official who received the supplies, such as the Supervisor, Chief Cook, Steward, Matron and Housekeeper. Some new departments such as "Sundry Issues" and "Executive."