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## **Record Group Descriptions and Related Series:**

**Record Group Number: HS1**

**Record Group Name: Executive Office of Health and Human Services**

### **Historical Note:**

Among cabinet-level offices established and placed under the Massachusetts governor per St 1969, c 704, s 3 (effective Apr. 30, 1971) was the Executive Office of Human Services, renamed Executive Office of Health and Human Services per St 1992, c 133, ss 172, 599.

The office is responsible through its constituent agencies for the delivery of a wide range of services to persons with financial, health, social, protective, rehabilitation, and correctional needs. Its role is one of management and fiscal oversight, coordination of interagency planning and program development, and policy analysis.

The principal state agencies for which it provides oversight are: Division of Health Care Finance and Policy, Division of Medical Assistance, Dept. of Mental Health, Dept. of Mental Retardation, Dept. of Public Health, Dept. of Social Services, Dept. of Transitional Assistance (formerly Dept. of Public Welfare), Dept. of Youth Services, Massachusetts Commission for the Blind, Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Massachusetts Office for Refugees and Immigrants, Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, Office for Children, and Soldiers' Homes in Chelsea and Holyoke (MGLA c 6A, s 16).

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82445916>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Subject files, 1977-1985.**

Identifier: HS1/915X

Extent: 8.75 cubic feet (7 record center cartons)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82944219>

#### **Budget files, 1975-1979.**

Identifier: HS1/919X

Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82011775>

**Resource Inventory Project files, 1978.**

Identifier: HS1/1095X  
Extent: 1.95 cubic feet (1 record center cartons and 2 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged numerically by area.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84940058>

**Project Monitoring System files, 1976-1979.**

Identifier: HS1/1096X  
Extent: 2.85 cubic feet (2 record center cartons and 1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year, thereunder by department/facility.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84008492>

**Secretary's correspondence, 1973-1988.**

**Restriction:** Personal information is restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 4, s 7, d 26(c) and c 66A. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS1/1197  
Extent: 11.25 cubic feet (9 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged chiefly by chronological spans.  
Notes: Files for 1978-1982 lacking.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81273594>

**Legislative director's files, 1987-1991.**

Identifier: HS1/1514X  
Extent: 1.95 cubic feet (1 record center carton and 2 document boxes)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78630744>

**Director for mental health and mental retardation correspondence files, 1987-1990.**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123B, s 36. Mental retardation client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123B, s 17. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS1/1521X  
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79015755>

**Director of federal-state relations testimony files, 1986-1990 (bulk 1988-1989).**

Identifier: HS1/1522X  
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)  
Arranged: Arranged by grant/hearing.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82112926>

### **Regulation development files, 1986-1987.**

Identifier: HS1/1829  
Extent: 0.7 cubic feet (2 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged by agency.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81178485>

### **Criminal justice reports, 1980-1984.**

Identifier: HS1/1830X  
Extent: 0.7 cubic feet (2 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78311145>

### **Criminal justice policy subject files, 1982-1988.**

Identifier: HS1/1831X  
Extent: 6.25 cubic feet (5 record center cartons)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78075995>

### **Legislative review files, 1975-1989.**

Identifier: HS1/1832  
Extent: 7.3 cubic feet (5 record center cartons and 3 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged generally chronologically.  
Notes: Records for 1978, 1980-1986 lacking.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122560343>

### **Secretary's subject files, 1975-1986.**

**Restriction:** Personal information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 4, s 7, d 26(c), c 66A. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS1/1833  
Extent: 30.35 cubic feet (24 record center cartons and 1 document box)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78820925>

### **Undersecretary's subject files, 1976-1988.**

Identifier: HS1/1834  
Extent: 8.75 cubic feet (7 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by subject.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80616212>

**Social policy subject files, 1980-1987.**

**Restriction:** Personal/personal medical/evaluative information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 4, s 7, d 26(c), c 66A. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS1/1835X

Extent: 11.6 cubic feet (9 record center cartons and 1 document box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78732228>

**Health policy subject files, 1983-1988.**

Identifier: HS1/1836X

Extent: 10 cubic feet (8 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged chiefly alphabetically by subject.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84042786>

**Secretary's speeches, 1978-1985.**

Identifier: HS1/1837

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82395918>

**Supervisory meeting packets, 1984-1987.**

**Restriction:** Personal information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 4, s 7, d 26(c), c 66A. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS1/1838

Extent: 4.1 cubic feet (3 record center cartons and 1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged by department, thereunder chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78135438>

**Press research files, 1979-1984.**

Identifier: HS1/1840

Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (2 record center cartons)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83226812>

**Social policy correspondence, 1984-1986.**

**Restriction:** Personal information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 4, s 7, d 26(c), c 66A. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS1/1851X

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81716218>



**Departmental annual reports, 1985-1987.**

Identifier: HS1/1852X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged by department.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/77663296>

**Employment and training project files, 1985-1987.**

Identifier: HS1/1853X  
Extent: 1.6 cubic feet (1 record center carton and 1 document box)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82481536>

**Assistant secretary's subject files, 1982-1987 (bulk 1984-1987).**

Identifier: HS1/1854  
Extent: 3.75 cubic feet (3 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged by subject.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80881766>

**Board organizational files, 1983-1984.**

Identifier: HS1/1855  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by board.

**Respite care project files, 1983-1987.**

Identifier: HS1/1856X  
Extent: 2 document boxes

**Autism treatment response files, 1984-1986 (bulk 1985-1986).**

Identifier: HS1/1858X  
Extent: 0.7 cubic feet (2 document boxes)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83856607>

**Assistant secretary's correspondence, 1973-1987.**

**Restriction:** Personal information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 4, s 7, d 26(c), c 66A. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS1/1859  
Extent: 7.65 cubic feet (5 record center cartons and 4 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged chiefly by chronological spans.  
Notes: Files for 1979-1983 lacking.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79843113>

### **Departmental legislative reference files, 1987-1991.**

Identifier: HS1/1933  
Extent: 3.75 cubic feet (3 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged by agency, thereunder generally chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79074168>

### **Enacted legislation files, 1990-1991.**

Identifier: HS1/1965  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year, thereunder by bill no.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/77898572>

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## **Record Group Number: HS2**

## **Record Group Name: Board of Alien Commissioners**

### **Historical Note:**

A July 31, 1789 act of Congress established the United States Customs Service, with customs districts and officers in every state. An act of Mar. 2, 1819 gave the customs service oversight of immigration, which required arriving foreign vessels to submit a manifest of passengers to the local collector of customs. Massachusetts St 1819, c 290 (1820) directed ships to provide municipalities with lists of passengers not settled in the state, and provide bonds for those liable to become a public charge (such as those lunatic, idiot, maimed, aged, infirm, or paupers elsewhere) that they not require support for three years. St 1830, c 150 (1831) initiated a charge per passenger known as head money and as immigration increased, St 1837, c 238 directed appointment of officers to examine immigrants, and specified that head money collected by municipalities be used to support foreign paupers. St. 1840, c 96 required remaining balances be sent to the state.

St 1848, c 313 provided for gubernatorial appointment of a superintendent of alien passengers in each Massachusetts port to administer functions previously assigned to municipalities (St 1830, c 150 (1831); St 1837, c 238; St 1840, c 96; St 1845, c 76) to require from arriving vessels the examination and listing of aliens not previously landed in the state, and posting of bond, collection of head money, or payment of commutation for those not lunatic, idiot, maimed, aged, infirm, or paupers elsewhere, against such alien passengers becoming a public charge. (See also St 1850, c 105 and c 292; St 1852, c 279; St 1853, c 360; St 1854, c 219; St 1858, c 132.)

St 1851, c 342 provided for a board of commissioners in relation to alien passengers and state paupers (as potentially related classes of persons), commonly called the Board of Alien Commissioners and consisting of a Council member appointed by the governor (replaced by a general gubernatorial appointee per St 1856, c 294, s 1), the state auditor, and the superintendent of alien passengers for Boston. The board administered laws pertaining to immigration (see above, also St 1853, c 366), including ascertaining names of aliens arriving by land or domestic shipping (the latter now exempt from bonding requirements of foreign shipping)--such aliens and other nonresidents becoming a public charge within one year to be the responsibility of the corporation or other party bringing them into the state; and laws pertaining to support of state paupers, compliance with which was to be monitored by commission visitors.

Specifically per St 1853, c 352 the commissioners disbursed funds for state almshouses (established by St 1852, c 275, ss 1-10) and regulated assignment by the city of Boston of sick state paupers to the installation on Rainsford Island (established by St 1852, c 275, s 11). They prescribed the form of admission certificate for paupers without state settlement sent by municipalities to the state almshouses (St 1856, c 171), bound out minor paupers as apprentices and disposed of deceased pauper property in the case of inmates of Rainsford Island and the state lunatic hospitals (St 1856, c 294, s 3), and transferred or discharged paupers from any of these institutions (St 1859, c 255). (See also St 1854, c 437; St 1855, c 151, 172, 412, 445, 486; St 1860, c 83.) The board's functions were codified in GS 1860, c 71.

St 1863, c 240 abolished the board and the post of Superintendent of Alien Passengers for Boston (but not for other ports), transferring their functions to the succeeding Board of State Charities.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122521143>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Annual reports, 1858-1863.**

Identifier: HS2/1318(subseries)

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)

Notes: Public document, no. 15.

Holdings: 1858, 1861-1863; 1859-1860 lacking.

Report for 1861 accompanied by report of Superintendent of Alien Passengers (1848-1869), Boston (Public document, no. 16)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/887726545>

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## **Record Group Number: HS3**

## **Record Group Name: Board of State Charities**

### **Historical Note:**

St 1863, c 240 abolished Massachusetts's Board of Alien Commissioners, replacing it with a Board of State Charities, as recommended by a committee authorized by Resolves 1858, c 26. This body had supervision not only of the previous board's immigration and state pauper functions, but of Massachusetts charitable and correctional institutions generally, including the state almshouses, state lunatic hospitals, state prison (until establishment of the Commissioners of Prisons per St 1870, c 370), and state schools. It was established with two departments: the secretary, and a general agent who supervised outdoor relief, including issues of settlement and bastardy, and the removal and transfer of paupers. A special agency for the sick state poor (and others suffering from smallpox and other contagious diseases) was created in 1865, and made a bureau under the general agent in 1876. The bureau handled notices of the sick from towns, and reports of foundlings and deserted children from the Massachusetts Infant Asylum. A Visiting Agency was created in 1866 under the direction of the secretary to track older state wards and residents of almshouses and reform schools. Per St 1869, c 453 (June 23, 1869) the Visiting Agency was established as a separate department. St 1879, c 291 abolished the Board of State Charities and placed its functions with a Board of Health, Lunacy, and Charity.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/123526600>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Histories of alien residents of almshouses and other institutions, 1852-1870.**

Identifier: HS3/539X

Extent: 0.65 cubic feet (13 volumes)

Arranged: In six subseries

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/298343910>

#### **Massachusetts Infant Asylum case histories, 1871-1879 (bulk 1875-1879)**

Identifier: HS3/541X

Extent: 1 volume

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/319632752>

#### **Reports on the status of paupers in Massachusetts, 1858-1863.**

Identifier: HS3/556X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/319633589>

**Copies of Institution's Registers.**

Identifier: HS3/1057X

**Appendix to Records of the Board, 1869-1874.**

Identifier: HS3/1172X

Extent: 1 document box

**Annual reports, 1864-1878.**

Identifier: HS3/1318(subseries)

Extent: 0.67 cubic feet (14 volumes and 2 volumesolumes appendices)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: No. 1-2: Public document, no. 19; succeeding reports: Public document, no. 17.

Holdings: 1864-1869, 1871-1878 (no. 1-6, 8-15); 1870 (no. 7) lacking. Appendix 1 (1 volumeolumes): Report of the General Agent, no. 6-15 (1869-1878). Appendix 2 (1 volumeolumes): Ancillary documents, 1833-1865. Report of the commissioners...on the subject of the pauper system, Jan. 1833. Abstract of the returns...concerning the condition of pauper idiots and lunatics, Jan. 1843. Memorial [of Dorothea L. Dix] to the legislature of Massachusetts, Jan. 1843. [Report on public charitable institutions] (1843 H 38), Feb. 1843. Report of the Special Joint Committee [on] Public Charitable Institutions, 1858. [Additional copy of Board's first annual report, Oct. 1864.] Special report of the Board of State Charities on the state almshouse system (1865 S 28), Feb. 1865.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86144264>

**Notices of sick state poor, 1874.**

Identifier: HS3/1627X

Extent: 0.18 cubic feet (1 volume)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/319632763>

**Minutes of Monthly Meetings, 1873-1876**

Identifier: HS3/1643X

Extent: 1 document box

**Records, minutes, and correspondence, 1863-1865.**

Identifier: HS3/2482X

Extent: 0.25 cubic feet (4 volumes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically within each volume.  
Notes: (1) Novolumes 18, 1863-Dec. 22, 1864.  
(2) May 4, 1864-Sept. 7, 1864.  
(3) July 28, 1864-Aug. 2, 1865.  
(4) Oct. 1, 1864-Sept. 20, 1865.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/123526602>

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## **Record Group Number: HS3.02**

## **Record Group Name: Division of Immigration**

### **Historical Note:**

For a history of Massachusetts immigration administration prior to 1863 see: Massachusetts. Board of Alien Commissioners. Agency history record.

St 1863, c 240 abolished the Board of Alien Commissioners and the post of Superintendent of Alien Passengers for Boston (but not for other ports), transferring their functions pertaining to immigration and public welfare (GS 1860, c 71) to the succeeding Board of State Charities. Responsibility for obtaining from vessels arriving from foreign ports the listing of alien passengers--not previously landed in the state or if so previously a public charge--and posting of bond (or payment of commutation for those not insane, idiotic, deaf and dumb, blind, deformed, maimed, or previously a public charge in the state) against their becoming a public charge (see: Massachusetts. Board of Alien Commissioners) was for the port of Boston assigned to the board's general agent, initially carried out by a Dept. of Immigration and Dept. of the Boarding Officers (Board of State Charities. Annual report. 1st, 1864 (PD 19), p. 420-421), then by a Subdept. of Immigration and Local Business (Annual report. 2nd, 1865, p. 236)

The functions of local business deputies were to remove certain applicants for admission to state almshouses or state lunatic hospitals to their place of origin (St 1860, c 83) and to administer laws pertaining to aliens arriving other than by foreign shipping (St 1851, c 342, ss 3-5; GS 1860, c 71, ss 4, 25) (Annual report. 3rd, 1866 (PD 17), p. 246). (St 1866, c 272 extended listing requirements for such aliens to all nonresidents brought into the state by corporations, and instituted bonding requirements for such brought into the state for labor.) By 1869 local business was placed in a separate subdepartment, leaving a Subdept. of Immigration (Annual report. 6th, 1869, p. 196, 220)

St 1865, c 160 repealed GS 1860, c 71, ss 16-18, which had provided for refund of commutation payment or cancellation of bond for aliens leaving the state within forty-eight hours of arrival (St 1853, c 360) and reinstatement of liability if alien returned as a public charge within five years (St 1854, c 219); the provisions were reenacted by St 1870, c 215. St 1872, c 169 again repealed them along with provisions of GS 1860, c 71, s 15 requiring bonding/commutation for aliens other than those for which bonding alone was acceptable (see above). St 1866, c 292 further defined shipping subject to alien passenger laws. St 1869, c 251 provided that superintendents of alien passengers in ports other than Boston would cease to be gubernatorial appointees, being instead deputies in the Subdept. of Immigration designated by the Board of State Charities' general agent.

St 1879, c 291 abolished the Board of State Charities, which along with other bodies was replaced by the State Board of Health, Lunacy, and Charity. Immigration functions were carried on by a Division of Immigration within the Dept. of Indoor Poor under that board, renamed per St 1886, c 101, the State Board of Lunacy and Charity. (For codified functions see PS 1882, c 86.) The division was formally recognized in board bylaws as revised Nov. 1888 (State Board of Lunacy and Charity. Annual report. 10th, 1888 (PD 17), p. 3)

The authority of states over immigration was largely preempted by federal legislation (Acts of 1882, c 376) that gave the U.S. Treasury Dept. authority over immigration, including the power to enter into contracts with state immigration authorities, instituting collection of head money by customs officials and barring of convicts, lunatics, idiots, and paupers. The Treasury contracted in Nov. 1882 with the Massachusetts state board for the board to continue to examine for and report such incoming aliens to federal customs (such as landed in any case were still subject to state bonding requirements--State Board of Health, Lunacy, and Charity. Annual report. 7th, 1885, p. xl) and to be responsible for federally reimbursable care of aliens becoming a public charge within five years (Annual report. 4th, 1882, p. xliv-xlvi). Further federal legislation (Acts of 1891, c 551) resulted in complete transfer of immigration authority from the state, in the form of an immigration office within the U.S. Treasury Dept., which assumed immigration responsibilities of the U.S. Customs Service; the superintendent of indoor poor was appointed to the post of U.S. Commissioner of Immigration for Massachusetts and the Division of Immigration was eliminated from board bylaws Feb./Dec. 1891 (State Board of Lunacy and Charity. Annual report. 13th, 1891, p. 6, 20). State responsibility per contract of Feb. 1892 was limited to federally reimbursable care of aliens becoming a public charge within one year with subsequent deportation (Annual report. 14th, 1892, p. 22) and by contract of Mar. 1894 limiting such reimbursement for state hospital care to five dollars per week (Annual report. 16th, 1894, p. 11).

A federal immigration act of Feb. 1907 led to a July 1908 contract with the then State Board of Charity (St 1898, c 433), renewed July 1909. The contract provided federal reimbursement for care at state hospitals or other suitable institutions until deportation, or until one year after entry into the United States--three years for those ordered deported whose need for public support predated their arrival. A new contract of Aug. 1910 repealed previous terms. The federal government, citing immigration regulations, indicated that it would not pay alien hospital charges, except in cases where the government was paying for deportation with the consent of the alien concerned. Formal contracts with Massachusetts were discontinued as of Jan. 1911. Hereafter Massachusetts, like other states, was to receive any payments at approved rates under federal immigration regulations  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122505870>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Registers of passengers arriving in Massachusetts ports, 1848-1891.**

Identifier: HS3.02/1990X  
Extent: 82.8 cubic feet (119 volumes: subseries (1) volumes 1-23 boxed in 15; subseries (2) boxed; subseries (3) in partial box)  
Copies (series) 6 microfilm reels 35 mm  
Copies (series--formerly reading room) 72 microfilm reels ; 35 mm  
Copies (reading room) 42 microfilm reels ; 35 mm  
Arranged: In three subseries:  
(1) Boston, 1848-1869 (23 volumes)  
(2) Boston, 1863-1891 (95 volumes)  
(3) Other ports, 1869-1872 (1 volumeolumes);  
Arranged within each subseries chronologically.  
Notes: Also known as: Alien passenger lists.  
Forms part of: Alien passenger records.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82251168>

#### **Indexes to arrivals in the Port of Boston, 1848-1891.**

Identifier: HS3.02/1991X  
Extent: Subseries (1) 145 cubic feet (ca. 1,000,000 cards in (unconverted entries only) 599 boxes)  
Subseries (2) 2 volumesolumes in partial box  
Arranged: In two subseries:  
(1) Index to passengers, 1848-1891; arranged alphabetically by first letter of vessel name.  
(2) Index to ships, 1868-1871; Arranged alphabetically by surname



Notes: Compiled under sponsorship of U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service by U.S. Works Progress Administration (WPA), 1935-1937.  
Forms part of: Alien passenger records.  
Volume 1: Oct. 1868-Dec. 1869. Volume 2: Jan. 1870-Jan. 1871.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81949062>

**Register of ships arriving in the Port of Boston, 1848-1892.**

Identifier: HS3.02/1992X  
Extent: 1.56 cubic feet (9 volumes in 4 boxes)  
Copies: 4 microfilm reels ; 35 mm  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Spine title: Register of vessels.  
Forms part of: Alien passenger records.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84043186>

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**Record Group Number: HS3.03**

**Record Group Name: Overseers of the Poor**

**Historical Note:**

Resulting from the commission's work, including 1970 S 1278, was never enacted and the commission was disbanded the same year, with its report being issued in 1971.

**Related Series:**

**Committee files, 1969-1970**

Identifier: HS3.03/1639X  
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)

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**Record Group Number: HS3.05**

**Record Group Name: State Primary School (Monson, Mass.)**

**Historical Note:**

St 1866, c 209 established at the State Almshouse at Monson a State Primary School for the instruction and employment of dependent and neglected children without settlement in the

Commonwealth, to be under the superintendent and inspectors of the almshouse. To it were transferred by the Board of State Charities children under age sixteen from the Monson, Bridgewater, and Tewksbury almshouses, especially orphans (along with children of indigent parents, called dependent) or those who parents had abandoned them or been convicted of a crime (neglected); also certain pupils from the State Reform School at Westborough. (See also St 1872, c 68, s 6.) St 1870, c 359, s 10 (revising St 1869, c 453, s 4; see also St 1871, c 365) allowed placement in temporary custody at the school by the board of other juveniles facing criminal charges, upon court authorization at request of the board's visiting agent (Board of State Charities. Annual report. 9th, 1872 (PD 17: Jan 1873))

St 1872, c 45 closed the Monson and Bridgewater almshouses, but the Primary School continued under the Monson superintendent and inspectors. Adults not transferred to the Tewksbury Almshouse were placed for support or temporary custody as helpers at the State Primary School (along with their children under age three) (s 3), as were other adult paupers at the discretion of the Board of State Charities (annual report previously cited). St 1873, c 262, s 7 allowed court committal to the State Primary School of habitual truants, as permitted to specific municipalities by the state board.

St 1879, c 291 replaced the board with the State Board of Health, Lunacy, and Charity--more specific responsibility for the school rested with the Trustees of the State Primary and Reform Schools (i.e., at Westborough and, for girls, the State Industrial School at Lancaster)--replacing the State Primary School inspectors and the individual reform school boards of trustees--who could transfer inmates from the State Industrial School and the State Reform School to the State Primary School (St 1880, c 208, s 2). Placement of school inmates on trial with families (often followed by indenture, previously arranged by the almshouse) by the superintendent (Gardiner Tufts, Dec. 1879-Dec.? 1884) and inspectors had been encouraged by St 1866, c 209, s 7; the power was vested in the trustees by St 1880, c 208, s 1, with additional power to board out younger or handicapped children at state expense. St 1882, c 181 allowed the state board to transfer dependent children to the school in the same manner as local overseers of the poor transferred them to the Tewksbury Almshouse (i.e., directly as well as from the almshouse) (s 2), and the courts to do so indirectly by committing neglected children to custody of the board (s 3)

The State Board of Lunacy and Charity (succeeding the State Board of Health, Lunacy, and Charity in 1886) had in its annual reports (Jan 1893 and Jan 1894) objected to the growing number of juvenile offenders in the State Primary School, proposing to protect the other inmates by renewed efforts at family placement--their success in this led to the passage of St 1895, c 428, which abolished the State Primary School and renamed the trustees as the Trustees of the Lyman (i.e., at Westborough) and Industrial Schools under jurisdiction of

the state board, with power to recommit offenders to the reform schools and to place remaining State Primary School inmates at home or in other suitable homes.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429448>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Hospital registers, 1854-1895.**

Identifier: HS3.05/110X

Extent: 0.6 cubic feet (4 volumes) ||Copies: Partial microfilm reel ; 35 mm

Arranged: Arranged by case no./chronologically by admission date.

Notes: Vols. 1-2 formerly separate series as almshouse hospital register.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81993684>

#### **Case histories, 1866-1895.**

Identifier: HS3.05/411X

Extent: 2.1 cubic feet (16 volumes) ||Copies: 3 microfilm reels (2 partial) ; 35 mm

Arranged: In five subseries

Notes: Reel GSU 452: Subseries (1);  
Subseries (2) volumes 1-3, 1864-1885. Reel GSU 453:  
Subseries (2) volumes 3-6, 1885-1895;  
Subseries (3) volumes 1, 1866-1872.  
Reel GSU 454: Subseries (3) volumes 1-2, 1872-1879;  
Subseries (4);  
Subseries (5)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79843207>

#### **Death register, 1854-1895.**

Identifier: HS3.05/413X

Extent: 1 volume  
Copies: Partial microfilm reel ; 35 mm

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82331234>

#### **Journal of boarding out clothing bills, 1893-1895.**

Identifier: HS3.05/681X

Extent: 1 volume

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by date of bill.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122520717>

**Financial records, 1874-1895.**

Identifier: HS3.05/801X  
Extent: 4 file folders (partial document box)  
Arranged: Arranged in four subseries:  
(1) Bank account books, 1884-1892  
(2) Check stubs, 1894-1895  
(3) Bills, 1874-1875  
(4) Inventory, 1880.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122590958>

**Punishment book, 1891-1895.**

Identifier: HS3.05/826X  
Extent: 1 volume  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122564420>

**Applications for discharge, 1866-1871.**

Identifier: HS3.05/872X  
Extent: 2 volumes  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by date of admission.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122505900>

**Birth register, 1854-1885.**

Identifier: HS3.05/873X  
Extent: 1 volume  
Copies: Partial microfilm reel ; 35 mm  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81574192>

**Outgoing correspondence, 1869-1895.**

Identifier: HS3.05/882X  
Extent: 3.3 cubic feet (28 volumes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Vols. 28-30 transferred to: Correspondence concerning placement applications ((M-Ar)916X)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81716227>

**Reports of visiting agents, 1880-1895.**

Identifier: HS3.05/890X  
Extent: 1.49 cubic feet (13 volumes)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122520715>

**Register of incoming correspondence, 1879-1895.**

Identifier: HS3.05/900X  
Extent: 0.41 cubic feet (6 volumes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by date of receipt.  
Notes: Spine title: Letter register.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122412335>

**Transcripts of votes of Trustees of the State Primary and Reform Schools, 1879-1895.**

Identifier: HS3.05/901X  
Extent: 1 volume  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by meeting date.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86132255>

**Inmate cashbook, 1893-1895.**

Identifier: HS3.05/903X  
Extent: 1 volume  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by inmate, thereunder chronologically by month.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122609762>

**Invoice/voucher registers, 1870-1895.**

Identifier: HS3.05/904X  
Extent: 1.29 cubic feet (11 volumes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Spine title varies: Daybook; Blotter; Invoice; Invoice book  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122613850>

**General ledgers, 1880-1895.**

Identifier: HS3.05/905X  
Extent: 0.29 cubic feet (2 volumes)  
Arranged: Arranged by account.  
Notes: Contents: 1880-1881. 1887-1895.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122419863>

**Placement registers, 1874-1890.**

Identifier: HS3.05/907X  
Extent: 0.25 cubic feet (2 volumes)

Copies: Partial microfilm reel ; 35 mm  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by date of placement or indenture.  
Notes: Volume 1 formerly separate series known as: Placement and indenture register. Spine title: Indenture & agreement book.  
Volume 2 formerly separate series known as: Trial book (spine title)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83299834>

**Farm accounts, 1887-1895.**

Identifier: HS3.05/908X  
Extent: 1 volume  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122613844>

**Schedules of bills, 1863-1887.**

Identifier: HS3.05/911X  
Extent: 0.24 cubic feet (3 volumes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Spine title: Schedule book.  
Contents: Oct. 1863-Oct. 1868. Oct. 1868-June 1873. Oct. 1878-Sept. 1887.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122419854>

**Cash journal, 1887-1895.**

Identifier: HS3.05/912X  
Extent: 0.29 cubic feet (2 volumes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Contents: Sept. 1887-Apr. 1892. Apr. 1892-Aug. 1895.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122357392>

**Boarding out register, 1883-1892.**

Identifier: HS3.05/914X  
Extent: 1 volume  
Copies: Partial microfilm reel ; 35 mm  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83949036>

**Correspondence concerning placement applications, 1882-1895.**

Identifier: HS3.05/916X  
Extent: 0.3 cubic feet (4 volumes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Vols. 2-4 formerly part of: Outgoing correspondence ((M-Ar)882X)  
Contents: Apr. 1882-Oct. 1883; Novolumes 1883-Jan. 1887; Feb.  
1887-May 1891; May 1891-Apr. 1895.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122469502>

#### **Admission registers, 1866-1895.**

Identifier: HS3.05/917X

Extent: 0.9 cubic feet (5 volumes)

Arranged: In two subseries:

(1) Full admission

(2) Support or temporary custody;

Arranged within each Volume by school no./chronologically by  
admission date.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122521174>

#### **Incoming correspondence, 1854-1894.**

Identifier: HS3.05/920X

Extent: 17.5 cubic feet (14 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Formerly known as: General correspondence.

Files for 1854-1871, 1878-1883, 1889-1890, 1892-1894 only.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122520718>

#### **Indentures and agreements, 1854-1890.**

Identifier: HS3.05/921X

Extent: 1.6 cubic feet (1 record center carton and 1 document box)

Copies: 3 microfilm reels (2 partial) ; 35 mm

Arranged: In two subseries:

(1) Indentures and agreements, 1854-1890

(2) Annulled indentures and agreements, 1861-1880;

Arranged within each subseries chronologically.

Notes: Both subseries likely incomplete; bulk of documents from 1860s and  
early 1870s. Many records in duplicate, as originally drawn up.

Reel GSU 448: Subseries (1), 1854-1857. Reel GSU 449: Subseries (1),  
1857-1866. Reel GSU 450: Subseries (1), 1866-1890; Subseries (2)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/77990746>

#### **Letters of placement recommendation, 1854-1871.**

Identifier: HS3.05/923X

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122506033>

**Orders of admission, 1870-1894 (bulk 1889-1894)**

Identifier: HS3.05/924X  
Extent: 0.7 cubic feet (2 document boxes)  
Copies: 2 partial microfilm reels ; 35 mm  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Files for 1870, 1876-1878, 1883, 1886, 1889-1890, 1892-1894 only;  
pre-1889 files fragmentary.  
Box 1: 1870-1890. Box 2: 1892-1894.  
Reel GSU 447: 1870-1892. Reel GSU 448: 1892-1894.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/77818411>

**Register of weekly admissions and discharges, 1876-1895.**

Identifier: HS3.05/925X  
Extent: 0.57 cubic feet (3 volumes)  
Copies: 2 partial microfilm reels ; 35 mm  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Volume 1: Oct. 1876-Sept. 1882.  
Volume 2: Sept. 1882-July 1890.  
Volume 3: Aug. 1890-June 1895.  
Reel GSU 451: Oct. 1876-Feb. 1895. Reel GSU 452: Feb.-June 1895.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83622713>

**Weekly reports of admissions and discharges, 1866-1892.**

Identifier: HS3.05/927X  
Extent: 1.5 cubic feet (13 volumes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Spine title: State Primary School returns.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122590964>

**Minutes of the Board of Inspectors, 1854-1876.**

Identifier: HS3.05/930X  
Extent: 1 volume  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by meeting date.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122581495>

**Financial statements, 1881-1883.**



Identifier: HS3.05/934X  
Extent: 1 file folder (partial document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Statement for 1882 lacking.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122372729>

**Death certificates, 1879-1895.**

Identifier: HS3.05/937X  
Extent: 1 file folder (partial document box)  
Copies: Partial microfilm reel ; 35 mm  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78844636>

**Placement evaluations, 1856-1871.**

Identifier: HS3.05/939X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Files for 1862-1864 lacking.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122506034>

**Votes of Trustees of the State Primary and Reform Schools, 1879-1893.**

Identifier: HS3.05/940X  
Extent: 2 file folders (partial document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by meeting date.  
Notes: Files for 1879, 1889-1890, 1892-1893 (some incomplete) only. For a complete record see: Transcripts of votes of Trustees of the State Primary and Reform Schools, 1879-1895 ((M-Ar)901X)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122469508>

**Transfer lists of inmates, 1854-1883.**

Identifier: HS3.05/941X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Copies: Partial microfilm reel ; 35 mm  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Files for 1854-1855, 1863-1871, 1878-1881, 1883 only.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82111931>

**Annual reports, 1854-1878.**

Identifier: HS3.05/1318(subseries)

Extent: 1 volume  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122412398>

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## **Record Group Number: HS3.06**

## **Record Group Name: State Almshouse (Monson, Mass.)**

### **Historical Note:**

St 1852, c 275 authorized the building of three state almshouses for paupers without settlement in the Commonwealth as certified by overseers of the poor or other local authorities, each with a superintendent and three inspectors who could bind out minors as apprentices. St 1853, c 352 appropriated funds for almshouses in Bridgewater, Monson, and Tewksbury, which opened in 1854. St 1855, c 366 provided for recording by the almshouse superintendent of birth and deaths and the making of annual returns to the state secretary. St 1856, c 171 placed local certification procedures for admission under jurisdiction of the Board of Alien Commissioners. St 1856, c 446, s 4 held municipalities liable for expenses for paupers found to have settlement. St 1858, c 168 authorized superintendents to contract out and discharge paupers who would work; those who refused forfeited state support. St 1859, c 255 authorized the Board of Alien Commissioners to transfer paupers between state almshouses and lunatic hospitals or to discharge and send them out of state. St 1854, c 437 had banned admission of the dangerously insane; St 1865, c 162 based admission of cases of smallpox or other dangerous disease solely on determination of state authority. St 1863, c 240 placed almshouses under jurisdiction of the Board of State Charities.

Almshouse children under age sixteen (along with those transferred from other almshouses) were segregated at Monson in a State Primary School established at the almshouse per St 1866, c 209. The State Almshouse at Monson itself was discontinued per St 1872, c 45, and most inmates (i.e., adults) were transferred to the State Almshouse at Tewksbury, although some (s 3) were transferred for support or temporary custody as helpers (along with their children under age three) at the State Primary School (Board of State Charities. Annual report. 9th, 1872 (PD 17: Jan. 1873)), while the almshouse superintendent and inspectors continued responsible for the school (s 4).

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429456>

### **Related Series:**

**Case histories, 1869-1876.**

Identifier: HS3.06/918X  
Extent: 0.15 cubic feet (2 volumesolumes)  
Copies: Partial microfilm reel ; 35 mm  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by admission date.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81473974>

**Admission permits, 1854-1871.**

Identifier: HS3.06/922X  
Extent: 7.5 cubic feet (6 record center cartons)  
Copies: 13 microfilm reels (2 partial) ; 35 mm  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Formerly kept as separate series: Paupers certificates from overseers of the poor.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79356630>

**Admission registers, 1854-1872.**

Identifier: HS3.06/929X  
Extent: 2.1 cubic feet (7 volumes)  
Copies: 3 microfilm reels (2 partial) ; 35 mm  
Arranged: Arranged within each Volume by almshouse no./chronologically by admission date.  
Notes: Reel GSU 454: volumes 1. Reel GSU 455: volumes 2-3; Index volumes 1-4, A-U. Reel GSU 456: Index volumes 4, U-Z.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79125323>

**Trial balances, 1869-1871.**

Identifier: HS3.06/933X  
Extent: 2 file folders (partial document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by month.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122564417>

**Bills rendered for support of sick state paupers, 1855-1858.**

Identifier: HS3.06/935X  
Extent: 1 file folder (partial document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122556569>

**Acknowledgements and denials of settlement, 1870.**

Identifier: HS3.06/936X  
Extent: 1 file folder (partial document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122581499>

**Bills for goods and services, 1858-1865.**

Identifier: HS3.06/943X

Extent: 6 file folders (partial document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122372727>

**Weekly reports of admissions and discharges, 1854-1872.**

Identifier: HS3.06/945X

Extent: 1.8 cubic feet (1 document box and 12 volumes)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122357391>

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**Record Group Number: HS3.07**

**Record Group Name: Penikese Hospital (Penikese Island, Mass.)**

**Historical Note:**

The care of lepers became a recognizable need during the late 19th century because of the growing number of immigrants entering the Commonwealth. Where it became apparent that local communities were ill-prepared to manage the care and treatment of lepers, the responsibility fell to the State Board of Charity. During the first years of the 20th century, the board sought to integrate the care of leprosy with other functions of the State Hospital at Tewksbury, but its governing board objected. The State Board of Charity then sought local sites for the establishment of a leper colony, an effort met with resistance from local community leaders.

Finally in 1905, under authority derived from the General Court (St 1905, c 474), the State Board of Charity purchased Penikese Island seven miles off the coast of Massachusetts in

Buzzards Bay, where buildings were erected and provisions made for the receipt and care of lepers. Under St 1909, c 250 persons confined at Penikese Hospital were considered state charges, with no money collected from the municipality of origin.

In 1910 the buildings of the hospital were extended and remodeled (Resolves 1910, c 126). Initially the superintendent was a physician who served the patient's medical needs. By 1916 the superintendent was assisted by another resident physician, two nurses, an orderly, and a number of nonprofessional workers. There was a relationship between the staff and the Harvard Medical School for the closer study of leprosy, resulting in the establishment of a Medical Advisory Committee. On January 13, 1912, a fire destroyed the original administration building on Penikese Island, and with it the hospital's medical records. The records held by the Archives date from after that time, but represent an effort to recreate the lost records. In 1919 the Penikese Hospital came under the administration of the new Department of Public Health (St 1919 c 350, s 96), which then contracted with the U.S. Public Health Service for managing the Penikese Hospital (St 1920, c 328). The following year the hospital was closed and sold (Resolves 1921, c 30).

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122336016>

#### **Related Series:**

##### **Patient histories and register, 1905-1919.**

Identifier: HS3.07/552X

Extent: 1 file folder (partial document box)

Notes: Acquired from the Department of Public Welfare in 1981. Some materials were created after the loss of patient records to fire in 1912.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122656200>

##### **State care and treatment of lepers in Massachusetts, 1916.**

Identifier: HS3.07/881X

Extent: 1 file folder (partial document box)

Notes: Transferred to Archives from Dept. of Public Welfare, 1981.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122297716>

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**Record Group Number: HS3.10**

**Record Group Name: Perkins School for the Blind**

**Historical Note:**

The New England Asylum for the Blind was incorporated in Massachusetts in 1829 (St 1828, c 111); and opened in Boston in 1832 as the New England Institution for the Education of the Blind. It was successively renamed the Perkins Institution and Massachusetts Asylum for the Blind in 1839, the Perkins Institution and Massachusetts School for the Blind in 1877, and the Perkins School for the Blind in 1955. The institution relocated to Watertown in 1912.

Although not a state agency, the school by the terms of its incorporation received state support for students sent to it by the Commonwealth. The Board of Education was given supervision of this process (previously under the state secretary) by St 1885, c 118, continued from 1919 by the Dept. of Education. The school was specifically named in relevant legislation (MGLA c 69, s 26) until that section's repeal by St 1972, c 766, s 8. Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86144121>

**Related Series:****Annual reports, 1851-1924.**

Identifier: HS3.10/1318(subseries)  
Extent: 8 pamphlet boxes  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Public document, no. 27.  
Reports for 1852-1856, 1897-1898, 1900 missing.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122556590>

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**Record Group Number: HS3.13****Record Group Name: Board of State Charities – Visiting Agency****Historical Note:**

On Sept. 26, 1866, the Massachusetts Board of State Charities executive committee appointed G.M. Fisk to be visiting agent, under the secretary of the board, to track and visit state wards sent out to indenture from the State Primary School at Monson. The Visiting Agency was made a separate department within the board per St 1869, c 453 (June 23, 1869). The agent appointed, Gardiner Tufts, oversaw visiting agents who found and approved placements for children, conducted visits of children that were adopted, indentured, or otherwise placed out, and provided ongoing follow-up. The agency also

investigated applicants wanting to adopt or indenture children, and was to be notified when any state-supported child was to be committed to a state reform institution. Agents were to attend trials of such juvenile offenders, and were allowed to recommend placement with a family if more suitable.

To systematize and improve consistency in the visiting of large numbers of children, the state was divided into four divisions, each with its own visitor: the western division, under G. M. Fisk of Palmer, comprising the counties of Berkshire, Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden, the states of Connecticut and Vermont, and the border counties of New York; the central division, under B.B. Vassall of Worcester, Worcester County, western Middlesex County, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire; the northern division, under G. H. Hull of Saugus, Essex County and eastern Middlesex County; and the southern division, under A.G. Hart of Fall River, Norfolk, Bristol, Plymouth, Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket counties. The headquarters of the western division was at Palmer, while the central, northern, and southern divisions were based at the Boston office in order to assist with visits in Suffolk County.

St 1879, c 291 replaced the Board of State Charities with the State Board of Health, Lunacy, and Charity, with the Visiting Agency replaced by the Division of Visiting, Dept. of Indoor Poor of that board. Gardiner Tufts then became superintendent of the State Primary School at Monson, 1879-1884.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/313450455>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Placement applications, 1871-1874.**

Identifier: HS3.13/410X

Extent: 1 volume

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by application date.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/319633881>

#### **Reports of Women Requesting Discharge from St Primary School.**

Identifier: HS3.13/547X

#### **Survey responses to Juvenile Court questionnaire, 1875.**

Identifier: HS3.13/555X

Extent: 1 volume

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/319633884>

**Case notes of minor wards, 1872-1883 (bulk 1875-1879).**

Identifier: HS3.13/2521X

Extent: 1 volume

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/319632776>

**Ledger, 1872-1879 (bulk 1872-1873).**

Identifier: HS3.13/2522X

Extent: 1 volume

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/319633890>

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**Record Group Number: HS3.14**

**Record Group Name: Rainsford Island Hospital (Mass.)**

**Historical Note:**

Rainsford Island in Boston Harbor, purchased by the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in 1736, was the site for almost two centuries of various quarantine, hospital, and other charitable institutions, administered and funded alternately or jointly by Massachusetts and Boston.

St 1852, c 275 authorized the construction of almshouses to house state paupers, previously cared for locally with state aid. The same act directed the establishment of a state hospital at Rainsford Island for sick state paupers, especially alien passengers arriving by water, but also for those otherwise too ill to go to the state almshouses. Per St 1853, c 352, the Board of Alien Commissioners regulated the assignment by the City of Boston of sick state paupers to the hospital. Over time, the board became responsible for other aspects of Rainsford Island patient status, including disposing of deceased pauper property (St 1856, c 294, s 3) and transferring or discharging paupers from state charitable institutions (St 1859, c 255)

St 1854, c 262 (Apr. 12, 1854) authorized the governor and council to appoint a board of inspectors for the hospital, who were to inspect it weekly, establish rules and regulations, arrange for transportation, and complete repairs to the facility. A superintendent, the



attending physician, oversaw daily hospital operations. The Rainsford Island Hospital (as it became officially known) opened May 16, 1854.

Resolves 1855, c 76 and other later appropriations paid for additional improvements, including a wharf, a pier, and water closets. Because of low patient population at the hospital, St 1855, c 52 allowed Boston police and municipal courts to commit persons convicted to labor (primarily vagrants and drunkards) to the hospital, a practice ended per St 1859, c 129. Because of costs and the limited duties of the board of inspectors, St 1857, c 248 reduced their visits to once a month.

When the Board of Alien Commissioners was abolished per St 1863, c 240, its functions were transferred to the new Board of State Charities. From the beginning, that board questioned the continued operation of the hospital, citing the reduced need for ship quarantines, the large costs, decreasing numbers of ill paupers, inconsistent admission and discharge practices, and difficult transportation to the island. Numerous patients well enough to be released or sent to state almshouses were removed in early 1863.

In 1863, William J. Dale (first surgeon general of Massachusetts, as of June 1861) was appointed one of the inspectors of the Rainsford Island Hospital. U.S. soldiers were admitted there as early as Feb. 24, 1864, from which date until Aug. 10 the United States reimbursed Massachusetts for their board (Board of State Charities. Annual Report for 1863/1864). St 1864, c 170 (Apr. 25 1864) allowed soldiers in Massachusetts who had a contagious or infectious disease to be admitted to the hospital on certification from the governor. A June 24, 1865 order of the governor through the surgeon general allowed honorably discharged Civil War soldiers requiring surgery to be treated at the hospital. While a separate military barracks was constructed in July 1865 to house these soldiers, they received services from the staff already on the island, and expenses of their care were paid through the regular hospital appropriation. In the ongoing effort to reduce the numbers of patients serviced on Rainsford Island, remaining soldiers were removed or incorporated into the general pauper population in May 1866.

St 1865, c 162 (Apr. 27, 1865) ordered city and town authorities to maintain sick and contagious state paupers locally at state expense, rather than sending them to Rainsford Island, until they were well enough to go to a state almshouse. The Governor ordered Rainsford Island Hospital closed in Dec. 1866. St 1869, c 43 abolished the position of inspector. Resolves 1869, c 39 authorized the governor to sell and or convey to other state charitable institutions all state property on Rainsford Island. In Nov. 1871 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts sold the island for \$40,000 to the City of Boston, which then used it as an almshouse.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/123470449>

## Related Series:

### Records and accounts, 1854-1862.

Identifier: HS3.14/246X

Extent: 1 volume

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/123526599>

### Register, 1854-1866 (bulk 1865-1866).

Identifier: HS3.14/440X

Extent: 0.2 cubic feet (1 volumeolumes)

Copies: Partial microfilm reel ; 35 mm

Arranged: Organized in two subseries:

(1) Hospital register, 1854-1855, 1865-1866

(2) Admissions to hospital, 1865-1866;

Arranged within each subseries chronologically.

Notes: Formerly classified under PS1 (Surgeon General's Office)

Flyleaf inscribed: Record kept by George L. Underwood, surgeon in charge of hospitals, Rainsford Island, Boston.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/123458859>

### Weekly reports, 1854-1866.

**Restriction:** Some restrictions may apply

Identifier: HS3.14/743X

Extent: 0.37 cubic feet (4 volumes)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Volume 1: May 1854-Jan. 1856.

Volume 2: 1861.

Volume 3: 1862.

Volume 4: Oct. 1863-Oct. 1866.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/123526598>

### Board of State Charities minutes and correspondence relating to Rainsford Island Hospital, 1863-1865.

Identifier: HS3.14/1658X

Extent: 1 volume

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Flyleaf: Rainsford Island Hospital records.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/123526601>

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## **Record Group Number: HS4**

## **Record Group Name: Homestead Commission**

### **Historical Note:**

Resolves 1909, c 143 authorized the governor to appoint a five-member commission to report the following year on the advisability of the Commonwealth acquiring or otherwise opening "country districts" (suburban areas). These would be for settlement by the working class (to whom the land would ultimately pass) thus relieving urban congestion. A bill to create a permanent commission (1910 H 1687) failed to pass, but St 1911, c 607 established a seven-member Homestead Commission for essentially the same purpose as the 1909 body.

St 1913, c 494 mandated the formation of a planning board in each city and each town of over 10,000 population (towns of under 10,000 were included on a voluntary basis by St 1914, c 283) to study housing resources and needs. Annual reports were to be made to the municipality with a copy to the Homestead Commission, which would provide information and guidance to the boards. St 1913, c 596, enlarging the commission by two members, provided for its continued investigation of defective housing and of building and tenement house laws, and for its promotion of organizations to increase a supply of wholesome housing.

St 1917, c 310 authorized the commission to take or purchase land for small houses and plots; to hold improve, subdivide, build upon, sell, repurchase, and manage and care for such land and buildings. Taking of mortgages was provided for by St 1918, c 204.

St 1919, c 350, ss 87, 90 abolished the Homestead Commission and placed its functions within the Dept. of Public Welfare.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122575209>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Minutes, 1916-1919.**

Identifier: HS4/549X

Extent: 1 volume

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Includes minutes of 42nd through 84th meetings.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122412419>

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## **Record Group Number: HS5**

### **Record Group Name: Department of Public Welfare**

#### **Historical Note:**

St 1919, c 350, s 87 abolished the Massachusetts State Board of Charity and the Homestead Commission, establishing the Dept. of Public Welfare as their successor. Initially the department was organized into the Division of Aid and Relief (succeeding the Division of State Adult Poor) which oversaw the unsettled poor, and relief provided by municipal public welfare authorities; the Division of Child Guardianship (succeeding the Division of State Minor Wards) responsible for the care, custody, and maintenance of state minor wards who were largely placed in foster family homes, with state agents providing investigation and visitation to ensure care of the children; and the Division of Juvenile Training (s 91) which per St 1948, c 310, s 23 was replaced outside the department by the Youth Service Board. Two other divisions not named in the statute were: Private Charities, and Housing and Town Planning (which was empowered to purchase land, build houses, and sell to citizens at not less than cost, and to advise local planning boards). At the time of its inception the department had jurisdiction over the following state institutions: State Infirmary (Tewksbury), Almshouse Dept. at the State Farm (Bridgewater), Massachusetts Hospital School for crippled children (Canton); and the three industrial training schools for juvenile delinquents: Lyman School (Westborough), Industrial School for Boys (Shirley), and Industrial School for Girls (Lancaster). St 1952, c 602 (effective 1953) replaced the Division of Aid and Relief with the Division of Public Assistance.

St 1967, c 658 (effective July 1968) codified the Dept. of Public Welfare's role in providing a comprehensive public welfare program for Massachusetts, abolishing city and town boards of public welfare. St 1969, c 704, s 16 placed the department within the Executive Office of Human Services; St 1969, c 885 (effective Feb. 1971) mandated departmental reorganization under assistant commissioners for administration, field operations, social services, and medical assistance.

St 1978, c 552 (as amended by St 1979, c 795, s 4) abolished the department's Office of Social Services by transferring its functions of services to families, children, unmarried parents, the aging, and other adults and population groups with special needs to a new Dept. of Social Services, effective July 1980.

St 1995, c 5 renamed the department as the Dept. of Transitional Services, its mission being to assist low-income individuals and families to meet their basic needs, increase their incomes, and improve their quality of life.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429356>

#### **Related Series:**

#### **Files of the Massachusetts Committee for the Midcentury White House Conference on Children and Youth, 1950.**

Identifier: HS5/557X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged by topic.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122591044>

#### **Memorandums to local boards of public welfare, 1936-1962.**

Identifier: HS5/559X

Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)

Copies Partial microfilm reel ; 16 mm

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Also known as: Official releases.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86123334>

#### **Public assistance policy statements, 1953-1962.**

Identifier: HS5/560X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)

Copies Partial microfilm reel ; 16 mm

Arranged: Arranged chronologically (1953-1958, 1959-1962), thereunder alphabetically by subject, and then chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122469591>

#### **Staff minutes of Worcester District, 1939-1953.**

Identifier: HS5/563X

Extent: 0.52 cubic feet (2 document boxes)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Also known as: Staff notes.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122469597>

#### **Subject files, 1974-1984.**

Identifier: HS5/564

Extent: 22.5 cubic feet (18 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by subject.  
Notes: Cartons numbered 11-28.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78642328>

**District supervisors' minutes, 1939-1946.**

Identifier: HS5/565X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Also known as: District supervisors' notes.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122506065>

**Commissioner's internal correspondence, 1981-1987.**

Identifier: HS5/841  
Extent: 3.75 cubic feet (3 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Scheduled as: Internal correspondence.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122560438>

**Commissioner's federal official correspondence, 1986.**

Identifier: HS5/843  
Extent: 1.6 cubic feet (1 record center carton and 1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Scheduled as: Federal official correspondence.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122372738>

**Memorandums to district directors, 1950-1958.**

Identifier: HS5/1317X  
Extent: 0.7 cubic feet (2 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122521202>

**Annual reports, 1920-1969.**

Identifier: HS5/1318(subseries)  
Extent: 1.5 cubic feet (1 document box, 30 volumes, and 6 folders)  
Arranged: In two subseries:  
(1) Annual reports.  
(2) Annual reports of state institutions.  
Notes: Public document, no. 17.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122656239>

### **General Correspondence, 1987**

Identifier: HS5/1486

### **Accounts of support for children, 1915-1928 (bulk 1916-1921)**

Identifier: HS5/1653X

Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)

Arranged: In three alphabetical groupings: ledger, 1915-1916, folders 1916-1919, 1919-1928.

Notes: Includes contents of former series (M-Ar)1654X.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/904049865>

### **Grove Hall Project Demonstration Files, 1968-1972**

Identifier: HS5/1848X

Extent: 3 document boxes

### **Self Survey, 1952-1960**

Identifier: HS5/1849X

Extent: 1 document box

### **Medical Assistance Program claims remittance advices, 1978.**

**Restriction:** Personal medical information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 4, s 7, d 26(c) and c 66A. Public health hospital/clinic client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 111, s 70. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS5/2524X

Extent: 1 microfilm reel ; 16 mm

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/437261839>

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## **Record Group Number: HS5.01**

## **Record Group Name: Division of Aid and Relief**

### **Historical Note:**

The Division of State Adult Poor was established within the State Board of Lunacy and Charity in 1898 and continued in that year under the State Board of Charity. (It was recognized by statute per St 1908, c 598.) It provided state support for poor without legal settlement (defined by St 1911, c 669 as continuous residence for five years in a given

municipality). The division's superintendent administered the law relating (Indoor unit) to sane inmates of the State Hospital (later State Infirmery) at Tewksbury and the State Farm at Bridgewater, also (Outdoor unit) the sick state poor, those ill of dangerous diseases, and those receiving temporary relief.

St 1919, c 350, ss 87-95, which established the Dept. of Public Welfare as a successor to the State Board of Charity, provided for a Division of Aid and Relief to continue the functions of the Division of State Adult Poor, to include also a board of trustees of the State Infirmery (heretofore also supervising the State Farm).

The Division of Aid and Relief was initially comprised of: Subdivision of Settlements, Subdivision of Mothers' Aid, and Subdivision of Social Service (informally known as the Institutions Dept. and including the State Infirmery and cases referred from other divisions). A Subdivision of Relief (to supervise public relief by local boards of public welfare and public health to those in homes or hospitals without legal settlement) and a Bureau of Old Age Assistance were added in 1931 (St 1930, c 402).

The Subdivision of Settlements continued specific programs of care or local reimbursement of aid legislated by the state to assist the poor without legal settlement. Using field agents, the department supervised aid administered by the local authorities, investigated legal settlement status, and inspected city and town paupers supported in families or in local almshouses. Local overseers of the poor were required to send notices to the division, in order to receive approval for state reimbursement, and auditing of claims was made on city and town reimbursement requests. Programs supported included: supervision of wayfarers' lodges and public lodging houses; aid to shipwrecked seamen; SICK STATE POOR: provided local support for state poor too sick to be moved to the State Infirmery (previously State Almshouse), originating with St 1855, c 445; DANGEROUS DISEASES per St 1902, c 213 (originally Contagious Diseases per St 1865, c 162) provided reimbursement to local boards of health for expenses paid to treat persons without settlement infected with smallpox or other diseases dangerous to the public health; TEMPORARY AID: allowed temporary aid (four weeks or less) provided by local authorities to the state poor, with state reimbursement upon notice to the agent of state charities (per St 1877, c 183), and including removals to transport the unsettled poor to other states or countries; BURIAL: following longstanding practice, the state covered claims from local overseers of the poor for unreimbursed funeral expenses of unsettled paupers; WIFE SETTLEMENT: provided support for families where the husband was a state pauper, while the wife and children had settlement in the notifying city or town, per St 1855, c 172. St 1911, c 669 eased prerequisites for acquiring a settlement, decreasing the number of notices under this law.



The Subdivision of Mothers' Aid administered the law for mothers with dependent children per St 1913, c 763, ss 5-7, which provided grants of relief to mothers with dependent children under the age of fourteen. The state paid one third of the amount of aid rendered for applicants with legal settlement, and the entire amount for those with no legal settlement. The unit was renamed Subdivision of Aid to Dependent Children by 1937 (per St 1935, c 494). In 1939 that unit, the Subdivision of Relief, and the Bureau of Old Age Assistance were abolished and seven welfare district offices were established to supervise aid to dependent children, old age assistance, and general relief, under a Subdivision of Supervisory Service. A Subdivision of Research and Statistics was established in 1937, known by 1939 as Bureau of Research and Statistics, then by 1940 no longer part of the division. A Subdivision of Appeals was established pursuant to St 1939, c 248 and c 481, adopting a referee system of hearing grievances relating to old age assistance and aid to dependent children. By 1951 the Division of Aid and Relief's named subunits included only the Subdivision of Social Service to Tewksbury State Hospital and Infirmary, and the Subdivision of Appeals.

Reorganization of the Dept. of Public Welfare by St 1952, c 602 provided for a Division of Public Assistance, succeeding the Division of Aid and Relief as of 1953 to supervise public welfare by municipalities, aid to dependent children, and old age assistance. (That division remained until another reorganization of the Dept. of Public Welfare in Feb. 1971, per St 1969, c 885.)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429848>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Weekly returns of admissions and discharges at the State Farm, 1931-1939.**

Identifier: HS5.01/489X

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (8 volumes in 1 record center carton)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Volume for 1938 lacking.

Formerly classed under (M-Ar)HS9.10: Massachusetts. State Farm.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122469696>

#### **Accounts of monies received, 1931-1935.**

**Restriction:** Personal information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 4, s7, d 26(c), c 66A. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS5.01/558X

Extent: 1 volume

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122556598>

### **Weekly returns of admissions and discharges at the State Infirmiry, 1894-1935.**

**Restriction:** Public health hospital/clinic client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 111, s 70. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS5.01/961X

Extent: 11.25 cubic feet (39 volumes in 9 record center cartons)

Copies: 9 microfilm reels ; 35 mm

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Spine title varies: State Hospital returns; State Infirmiry returns.

Lacks returns for 1896, 1909.

Formerly classed under (M-Ar)HS6.11: Massachusetts. State Infirmiry (Tewksbury, Mass.)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83716135>

### **Mothers' Aid relief registers, 1913-1929.**

**Restriction:** Personal information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 4, s7, d 26(c), c 66A. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS5.01/1327X

Extent: 6.3 cubic feet (21 volume)

Arranged: In two subseries:

(1) Cities and towns

(2) Boston.

Arranged chronologically by year, thereunder alphabetically by municipality, and then chronologically by date of notice.

Notes: Cover title: Transfer.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86123335>

### **Abstract of audit, 1886-1935.**

**Restriction:** Personal information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 4, s7, d 26(c), c 66A. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS5.01/1328X

Extent: 21.5 cubic feet (101 volume)

Notes: 1886 lacks volume for sick state poor. 1907, 1932/1933-1934/1935 lack volumes for Boston.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122357402>

### **Monthly reports, 1916-1930.**

**Restriction:** Personal information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 4, s7, d 26(c), c 66A. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS5.01/1329X  
Extent: 0.87 cubic feet (3 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Some years incomplete. Files for 1919-21, 1927-28 missing. Records from 1930 consist only of lists of children, as above.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122556595>

**Accounts of funds received, 1912-1927.**

Identifier: HS5.01/1633X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (4 volumes in 1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/895171764>

**Accounts of funds due, 1912-1924.**

Identifier: HS5.01/1635X  
Extent: 1 volume  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/895171803>

**Monthly audit accounts, 1913-1921.**

Identifier: HS5.01/1636X  
Extent: 1 volume  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/895172004>

**Minutes, 1906-1910.**

Identifier: HS5.01/1650X  
Extent: 1 document box

**Settlement correspondence files, 1912-1934.**

Identifier: HS5.01/1785X  
Extent: 0.7 cubic feet (2 document boxes)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/786188082>

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**Record Group Number: HS5.06**

**Record Group Name: Department of Public Welfare – State  
Advisory Board**

**Historical Note:**

St 1919, c 350, ss 88-90 placed the Dept. of Public Welfare under the supervision and control of a commissioner of public welfare and an Advisory Board consisting of six members (two of them women) appointed by the governor for staggered five-terms. The board was to assist and advise the commissioner, who was made a member ex officio by St 1930, c 374. St 1952, c 602 deleted that provision and mandated nine members (two women and least three with experience in problems of youth) appointed for staggered three-year terms (s 2); it gave them the power to hold public hearings on and to approve proposed departmental rules and regulations by majority vote (s 11). St 1954, c 646, s 2-3 increased the membership to fifteen (five women and five with experience in problems of youth). St 1962, c 235 required three members to be directors of local welfare departments in districts.

St 1967, c 658, s 1 reconstituted the body in the department as a State Advisory Board, with the commissioner as ex officio nonvoting member, and fifteen members appointed by the governor for three-year terms. Employees of the department were excluded. St 1969, c 885, s 6 required that seven members be recipients of specified departmental assistance; that three be members of community service center boards; and that in addition to advising the commissioner, the board approve his appointments to service center boards and the number and location of service centers (known as areas per St 1974, c 752, s 6; the last provision deleted by St 1982, c 420, s 2). St 1977, c 953, s 1 increased the membership to twenty-five, of whom eight were to be providers and eight recipients of departmental assistance. St 1985, c 737, s 7 gave appointive power to the secretary of human services. The board files an annual report with the General Court. Its functions are currently described in MGLA c 18, s 6.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122656178>

**Related Series:****Transcripts of public hearings, 1966-1968.**

Identifier: HS5.06/1319X

Extent: 1 file folder (partial document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122564464>

**Community service area office advisory council files, 1978-1985, (bulk 1979-1983).**

Identifier: HS5.06/1450

Extent: 1.6 cubic feet (1 record center carton and 1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by office.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122505955>

**Minutes, 1919-1967.**

Identifier: HS5.06/2056

Extent: 6 volumes

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**Record Group Number: HS5.12**

**Record Group Name: Department of Public Welfare – Office of Research, Evaluation, and Planning**

**Historical Note:**

The Subdivision of Research and Statistics was established in the Division of Aid and Relief (Dept. of Public Welfare) in 1937. By 1939 it was renamed Bureau of Research and Statistics and by 1940 had become an independent unit within the department. Its function was to collect, compile, analyze, and publish statistical data relating to public assistance programs. Such data was issued in monthly, semi-annual, and annual statistical reports, largely relating to client populations, revenue, and disbursements, that were required by the federal social security agencies and state law. In the mid-1950s the bureau also began to analyze the effects of proposed state and federal legislation on public assistance programs.

In 1970 the bureau was renamed Division of Research and Planning, in 1971 Division of Statistics and Analysis, and later in the 1970s Office of Research and Planning. An assistant commissioner of research and planning was responsible for long-range planning, new program development, development of new policies and procedures, and field performance review. The office continued to issue the statistical reports required by law, as well as other reports and information for the general public relating to the Dept. of Public Welfare and its programs.

In 1979, after responsibility for statistical reporting was transferred to the Office of Finance, the unit was renamed Office of Research and Evaluation. The major function of the office was to provide the commissioner and executive staff with the research, evaluation, and data analysis needed for making policy, budget, and management decisions.

The office no longer has responsibility for issuing publications relating to the department and its programs. In 1983 it was renamed Office of Research, Evaluation, and Planning.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429210>

## **Related Series:**

### **Public assistance statistics, 1964-1972.**

Identifier: HS5.12/1320X  
Extent: 3 file folders (partial document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by month.  
Notes: Reports for 1968 lacking.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80180853>

### **Reports, 1976-1985.**

Identifier: HS5.12/1451  
Extent: 4.45 cubic feet (3 record center cartons and 2 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by subject/title.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80617208>

### **Correspondence, 1977-1989.**

Identifier: HS5.12/1452  
Extent: 7.5 cubic feet (6 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84075112>

### **Subject files, 1979-1989.**

Identifier: HS5.12/1569  
Extent: 10 cubic feet (8 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by subject, within broad categories.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79973473>

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## **Record Group Number: HS5.025**

## **Record Group Name: Division of Public Assistance**

### **Historical Note:**

Reorganization of the Dept. of Public Welfare in Massachusetts by St 1952, c 602, provided for a Division of Public Assistance, succeeding the Division of Aid and Relief as of 1953 to supervise public welfare by municipalities, aid to dependent children, and old age assistance. The division remained until another reorganization of the Dept. of Public

Welfare in Feb. 1971, per St 1969, c 885. For earlier history see: Massachusetts. Division of Aid and Relief. Agency history record ((M-Ar)HS5.01).

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/895026387>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Bureau of Public Assistance policy statements, 1943-1969.**

Identifier: HS5.025/562X

Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86144279>

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## **Record Group Number: HS6**

## **Record Group Name: Department of Public Health**

### **Historical Note:**

Massachusetts St 1869, c 420 established the State Board of Health and Vital Statistics, generally known as the State Board of Health. It was abolished by St 1879, c 291, which transferred its functions to the State Board of Health, Lunacy, and Charity. St 1886, c 101 renamed that body the State Board of Lunacy and Charity and reestablished the State Board of Health. The board was succeeded in turn by the State Dept. of Health (St 1914, c 792) and the Dept. of Public Health (St 1919, c 350, s 96).

The department's Bureau of Environmental Sanitation (St 1950, c 580, item 2015) was transferred to the Dept. of Environmental Quality Engineering by St 1974, c 608.

The Dept. of Public Health protects the health of Massachusetts residents by maintaining state health facilities, regulating private health facilities, controlling disease, and regulating food, drugs, and other consumer products. Its functions are described in MGLA c 17.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122357369>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Commissioner's administrative files, 1960-1972.**

Identifier: HS6/245

Extent: 45 cubic feet (36 record center cartons)

Arranged: In seven subseries; Arranged within each subseries by subject, partly alphabetically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83565099>

#### **Deputy commissioner's administrative files, 1976-1979.**

Identifier: HS6/247X

Extent: 11.25 cubic feet (9 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged by subject.

Notes: Rearranged from original order; agency folder list in Arrangement and Inventory.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78770408>

#### **Associate commissioner's administrative files, 1972-1976.**

Identifier: HS6/263X

Extent: 11.25 cubic feet (9 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged by subject, partly alphabetically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79359053>

#### **Reports of smallpox cases, 1893-1894.**

Identifier: HS6/392X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 volume in 1 document box)

Arranged: In two subseries:

(1) Massachusetts reports; arranged chronologically;

(2) Other reports; arranged chronologically in reverse order.

Notes: Spine title: Notices--malaria fever and smallpox.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122336066>

#### **Minutes, 1869-1914.**

Identifier: HS6/394X

Extent: 0.68 cubic feet (4 volumes in 4 document boxes)

Notes: Spine title: Records.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122405618>

#### **Annual reports, 1870-1984.**

Identifier: HS6/1318(subseries)

Extent: 2 document boxes, 4 pamphlet boxes and 54 volumes

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Public document, no. 34.

Reports for 1926, 1941, 1969, 1979-1983 missing.



Reports for 1879-1885/86 can be found with those of the State Board of Health, Lunacy, and Charity ((M-Ar)1318 (Subseries)/HS 19).

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122469582>

**Public health pamphlets, 1928-1934.**

Identifier: HS6/2620X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/871534376>

**Department Historical Photographic Negatives.**

Identifier: HS6/2633X

Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (2 record center cartons)

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**Record Group Number: HS6.03**

**Record Group Name: Public Health Council**

**Historical Note:**

St 1914, c 792 established the Public Health Council within the State Dept. of Health (Dept. of Public Health from 1919) to make and promulgate rules and regulations, take evidence in appeals, consider plans and appointments required by law, hold hearings, and discharge other duties relating to public health as required by law; it was to consist of the commissioner of public health and six gubernatorial appointees, of whom three were to be physicians. St 1972, c 776, s 2A increased the number of appointees to eight, of which three are health service providers (including two physicians); the other five are nonproviders of health services, at least one of whom (St 1973, c 1168, s 11) is appointed from a list of three persons submitted by the secretary of elder affairs.

The council's functions are currently described in MGLA c 17, s 3 and c 111, s 3.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429901>

**Related Series:**

**Minutes, 1914-2007.**

Identifier: HS6.03/391

Extent: 84.79 cubic feet (53 record center cartons and 54 document boxes)

Arranged: In two subseries:

(1) Minutes

(2) Exhibits;

Arranged within each subseries chronologically.

Notes: Transferred to Archives from Dept. of Public Health, July 1983.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122521220>

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## **Record Group Number: HS6.04**

## **Record Group Name: North Reading State Sanatorium**

### **Historical Note:**

North Reading State Sanatorium, one of three additional state institutions authorized by St 1907, c 474 to join the Massachusetts State Sanatorium of Rutland in the care and treatment of tuberculosis patients, opened in Sept. 1909, and was officially named and put under the authority of the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives per St 1910, c 198 and c 491. Pursuant to St 1919, c 350, s 98 the sanatoria were placed under the Division of Sanatoria in the Dept. of Public Health.

Both adults and children were admitted as patients, but by 1927 all adults had been moved to other sanatoria. In response to an epidemic of rheumatic fever, St 1945, c 453 authorized admittance of children with that disease and St 1958, c 258 authorized admittance of children with any chronic disease. As part of a reorganization in the state tuberculosis treatment program, North Reading State Sanatorium was closed and its facilities transferred to the Dept. of Mental Health per St 1962, c 598.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80262132>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Inpatient case files, 1914-1961.**

**Restriction:** Public health hospital/clinic client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 111, s 70. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS6.04/508X

Extent: To 1930: 40 cubic feet (32 record center cartons)  
1930-1961: 17 microfilm reels ; 16 mm

Notes: Transferred to Western Massachusetts Hospital ca. 1962, when North Reading State Sanatorium closed. Transferred to Archives, Aug.-Sept. 1982.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79196908>

#### **Employee medical files, 1912-1932.**

**Restriction:** Personal medical information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 4, s 7, d 26(c), c 66A. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS6.04/1338X

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)

Arranged: Arranged by case no./chronologically by treatment date.

Notes: Transferred to Western Massachusetts Hospital ca. 1962, when North Reading State Sanatorium closed. Transferred to Archives, Aug.-Sept. 1982.

Case no. 1-1121 only, although index cites numbers through 1588.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78732255>

### **Outpatient case files, 1925-1936.**

**Restriction:** Public health hospital/clinic client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c111, s 70. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS6.04/1339X

Extent: 5 cubic feet (4 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged by case no./chronologically.

Notes: Transferred to Western Massachusetts Hospital ca. 1962, when North Reading State Sanatorium closed. Transferred to Archives, Aug.-Sept. 1982.

Files 690-740 missing.

Box 1: 640-1154.

Box 2: 1155-1599.

Box 3: 1600-2191.

Box 4: 2193-2634.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79662043>

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## **Record Group Number: HS6.05**

### **Record Group Name: Pondville Hospital (Norfolk, Mass.)**

#### **Historical Note:**

Pursuant to St 1926, c 391, Pondville Hospital opened in 1927 as the first state-operated hospital in Massachusetts to treat cancer patients and to do research on the prevention and cure of cancer. Under the jurisdiction of the Dept. of Public Health, it was located in buildings of the former Norfolk State Hospital in Norfolk and Walpole. Pondville provided surgical services, residency training, training in a practical nursing (from 1949), and outpatient care (St 1959, c 494). New hospital buildings were constructed in the 1960s but

as the state deemphasized direct patient care, it was agreed to sell the facility to the privately owned Norwood Hospital in 1981 (St 1980, c 519; St 1981, c 747).

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78695879>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Superintendent's land-taking files, 1911-1952.**

Identifier: HS6.05/241X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Transferred to Archives, Feb. 1982.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78844645>

#### **Photographs of facilities and activities, [193-?]-1972.**

Identifier: HS6.05/275X

Extent: ca. 100 photographs and slides (1 volume)

Notes: Transferred to Archives, Feb. 1982.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78225743>

#### **Superintendent's new building files, 1969-1972.**

Identifier: HS6.05/276X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Transferred to Archives, Feb. 1982.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84491464>

#### **Staff minutes, 1953-1981.**

**Restriction:** Public health hospital/clinic client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 111, s 70. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS6.05/525X

Extent: 2.5 cubic (2 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Transferred to Archives, Feb. 1982.

Box 1: 1953-1976.

Box 2: 1976-1981.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81866263>

#### **Budget files, 1929-1981.**

Identifier: HS6.05/1341X

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Transferred to Archives, Feb. 1982.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78311163>

**Annual report files, 1941-1981.**

Identifier: HS6.05/1342X  
Extent: 0.87 cubic feet (3 document boxes)  
Arranged: In three subseries:  
(1) Preliminary annual reports, 1941-1981  
(2) Annual statistical reports, 1947-1979  
(3) Audit reports, 1961-1980;  
Arranged within each subseries chronologically.  
Notes: Transferred to Archives, Feb. 1982.  
1949-1950, 1956, 1971, 1978-1979 lacking.  
Subseries (2): 1941-1946 included with subseries (1).  
Reporting year varies: subseries (1) 1946-1981 by fiscal year (i.e., July-June)  
Box 1: subseries (1).  
Box 2: subseries (2), 1947-1969.  
Box 3: subseries (2), 1970-1979; subseries (3)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82576462>

**Autopsy Reports, 1934-1959.**

**Restrictions: Records restricted due to protected medical information.**

Identifier: HS6.05/1796X  
Extent: 3.75 cubic feet (3 records center cartons)

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**Record Group Number: HS6.06**

**Record Group Name: Rutland Heights Hospital (Rutland, Mass)**

**Historical Note:**

St 1895, c 503 established the Massachusetts Hospital for Consumptives and Tubercular Patients, which opened at Rutland in 1898 under the supervision of a board of trustees appointed by the governor with the same powers and duties as those of the state lunatic hospitals. St 1900, c 192 renamed the hospital as the Massachusetts State Sanatorium. St 1907, c 474 authorized the establishment of three additional sanatoriums. With their completion, St 1910, c 198 renamed the Rutland institution as the Rutland State

Sanatorium and St 1910, c 491 placed all four facilities under the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives. St 1919, c 350, s 98 replaced the trustees with the Division of Sanatoria in the Dept. of Public Health.

St 1963, c 517 designated the Rutland facility as a hospital for chronic diseases and placed it directly under the commissioner of public health as the Rutland Hospital. St 1965, c 648 authorized the Dept. of Public Health to acquire the Rutland Heights Hospital from the federal Veterans' Administration, and to transfer to it the staff and patients of the Rutland Hospital. St 1966, c 489 directed that the latter facility be disposed of. On Feb. 26, 1991 Gov. William Weld issued Executive Order 301, appointing a Special Commission for the Study of the Consolidation of State Facilities to consider the closing of facilities of the departments of Public Health, Mental Health, and Mental Retardation, in order to reduce the costs of public patient care and of maintaining deteriorating physical plants. Three of seven public chronic disease hospitals were ordered closed: Cushing, Lakeville, and Rutland Heights. Rutland Heights Hospital was closed in 1991.

This institution should not be confused with the Prison Camp and Hospital opened by the state in Rutland in 1904, which accepted tubercular inmates from the Massachusetts correctional system generally from 1907 until it closed in 1934.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83426515>

#### **Related Series:**

##### **Inpatient case files, 1920-1961.**

**Restriction:** Public health hospital/clinic client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 111, s 70. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS6.06/240X

Extent: 223.75 cubic feet (179 record center cartons)

Copies 179 microfiche (1 box)

Index 6.56 cubic feet (ca. 2400 cards ;

In 6 double card file drawers; and 1 document box) 8 x 13 cm.

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by case no./date of admission.

Notes: Transferred to Archives in Feb. 1978, Apr. 1978, Oct. 1979, and Oct. 1991.

Case files 1-13040, 22070-22695 lacking.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81793032>

##### **Patients register, 1898-1960.**

**Restriction:** Public health hospital/clinic client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 111, s 70. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS6.06/1166X

Extent: 1.66 cubic feet (18 volumes)  
Copies: 3 microfilm reels (2 partial) ; 35 mm  
Arranged: Arranged by case no./chronologically by date of admission.  
Notes: Transferred to Archives in Feb. 1978 (8 volumes), Apr. 1978 (5 volumes), and Aug. 1982 (5 volumes)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83026736>

#### **Discharge registers, 1903-1957.**

**Restriction:** Public health hospital/clinic client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 111, s 70. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS6.06/1167X  
Extent: 1.42 cubic feet (15 volumes in 1 record center carton and 1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Transferred to Archives in Aug. 1987.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79057407>

#### **Autopsy reports, 1933-1947.**

**Restriction:** Personal medical information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 66A. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS6.06/1175X  
Extent: 0.7 cubic feet (2 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Transferred to Archives in Aug. 1982.  
Incomplete. Box 1: 1933-1938. Box 2: 1939-1941, 1944-1947.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84185830>

#### **Patient census register, 1945-1957.**

**Restriction:** Public health hospital/clinic client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 111, s 70. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS6.06/1176X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (4 volumes in 1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Transferred to Archives in Aug. 1982.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82028049>

#### **Administrative files, 1915-1942.**

**Restriction:** (Correspondence) Personal information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 4, s 7, d 26(c), c 66A. (Laboratory reports) Public health hospital/clinic client

information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 111, s 70. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS6.06/1188X  
Extent: 5 cubic feet (4 record center cartons)  
Arranged: In two subseries:  
(1) Laboratory reports, 1915-1936; arranged chronologically  
(2) Correspondence, 1936-1942; arranged chronologically by year, thereunder alphabetically by subject  
Notes: Transferred to Archives in Feb. 1978.  
Box 1: 1915-1936.  
Box 2: 1936-1938.  
Box 3: 1939-1940.  
Box 4: 1940-1942.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78824319>

#### **Operation index, 1927-1967.**

**Restriction:** Public health hospital/clinic client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 111, s 70. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS6.06/1189X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged by operation code no., thereunder chronologically.  
Notes: Transferred to Archives in Aug. 1982.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78504068>

#### **Annual reports, 1897-1909.**

Identifier: HS6.06/1318(subseries)  
Extent: 1 pamphlet box  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Public document, no. 61.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122564452>

#### **X-ray index, 1921-1969.**

**Restriction:** Public health hospital/clinic client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 111, s 70. Personal medical information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 4, s 7, d 26(c) and c 66A. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS6.06/1331X  
Extent: 4 cubic feet (ca. 17,000 cards ; in 4 double card file drawers)  
Arranged: Arranged by sex; thereunder alphabetically by patient.  
Notes: Transferred to Archives in Feb. 1978.



Records for males T-Z lacking.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78951061>

**Disease index, 1932-1967.**

**Restriction:** Public health hospital/clinic client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 111, s 70. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS6.06/1336X

Extent: 0.52 cubic feet (2 document boxes)

Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by disease (name: 1932-1942; classification code no.: 1942-1967), thereunder chronologically.

Notes: Transferred to Archives in Aug. 1982.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82295911>

**Trustees minute book, 1895-1910.**

Identifier: HS6.06/1350X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 volume in 1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Transferred to Archives from Dept. of Public Health (Tuberculosis Control), 1984.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78024995>

**Quality Assurance Quarterly Reports, 1989-1990.**

Identifier: HS6.06/1793X

Extent: 1 document box

**Quality Assurance Annual Reports and Minutes, 1987-1991.**

Identifier: HS6.06/1794X

Extent: 1 document box

**Utilization Review Committee Minutes, 1987-1991.**

Identifier: HS6.06/1795X

Extent: 1 record center carton

**Infection Control Committee Minutes, 1980-1991.**

**Restrictions**

Identifier: HS6.06/1797X

Extent: 2 document boxes

**Nursing Services Statements, 1991-.**

Identifier: HS6.06/1798X  
Extent: 0.5 document box

**Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee Minutes, 1987-1991.**

Identifier: HS6.06/1799X  
Extent: 0.5 document box

**Tissue and Death Committee Minutes, 1984-1991.**

**Restrictions**

Identifier: HS6.06/1800X  
Extent: 0.5 document box

**Admission/Discharge Logs, 1957-1991.**

**Restrictions**

Identifier: HS6.06/1801X  
Extent: 4 document boxes and 7 volumes

**Adult Day Care Annual and Program Reports.**

Identifier: HS6.06/2176X

**Adult Day Care Advisory Council Meeting Minutes.**

Identifier: HS6.06/2177X

**Standards Manual.**

Identifier: HS6.06/2176X

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**Record Group Number: HS6.07**

**Record Group Name: Registry of Vital Records and Statistics**

**Historical Note:**

Pursuant to St 1842, c 95, in Massachusetts the state secretary issued an annual report of births, deaths, and marriages registered with his office by municipal clerks. It was also based on reports by county medical examiners, and from 1882, reports of divorces by county clerks of courts. From 1917 the annual report on the vital statistics of Massachusetts was issued specifically by the Division of Vital Statistics (known also as the Vital Statistics Division). St 1964, c 508, providing that the state secretary make vital statistics records available to the Dept. of Public Health, transferred divisional personnel and responsibility for the annual report on vital statistics to that department where the

report is currently issued as: Annual report of vital statistics of Massachusetts, prepared by the Registry of Vital Records and Statistics of the Division of Health Statistics and Research. Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429816>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Annual reports, 1843-1968.**

Identifier: HS6.07/1318(subseries)  
Extent: 7 pamphlet boxes and 80 volumes  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Published to 1916 by the Office of the Secretary of State under various titles. Published from 1917 as: Annual report on the vital statistics of Massachusetts.  
Published from 1964 by the Department of Public Health currently by its Registry of Vital Records and Statistics.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122613879>

#### **Registers of vital records, 1841-1925.**

Identifier: HS6.07/1411  
Extent: Ledgers, 1841-1918 673 cubic feet (646 volumes in 645 (volumes 195-196 in 1), chiefly boxed)  
Certificates, 1903-1925 616 cubic feet (4167 volumes (2161 volume in 341 record center cartons))  
Boston records (ledgers), 1914-1925 16 cubic feet (10 volumes in 6 boxes, 54 volumes)  
Indexes Births (114 volumes), Marriages (95 volumes), Deaths (80 volumes) Indexes--appendix 2.25 cubic feet (9 volumes)  
Appendix (amended/delayed records) 15 cubic feet (85 volumes) (no. 1-69, 71-86) Copies (registers--incl. Boston records)) 817 microfilm reels ; 35 mm  
Copies (registers--superseded) 12.5 cubic feet (microfilm reels ; 35 mm. in 10 record center cartons)  
Copies (indexes) 293 microfilm reels ; 35 mm  
Copies (indexes--superseded) 3.75 cubic feet (microfilm reels ; 35 mm. in 3 record center cartons)  
Copies (appendix--amended/delayed records) 14 microfilm reels ; 35 mm  
Copies (appendix--amended/delayed records--indexes) 9 microfilm reels; 35 mm

Arranged: By category, thereunder chronologically by span, 1841-1850, thereafter in five-year spans. Arranged overall by volume no.: chronologically by year, thereunder by category, and then alphabetically by county and then by municipality.  
Arranged chronologically by year, thereunder by category, and then alphabetically by municipality.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83856630>

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## **Record Group Number: HS6.08**

### **Record Group Name: Division of Communicable and Venereal Diseases**

#### **Related Series:**

Administration Subject Files, 1936-1947

Identifier: HS6.08/1757X

Extent: 1 document box

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## **Record Group Number: HS6.09**

### **Record Group Name: Western Massachusetts Hospital (Westfield, Mass.)**

#### **Historical Note:**

Westfield State Sanatorium, one of three additional state institutions authorized by St 1907, c 474 to join the Massachusetts State Sanatorium at Rutland in the care and treatment of tuberculosis patients, opened in 1910 under the authority of the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives (St 1910, c 198 and c 491). Pursuant to St 1919, c 350, s 98 the sanatoria were placed under the Division of Sanatoria in the Dept. of Public Health.

Children were admitted to the Westfield institution beginning in 1914; when a cancer section opened in 1937 pursuant to St 1935, c 496, they were transferred to North Reading State Sanatorium. With a decline in tuberculosis patients from use of drug therapy, other chronic disease patients were admitted in 1959, a fact reflected in the change of the hospital's name to Western Massachusetts Hospital per St 1962, c 546. In 1974 the care of tuberculosis and cancer patients was discontinued entirely and the hospital provided rehabilitative care instead. Pursuant to St 1975, c 752, which extended services available in public health institutions, Western Massachusetts Hospital opened a unit for multiply handicapped children and an adult day care program. By 1984 the hospital also had a coma unit, respite care for adults and children, and a hospice unit for terminally ill patients including those with AIDS.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429853>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Tuberculosis inpatient case files, 1910-1952.**

**Restriction:** Public health hospital/clinic clinet information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 111, s 70. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS6.09/239X

Extent: 137.5 cubic feet (110 record center cartons)  
Index 1 volume

Arranged: Arranged by case no./chronologically.

Notes: Transferred to Archives, Aug.-Sept. 1982.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82908039>

#### **Cancer inpatient case files, 1937-1952.**

**Restriction:** Public health hospital/clinic clinet information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 111, s 70. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS6.09/1340X

Extent: 150 cubic feet (120 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged by case no./chronologically.

Notes: Transferred to Archives, Aug.-Sept. 1982.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79215048>

#### **Autopsy reports, 1937-1975.**

**Restriction:** Personal medical information restricted by statutory provision MGLA C 66A. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS6.09/1343X

Extent: 5 cubic feet (34 volumes in 4 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Transferred to Archives, Aug.-Sept. 1982, Feb. 1991.  
Box 1: 1937-1951.  
Box 2: 1952-1959.  
Box 3: 1960-1966.  
Box 4: 1967-1975.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82591214>

### **Monthly reports, 1960-1962.**

**Restriction:** Public health hospital/clinic clinet information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 111, s 70. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS6.09/1344X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83856619>

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## **Record Group Number: HS6.10**

## **Record Group Name: Board of Visitors of the Massachusetts General Hospital**

### **Historical Note:**

Massachusetts General Hospital was incorporated (St 1810, c 94) to erect, support, and maintain a general hospital for the sick and mentally ill, with thirty spaces allocated for state patients. Pursuant to St 1813, c 42, the corporation was obliged to appropriate funds for the care of any sick, poor, or mentally ill person that the legislature might refer to the hospital. At incorporation (St 1810, c 94, s 7) the governor, lieutenant governor, Senate president, House speaker, and chaplains of the House and Senate were constituted as a board of visitors with the authority to inspect the hospital at least semiannually, to choose four of the twelve hospital trustees, and to approve corporation bylaws and regulations.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122402993>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Correspondence, 1816-1827.**

Identifier: HS6.10/1492X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Agency history record (CStRLIN)MASVAH0321-A describes the history and functions of the Board of Visitors of the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86144311>

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## **Record Group Number: HS6.11**

## **Record Group Name: Tewksbury Hospital (Mass.)**

### **Historical Note:**

St 1852, c 275 authorized the building of three state almshouses for paupers without settlement in the Commonwealth as certified by overseers of the poor or other local authorities, each with a superintendent and three inspectors who could bind out minors as apprentices. St 1853, c 352 appropriated funds for almshouses in Bridgewater, Monson, and Tewksbury, which opened in 1854. St 1855, c 366 provided for recording by the almshouse superintendent of birth and deaths and the making of annual returns to the state secretary. St 1856, c 171 placed local certification procedures for admission under jurisdiction of the Board of Alien Commissioners. St 1856, c 446, s 4 held municipalities liable for expenses for paupers found to have settlement. St 1858, c 168 authorized superintendents to contract out and discharge paupers who would work; those who refused forfeited state support. St 1859, c 255 authorized the Board of Alien Commissioners to transfer paupers between state almshouses and lunatic hospitals or to discharge and send them out of state. St 1854, c 437 had banned admission of the dangerously insane; St 1865, c 162 based admission of cases of smallpox or other dangerous disease solely on determination of state authority (see below)

With the discontinuation of the almshouses at Bridgewater and Monson (St 1872, c 45), Tewksbury received their adult inmates and sent its children to Monson, where the State Primary School (founded 1866) continued, while some of its adult inmates went to Bridgewater, now site of the State Workhouse (later State Farm)

Since 1863 the state almshouses had been under the jurisdiction of the Board of State Charities (St 1863, c 240), which carried on the related functions of the Board of Alien Commissioners. With the establishment of the successor State Board of Health, Lunacy, and Charity (St 1879, c 291), Tewksbury's board of inspectors and an advisory board of women thereto were replaced with a Board of Trustees of the State Almshouse, which elected its superintendent while reporting to the state board. St 1884, c 297 combined the

board with that of the State Workhouse to form the Board of Trustees of the State Almshouse and State Workhouse; the board was placed under the State Board of Lunacy and Charity per St 1886, c 101, and under the Board of State Charity per St 1898, c 433.

Pursuant to Resolves 1866, c 40; 1871 c 11 and c 77, a hospital and asylum for the "harmless and incurable insane" had been built at the Tewksbury almshouse, and St 1876, c 179 provided for the appointment of a resident physician to direct them. Eventually the almshouses's function was specialized to the extent that St 1900, c 333 renamed it the State Hospital; St 1909, c 504, s 98 renamed it the State Infirmary. St 1919, c 304 extended admission to all with incurable disease (except mental defect or leprosy) with or without settlement, including those who could pay their own expenses, on certificate of a local board of health. St 1919, c 350, s 87 renamed its trustees (by now the Board of Trustees of the State Infirmary and State Farm) the Board of Trustees of the State Infirmary and placed it under the Dept. of Public Welfare.

Per St 1939, c 272 the State Infirmary was renamed Tewksbury State Hospital and Infirmary, and per St 1958, c 613 (implemented 1959), Tewksbury Hospital. Placed under the Dept. of Public Health, it admitted indigents, now on certificate of the department, a municipal board of health, the Dept. of Public Welfare, or, until 1974 (St 1974, c 260, s 20), a municipal board of public welfare. General admission was for those with any disease except mental defect or insanity; St 1964, c 545 added an outright ban on those with smallpox or other disease dangerous to the public health; St 1975, c 752, s 6 removed all exceptions to admission. The hospital's functions are currently described in MGLA c 122. Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80931948>

## **Related Series:**

### **Children's records, 1855-1869.**

Identifier: HS6.11/899X

Extent: 1 volume (partial record center carton)

Copies: Partial microfilm reel ; 35 mm

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83086204>

### **General ledgers, 1859-1909.**

Identifier: HS6.11/906X

Extent: 2 cubic feet (5 volumes in 1 record center carton and 3 volumes)



Arranged: Arranged chronologically by varying year spans, thereunder by account, and then chronologically by month.

Notes: Records for 1889-1890 lacking.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122590953>

### **Weekly summaries, 1892-1902.**

Identifier: HS6.11/909X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (2 volumes in 1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Contents: Oct. 1892-Sept. 1895. Oct. 1895-July 1902.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86144195>

### **Admission permits, 1854-1929.**

**Restriction:** Public health hospital/clinic information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 111, s 70. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS6.11/959X

Extent: 95 cubic feet (576 volumes in 76 record center cartons)

Indexes: 0.87 cubic feet (9 volumes in 3 document boxes)

Arranged: Arranged by registration no./chronologically by admission date.

Notes: Spine title varies: State Almshouse permits; State Hospital permits; State Infirmary permits.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122520710>

### **Intake files, 1895-1929.**

**Restriction:** Public health hospital/clinic information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 111, s 70. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS6.11/960X

Extent: 15 cubic feet (272 volumes in 12 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged by registration no./chronologically by admission date.

Notes: Also known as: Admission files.

Files for 1895-1907 incomplete; files for 1908-1912 lacking; supplementary file for 1915-1919.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122520714>

### **Weekly returns of admissions and discharges, 1894-1935.**

Identifier: HS6.11/961X

Extent: 11.25 cubic feet (39 volumes in 9 record center cartons)

Copies: 9 microfilm reels ; 35 mm

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Spine title varies: State Hospital returns; State Infirmary returns.

Lacks returns for 1896, 1909.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83716135>

**Inmate case histories, 1860-1896.**

Identifier: HS6.11/962X

Extent: 16 microfilm reels ; 35 mm

Arranged: Arranged by registration no./chronologically by admission date.

Notes: Vols. 14-20, 22-74 deaccessioned after filming, 1994;  
volumes 21 (1874) lacking;  
volumes 1-13 (1860-1871) deaccessioned, Dec. 1999.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83570965>

**Cashbooks, 1858-1911.**

Identifier: HS6.11/963X

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (10 volumes in 1 record center carton)  
3 volumes (partial record center carton)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Spine title: Cash.  
Records for 1890-1891, 1905-1910 partly or entirely lacking.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86123296>

**Payrolls, 1882-1902.**

Identifier: HS6.11/964X

Extent: 6 volumes (partial record center carton)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by month.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122590947>

**Visitors register, 1863-1908.**

Identifier: HS6.11/965X

Extent: 3 volumes (partial record center carton)

Notes: Contents: 1863-1887. 1888-1897. 1907-1908.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122613840>

**Memorandum cashbooks, 1910-1920.**

Identifier: HS6.11/966X

Extent: 3 volumes (partial record center carton)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Cover title: Memorandum cash.  
Contents: Dec. 1910-Jan. 1915. Jan. 1915-Oct. 1917. Oct. 1917-July 1920.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122372728>

**Daily census of inmates, 1905-1926.**

Identifier: HS6.11/967X

Extent: 0.48 cubic feet (5 volumes)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Cover title: Summary.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122403020>

**Daily reports of inmates, 1914-1918.**

Identifier: HS6.11/1153X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by inmate, thereunder chronologically.

Notes: Fragmentary sample only.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122575271>

**Annual reports, 1854-1953.**

Identifier: HS6.11/1318(subseries)

Extent: 1 document box, 1 pamphlet box, and 6 volumes

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Public document, no. 26.

Reports for 1900-1901, 1937, 1940 missing.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122520758>

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**Record Group Number: HS6.12**

**Record Group Name: Division of Sanatoria and Tuberculosis Control**

**Historical Note:**

St 1907, c 474 provided for the establishment of three sanatoriums for tubercular patients in addition to the one opened at Rutland in 1898, then known as the Massachusetts State Sanatorium. A board to accomplish this, appointed by the governor, was called the Massachusetts Commission on Hospitals for Consumptives; on the opening in 1910 of sanatoriums in Lakeville, North Reading, and Westfield, per St 1910, c 491 the board was

designated as the Trustees of Hospitals for Consumptives (known in their reports as the Trustees of Massachusetts Hospitals for Consumptives). St 1919, c 350, s 98 replaced the board with the Division of Sanatoria in the Dept. of Public Health. In fact the unit was known successively (with approximate dates given) as the Division of Tuberculosis (1920-1940), the Division of Tuberculosis and Sanatoria (1941-1953), the Division of Tuberculosis Control (1954-1955), the Division of Sanatoria and Tuberculosis (1956-1960/64), and the Division of Sanatoria and Tuberculosis Control (1960/64-1968). St 1963, c 558 had repealed the legislative requirement for a Division of Sanatoria and the institutions themselves had by now more varied uses and were renamed as hospitals (St 1963, c 517). The requirement for the division was reinstated, probably inadvertently, by St 1971, c 1076, but since ca. 1968 the unit has functioned not as a separate division but at the program level only.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429785>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Annual reports, 1907-1919.**

Identifier: HS6.12/1318(subseries)

Extent: 2 pamphlet boxes

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Public document, no. 77.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122609850>

#### **Minute books, 1907-1919.**

Identifier: HS6.12/1351X

Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (2 volumes in 1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Transferred from Department of Public Health (Tuberculosis Control), 1984.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122564475>

#### **Photographs of sanatoriums, [1908?-194-?], (bulk [1908?]-1930).**

Identifier: HS6.12/1353X

Extent: 0.58 cubic feet (ca. 330 photographs in 2 boxes)

Arranged: In four subseries:

(1) Rutland State Sanatorium

(2) North Reading State Sanatorium

(3) Lakeville State Sanatorium

(4) Westfield State Sanatorium.

Notes: Westfield photographs may include those belonging to Henry Dexter Chadwick, first superintendent.  
Transferred to Archives from Dept. of Public Health (Tuberculosis Control), 1984.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180705229>

**Administrative files, 1957-1975 (bulk 1963-1965).**

Identifier: HS6.12/1390X  
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)  
Arranged: Arranged by subject.  
Notes: Transferred from Department of Public Health (Tuberculosis Control), 1984.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122412424>

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**Record Group Number: HS6.15**

**Record Group Name: Antitoxin and Vaccine Laboratory**

**Historical Note:**

The Antitoxin and Vaccine Laboratory was established within the Massachusetts State Board of Health in 1904 for the preparation (initially by injecting toxins into or extracting naturally-occurring toxins from animals), storage, and distribution of diphtheria antitoxin serum and smallpox vaccine. Other vaccines were added as developed, including those for influenza, meningitis, pneumonia, and poliomyelitis (derived from polio convalescents, eventually abandoned in the late 1930s as ineffective). Antitoxin production began in the State House in 1894 but in 1895 was moved to Harvard University's Bussey Institution, until the establishment of the state laboratory. By 1915 the laboratory functioned as part of the Division of Biologic Laboratories under the state board (renamed Dept. of Public Health in 1919); by the 1950s the division no longer named or reported separately on the laboratory.

**Related Series:**

**Records, 1919-1938 (bulk 1934-1937)**

**Restriction:** (Wassermann test results) Personal medical information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 4, s 7, d 26(c) and c 66A. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS6.15/2612X  
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)

Arranged: In seven subseries; Arranged chronologically within each subseries.  
Notes: Transferred to Archives from Center for the History of Medicine,  
Countway Library of Medicine, Harvard University, Oct. 23, 2013.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/866811227>

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## **Record Group Number: HS6.17**

## **Record Group Name: Massachusetts Hospital School**

### **Historical Note:**

St 1904, c 446 established the Massachusetts School and Home for Crippled and Deformed Children, under the supervision of the State Board of Charity. St 1907, 226 renamed it the Massachusetts Hospital School, which opened in Canton at the end of 1907. St 1919, c 350, s 87 placed it under the Dept. of Public Welfare, which by St 1920, c 597 was authorized to place their state minor wards in its care. Beginning with GL 1932 (Ter. ed.), the institution was referred to as the Massachusetts Hospital School and Hospital for State Minor Wards. St 1954, c 508 and St 1956, c 436 transferred it to the Dept. of Public Health. Its functions are currently described in MGLA c 111, ss 62I-62S.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429783>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Annual reports, 1908-1969.**

Identifier: HS6.17/1318(subseries)  
Extent: 1 document box and 1 pamphlet box  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Public document, no. 82.  
Reports for 1941, 1943-1958, 1964-1967 missing.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122505931>

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## Record Group Number: HS6.18

## Record Group Name: Lakeville Hospital (Mass.)

### Historical Note:

Lakeville State Sanatorium, one of three additional state institutions authorized by St 1907, c 474 to join the Massachusetts State Sanatorium at Rutland in the care and treatment of tuberculosis patients, opened Jan. 6, 1910 and was placed under the authority of the Trustees of Hospitals of Consumptives by St 1910, c 198 and c 491. The first male patient was admitted Jan. 19, 1910, and the first female patient admitted Feb. 22, 1910, following the completion of the women's ward. Pursuant to St 1919, c 350, s 98, Lakeville and other sanatoria were placed under the Division of Sanatoria in the Dept. of Public Health. St 1924, c 508 authorized admission of patients with extrapulmonary tuberculosis; St 1936, c 346 of those with poliomyelitis (infantile paralysis); St 1941, c 506 of those with spastic paralysis and St 1948, c 412 of crippled children. With continuing decline in the number of orthopedic tuberculosis cases it became possible to admit patients with other crippling conditions, including arthritis (St 1952, c 492) and muscular dystrophy and similar diseases (St 1953, c 383). St 1954, c 538 provided for the care of aging persons and St 1957, c 458 for that of persons with chronic diseases. Effective Sept. 25, 1963 (St 1963, c 517) Lakeville State Sanatorium was renamed Lakeville Hospital. On Feb. 26, 1991 Gov. William Weld issued Executive Order 301, appointing a Special Commission for the Study of the Consolidation of State Facilities to consider the closing of facilities of the departments of Public Health, Mental Health, and Mental Retardation, in order to reduce the costs of public patient care and of maintaining deteriorating physical plants. Three of seven public chronic disease hospitals were ordered closed: Cushing, Lakeville, and Rutland Heights. Lakeville Hospital was closed Feb. 8, 1992.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83949569>

### Related Series:

#### Client case files, 1939-1954.

**Restriction:** Public health hospital/clinic client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 111, s 70. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS6.18/613X

Extent: 53.2 cubic feet (42 record center cartons and 2 document boxes)  
Index 1.12 cubic feet (7 boxes)

Arranged: Arranged by case no./chronologically by date of admission.

Notes: Transferred to Archives, June 1992.

Cases 8775-8859, 9000-9332, 9411-11798, admitted 1939-1954.

Box 1: A-Car.

Box 2: Cas-E.  
Box 3: F-He.  
Box 4: Hi-L.  
Box 5: M-N.  
Box 6: O-She.  
Box 7: Shi-Z.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80180844>

### **Bristol County Hospital client case files, 1920-1965.**

**Restriction:** Personal medical information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 4, s 7, d 26(c) and c 66A. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS6.18/844X  
Extent: 71.25 cubic feet (57 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by surname.  
Notes: Transferred to Archives from Lakeville Hospital, June 1992.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82331227>

### **Admission registers, 1910-1991.**

**Restriction:** Public health hospital/clinic client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 111, s 70. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS6.18/1581X  
Extent: 1.88 cubic feet (4 volumes and 1 record center carton)  
Arranged: Arranged by case no./chronologically by date of admission.  
Notes: Transferred to Archives, June 1992.  
Volume [1]: 1910-1915. Volume  
[2]: 1915-1924, with initial entries copied from previous volume.  
Volume [3]: 1924-1932 (with index); called [volumes] 1.  
Volume [4]: 1932-1939; called [volumes] 2.  
Later entries disbound: parallel records with differing data, Dec. 1974-June 1976. Anterior poliomyelitis patient entries, 1937-ca. 1960, in red. Additional entries in red, 1971-1976.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80094698>

### **Discharge registers, 1940-1978.**

**Restriction:** Public health hospital/clinic client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 111, s 70. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS6.18/1582X  
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by date of discharge.



Notes: Transferred to Archives, June 1992.  
Additional differing format with similar information, June-Oct. 1978.  
June 1990-Feb. 1992 is computer printout with data on insurance,  
service, department, physician, and ward. From 1960, polio records  
in blue ink. Certain entries, 1969-1978, in red ink.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82445493>

**Photographs of facilities and activities, [ca. 1910-ca. 1963].**

Identifier: HS6.18/1583X

Extent: 10 photographs and 14 photographs : (1 file folder)

Notes: Copied from originals, 1992.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180705406>

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**Record Group Number: HS6.19**

**Record Group Name: Division of Drug Rehabilitation**

**Historical Note:**

Pursuant to MGLA c 111E, the Division of Drug Rehabilitation was responsible, from 1969 until 1986, for establishing and operating within Massachusetts a comprehensive program for treating drug dependent persons and persons in need of immediate assistance due to the use of a dependency-related drug.

The state's role in treating drug addicts can be traced back to passage of St 1909, c 504, s 50, which extended laws concerning the treatment of persons with alcohol abuse problems to include those addicted to the intemperate use of narcotics or stimulants. However, it was not until St 1963, c 763 that a Drug Addiction Rehabilitation Board was established within but not subject to the control of the Dept. of Public Health, consisting of the commissioners of public health, mental health, and correction, as well as an administrator. (The chairman of the Youth Service Board was added by St 1966, c 67.) The board was charged with establishing state drug addiction rehabilitation centers for the treatment, custody, control, and rehabilitation of drug addicts; with coordinating related services and activities of other state and federal agencies; and with developing educational and research programs on the causes, prevention, control, and diagnosis of drug addiction, and on treatment and rehabilitation of addicts.

St 1969, c 889 replaced the board with a Division of Drug Rehabilitation within the department of the attorney general (but directed by an assistant commissioner of mental health) as the sole state agency responsible for care and treatment of drug-dependent persons. Within the division was established a Drug Rehabilitation Advisory Board,

comprised of human services commissioners and seven experts appointed by the governor to provide advice and assistance. The division assumed the mission and functions of its predecessor, but including a mandate to take cognizance of all matters affecting drug dependency.

Specifically the division was charged with developing, encouraging, and fostering statewide, regional, and local plans and programs for prevention and treatment of drug dependency in cooperation with interested public agencies and private organizations. The range of treatment programs included emergency, inpatient, and outpatient treatment; residential aftercare; and treatment within correctional facilities. The state was divided into service regions and catchment areas to facilitate planning and delivery of these services.

In addition the division was responsible for maintaining, supervising, and controlling all facilities operated by it; issuing, suspending, or revoking licenses for drug treatment facilities not part of general hospitals or runs by the state or federal governments; making recommendations concerning and administering rules and regulations and licensing standards pursuant to the law; preparing, publishing, and disseminating educational material dealing with the prevention, nature, and effects of drug dependency; organizing and fostering training programs for professional and nonprofessional workers in treatment of drug dependent persons; and engaging in research and gathering relevant statistics.

The division and board were transferred successively to the Dept. of Mental Health per St 1970, c 886 (effective 1971) and to the Dept. of Public Health per St 1981, c 704 (effective 1982). In 1986 the division was administratively merged with the Dept. of Public Health's Division of Alcoholism to become what was known by 1989 as the Division of Substance Abuse Services, and its advisory board began meeting jointly with the Advisory Council on Alcoholism.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429619>

#### **Related Series:**

##### **Administrative files, 1972-1975.**

Identifier: HS6.19/1168X

Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (2 record center cartons)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80362456>

##### **Director of research subject files, 1965-1974.**

Identifier: HS6.19/1169X

Extent: 5 cubic feet (4 record center cartons)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84273714>

**Funding application files, 1971-1979.**

**Restriction:** Personal data restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 4, s 7, d 26(c) and c 66A. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS6.19/1170X

Extent: 23.72 cubic feet (18 record center cartons and 4 document boxes)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically (some overlap), thereunder successively by region, area, and facility.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84275734>

**Coordinator of health education administrative files, 1969-1972.**

Identifier: HS6.19/1177X

Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (2 record center cartons)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80453154>

**Criminal justice liaison subject files, 1976-1977.**

Identifier: HS6.19/1191X

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)

Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79357719>

**Legal counsel policy and information files, 1972-1977.**

Identifier: HS6.19/1193X

Extent: 1.6 cubic feet (1 record center carton and 1 document box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81639437>

**Annual reports, 1964-1968.**

Identifier: HS6.19/1318(subseries)

Extent: 1 file folder

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86095700>

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**Record Group Number: HS6.20**

**Record Group Name: Cushing Hospital**

**Historical Note:**

St 1954, c 469 authorized the purchase by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts from the federal Veterans Administration of the Cushing General Hospital in Framingham, which had served as a hospital for wounded soldiers and veterans of World War II and the Korean War. Cushing Hospital, placed under the supervision of the Dept. of Mental Health, was intended for the care and custody of elderly persons, some transferred from other DMH institutions. Purchased in 1955, it opened Nov.18, 1957.

St 1984, c 234, s 21 transferred the hospital to the Dept. of Public Health. This act also founded a research and training center, an affiliation between Cushing and other institutions, to be named the Center on Care of the Aging, Research, and Education. St 1987, c 678 authorized the construction of a comprehensive care center to replace the hospital, as well as elderly and mixed income housing. Neither of these centers appears to have materialized.

Previously, some Cushing hospital land was transferred per St 1969, c 571 for purposes of building the Keefe regional vocational technical school, opened in 1972. St 1972, c 342 conveyed land from Cushing to be used by the town of Framingham for the Barbieri Middle School, which opened in 1973.

On Feb. 26, 1991 Gov. William Weld issued Executive Order 301, appointing a Special Commission for the Study of the Consolidation of State Facilities to consider the closing of facilities of the departments of Public Health, Mental Health, and Mental Retardation, in order to reduce the costs of public patient care and of maintaining deteriorating physical plants. Three of seven public chronic disease hospitals were ordered closed: Cushing, Lakeville, and Rutland Heights. Cushing was closed in 1991, and most of the facility demolished in 1994. St 1987, c 678, s 2 as amended successively by St 1994, c 121, s 2 and St 1996, c 361, s 2, conveyed a large portion of the hospital land to the town of Framingham, which converted the hospital grounds into a public park.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122609622>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Annual reports with real property records and miscellaneous publications, 1947-1991 (bulk 1958-1985).**

Identifier: HS6.20/1318(subseries)

Extent: 0.34 cubic feet (2 document boxes)

Arranged: In two subseries, each arranged chronologically.

Notes: Reports for 1982 and 1985 (printed) and other items transferred to Archives by the Public Health Museum, Tewksbury, Mass., Novolumes 2015 and Mar. 2016.

Box 1: annual reports: 1958-1974, 1976, 1982, 1985.

Box 2: real property records and miscellaneous publications.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122575248>

### **Trustees meeting minutes, 1958-1976.**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS6.20/2182X

Extent: Partial record center carton

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Transferred to Archives by Tewksbury Hospital, Tewksbury, Mass., Mar. 1999.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/930024660>

### **Admission and discharge registers, 1957-1991.**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. Public health hospital client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 111, c 70. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS6.20/2183X

Extent: Partial record center carton

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Transferred to Archives by Tewksbury Hospital, Tewksbury, Mass., Mar. 1999.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/930024845>

### **Medical records reports, 1962-1992.**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. Public health hospital client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 111, c 70. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS6.20/2184X

Extent: Partial record center carton

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Transferred to Archives by Tewksbury Hospital, Tewksbury, Mass., Mar. 1999.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/930024946>

### **Standards manuals, 1981-1989.**

Identifier: HS6.20/2187X

Extent: Partial record center carton

Arranged: Arranged by chronologically.

Notes: Transferred to Archives by Tewksbury Hospital, Tewksbury, Mass., Mar. 1999.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/930024863>

### **Quality assurance records, 1978-1991 (bulk 1983-1991).**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. Public health hospital client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 111, c 70. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS6.20/2661X

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton and partial record center carton)

Arranged: Arranged by topic/chronologically.

Notes: Transferred to Archives by Tewksbury Hospital, Tewksbury, Mass., Mar. 1999.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/930024932>

### **Superintendent monthly reports to trustees, 1958-1975.**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS6.20/2662X

Extent: Partial record center carton

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Transferred to Archives by Tewksbury Hospital, Tewksbury, Mass., Mar. 1999.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/930024712>

### **Weekly administrative meetings, 1964-1971.**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS6.20/2663X

Extent: Partial record center carton

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Transferred to Archives by Tewksbury Hospital, Tewksbury, Mass., Mar. 1999.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/930024662>

### **Monthly committee reports, 1960-1973.**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS6.20/2664X

Extent: Partial record center carton  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by committee name, thereunder chronologically.  
Notes: Transferred to Archives by Tewksbury Hospital, Tewksbury, Mass., Mar. 1999.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/930024814>

### **Medical Department reports, 1960-1976.**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36.. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS6.20/2665X  
Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (2 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Transferred to Archives by Tewksbury Hospital, Tewksbury, Mass., Mar. 1999.  
Box 1: Annual reports, 1960-1976; monthly reports, 1962-1965.  
Box 2: Monthly reports, 1965-1975.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/930024748>

### **Nursing Department reports, 1960-1991.**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. Public health hospital client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 111, c 70. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS6.20/2666X  
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Transferred to Archives by Tewksbury Hospital, Tewksbury, Mass., Mar. 1999.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/930024278>

### **Business manager reports, 1960-1976.**

Identifier: HS6.20/2667X  
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton and partial document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Transferred to Archives by Tewksbury Hospital, Tewksbury, Mass., Mar. 1999.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/930024720>

### **State auditor reports, 1962-1971.**

Identifier: HS6.20/2668X

Extent: Partial document box  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Transferred to Archives by Tewksbury Hospital, Tewksbury, Mass.,  
Mar. 1999.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/930024279>

**'Round the Square : 1982-1989.**

Identifier: HS6.20/2686X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Notes: Transferred to Archives by the Public Health Museum, Tewksbury,  
Mass., Mar. 2016.  
From Mar. 1988 subtitle reads: a publication for the employees of  
Cushing Hospital. Holdings: Feb. 1982-Oct. 1989. Somewhat irregular,  
chiefly published monthly. Issues for 1981, Jan. 1982, Mar. 1983, and  
Jan.1985 lacking.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/947115906>

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## **Record Group Number: HS6.21**

### **Record Group Name: Division of Environmental Health**

#### **Historical Note:**

St 1869, c 420, which established the State Board of Health and Vital Statistics (commonly known as the State Board of Health), gave the department responsibility for the public water supplies of Massachusetts under the designation of sanitary investigations. St 1878, c 183 gave the board supervision of rivers and ponds used for such supply, and St 1879, c 270 required local water boards, commissions, and companies to make annual returns to the board.

Legislation continued this mandate through the following organizational changes: abolition of the State Board of Health and establishment of the State Board of Health, Lunacy, and Charity (St 1879, c 291); revival of the State Board of Health (St 1886, c 101), within which a specific Committee of Water Supply and Sewerage was formed; and the board's replacement successively by the State Dept. of Health (St 1914, c 792) and the Dept. of Public Health (St 1919, c 350, s 96)

Although an engineering unit operated under the State Board of Health, it was not specifically mentioned in board annual reports. Under the State Dept. of Health it was



recognized as the Division of Sanitary Engineering, which operated along with a Division of Water and Sewage Laboratories under appropriations for purity of inland water and examination of sewer outlets (Annual report. 1st, 1915 (PD 34), p. 11); the latter division was absorbed by the other in 1933.

The Division of Sanitary Engineering continued in 1919 under the Dept. of Public Health and in 1949 it was placed under a Bureau of Environmental Sanitation, which until 1959 also included the Division of Food and Drugs.

In 1969 the bureau was dismantled and the division renamed Division of Environmental Health, by which time its responsibilities included those of its Bureau of Water Supply and Water Quality and Bureau of Community Sanitation, and also those for air pollution, radiological health, disease vector control, shellfish sanitation, noise pollution, and electronic product surveillance.

St 1974, c 806 transferred the division (in legislation still designated as Bureau of Environmental Sanitation) to the Dept. of Environmental Quality Engineering (DEQE) effective July 1975; St 1975, c 706, c 167 explicitly transferred departmental responsibilities for drainage and sewage to DEQE.

The original functions of the Division of Sanitary Engineering have been carried out in DEQE (renamed Dept. of Environmental Protection in 1989) primarily by the Division of Water Supply and the Division of Water Pollution Control, the latter having supplemented activities of the Division of Sanitary Engineering as early as 1966, when the division was established in the Dept. of Natural Resources (transferred to DEQE as of 1975).  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429837>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Annual reports, 1962.**

Identifier: HS6.21/1318(subseries)

Extent: 1 volume

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122419937>

#### **Drinking water records, 1880-1974.**

Identifier: HS6.21/2591X

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/812424234>

#### **Water supply notes, 192- - 193-.**

Identifier: HS6.21/2618X

Extent: 12.5 cubic feet (10 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by municipality.  
Notes: Transferred to Archives by Dept. of Environmental Protection, Jan. 2014.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/870868360>

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## **Record Group Number: HS6.22**

### **Record Group Name: Lemuel Shattuck Hospital**

#### **Historical Note:**

St 1954, c 522 authorized the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to admit qualifying citizens of the Commonwealth to the Lemuel Shattuck Hospital (in Boston) for the treatment of chronic disease. St 1959, c 494 specifically placed the hospital under the general supervision and control of the commissioner of public health. Its functions are currently described in MGLA c 111, s 69E.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122469369>

#### **Related Series:**

##### **Patient case files, 1954-1959.**

**Restriction:** Personal medical information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 4, s 7, d 26(c) and c 66A. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS6.22/1407

Extent: 56.25 cubic feet (45 record center carton)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122564510> [Back to Top](#)

## **Record Group Number: HS6.23**

### **Record Group Name: Bureaus of Substance Abuse Services**

#### **Historical Note:**

Per St 1950, c 800, the Massachusetts legislature provided for a program of treatment, research, and prevention for alcoholism within the Dept. of Public Health, which established a Division of Alcoholism. Additionally, per St 1956, c 715, there were established a commissioner on alcoholism and a (Governor's) Advisory Council on Alcoholism, including relevant department commissioners and gubernatorial appointees. St 1959, c 418 abolished the office of commissioner and moved its responsibilities entirely to the Division of Alcoholism; the commissioner of public health was to chair the advisory

council. The division and advisory council's functions/membership were further defined by St 1971, c 1076 (MGLA c 111B and c 17, s 14) and St 1982, c 38 (advisory council only)

In 1986 the division was merged with the Dept. of Public Health's Division of Drug Rehabilitation (accompanied by its Drug Rehabilitation Advisory Board), the merged body being known initially as the Divisions of Alcoholism and Drug Rehabilitation, then as the Division of Alcoholism and Drug Rehabilitation; the two advisory boards began to meet jointly. By 1989 the division was known as the Division of Substance Abuse Services, and during 1991 it was renamed Bureau of Substance Abuse Services, while the joint advisory boards were known unofficially since 1990 as the Governor's Advisory Council on Alcoholism and Drug Rehabilitation, and, since 1995, as the Governor's Advisory Council on Substance Abuse Services.

**Related Series:**

**Advisory council minutes, 1956-1997 (bulk 1974-1997)**

Identifier: HS6.23/1872

Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (2 record center cartons)

Notes: Box 1: 1956-1992. Box 2: 1993-1997.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122564366>

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**Record Group Number: HS6.24**

**Record Group Name: Bureau of Family and Community Health**

**Historical Note:**

Under a reorganization of the Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health approved by the Public Health Council Apr. 1969, the Division of Family Health Services was established with responsibility (as detailed in 1988) for maternal and child health (previously a separate division) and services for the handicapped. During FY1988 the division was superseded by the Bureau of Parent, Child, and Adolescent Health. By mid-1992 that body was renamed Bureau of Family and Community Health, focusing on four program areas: women, infants, and children supplemental nutrition; perinatal and child health; adolescent and adult health; and special health care needs. The bureau targets low-income and special needs individuals and high need areas of the Commonwealth.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82863588>

**Related Series:**

**Psychotropic drug files, 1979-1992 (bulk 1981-1992).**

**Restriction:** Personal medical information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 4, s 7, d 26(c) and c 66A. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS6.24/2053  
Extent: 47.85 cubic feet (38 record center cartons and 1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically (1981-1987 by month, 1988-1992 by year), thereunder alphabetically by first letter of client surname.  
Notes: File dates begin 1981; through 1985 may include earlier certification for same client.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80397994>

**Annual Independent Evaluation of Massachusetts Tobacco Control Program.**

Identifier: HS6.24/2085

**Child health plan/profile annual reports, 1994-2002.**

Identifier: HS6.24/2538  
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/824502593>

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**Record Group Number: HS6.25**

**Record Group Name: Occupational Health Surveillance Program**

**Related Series:**

**Carpal tunnel syndrome surveys, 1992-1997**

Identifier: HS6.25/2478-0001  
Extent: 12 record center cartons  
Notes: Awaiting archival review

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## **Record Group Number: HS6.26**

### **Record Group Name: Radiation Control Program**

#### **Historical Note:**

Massachusetts St 1987, c 541, s 4 designated the Dept. of Public Health as the state radiation control agency (MGLA c 111, s 5N). The Radiation Control Program, so-called, is currently placed under the department's Bureau of Environmental Health, although legislatively the bureau's functions are essentially those outlined as being part of the Bureau of Environmental Sanitation in the Dept. of Environmental Protection (MGLA c 21a, s 8) (see: Division of Environmental Health. Agency history record ((M-Ar)EN6.21)). The Radiation Control Program (RCP) protects the health and safety of the residents of the Commonwealth from the harmful effects of ionizing and non-ionizing radiation. RCP staff address a range of issues associated with radioactive materials including the regulation of specific radioactive sources, x-ray technology, nuclear medicine, mammography, professional training and licensure for radiologic technologists, laser registration, and more. The Nuclear Incident Advisory Team (NIAT) routinely participates in exercises to evaluate emergency plans to address nuclear power plant events. RCP staff also work with other Bureau of Environmental Health programs to carry out environmental monitoring activities and with local boards of health to regulate conditions related to the use of UV light in tanning facilities.

#### **Related Series:**

##### **Radioactive materials monitoring and control records, 1955-2009.**

Identifier: HS6.26/2636

Extent: 62.5 cubic feet (50 record center cartons)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/933388368>

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## **Record Group Number: HS7**

### **Record Group Name: Department of Mental Health**

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429353>

#### **Related Series:**

**Institutional registers, 1863-1947 (bulk 1898-1907).**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. Mental retardation client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123B, s 17. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7/242X  
Extent: 5 cubic feet (26 volumes)  
Copies: 5 microfilm reels (1 partial) ; 35 mm  
Arranged: Arranged by institution, thereunder by inpatient registration no.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83622650>

**Commissioner's legislative review files, 1966-1999.**

Identifier: HS7/354  
Extent: 3.75 cubic feet (3 record center cartons)  
Notes: Series incomplete.  
Box 1-2: 1966-1984.  
Box 3: 1996-1999.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/77878900>

**Commissioner's task force reports, 1975-1985.**

Identifier: HS7/355  
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (2 record center cartons (1 partial))  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/77959362>

**Commissioner's policy statements, 1975-1981.**

Identifier: HS7/356  
Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (3 record center cartons (1 partial))  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82316340>

**Commissioner's intra-agency subject files, 1968-1983 (bulk 1972-1981).**

Identifier: HS7/358  
Extent: 7.85 cubic feet (6 record center cartons and 1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by subject.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82797986>

**Commissioner's provider/advocate correspondence files, 1978-1981.**

Identifier: HS7/359  
Extent: 1.95 cubic feet (1 record center carton and 2 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79074861>

**Commissioner's intergovernmental subject files, 1979-1985 (bulk 1980-1981).**

Identifier: HS7/360  
Extent: 6.25 cubic feet (5 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged by office.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81818773>

**Commissioner's intra-agency hospital management subject files, 1968-1983.**

Identifier: HS7/361  
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)  
Notes: A portion of this series relating to mental retardation schools is found in the Dept. of Mental Retardation. The remainder may have been destroyed or absorbed into the files of various central office divisions.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122297726>

**Commissioner's regional/area subject files, 1972-1981.**

Identifier: HS7/362  
Extent: 6.22 cubic feet (4 record center cartons and 4 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged numerically by region, thereunder numerically by area.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80830863>

**Registers of patients in private hospitals, 1884-1919 (bulk 1894-1914).**

Identifier: HS7/993X  
Extent: 0.5 cubic feet (3 volumes)  
Copies: Partial microfilm reel ; 35 mm  
Arranged: In 2 subseries:  
(1) Register of patients in private hospitals  
(2) Register of patients in McLean Hospital;  
Arranged within each subseries by institution, thereunder chronologically or numerically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79074195>

**Warrants for transfer of prison inmates to state insane hospitals, 1884-1909.**

Identifier: HS7/994X  
Extent: 0.33 cubic feet (3 volumes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Spine title: Removals from prisons, etc. to lunatic hospitals.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/169983106>

**Hospital inspection register, 1898-1903.**

Identifier: HS7/995X  
Extent: 1 volume  
Arranged: Arranged by institution, thereunder chronologically by date of inspection.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78159084>

**Registers of insane persons boarded out, 1885-1904.**

Identifier: HS7/996X  
Extent: 0.8 cubic feet (5 volumes)  
Copies: 2 partial microfilm reels ; 35 mm  
Notes: Volume 3 (1894-1901) was (M-Ar)414X.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80775300>

**Admissions card files for state institutions, 1892-1954 (bulk 1910-1928).**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7/997X  
Extent: Subseries (1): 0.45 cubic feet (3 boxes)  
Subseries (2): 14 microfilm reels ; 16 mm  
Arranged: In two subseries; Arranged within each subseries by institution, thereunder alphabetically by patient.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180703139>

**Family care daily registers, 1905-1931.**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7/1116X  
Extent: 0.2 cubic feet (2 volumes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically or by action taken.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80601586>

**Supervisor of occupational therapy administrative files, 1952-1969.**

**Restriction:** Personnel/evaluative information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 4, s 7, d 26(c). For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7/1196X  
Extent: 3.75 cubic feet (3 record center cartons)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82023263>

**Community residence program files, 1974-1978.**



**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7/1198X

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81729956>

### **Quality of Care Review Team subject files, 1970-1976.**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7/1250X

Extent: 1.6 cubic feet (1 record center carton and 1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78326377>

### **Commissioner's files relating to the special legislative commission on mental retardation, 1963-1974.**

Identifier: HS7/1304X

Extent: 2.85 cubic feet (2 record center cartons and 1 document box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78253119>

### **Assistant commissioner for research, training, and planning's subject files, 1968-1973.**

Identifier: HS7/1305X

Extent: 7.5 cubic feet (6 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Notes: Files for N-Z missing.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82944258>

### **Deputy commissioner's advisory council files, 1970-1976.**

Identifier: HS7/1306X

Extent: 1.6 cubic feet (1 record center carton and 1 document box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81179721>

### **Deputy commissioner's special investigation files, 1971-1973 (bulk 1973).**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. Mental retardation client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123B, s 17. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7/1307X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82999000>

### **Human services resource directory project files, 1969-1974.**

Identifier: HS7/1308X  
Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (2 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged by region, thereunder by area, and then by facility.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82481545>

### **Human services resource directory survey forms, 1970-1974.**

Identifier: HS7/1309X  
Extent: 10 cubic feet (8 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged by region, thereunder by area.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84940074>

### **Private facility licensing and inspection files, 1917-1976.**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. Mental retardation client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123B, s 17. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7/1316X  
Extent: 3.75 cubic feet (3 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged by facility.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83176322>

### **Annual reports, 1899-1955.**

Identifier: HS7/1318 (subseries)  
Extent: Partial document box, 6 pamphlet boxes, and 24 volumes  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Public document, no. 63.  
Reports for 1941-1951, 1953-1954 missing.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122469566>

### **Facility survey files, 1927-1965.**

Identifier: HS7/1321X  
Extent: 5 cubic feet (4 record center cartons)  
Arranged: In two subseries:  
(1) Facility survey books; arranged by facility;  
(2) Survey books; arranged by survey, thereunder by facility.  
Notes: Files at one time maintained by the department's Division of Quality Assurance.  
Also known as: Housing survey files.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122405556>

**Monthly institutional restraint and seclusion reports, 1972-1976.**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. Mental retardation client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123B, s 17. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7/1322X  
Extent: 2.85 cubic feet (2 record center cartons and 1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by institution.  
Notes: Box 1: A-Ma.  
Box 2: Mc-We.  
Box 3: Wo-Wr.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78178350>

**Quality of Care Review Team coordinator's files, 1974-1976.**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. Mental retardation client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123B, s 17. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7/1323X  
Extent: 0.7 cubic feet (2 document boxes)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80830594>

**Inspection reports of the Walter E. Fernald State School, 1955-1965.**

Identifier: HS7/1333X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82694732>

**Restraint and seclusion comparative statistical reports, 1920-1980 (bulk 1972-1977).**

Identifier: HS7/1376X  
Extent: Partial record center carton  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81407030>

**Departmental personnel manual, 1964.**

Identifier: HS7/1397X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81793041>

**Weekly returns of admissions to and discharges from institutions, 1916-1945.**

Identifier: HS7/1502X

Extent: Originals (sample only): 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Copies: 0.74 cubic feet (148 microfilm reels ; 16 mm.)

Arranged: In two subseries:  
(1) Public institutions  
(2) Private institutions;  
Arranged within each subseries by institution, thereunder  
chronologically, then by patient no.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82481555>

**Program Management Program and Policy Memorandums, 1984-1989.**

Identifier: HS7/1958  
Extent: 1 document box

**Title XX planning project files, 1975.**

Identifier: HS7/2147X  
Extent: 1 record center carton

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**Record Group Number: HS7.04**

**Record Group Name: Westborough State Hospital (Mass.)**

**Historical Note:**

Under the direction of the Dept. of Mental Health, Westborough State Hospital was responsible for providing care and treatment for mentally ill persons in Massachusetts. It served the departmental Region V, comprising the area south and west of Boston. It offered inpatient services, partial hospitalization, and outpatient programs.

The hospital was established by St 1884, c 322 as the Westborough Insane Hospital to provide care and treatment using homeopathic principles of medicine. It received its current name by St 1909, c 504, s 14. Its enabling legislation provided that it occupy buildings on the grounds of the State Reform School, which as the Lyman School for Boys relocated elsewhere in Westborough in Apr. 1885. Alterations were completed and the hospital received its first patients in 1886. Governance was by a seven-member board of trustees appointed by the governor, under the general oversight of the State Board of Health, Lunacy, and Charity and succeeding state mental health agencies.

With the establishment of the hospital, people committed by courts were given the option of receiving homeopathic treatment at the hospital providing there was space for them.

Additionally, the State Board of Health, Lunacy, and Charity could transfer patients in other state hospitals to Westborough at their or their family's request.

Legislation establishing hospital districts (St 1887, c 346) provided that Westborough receive regular commitments from Suffolk County in addition to patients requesting homeopathic treatment. It remained legally a homeopathic hospital until 1939 when legislation removed this designation along with requirements that its superintendent and physicians be trained in that school of medicine (St 1939, c 500, ss 2-4). The facility thus became similar to the other state institutions for the mentally ill. It was closed in 2010  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83426511>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Inpatient case files, 1886-1960, 1970-1977.**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7.04/173X

Extent: 1886-1936 (reg. no. 1-22795): 6.56 cubic feet (656 microfilm reels ; 35 mm.)

1936-1960 (reg. no. 22796-37426): 362.5 cubic feet (290 record center cartons)

1970-1977 (closed, by discharge date): 2.62 cubic feet (524 microfilm reels ; 16 mm.)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180704944>

#### **Inpatient histories, 1886-1892.**

Identifier: HS7.04/278X

Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (9 volumes)

Arranged: Arranged numerically by inpatient registration no. (chronologically assigned)

Notes: Volumes lettered A-I; include registration no. 1-2250.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180704955>

#### **Inpatient commitment registers, 1886-1926.**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7.04/1115X

Extent: 1.34 cubic feet (7 volumes)

Copies: 2 partial microfilm reels ; 35 mm

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Volumes numbered 1-3, 5-8: register for 1905-1910 (no. 6672-9178) lacking.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82011803>

### **Annual reports, 1885-1968.**

Identifier: HS7.04/1318(subseries)

Extent: 1 document box, 2 pamphlet boxes, and 3 volumes

Notes: Public document, no. 30.

Reports for 1941-1950, 1955, 1962 are missing.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79756785>

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## **Record Group Number: HS7.05**

### **Record Group Name: Danvers State Hospital (Mass.)**

#### **Historical Note:**

Under the direction of the Dept. of Mental Health, Danvers State Hospital was responsible for providing residential care and treatment for mentally ill persons in northeastern Massachusetts, as the main residential facility for the service areas of the departmental Region IV.

The hospital was built to accommodate the overflow from the Boston Lunatic Hospital (later Boston State Hospital) and the asylum at the State Almshouse at Tewksbury. With the construction for a site in Middlesex or Essex counties for 400 persons authorized by St 1873, c 239, the facility opened in 1878 as the State Lunatic Hospital at Danvers, with a five-member board of trustees appointed by the governor pursuant to St 1877, c 253, under the general oversight of the Board of State Charities and succeeding state mental health agencies. The trustees appointed a board of consulting physicians in 1881 to work with the superintendent, this being the only such assistance among the state lunatic hospitals.

While the hospital was established by statute as the State Lunatic Hospital at Danvers, it was in fact known as the Danvers Lunatic Hospital in its annual reports and on its registers (see also PS c 87, s 2). The institution was then successively renamed Danvers Insane Hospital (St 1898, c 433, s 23) and Danvers State Hospital (St 1909, c 504, c 14)

The hospital originally received as its patients persons from all over the Commonwealth committed by courts, justices, local overseers of the poor, the governor, alien

commissioners, or friends, to treat a variety of chronic and acute cases of epilepsy, alcoholism, senility, mental deficiency, depression, psychoneuroses, and other mental disorders. St 1887, c 346 specified that it serve Essex County and part of Middlesex and patients from the Boston metropolitan area as needed.

While the hospital was originally established to provide residential care and treatment, its functions expanded to include a training program for nurses in 1889 (one of the first such) and a pathological laboratory in 1895. By 1914 there outpatient clinics in neighboring cities and towns for patients released to the care of family or friends and later for anyone in the community. By the 1920s the hospital was operating school clinics to help determine mental deficiency in children.

During the 1960s, as a result of increased emphasis on alternative methods of treatment and the trend towards deinstitutionalization and community based mental health care, the inpatient population decreased significantly. The hospital was closed in 1992.

Danvers State Hospital was one of the few remaining hospitals in the country in the architectural design of Thomas Kirkbride, one of the founders of the American Psychiatric Association and a proponent of the notion that the construction and design of buildings where patients reside is an essential part of treatment.

### **Related Series:**

#### **Inpatient case files, 1878-1980.**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7.05/253X

Extent: 1878-1930 (bulk 1878-1929) ( no. 1-28935, 28965): 296.25 cubic feet (237 record center cartons: 1-130, 130A, 131-236)  
1930-1980 (closed medical records: reg. no. 29002-80149): 7.8 cubic feet (1561 microfilm reels ; 16 mm.)  
1960-1979 (suppl. medical files--deaths/discharges/transfers: reg. no. 12266-75183 (bulk through 28998) and earlier files from main sequence): 0.14 cubic feet (28 microfilm reels ; 16 mm.)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180704878>

#### **Index and status of patients registers, 1878-1940.**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7.05/257X

Extent: 2 cubic feet (6 volumes)  
Copies: partial microfilm reel ; 35 mm  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by Volume, thereunder alphabetically by name.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82694594>

### **Inpatient histories, 1879-1899.**

Identifier: HS7.05/258X  
Extent: 10 cubic feet (38 volumes in 8 record center cartons)  
Copies: 10 microfilm reels (1 partial) ; 35 mm  
Arranged: In two subseries:  
(1) Female patients  
(2) Male patients  
Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Includes vols. 5, 7-8; female: 9-25; male: 9-26.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180704891>

### **Autopsy reports, 1879-1953.**

**Restriction:** Personal medical information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 66A.

For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7.05/512X  
Extent: 12.5 cubic feet (10 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged by autopsy no. (chronologically assigned)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180704896>

### **Special appropriation ledgers, 1903-1933.**

Identifier: HS7.05/513X  
Extent: 2 volumes  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by month, thereunder by account.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80923360>

### **Inpatient admission registers, 1903-1945.**

**Restriction:** Personal medical information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 66A.

For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7.05/1004X  
Extent: 0.8 cubic feet (9 volumes)  
Subseries (1) copies: 2 partial microfilm reels; 35 mm  
Copies: 2 partial microfilm reels; 35 mm  
Arranged: In two subseries:



(1) Original admission registers, 1903-1917; by sex in alternating volumes

(2) Summary registers, 1909-1945; arranged within each subseries chronologically by admission date.

Notes: Volume 1: Female, Oct. 1903-Sept. 1909.

Volume 2: Female, Oct. 1909-November 1917.

Volume 3: Male, Oct. 1903-Sept. 1909.

Volume 4: Male, Oct. 1909-November 1917.

Reel GSU 493: volumes 1-2. Reel GSU 494: volumes 3-4.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78354766>

### **Inpatient discharge registers, 1912-1954.**

**Restriction:** Personal medical information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 66A.

For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7.05/1005X

Extent: 0.6 cubic feet (5 volumes)

Arranged: In two subseries:

(1) Original discharge registers, 1912-1917

(2) Summary registers, 1930-1954;

Arranged within each subseries chronologically by admission date.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82694733>

### **Autopsy bacteriology test results, 1906-1912.**

**Restriction:** Personal medical information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 66A.

For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7.05/1011X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (2 volumes in 1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged by autopsy no. (chronologically assigned)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78404519>

### **Daybook, 1878-1886.**

Identifier: HS7.05/1017X

Extent: 0.5 cubic feet (2 volumes in 1 box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80709732>

### **Cash journals, 1878-1909.**

Identifier: HS7.05/1018X

Extent: 0.7 cubic feet (4 volumes)

Notes: Vol. [0]: 1878-1884. Vol. A: 1878-1889. Vol. C: 1898-1902. Vol. D: 1902-1909.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82558726>

### **Summary financial journal, 1902-1916.**

Identifier: HS7.05/1019X

Extent: 0.3 cubic feet (2 volumes)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78732248>

### **Ledgers, 1878-1908.**

Identifier: HS7.05/1020X

Extent: 0.8 cubic feet (3 volumes)

Arranged: Arranged by account holder, thereunder chronologically.

Notes: Vol. A: 1878-1891. Vol. B: 1892-1898. Vol. C 1902-1908. B also includes daybook entries of monies received, miscellaneous cash, and interest. C also includes ledger entries for special appropriations for capital improvements. (See also: Special appropriation ledgers, 1903-1933 ((M-Ar)513X))

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80094729>

### **Annual reports, 1886-1959.**

Identifier: HS7.05/1318(subseries)

Extent: 1 document box and 3 pamphlet boxes

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Public document, no. 20.

Reports for 1887-1889, 1891, 1897-1898, 1901, 1904, 1913, 1915, 1942-1952 missing.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83622659>

### **Death Registers, 1909-1950.**

**Restriction:** Personal medical information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 66A.

For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7.05/2701X

Extent: 0.18 cubic feet (3 volumes)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Volume 1: 1909-1928; Volume 2: 1928-1939; Volume 1939-1950

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/979565507>

### **Trustees registers, 1930-1958.**

Identifier: HS7.05/2702X  
Extent: 1 volume  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/979565173>

**Visits register, 1924-1926.**

Identifier: HS7.05/2703X  
Extent: 1 volume  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/979565280>

**Payrolls, 1895-1900**

Identifier: HS7.05/2704X  
Extent: 0.3 cubic feet (4 volumes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Vol. 1: 1895-1897.  
Vol. 2: 1897-1898 (loose pages 1880 inserted).  
Vol. 3: 1898-1899.  
Vol. 4: 1899-1900.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/979565538>

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**Record Group Number: HS7.06**

**Record Group Name: Division of Forensic Mental Health**

**Historical Note:**

The Division of Forensic Mental Health within the Dept. of Mental Health is responsible for developing and operating a comprehensive, efficient, and centralized system for delivering forensic mental health services across Massachusetts (pursuant to several sections of MGLA c 123). Specifically its responsibilities include providing clinical and forensic evaluation services in court, assisting the department in assessing and caring for severely mentally ill persons who become involved with the justice system, developing mental health services in county correctional facilities, and providing consistent central standards for training, qualification, and practice for forensic mental health evaluations conducted per court order in hospitals and other settings not under the direct supervision of the department.

The Dept. of Mental Health's involvement with the criminal justice system dates back to 1921 when the Briggs Law (St 1921, c 415) provided for psychiatric examinations of "certain persons held for trial." Since that time psychiatric examination of offenders has been relatively commonplace in Massachusetts. Resolves 1950, c 47 requested the department to conduct a formal study and to make recommendations concerning the advisability of providing psychiatric services to district courts through the use of court clinics. (See also annual resolves through 1958.) As a result, the Division of Legal Medicine was established within the department in 1956, to be responsible for providing psychiatric services to courts and correctional institutions.

During the mid-1970s the centralized administration of the division was dismantled and the court clinic function was carried out in the department's area offices. In 1984 a Court Clinic Services Committee, created by the legislature, found that coverage of the state's district, superior, and juvenile courts was uneven, with the quality of services varying greatly from location to location. The committee further recommended that a centrally-administered unit be established once more within the department to operate a court-based forensic mental health evaluation system and to build bridges between the mental health and the justice communities. Consequently the Division of Forensic Mental Health was set up by the commissioner of mental health in 1986.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429616>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Convict treatment case files, 1957-1961.**

**Restriction:** Criminal offender record information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 6, ss 167-178. Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. Mental retardation client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123B, s 17. Youth services client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 120, s 21. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7.06/1294X

Extent: 22.5 cubic feet (18 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged by case no.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81378835>

#### **Director's administrative files, 1959-1976.**

**Restriction:** Criminal offender record information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 6, ss 167-178. Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. Mental retardation client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123B, s 17. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7.06/1295X

Extent: 2.85 cubic feet (2 record center cartons and 1 document box)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84080348>

### **Adult after-care clinic case files, 1969-1977.**

**Restriction:** Criminal offender record information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 6, ss 167-178. Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. Mental retardation client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123B, s 17. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7.06/1300X  
Extent: 4.27 cubic feet (3 record center cartons and 2 document boxes)  
Arranged: In two subseries:  
(1) Case files; arranged alphabetically;  
(2) Case files; arranged by case no.  
Notes: Box 1: A-M.  
Box 2: O-S.  
Box 3: S-Z.  
Box 4: No. 1-101.  
Box 5: No. 102-268.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80172516>

### **State hospital discharge case files, 1956-1971.**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7.06/1301X  
Extent: 5 cubic feet (4 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by name.  
Notes: Box 1: A-D.  
Box 2: E-J.  
Box 3: K-O.  
Box 4: P-Z.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82949062>

### **Bridgewater judicial transfer files, 1968-1975 (bulk 1967-1969).**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7.06/1303X  
Extent: 0.7 cubic feet (2 document boxes)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81892404>

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## **Record Group Number: HS7.08**

## **Record Group Name: Northampton State Hospital (Mass.)**

### **Historical Note:**

Under the direction of the Dept. of Mental Health, Northampton State Hospital was responsible for providing residential care and treatment for mentally ill persons in western Massachusetts, as the only residential facility in the five mental health service areas that comprise the departmental Region I, covering the counties of Berkshire, Franklin, Hampshire, and Hampden.

The hospital was the third such institution established in the Commonwealth, after those at Worcester and Taunton, with construction authorized for a site in western Massachusetts by St 1855, c 454. The facility opened in 1858 as the State Lunatic Hospital at Northampton, with a five-member board of trustees appointed by the governor pursuant to St 1856, c 247. After 1863 the board was under the general oversight of the Board of State Charities and succeeding state mental health agencies.

The institution was successively renamed Northampton Lunatic Hospital (by which name it was already known) (St 1862, c 223, s 1), Northampton Insane Hospital (St 1898, c 433, s 23), and Northampton State Hospital (St 1906, c 313).

The hospital originally received as its patients persons from all over the Commonwealth committed by courts, justices, local overseers of the poor, the governor, alien commissioners, or friends, to treat a variety of chronic and acute cases of epilepsy, alcoholism, senility, mental deficiency, depression, psychoneuroses, and other mental disorders. St 1887, c 346 specified that it serve the counties of Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire.

While the hospital was originally established to provide residential care and treatment, it began to offer outpatient services in 1911; in 1914 it established clinics in the surrounding towns of Greenfield, Pittsfield, and Springfield; and in 1932 school guidance clinics in Northampton, Holyoke, Amherst, and Greenfield. It was closed in 1993.

### **Related Series:**

#### **Inpatient case files, 1858-1993.**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7.08/856X  
Extent: 1858-1959 ((1) 1858-1942--boxes 1-107, 167-174, 174A (2) 1943-1959--boxes 175-337 (alpha by patient): 346.95 cubic feet (277 record center cartons and 2 document boxes) ||1970-1974 (alpha by patient): 2.24 cubic feet (447 microfilm reels ; 16 mm.) ||1973-1988 (reg. no. 56002-72198): 1.64 cubic feet (328 microfilm reels ; 16 mm.) ||1988-1993 (reg. no. 72198-74357 (reels 753-1072; 1073-1088 earlier files out of sequence)): 1.68 cubic feet (336 microfilm reels ; 16 mm.)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180704903>

### **Outpatient consultation case files, 1931-1952.**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7.08/857X  
Extent: 7.82 cubic feet (5 record center cartons and 5 document boxes)  
Arranged: In two subseries:  
(1) Female consultation cases  
(2) Male consultation cases;  
Arranged within each subseries alphabetically by patient.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80601594>

### **Child guidance clinic client case files, 1930-1949.**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7.08/858X  
Extent: 9.27 cubic feet (7 record center cartons and 2 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by patient.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80975745>

### **Outpatient court consultation case files, 1932-1949.**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7.08/864X  
Extent: 7.65 cubic feet (5 record center cartons and 4 document boxes)  
Arranged: In two subseries: (2) Springfield district and juvenile courts; Arranged alphabetically within each subseries by patient.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83717673>

### **Annual reports, 1856-1967.**

Identifier: HS7.08/1318 (subseries)  
Extent: 1 document box, 2 pamphlet boxes, and 5 volumes  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Public document, no. 21.  
Reports for 1909, 1923-1925, 1942-1951, 1962 missing.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78261232>

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## **Record Group Number: HS7.09**

### **Record Group Name: Taunton State Hospital (Mass.)**

#### **Historical Note:**

Under the direction of the Dept. of Mental Health, Taunton State Hospital is responsible for providing residential care and treatment for mentally ill persons in Massachusetts, as one of two state hospitals serving the departmental Region VII, comprising southeastern Massachusetts.

The hospital was built to alleviate overcrowded conditions at the State Lunatic Hospital at Worcester. With authorization by St 1851, c 251, the facility opened as the State Lunatic Hospital at Taunton in the spring of 1854 with a five-member board of trustees appointed by the governor pursuant to St 1853, c 318. From 1863 the board was under the general oversight of the Board of State Charities and succeeding state mental health agencies.

The institution was successively renamed Taunton Lunatic Hospital (St 1862, c 223, s 1), Taunton Insane Hospital (St 1898, c 433, s 23), and Taunton State Hospital (St 1909, c 504, s 14)

The hospital originally received as its patients persons from all over the Commonwealth committed by courts, justices, local overseers of the poor, the governor, alien commissioners, or friends, to treat a variety of chronic and acute cases of epilepsy, alcoholism, senility, mental deficiency, depression, psychoneuroses, and other mental disorders. St 1887, c 346 specified that the institution serve the counties of Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes, Nantucket, Plymouth, and part of Norfolk; and patients from the Boston metropolitan area as needed.

While the hospital was originally established to provide residential care and treatment, its function expanded to include a training school for nurses in 1894 (see annual report for 1911) and a pathological laboratory in 1896. Medical interns were reported as studying



with the pathologist and physicians as early as 1902. By 1908 there were monthly outpatient clinics for patients released to the care of family or friends; in 1914 clinic branches were opened in Fall River and New Bedford for anyone in the community. Clinics for children (later called school clinics) that travelled to schools in the hospital's service district operated with the assistance of personnel from the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded (later the Walter E. Fernald State School) to diagnose behavioral and developmental problems.

During the 1960s, as a result of increased emphasis on alternative methods of treatment and the trend towards deinstitutionalization and community based mental health care, the inpatient population decreased significantly.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84587189>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Annual reports, 1854-1966.**

Identifier: HS7.09/1318 (subseries)

Extent: 1 document box, 2 pamphlet boxes, and 4 volumes

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Public document, no. 22.

Reports for 1942-1950, and 1962 are missing.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84447516>

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## **Record Group Number: HS7.10**

## **Record Group Name: Boston State Hospital**

### **Historical Note:**

From 1839 until 1981, Boston State Hospital was responsible for providing residential care and treatment for mentally ill persons in the Boston metropolitan area currently known by the Massachusetts Dept. of Mental Health as departmental Region IV. In addition the hospital served as a center for research into causes and treatments for mental illness and as a training center for psychiatric health care professionals.

Boston State Hospital was originally established as Boston Lunatic Hospital by St 1839, c 131, which authorized the Boston City Council to erect and maintain a hospital "for the reception of insane persons not furiously mad." It was the second such public institution for the care of mentally ill in Massachusetts and the first municipally supported institution in the state, operating under the general supervision of council members until 1857, when a Board of Inspectors of Public Institutions was established to manage all city institutions. Under St 1897, c 451 it was renamed Boston Insane Hospital and placed under an Insane Hospital Dept. consisting of seven trustees (see also St 1897, c 395)

The hospital remained under municipal control even when the state assumed responsibility for all insane in 1904 (per St 1900, c 451) and did not relinquish its control until 1908, when it sold the hospital's property and facilities to the state for

Initially the patient population consisted of persons committed by the municipal court judge for the City of Boston, insane persons removed from the house of correction and house of industry, and insane persons removed from the Worcester Lunatic Hospital to Boston (per RS 1836, c 48, ss 14-15). The inpatient population included both chronic and acute cases. However, despite the hospital's expansion over the years, in 1908 less than fifteen percent of the mentally ill in the Boston metropolitan area were being cared for there; the remainder had to be sent to other state facilities.

In 1912, under the authority of St 1909, c 470, Boston State Hospital founded a Psychopathic Dept., the first of its kind in the country, to diagnose and treat acute cases of emotional disturbance through the observation of patients and to conduct research and develop modern methods of treatment. Per St 1920, c 537, the department became the Boston Psychopathic Hospital (per St 1956, c 63, the Massachusetts Mental Health Center, which see)

During the 1960s, as a result of increased emphasis on alternative methods of treatment and the trend towards deinstitutionalization and community based mental health care, the inpatient population decreased significantly. Following extensive community mental health center construction in the Boston area, Boston State Hospital was closed in 1981, with its services being reconsolidated into other centers, units, and hospitals.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83716077>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Patient case files, 1856-1985.**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7.10/256X  
Extent: 1856-1930 (inpatient files: reg. no. 1111-29685 (bulk from 1890: 4810-29685): 218.75 cubic feet (175 record center cartons) ||1917-1961 (inpatient files: reg. no. 16445-68183 (bulk from 1923: 25012-68183, but 51245-52612 lacking): 0.56 cubic feet (111 microfilm reels ; 16 mm.) ||1961-1967 (inpatient files: reg no. 68175-79898 et al. (reels 115-290): 0.88 cubic feet (176 microfilm reels ; 16 mm.) ||1967-1978 (inpatient files: by discharge year, thereunder alpha): 3.64 cubic feet (727 microfilm reels ; 16 mm.) ||1950-1985: (outpatient files: for details see below): 0.55 cubic feet (110 microfilm reels ; 16 mm.)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180704848>

### **Commitment papers, 1848-1899.**

Identifier: HS7.10/334X  
Extent: 6.25 cubic feet (5 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged by inpatient registration no. (chronologically assigned)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81313194>

### **Departmental monthly reports, 1946-1947.**

Identifier: HS7.10/335X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by month.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83716151>

### **Trustee reports, 1932-1953.**

Identifier: HS7.10/336X  
Extent: 1.6 cubic feet (1 record center carton and 1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by month.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81793027>

### **Psychopathic ward inpatient case files, 1911-1912.**

Identifier: HS7.10/339X  
Extent: 3.75 cubic feet (3 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged by psychiatric ward registration no. (chronologically assigned)  
Notes: Box 1: No. 410-568.  
Box 2: No. 571-725.  
Box 3: No. 726-869.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82316349>

**School clinic administrative files, 1925-1942.**

**Restriction:** Mental retardation clinic information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c123B, s 17. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7.10/340X

Extent: 0.52 cubic feet (2 document boxes)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79840262>

**Employee newsletter, 1969-1971.**

Identifier: HS7.10/1123X

Extent: 2 file folders (partial document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180704816>

**Hospital policy memorandums, 1949-1972 (bulk 1949).**

Identifier: HS7.10/1124X

Extent: 1 file folder (partial document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80954833>

**Utilization Review Committee minutes, 1971-1977.**

Identifier: HS7.10/1125X

Extent: 2 file folders (partial document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79918195>

**Autopsy reports 1881-1977.**

**Restriction:** Personal medical information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 66A. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7.10/1199X

Extent: 17.5 cubic feet (14 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged by autopsy no.

Notes: Reports for Apr. 1873-Sept. 1912 lacking.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180704826>

**Annual reports, 1889-1962.**

Identifier: HS7.10/1318 (subseries)

Extent: 1 document box, 2 pamphlet boxes, and 1 volume

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Public document, no. 84.

Reports for 1890-1891, 1894-1896, 1942-1950, and 1959 missing.  
Additional Description <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81866256>

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## **Record Group Number: HS7.11**

## **Record Group Name: Worcester State Hospital (Mass.)**

### **Historical Note:**

Under the direction of the Dept. of Mental Health, Worcester State Hospital is responsible for providing residential care and treatment for mentally ill persons in Massachusetts. It serves portions of the departmental Regions II and III, comprising the central part of the state.

The first state-funded institution for the mentally ill in Massachusetts, it was established as the State Lunatic Hospital (St 1832, c 163), after Resolves 1829, c 83 authorized purchase of land and construction of a hospital to accommodate 120 "lunatics or persons furiously mad." When the institution opened in 1833, its superintendent reported to a five-member board of trustees appointed by the governor, which after 1863 was under the general oversight by the Board of State Charities and succeeding state mental health agencies.

The institution was successively renamed Worcester Lunatic Hospital (St 1862, c 223, s 1), Worcester Insane Hospital (St 1898, c 433, s 23), and Worcester State Hospital (St 1909, c 504, s 14). A new enlarged facility, authorized by St 1870, c 238, opened in 1877, while the original buildings were designated for use by the Temporary Asylum for the Chronic Insane per St 1877, c 227. From 1877 the hospital trustees also governed that institution, renamed Worcester Insane Asylum in 1887, and Worcester State Asylum in 1909, until it was replaced by the Grafton State Hospital in 1915.

The hospital originally received as its patients persons from all over the Commonwealth by courts, justices, local overseers of the poor, the governor, alien commissioners, or friends, to treat a variety of chronic and acute case of epilepsy, alcoholism, senility, mental deficiency, depression, psychoneuroses, and other mental disorders. St 1887, c 346 specified that it serve the county of Worcester and portions of the counties of Middlesex and Norfolk.

A laboratory organized in 1895 and headed by a pathologist made the hospital a center for research and teaching in the causes of and treatments of mental illness. In 1904 a training school for nurses was organized to ensure better quality of patient care.

In addition to providing residential care and treatment, the hospital has since 1914 offered outpatient services. At first geared to former patients and patients discharged to the custody of family on trial visits, they were expanded to serve all citizens of the service area, with traveling clinics in various locations in the Worcester area.

Today Worcester State Hospital also operates a day school for emotionally disturbed adolescents and mental health service programs and clinics in surrounding communities, and provides drug rehabilitation services.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429628>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Annual reports, 1834-1953.**

Identifier: HS7.11/1318 (subseries)  
Extent: 1 document box, 5 pamphlet boxes, and 5 volumes  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Public document, no. 23.  
Reports for 1863-1870, 1909, 1911-1912, 1942-1952 are missing  
Duplicate copies of bound reports for 1832-1850 included.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/77698898>

#### **Research studies, 1910-1944.**

Identifier: HS7.11/1955X  
Extent: 1.6 cubic feet (1 record center carton and 1 document box)  
Zinn 6 volumes  
Notes: Presented to Archives by Peter Wackell, July 16, 1993; previously acquired by him as deaccessioned by the University of Massachusetts Medical School, which had acquired the volumes from the Worcester State Hospital.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180702050>

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**Record Group Number: HS7.12**

**Record Group Name: Metropolitan State Hospital (Waltham, Mass.)**

**Historical Note:**

St 1927, c 211 and St 1829, c 322 (Massachusetts) authorized land taking for a state hospital for the mentally ill in the Boston metropolitan area. St 1930, c 403 established the Metropolitan State Hospital, which opened at Waltham in that year. It was successively under the supervision of the Dept. of Mental Diseases and the Dept. of Mental Health (St 1938, c 486). In 1954 a William C. Gaebler Children's Unit was established there for those under sixteen years of age, known some time after 1969 as the Gaebler Children's Center. Both hospital and children's center were closed 1992.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429767>

**Related Series:****Annual reports, 1931-1969.**

Identifier: HS7.12/1318 (subseries)  
Extent: 1 document box and 1 pamphlet box  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Public document, no. 150.  
Reports for 1942-1951 missing.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122506058>

**Gaebler Children's Center psychological test data case files, 1946-1992.**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7.12/1864X  
Extent: 30 cubic feet (24 record center cartons)  
Arranged: In two sequences:  
(1) 1946 (bx 1);  
(2) 1947-1992 (bx 2-24)  
Arranged within each sequence alphabetically by patient name.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/851513299>

**Gaebler Children's Center policy and procedure manuals, 1990-1992.**

Identifier: HS7.12/1866X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/851511271>

**Inpatient case files, 1930-1992.**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7.12/2592X  
Extent: 1930-1953 (by admission date reg. no. 1-10364): 0.87 cubic feet (173 microfilm reels ; 16 mm.)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/846919556>

**Gaebler Children's Center medical records, 1945-1992.**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7.12/2593X  
Extent: 1974-1992 (medical records by year, then reg. no.): 2.01 cubic feet (401 microfilm reels ; 16 mm.) ||1958, 1980-1992 (medical records pulled from main series, alpha): 0.04 cubic feet (7 microfilm reels ; 16 mm.) ||1945-1980 (commitment papers reg.no. 4127-46469, reels 1-18): 0.09 cubic feet (18 microfilm reels ; 16 mm.) ||1981-1988 (commitment papers, alpha, reels 19-21): 0.02 cubic feet (3 microfilm reels ; 16 mm.)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/846937291>

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**Record Group Number: HS7.13**

**Record Group Name: Grafton State Hospital (Mass.)**

**Historical Note:**

Until 1974, Grafton State Hospital was responsible for providing residential care and treatment for mentally ill persons in central Massachusetts under the direction of the Dept. of Mental Health.

The hospital originated as the Temporary Asylum for the Chronic Insane (also known as the Asylum for the Chronic Insane), authorized by St 1877, c 227 to be established on the grounds of the Worcester Lunatic Hospital (later Worcester Insane Hospital and then Worcester State Hospital), in the hospital's original facility just vacated for a new one, and governed by that institution's board of trustees. All inmates were to be transferred to it from other institutions by the Board of State Charities, pursuant to St 1863, c 240, s 4.

The institution was successively renamed Worcester Insane Asylum (St 1887, c 239) and Worcester State Asylum (St 1909, c 504). Legislation beginning with St 1902, c 434 had provided for purchase of land and buildings in Grafton for a farm colony of the asylum. St 1912, c 679 authorized the construction of a new facility there to completed by 1915, to



accommodate four hundred patients from the main asylum, with the view of transferring the remainder elsewhere and closing the Worcester facility. The transfer and closing plan was repealed by 1916, c 283. Meanwhile, the opening of the new site was postponed twice (St 1914, c 456; St 1915, c 170); St 1915, c 79 changed the asylum's name (for both locations) to Grafton State Hospital and provided that it have its own board of trustees under the general oversight of the State Board of Insanity and succeeding state mental health agencies. St 1919, c 74 transferred the land and buildings on the original Worcester site (known as the Worcester Dept.) to the Worcester State Hospital.

Initially over a thousand inmates were transferred from the Worcester site to the new Grafton facility, still intended as an admitting hospital. Over the years it has served as the primary hospital treatment resource for southern Worcester County; accepted overflow admissions from the Boston area; and served as receiving hospital for mass transfers of chronic patients from other state facilities (state schools as well as state hospitals).

Grafton State Hospital was closed in 1974, the first state hospital for the mentally ill in Massachusetts to be phased out as a result of the trend towards deinstitutionalization and community based service expressed in the Comprehensive Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services Act (St 1966, c 735). (It was also one of the first such hospitals in the country to close.) Its remaining patients were transferred to other area hospitals and plans were made for its conversion to a rehabilitation center for chronic mental patients.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429628>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Inpatient case files, 1877-1955.**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7.13/252X

Extent: 235 cubic feet (188 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged by inpatient registration no.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180704362>

#### **Inpatient correspondence files, 1916-1942.**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7.13/666X

Extent: 27.5 cubic feet (22 record center cartons)

Arranged: In two subseries:  
(1) Male inpatients

(2) Female inpatients;

Arranged within each subseries alphabetically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79287291>

**Annual reports, 1879-1969.**

Identifier: HS7.13/1318 (subseries)

Extent: 1 document box, 1 pamphlet box, and 2 volumes

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Public document, no. 112.

Reports for 1909-1914, 1939, 1942-1952 missing.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84325352>

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**Record Group Number: HS7.14**

**Record Group Name: Gardner State Hospital (Mass.)**

**Historical Note:**

From 1902 until 1976 Gardner State Hospital provided residential care and treatment for mentally ill persons in Massachusetts under state authority, most recently that of the Dept. of Mental Health.

The hospital was established as the State Colony for the Insane by St 1900, c 451 to accommodate overflow from the Worcester Insane Hospital (later Worcester State Hospital), and others. With construction authorized by that statute, it was opened in Gardner in 1902, with a seven-member board of trustees appointed by the governor, under the general oversight of the State Board of Insanity and succeeding state mental health agencies.

Initially a farm colony accepting the chronically insane transferred from hospitals and asylums to relieve overcrowding, the institution was renamed Gardner State Colony by St 1909, c 504, c 14. St 1935, c 314 renamed it Gardner State Hospital, as such subject to laws applicable to other state mental hospitals. Despite the recommendations of a blue ribbon commission in 1974 that it remain open, Gardner State Hospital was closed in 1976, as a result of increased emphasis on alternative methods of treatment and the trend towards deinstitutionalization and community based mental health services.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122402984>

**Related Series:**

### **Annual reports, 1903-1960.**

Identifier: HS7.14/1318 (subseries)  
Extent: 1 document box, 1 pamphlet box, and 1 volume  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Public document, no. 70.  
Reports for 1909-1913, 1925, 1942-1952, 1955-1959 missing.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78342975>

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## **Record Group Number: HS7.15**

### **Record Group Name: Massachusetts Mental Health Center**

#### **Historical Note:**

Under the direction of the Dept. of Mental Health, the Massachusetts Mental Health Center has been responsible for providing patient care and treatment and psychiatric training in Massachusetts, and conducting research into emotional and mental diseases. Since 1967 it has serviced several catchment areas of the departmental Region VI, i.e. the Boston metropolitan area; it is also a teaching hospital of the Harvard Medical School.

The center began as the Psychopathic Dept. of Boston State Hospital, in 1912, under the direction of Dr. Elmer E. Southard. It separated from the hospital and was renamed the Boston Psychopathic Hospital (BPH) per St 1920, c 537. Per St 1956, c 63 it received its current name.

It was initially created to provide for the reception, diagnosis, and disposition of acute psychiatric patients in Boston, usually admitting patients for short periods only. After diagnosis patients were transferred to state hospitals or released for outpatient care. As the institution developed a reputation for active teaching and research in psychiatry, cases from other state hospitals were transferred to it for observation or special treatment.

After the first few years outpatient care was offered not only to discharged patients, but to the general public, with emergency and diagnostic services and special units for children and adolescents. The outpatient department of BPH was renamed the Southard Clinic in the mid-1940s in honor of the first superintendent.

By 1943 BPH was no longer a receiving hospital for all patients. Its focus instead shifted to treating and researching various mental illnesses. While many of the state hospitals were primarily custodial in nature, BPH emphasized treatment. During the 1950s and 1960s it

became more of a community based facility, which was formalized when it was assigned DMH catchment areas in 1967. At the same time the change of name to Massachusetts Mental Health Center reflected its evolution into a multi-faceted facility.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429625>

#### **Related Series:**

##### **Psychometric testing case files, 1939-1963 (bulk 1954-1963).**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7.15/39X

Extent: 20 cubic feet (16 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by overlapping time span, thereunder alphabetically

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83026717>

##### **Southard Clinic outpatient case files, 1912-1963.**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7.15/265

Extent: 320 cubic feet (256 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged by outpatient registration no.

Notes: Transferred to Archives from Newberry Library, Chicago, Aug. 31, 2005.

Case file numbering system changed in 1943; files active at that time were renumbered.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82628461>

##### **V.D. clinic outpatient case files, 1918-1956 (bulk 1930-1950).**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7.15/266X

Extent: 23.75 cubic feet (19 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by patient.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79151737>

##### **Children's unit outpatient case files, 1953-1971.**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7.15/268

Extent: 23.75 cubic feet (19 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged by outpatient registration no.  
Notes: Files for 1964-1966 lacking.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81993739>

### **Community extension service case files, 1957-1960.**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7.15/770X  
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by patient.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79287301>

### **Index card files of persons tested at Southard Clinic, 1951-1959.**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7.15/1048X  
Extent: 0.44 cubic feet (ca. 4000 cards in 4 boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by patient.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83898145>

### **Administrative correspondence, 1929-1954.**

Identifier: HS7.15/1068X  
Extent: 1.95 cubic feet (1 record center carton and 2 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by correspondent.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81483206>

### **Psychological laboratory research and testing files, 1935-1960.**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7.15/1071X  
Extent: 5 cubic feet (4 record center cartons)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81566984>

### **Inpatient case files, 1951-1963.**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7.15/1182  
Extent: 5 cubic feet (4 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged by registration no. (chronologically assigned)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82211131>

**Reflections at 75: 1987.**

Identifier: HS7.15/1185X  
Extent: 1 video reel (30 min, 45 sec.)(1 box) : 1 in sd., col. ;  
Transcript: 1 file folder  
Notes: Title from transcript.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180704393>

**Annual reports, 1914-1973.**

Identifier: HS7.15/1318 (subseries)  
Extent: 1 document box and 1 pamphlet box  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Public document, no. 137.  
Reports for 1916-1920; 1942-1950; 1952; and 1969-1971 missing.  
Reports through 1920 can also be found in those of Boston State  
Hospital ((M-Ar)1318 (subseries)/HS7.10).  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122469572>

**Day hospital case files, 1956-1959.**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7.15/1550X  
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)  
Arranged: Arranged by case no.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78732262>

**Case files, 1961-1970 (bulk 1967-1970).**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7.15/2287  
Extent: 2.85 cubic feet (2 record center cartons and 1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year of closure, thereunder  
alphabetically by client.  
Notes: Box 1: 1961, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970 (A-B)  
Box 2: 1970 (C-Me)  
Box 3: 1970 (Mi-R)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83856598>

**Record Group Number: HS7.16**

**Record Group Name: Hospital Cottages for Children  
(Baldwinville, Mass.)**

**Historical Note:**

The Hospital Cottages for Children opened at Baldwinville, Massachusetts in 1882, as a charitable corporation for the care, training, and treatment of "diseased, maimed, feeble-minded, destitute and orphan children," as it was characterized by St 1887, c 441, which authorized the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to pay its debts. It was obliged to report to the State Board of Lunacy and Charity, which could place epileptic and other children there. This statute, as well as St 1890, c 354 and St 1892, c 407 provided for trustees appointed by the governor. Further state supervision was provided by St 1898, c 433, ss 21, 24 (State Board of Insanity), St 1909, c 504, ss 66-67, and St 1918, c 121 (Massachusetts Commission on Mental diseases). St 1945, c 451 provided for the placement (now by the Department of Mental Health) of mentally retarded children there. State involvement with the institution was ended by the repeal of relevant statutes per St 1952, c 307.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122656176>

**Related Series:**

**Annual reports, 1894-1895.**

Identifier: HS7.16/1318 (subseries)

Extent: 1 pamphlet box

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122560420>

**Case histories of children, 1900-1907.**

Identifier: HS7.16/1645X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 volume in 1 document box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122403055>

**Record Group Number: HS7.17**

**Record Group Name: Norfolk State Hospital (Mass.)**

**Historical Note:**

From 1912 to 1919, Norfolk State Hospital was responsible for providing residential care and treatment to persons in Massachusetts committed by courts or voluntarily because of alcoholism or drug addiction.

The hospital was authorized by St 1910, c 635 as a unit of Foxborough State Hospital and established as Norfolk State Hospital under the Foxborough trustees by St 1912, c 530, with oversight by the State Board of Charity, to provide hospital treatment for "hopeful" cases and a detention colony for noncriminal but chronic cases. By St 1914, c 358, Foxborough State Hospital was designated as an institution for the mentally ill with a new board of trustees. The former trustees (still under the State Board of Charity) became the trustees of Norfolk State Hospital and all (male) inebriates and drug addicts, documents relating to the care of inebriates, and all records of former patients (except those committed as insane) were transferred to that institution, which began operation in June 1914. (The outpatient department of Foxborough State Hospital became a branch of Norfolk State Hospital, responsible for monitoring and advising patients who had left that facility.)

St 1918, c 139 directed the Massachusetts Commission on Mental Diseases to transfer to Norfolk State Hospital female inmates from state hospitals for the mentally ill. However, that same year the hospital's inpatient population dwindled to forty-eight. The facility was ceded to the federal government to treat soldiers returning from World War I who were suffering from nervous and mental breakdowns, and consequently by the following year the facility had ceased to function as a state mental hospital. In the meantime St 1919, c 350, s 81 placed Norfolk State Hospital under the supervision and control of the Dept. of Mental Diseases at such a time as its lease to the federal government expired.

However, the hospital never reopened as Norfolk State Hospital. St 1922, c 535 provided that persons with alcohol and drug problems be committed to state correction facilities (including the State Farm at Bridgewater) or private treatment facilities. The hospital's buildings were used to provide immediate care and treatment for persons suffering from cancer under the authority of St 1926, c 391; in this new role the facility was named Pondville Hospital in 1927. --St 1935, c 421, which provided for a new Norfolk State Hospital for the criminally insane, was not implemented.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429632>

**Related Series:**

**Inpatient case files, 1893-1919.**



**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7.17/260X

Extent: Subseries (1): 67.5 cubic feet (54 record center cartons and 1 document box) Subseries (2) 0.33 cubic feet (1 volume)

Arranged: In two subseries:

(1) Case files

(2) Postcards, 1906-1919;

Arranged within each subseries alphabetically by patient.

Notes: Postcards separated from case files, Mar. 1993.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180704913>

### **Annual reports, 1914-1919.**

Identifier: HS7.17/1318 (subseries)

Extent: 1 pamphlet box

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Public document, no. 106.

Reports for 1912-1913 can be found in those of Foxborough State Hospital ((M-Ar)1318 (subseries)/HS7.20).

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78261239>

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## **Record Group Number: HS7.18**

## **Record Group Name: Medfield State Hospital (Mass.)**

### **Historical Note:**

Under the direction of the Massachusetts Dept. of Mental Health, Medfield State Hospital is responsible for providing residential care and treatment for mentally ill persons in the departmental Region V, comprising the area south and west of Boston.

The hospital was established by St 1892, c 425 as the Medfield Insane Asylum for the chronic insane, who would be transferred from state lunatics hospitals or from the Worcester Insane Asylum by the State Board of Lunacy and Charity. Its first patients were admitted in 1896 before all the buildings had been completed; it was in charge of a seven-

member board of trustees appointed by the governor, under the general oversight of the State Board of Lunacy and Charity and succeeding state mental health agencies.

It was successively renamed Medfield State Asylum (St 1909, c 504, s 14) and Medfield State Hospital (St 1914, c 442), as such subject to laws applicable to other state mental hospitals.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84487338>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Inpatient case files, 1896-1948.**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7.18/1036

Extent: 372.85 cubic feet (298 record center cartons and 1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged numerically by inpatient registration no. (chronologically assigned) in two sequences: 1-160 (1896-1935); A1-138, A107A (1903-1948)

Notes: Includes files for registration no. 1-8018, 34-11679.  
Containers labeled with obsolete series designation: 30.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180704931>

#### **Annual reports, 1896-1963.**

Identifier: HS7.18/1318 (subseries)

Extent: 1 document box, 2 pamphlet boxes, and 1 volume

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Public document, no. 59. --Reports for 1942-1951; 1959; 1962 missing.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79356643>

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## **Record Group Number: HS7.20**

## **Record Group Name: Foxborough State Hospital**

### **Historical Note:**

Foxborough State Hospital, opened as the Massachusetts Hospital for Dipsomaniacs and Inebriates in 1893, was the first state institution in Massachusetts whose sole purpose was to provide residential care and treatment to persons committed by courts or voluntarily

because of alcoholism or drug addiction. Later it became a state hospital for the mentally ill.

With construction authorized by St 1889, c 414, the hospital was completed in 1893 with a five-member board of trustees appointed by the governor, under the general oversight of the State Board of Lunacy and Charity and succeeding state mental health agencies.

Prior to 1893, inebriates and dipsomaniacs could be committed by the courts to state lunatic hospitals under the authority of St 1885, c 339. The building of this hospital made it possible to treat these persons in an institution especially intended for their care and to experiment with different treatments. St 1889, c 414 provided for their transfer from state lunatic hospitals by the State Board of Lunacy and Charity. Pursuant to St 1891, c 158, laws relative to commitment of the insane were made applicable to male dipsomaniacs and inebriates. St 1909, c 504, s 1 broadened these laws to include drug addicts.

St 1905, c 400 changed the facility's name to Foxborough State Hospital and allowed the State Board of Insanity, according to an annual report, to transfer male chronic insane patients from other hospitals.

St 1910, c 635 authorized the Foxborough trustees to construct a new hospital for dipsomaniacs, with the oversight of the State Board of Charity. Per St 1912, c 530 this unit, in Norfolk and Walpole, was named Norfolk State Hospital, to be administered by the trustees of Foxborough State Hospital. Per St 1914, c 358, Foxborough State Hospital was designated as an institution for the mentally ill with a new board of trustees; the former trustees became the board of trustees of Norfolk State Hospital, and all (male) inebriates and drug addicts and their records, documents relating to the care of inebriates and drug addicts, and all records of former patients (except those committed as insane) were transferred to that institution.

Foxborough State Hospital was closed in 1975, as a result of increased emphasis on alternative methods of treatment and the trend towards deinstitutionalization and community based mental health care.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83088264>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Annual reports, 1885-1959.**

Identifier: HS7.20/1318 (subseries)  
Extent: 1 document box, 2 pamphlet boxes, and 2 volumes  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Reports for 1924-1927, 1942-1950 missing.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79714757>

**Trustee meeting minutes/superintendent reports, 1901-1975.**

Identifier: HS7.20/2827X  
Extent: 5 record center cartons

**Staff meeting minutes, 1916-1929.**

Identifier: HS7.20/2828X  
Extent: 3 record center cartons

**Patient diagnoses.**

Identifier: HS7.20/2829X  
Extent: 0.5 record center carton

**Land records, 1838--.**

Identifier: HS7.20/2830X  
Extent: 0.5 record center carton

**Financial reports, 1941-1942.**

Identifier: HS7.20/2831X  
Extent: 0.5 record center carton

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**Record Group Number: HS7.21**

**Record Group Name: Department of Mental Health – Division of Policy and Planning – Evaluation Section**

**Historical Note:**

The functions currently performed by the Evaluation Section in the Division of Policy and Planning of the Department of Mental Health can be traced to the act establishing the State Board of Insanity (St 1898, c 433, ss 5-6). The board was to research and report annually to the governor and council its findings regarding the most successful way to care for and treat the mentally ill. It also encouraged the scientific investigation of mental illness by the medical staff of institutions under its supervision and the publication of the findings of their scientific and clinical work. The board was responsible for the sending of forms to state institutions to record patient information, and to city officials and overseers of the

poor to gather vital statistics concerning persons requesting admittance to institutions under the supervision of the board. By 1909 the board was no longer required to send forms to cities and towns (St 1909, c 504) and was responsible solely for statistics gathered from institutions.

An act further regulating the procedures for hospitalization and commitment of the mentally ill (St 1955, c 637, s 3) added to the responsibilities of the board's successor, the Department of Mental Health, that of conducting research for the purpose of ascertaining the cause of "mental disease, mental illness, epilepsy and mental deficiency," in private schools, clinics, or laboratories. Results of these findings were published by the department's evaluation unit under the name of Division of Medical Statistics and Research (1954-1974). (These dates and those for name changes given in the following paragraph are approximate only.)

In 1974 the commissioner of mental health was given the authority to appoint an assistant commissioner for research and program evaluation to research and evaluate activities of the department, including program development, community activities, operational research, and statistics (St 1974, c 783). At this time the division was placed under the assistant commissioner. In the succeeding years the unit underwent a number of name changes while the functions remained the same: Evaluation, Research, and Statistics (1975-1976); Office of Information Systems, Evaluation, and Planning (1977-1978); Evaluation Section, Division of Mental Health Services (1979-1986).

In 1983 the Department of Mental Health was sanctioned by the U.S. District Court for inadequately controlling reports of restraint and seclusion of patients institutionalized under the department's jurisdiction. The Evaluation Section was instructed to develop the forms, maintain the data, and publish the results of restraint and seclusion reports for public and private institutions (St 1984, c 465). Reports were published while the department was under a consent decree. They are now maintained by the commissioner as a public record.

The focus of the Evaluation Section of the Division of Policy and Planning, the unit's name since 1987, is to conduct research to assist the department in its planning, review, and delivery of services to clients and to prepare reports mandated by the legislature. The unit maintains a database of client information and collects routine data, client data, and other kinds of aggregate statistics from public and private institutions providing residential care to mentally ill patients. It compiles the data and publishes monthly statistical reports. Research and publication of reports concerning the causes and care of mental illness have fallen to individual professionals in the institutions conducting grant-funded research. Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429233>

## **Related Series:**

### **Statewide mental health services study forms, 1976-1978.**

Identifier: HS7.21/396X

Extent: 5 cubic feet (4 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged by service region and area.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79894703>

### **Census, admission, discharge, restraint and seclusion reports, 1985-1986.**

Identifier: HS7.21/2681X

Extent: Partial record center carton

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: From the records of the Governor's Commission on Mental Retardation, transferred to Archives, 1994-2008. For details consult the Massachusetts Archives series control file.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/945572661>

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## **Record Group Number: HS7.22**

## **Record Group Name: State Advisory Council on Mental Health and Retardation**

### **Historical Note:**

The act reorganizing the Department of Mental Health (St 1966, Ex Sess, c 735) required the creation of a mental health advisory council, which was known principally by the name cited above or variations thereof. The council consisted of thirty persons to be appointed by the governor, at least half of them being members of community mental health and retardation area boards, and of the remaining half at least seven representing the following groups: state-level medical, psychological, nursing, educational, social work, occupational therapy, or bar associations; state-level associations for mental health and for mental retardation; industrial and labor groups; and the clergy. Members would not serve more than two consecutive three-year terms.

The duties of the council included advising the commissioner of mental health on policy, program development, and priorities of need for comprehensive programs in mental health and retardation in Massachusetts. It participated with the department in holding a regular series of public hearings throughout the Commonwealth to obtain the views of the area boards and other citizens concerning the programs of the department and the needs of the citizens for mental health and retardation services. The advisory council also reviewed the annual plans and proposed annual budget of the department, and made recommendations thereon to the commissioner, holding at least three meetings per year and convening special meetings as well.

In 1986 an act to reorganize the management of mental health and mental retardation services in the Commonwealth (St 1986, c 599) called for the replacement of the council with separate mental health and mental retardation advisory councils.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429252>

#### **Related Series:**

##### **Minutes, 1977-1981 (bulk 1979-1981).**

Identifier: HS7.22/357X

Extent: 0.52 cubic feet (2 document boxes)

Arranged: In two subseries:

(1) Minutes of the full advisory council

(2) Minutes of the Executive Committee;

Arranged within each subseries chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145430123>

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## **Record Group Number: HS7.23**

## **Record Group Name: Department of Mental Health – Citizens Area Advisory Boards**

#### **Related Series:**

##### **East Middlesex Minutes, 1968-1974**

Identifier: HS7.23/620

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)

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## **Record Group Number: HS7.24**

### **Record Group Name: Monson Developmental Center**

#### **Historical Note:**

St 1895, c 483 established the Massachusetts Hospital for Epileptics, which opened at Monson in 1898. It was renamed Monson State Hospital by St 1909, c 504, s 14, and Monson Developmental Center by St 1979, c 189. Initially under the supervision of the State Board of Lunacy and Charity, it was passed successively to the State Board of Insanity (St 1898, c 433, s 9), the Massachusetts Commission on Mental Diseases (St 1916, c 285, s 3), the Dept. of Mental Diseases (St 1919, c 350, s 79), and the Dept. of Mental Health (1938, c 486) (later Dept. of Developmental Services). The center was closed in 2012.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81566941>

#### **Related Series:**

##### **Annual reports, 1898-1966.**

Identifier: HS7.24/1318 (subseries)

Extent: 1 document box and 1 pamphlet box

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Public document, no. 62.

Reports for 1933, 1939, 1942-1947, 1950-1953, 1961-1962, 1964 missing.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80563005>

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## **Record Group Number: HS7.29**

### **Record Group Name: Department of Mental Health – Facilities Management Division**

#### **Historical Note:**

The Facilities Management Division is responsible for the physical plant and operations of all facilities under the jurisdiction of the Dept. of Mental Health, including the state mental hospitals, community mental health centers, residential and day care facilities, and, to



1986, mental retardation facilities. It includes core support services (food and laundry) and engineering and maintenance units.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429492>

**Related Series:**

**Mental health facility blueprints and plans (engineering and maintenance scheduled item), 1899-1965.**

**Restriction:** Restricted as fragile. Access by permission of state archivist or curator of Massachusetts Archives only

Identifier: HS7.29/236X

Extent: 14 cubic feet (16 volumes and 4 boxes)

Arranged: Arranged by facility.

Notes: Transferred to Archives from Dept. of Mental Health, 1988.  
Belchertown plans (1954-1965 only) transferred from Massachusetts Historical Commission, 2008.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79021279>

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**Record Group Number: HS7.31**

**Record Group Name: Corrigan Mental Health Center (Fall River, Mass.)**

**Historical Note:**

The Fall River Mental Health Center apparently originated in 1968 as a successor to the Union Hospital (Fall River, Mass.) Mental Health Center; by 1971 it was called the Dr. John C. Corrigan Mental Health Center. The Corrigan Mental Health Center is a public mental health facility operating under the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Dept. of Mental Health (DMH), providing acute care for local residents and continuing care services for DMH eligible clients, with limited inpatient facilities.

**Related Series:**

**Patient case files, 1968-1974.**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS7.31/2397

Extent: 33.75 cubic feet (27 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically in annual or biennial segments by year of discharge, thereunder chronologically by case no./admission date.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81178492>

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## **Record Group Number: HS8**

## **Record Group Name: Youth Service Board**

### **Historical Note:**

Per Massachusetts St 1879, c 291, ss 1, 8, the Trustees of the State Primary and Reform Schools--i.e., the State Primary School at Monson, the State Reform School at Westborough, and the State Industrial School for Girls at Lancaster--replaced the State Primary School inspectors and the individual reform school boards of trustees. This change coincided with the replacement of the Board of State Charities, which had had oversight over all public charitable and correctional institutions since 1863 (St 1863, c 240), by the State Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity (St 1879, c 291, s 2). That board's oversight of the juvenile detention institutions was continued by that of the State Board of Lunacy and Charity (St 1886, c 101) and the State Board of Charity (St 1898, c 433).

Per St 1880, c 208, s 2, the joint trustee board could transfer inmates from the State Industrial School and the State Reform School to the State Primary School. Renewed attempts to find better placement for criminal older boys led to the establishment of the Massachusetts Reformatory at Concord per St 1884, c 255, which provided training in trades, the possibility of parole to prisoners, and the transfer as warranted of inmates from the State Reform School. Under St 1884, c 323 the reform school was designated once again for boys under fifteen years, emphasizing education, farm work, and mechanical training in the trades, rather than a penal environment. At that time the school name was changed to the Lyman School for Boys after founding donor Theodore Lyman. With a reduced number of pupils, the school was moved in Apr. 1885 to a new location in Westborough.

In 1895, on the abolition of the Monson school, the Trustees of the State Primary and Reform Schools were renamed the Trustees of the Lyman and Industrial Schools (St 1895, c 428). An Industrial School for Boys was established at Shirley per St 1908, c 639 to provide instruction and reformatory treatment for boys fifteen or over, delinquent or convicted of a crime; the law provided that boys could be exchanged between that school and the Lyman School at the request of the latter's trustees. Administration of the school was by seven trustees appointed by the governor, two of whom were to be women; overall supervision was by the State Board of Charity.

Per St 1911, c 566, the joint board of trustees established in 1895 was merged with that of the Shirley school to form the Trustees of Massachusetts Training Schools. Per St 1915, c 113, trustees could transfer Lyman School boys to the Massachusetts Reformatory, and could act as their legal guardians. The state government reorganization of 1919, which abolished the State Board of Charity, transferred the trustees from its jurisdiction to that of the Dept. of Public Welfare and made the department's director of juvenile training a member of the board (St 1919, c 350, ss 87, 92).

Per St 1948, c 310, the Youth Service Board replaced the Trustees of Massachusetts Training Schools for the management, government, and care of the Lyman School, the Industrial School for Boys, and (renamed as of 1911) the Industrial School for Girls, and any other juvenile detention institutions excepting the Massachusetts Reformatory; per St 1952, c 605, jurisdiction over these was delegated to the Division of Youth Service, an independent unit of the Dept. of Education. Per St 1969, c 838, the Youth Service Board and Division of Youth Service were abolished and institutions for juveniles placed under the Bureau of Institutional Services of the Dept. of Youth Services. This reform legislation led to replacement of such institutions with community-based homes supervised by regional offices. Thus closed in 1970-1972 were five entities under the jurisdiction of the Dept. of Youth Services: the Lyman school, the two industrial schools, the Institute for Juvenile Guidance (a security unit at the Industrial School for Boys established in 1951, and in 1954 moved to the Bridgewater State Farm campus), and the Residential Treatment Unit established at Oakdale in 1955, replacing the Worcester County Training School. Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/886887920>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Annual reports, 1878-1964.**

Identifier: HS8/1318 (subseries)  
Extent: 1.2 cubic feet (6 volumes, 4 document boxes)  
Arranged: In four subseries:  
(1): Trustees of the State Primary and Reform Schools.  
(2) Trustees of the Lyman and Industrial Schools.  
(3) Trustees of the Massachusetts Training Schools.  
(4) Youth Service Board/Division of Youth Service;  
Arranged within each series chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/887823355>

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## **Record Group Number: HS8.01**

### **Record Group Name: Industrial School for Boys (Shirley, Mass.)**

#### **Historical Note:**

The Industrial School for Boys was established by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts per St 1908, c 639, and opened at Shirley in July 1909, for instruction and reformatory treatment of boys fifteen or over judged delinquent or of boys between the ages of fifteen and eighteen who had been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment other than life. Inmates could be committed until the age of twenty-one but could be released on probation; they could be transferred to/from the Lyman School for Boys in Westborough or to the Massachusetts Reformatory at Concord as appropriate. Administration of the school was by seven trustees appointed by the governor, two of whom were to be women; overall supervision was by the State Board of Charity.

Per St 1911, c 566 the trustees were merged with the Trustees of the Lyman and Industrial Schools to form the Trustees of Massachusetts Training Schools. The state government reorganization of 1919, which abolished the State Board of Charity, transferred the trustees from its jurisdiction to that of the Dept. of Public Welfare and made the department's director of juvenile training a member of the board (St 1919, c 350, ss 87, 92)

Per St 1948, c 310, the Youth Service Board replaced the Trustees of Massachusetts Training Schools; per St 1952, c 605, jurisdiction over the Industrial School for Boys and other state institutions for juveniles was delegated to the Division of Youth Service, an independent unit of the Dept. of Education. In 1951, a security unit at the industrial school was established as the Institute for Juvenile Guidance. In 1954 it was moved to the Bridgewater State Farm campus, occupying premises of the recently closed female unit of Bridgewater's Defective Delinquents Dept., but remaining under the control of the Division of Youth Service. Per St 1969, c 838, the Youth Service Board and Division of Youth Service were abolished and institutions for juveniles placed under the Bureau of Institutional Services of the Dept. of Youth Services. This reform legislation led to replacement of such institutions with community-based homes supervised by regional offices. The Industrial School for Boys was closed in 1972 and four similar institutions were closed, 1970-1972. Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429454>

#### **Related Series:**

**Case histories of boys, 1914-1957.**

**Restriction:** Youth services client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 120, s 21. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS8.01/397X

Extent: 3.5 cubic feet (24 volumes)

Arranged: Arranged by case no./chronologically.

Notes: Accessioned 1983.

Series incomplete.

Volumes for 1914-1923 have typed list of admittees in front; entries in vols. from 1950 consist chiefly of printed forms.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84940071>

### **Boys' accounts, 1958-1962.**

**Restriction:** Youth services client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 120, s 21. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS8.01/398X

Extent: 1 volume

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81936487>

### **Annual reports, 1909-1910.**

Identifier: HS8.01/1318 (subseries)

Extent: Partial document box. (with: Lyman School for Boys. Annual reports. ((M-Ar)HS8.05)/(M-Ar)1318 (subseries))

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78824313>

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## **Record Group Number: HS8.02**

## **Record Group Name: Industrial School for Girls (Lancaster, Mass.)**

### **Historical Note:**

A State Reform School for Girls was proposed for Massachusetts by Resolves 1854, c 52 and formally established by St 1855, c 442 for the "instruction, employment and reformatory treatment of exposed, helpless, evil disposed and vicious girls." The name of the school was changed by St 1856, c 60 to the State Industrial School for Girls, under which name it opened at Lancaster in Aug. 1856. The school was administered by seven trustees appointed by the governor to administer its affairs in accordance with the requirements of

the legislature; provide employment by binding out school inmates; appoint and remove staff, including a superintendent, chaplain, and matrons; and determine salaries. Girls between the ages of seven and sixteen could be committed by a judge of probate or a special commissioner appointed by the governor on request of municipal authorities. They were to be discharged no later than their eighteenth birthday. This threshold was raised to twenty-one by St 1864, c 290, except for those satisfactorily serving under indentures as a servant or apprentice, as bound out by the trustees. (Other activities for reformation of girls included agricultural work and schooling.)

An advisory board of three women appointed by the governor was established by St 1868, c 153, and its membership was merged with that of the trustees by St 1873, c 166, thus increasing their number to ten. In 1879 the school's trustees were subsumed by the Trustees of the State Primary and Reform Schools, which had responsibility for the State Industrial School for Girls, the State Reform School at Westborough, and the State Primary School at Monson (St 1879, c 291, ss 1, 8). This change coincided with the replacement of the Board of State Charities, which had had oversight over all public charitable and correctional institutions since 1863 (St 1863, c 240), by the State Board of Health, Lunacy, and Charity (St 1879, c 291, s 2). That board's oversight of the State Industrial School for Girls and other such institutions was continued by that of the State Board of Lunacy and Charity (St 1886, c 101) and the State Board of Charity (St 1898, c 433)

In 1895, on the abolition of the Monson School, the Trustees of the State Primary and Reform Schools were renamed the Trustees of the Lyman and Industrial Schools (St 1895, c 428). This board merged with that of the Trustees of the Industrial School for Boys established at Shirley in 1908, to form the Trustees of Massachusetts Training Schools (St 1911, c 566). The state government reorganization of 1919, which abolished the State Board of Charity, transferred the trustees from its jurisdiction to that of the Dept. of Public Welfare and made the department's director of juvenile training a member of the board (St 1919, c 350, ss 87, 92)

Per St 1938, c 310, the Youth Service Board replaced the Trustees of Massachusetts Training Schools; per St 1952, c 605, jurisdiction over the Industrial School for Girls (as it had been known since 1911) and other state institutions for juveniles was delegated to the Division of Youth Service, an independent unit of the Dept. of Education. Per St 1969, c 838, the Youth Service Board and Division of Youth Service were abolished and institutions for juveniles placed under the Bureau of Institutional Services of the Dept. of Youth Services. This reform legislation led to replacement of such institutions with community-based homes supervised by regional offices. The Industrial School for Girls was closed in 1972 and four similar institutions were closed, 1970-1972.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429450>

## **Related Series:**

### **Expense ledger, 1905-1907.**

Identifier: HS8.02/859X  
Extent: 0.2 cubic feet (1 volume)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Deposited in the Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe College, May 4, 1976.  
Transferred to Archives, No volumes 11, 1982.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79294465>

### **Ledger of personal accounts of girls, 1888-1891.**

Identifier: HS8.02/860X  
Extent: 1 volume  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Deposited in the Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe College, May 4, 1976.  
Transferred to Archives, Novolumes 11, 1982.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81219985>

### **Memorandum and facts relating to the establishment of the State Industrial School for Girls, [186-?].**

Identifier: HS8.02/861X  
Extent: 1 volume  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Deposited in the Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe College, May 4, 1976.  
Transferred to Archives, Novolumes 11, 1982.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82998957>

### **Placement/commitment register, 1910-1919.**

Identifier: HS8.02/862X  
Extent: 1 volume  
Arranged: In three subseries:  
(1) Placed out  
(2) Returned  
(3) Committed;  
Arranged within each subseries chronologically.  
Notes: Deposited in the Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe College, May 4, 1976.  
Transferred to Archives, Novolumes 11, 1982.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81609469>

### **Sign in/out register, 1922-1931.**

**Restriction:** Youth services client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 120, s 21. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS8.02/863X

Extent: 3 volumes

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Deposited in the Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe College, May 4, 1976.  
Transferred to Archives, November 11, 1982.

Volume 1: 1922-1925.

Volume 2: 1925-1928.

Volume 3: 1928-1931.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82908034>

### **Daily reports concerning girls in house no. 2, 1856-1859.**

Identifier: HS8.02/865X

Extent: 1 volume

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by date of residence in house.

Notes: Deposited in the Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe College, May 4, 1976.  
Transferred to Archives, November 11, 1982.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78354754>

### **Daily record of school activities, 1868-1938.**

**Restriction:** Youth services client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 120, s 21. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS8.02/866X

Extent: 0.65 cubic feet (6 volumes)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Deposited in the Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe College, May 7, 1976.  
Transferred to Archives, November 11, 1982.

Spine title varies.

Series incomplete:

Volume 1. 1868-1883.

Volume 2. 1897-1909.

Volume 3. 1909-1914.

Volume 4. 1927-1929.

Volume 5. 1930-1932.

Volume 6. 1935-1938.



Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80256584>

**Case histories of girls, 1856-1908.**

Identifier: HS8.02/867X

Extent: 5.5 cubic feet (14 volumes)

Index: 2 volumes

Arranged: Arranged by inmate case no./chronologically.

Notes: Deposited in the Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe College, May 7, 1976.

Transferred to Archives November 11, 1982.

Series incomplete: Vols. lettered A-B, D-O (i.e., Aug. 1856-Apr. 1866, July 1870-May 1908)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/77974016>

**Facility plans and specifications, [ca. 1854].**

Identifier: HS8.02/902X

Extent: 8 items including 6 technical drawings (1 folder ;

Notes: Current accessions Volume to: Massachusetts. Office of the Secretary of State. Maps and plans ((M-Ar)50) cites 6 plans and specifications, 1854 as no. 2310.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79909313>

**Annual reports, 1856-1878.**

Identifier: HS8.02/1318 (subseries)

Extent: 1 volume

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84008527>

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**Record Group Number: HS8.05**

**Record Group Name: Lyman School for Boys**

**Historical Note:**

By Resolves 1846, c 143 the Massachusetts legislature authorized a commission to select and obtain, by gift or purchase, a site for a manual labor school for employment, instruction and reformation of juvenile offenders, appropriating a sum not exceeding

The school opened in 1848, with accommodations for three hundred boys; but the institution, despite enlargements, was soon overcrowded. In 1859 a fire in the school, set by a disgruntled student, led to the establishment of the Nautical Branch of the school, or State Nautical School (called the Massachusetts Nautical School from 1867) per St 1859, c 285 and c 286 for older and more criminal boys. It instructed boys in seamanship and navigation with successful candidates discharged to go on sea voyages. The act thereby reduced the maximum age of commitment at the reform school to fourteen years, and new buildings accommodated boys in groups of twenty-five or thirty, with increased freedoms. After reaching the peak of popularity in 1869, the ship school was abolished per St 1872, c 68 (see: Massachusetts Nautical School (1867-1872)), and older boys were again sentenced to the reform school. Increased disciplinary actions followed, leading to a riot and subsequent review of the school in 1877, and punishment reform per St 1877, c 233.

Renewed attempts to find better placement for criminal older boys led to the establishment of the Massachusetts Reformatory at Concord per St 1884, c 255, which provided training in trades, the possibility of parole to prisoners, and the transfer as warranted of inmates from the State Reform School . Under St 1884, c 323 the reform school was designated once again for boys under fifteen years, emphasizing education, farm work, and mechanical training in the trades, rather than a penal environment. At that time the school name was changed to the Lyman School for Boys after founding donor Theodore Lyman. With a reduced number of pupils, the school was moved in Apr. 1885 to a new location in Westborough, with the boys lodged in houses under a family system. The former site and buildings were given per St 1884, c 322 to establish the Westborough Insane Hospital, later the Westborough State Hospital. Resolves 1896, c 118 established a school annex for boys under thirteen at the Flagg Farm in Berlin, to relieve crowding. (It closed in 1942.) An Industrial School for Boys was established at Shirley per St 1908, c 639 to provide instruction and reformatory treatment for boys fifteen or over, delinquent or convicted of a crime; the law provided that boys could be exchanged between that school and the Lyman School at the request of the latter's trustees.

From 1879 the Lyman School trustees were superseded by the Trustees of the State Primary and Reform Schools, which also had responsibility for the State Primary School at Monson and the State Industrial School for Girls at Lancaster (St 1879, c 291, ss 1,8). This change coincided with the replacement of the Board of State Charities, which had had oversight over all public charitable and correctional institutions since 1863 (St 1863, c 240), by the State Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity (St 1879, c 291, s 2). That board's oversight of the State Reform School and other such institutions was continued by that of the State Board of Lunacy and Charity (St 1886, c 101) and the State Board of Charity (St 1898, c 433)

In 1895, on the abolition of the Monson school, the Trustees of the State Primary and Reform Schools were renamed the Trustees of the Lyman and Industrial Schools (St 1895, c 428). Per St 1911, c 566, the joint board was merged with that of the Shirley school to form the Trustees of Massachusetts Training Schools. Per St 1915, c 113, trustees could transfer Lyman School boys to the Massachusetts Reformatory, and could act as their legal guardians. The state government reorganization of 1919, which abolished the State Board of Charity, transferred the trustees from its jurisdiction to that of the Dept. of Public Welfare and made the department's director of juvenile training a member of the board (St 1919, c 350, ss 87, 92)

Per St 1948, c 310, the Youth Service Board replaced the Trustees of Massachusetts Training Schools; per St 1952, c 605, jurisdiction over the Lyman School and other state institutions for juveniles was delegated to the Division of Youth Service, an independent unit of the Dept. of Education. Per St 1969, c 838, the Youth Service Board and Division of Youth Service were abolished and institutions for juveniles placed under the Bureau of Institutional Services of the Dept. of Youth Services. This reform legislation led to replacement of such institutions with community-based homes supervised by regional offices. The Lyman School was closed in 1972 and four similar institutions were closed, 1970-1972.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82997907>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Commitment register, 1848-1891.**

Identifier: HS8.05/244X

Extent: 0.62 cubic feet (2 volumes)

Arranged: Arranged by case no./chronologically.

Notes: Deposited in the Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe College, May 7, 1976. Transferred to Archives, November 11, 1982.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/77678973>

#### **Reports of the Board of Trustees, 1899-1904.**

Identifier: HS8.05/307X

Extent: 1 volume

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Deposited in the Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe College, May 7, 1976. Transferred to Archives, November 11, 1982.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/77786868>

### **Case histories of boys, 1855-1911.**

Identifier: HS8.05/629X  
Extent: 6.5 cubic feet (44 volumes) ||Index: 2 volumes  
Arranged: Arranged by case no./chronologically.  
Notes: Deposited in the Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe College, May 7, 1976.  
Transferred to Archives, November 11, 1982.  
Series incomplete. Includes case no. 1330-6844, 7120-9787 (Oct. 1865-July 1896, June 1898-Dec. 1911).  
Vols. numbered 5-23, 25-49. For later admissions see: Client case files, 1901-1964 (bulk 1901-1941) ((M-Ar)884X)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78585335>

### **Daily register, 1848-1901.**

Identifier: HS8.05/846X  
Extent: 0.48 cubic feet (4 volumes) ||Copies: 2 partial microfilm reels ; 35 mm  
Arranged: Arranged by case no./chronologically.  
Notes: Deposited in the Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe College, May 7, 1976.  
Transferred to Archives, November 11, 1982.  
Volume 1: 1848-1861.  
Volume 2: 1861-1877.  
Volume 3: 1877-1894.  
Volume 4: 1894-1901.  
Reel GSU 472: 1848-Mar. 1859. Reel GSU 473: Mar. 1859-1901.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79715416>

### **Client case files, 1901-1964 (bulk 1901-1941).**

**Restriction:** Youth services client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 120, s 21. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS8.05/884X  
Extent: 117.5 cubic feet (94 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged by case no./chronologically.  
Notes: Includes files for case no. 7700-17915. For earlier admissions see: Case histories of boys, 1855-1911 ((M-Ar)629X), which includes an alphabetical name index through 1916.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180703000>

### **Annual reports, 1847-1877.**

Identifier: HS8.05/1318 (subseries)  
Extent: 0.2 cubic feet (4 volumes and partial document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86132288>

**Administrative files, 1926-1964 (bulk 1957-1964).**

**Restriction:** Youth services client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 120, s 21. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS8.05/1755X

Extent: 1.6 cubic feet (1 record center carton and 1 document box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/854570086>

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**Record Group Number: HS8.06**

**Record Group Name: Massachusetts Nautical School**

**Historical Note:**

St 1859, c 285 established the Nautical Branch of the State Reform School in Massachusetts, under the oversight of the Board of State Charities and its own board of trustees.

Delinquent boys were to be instructed in seamanship and navigation, and if successful, transferred to outside shipping. A ship was purchased Dec. 1859, dedicated June 1860 as the Massachusetts, and staffed with fifty boys taken from the State Reform School in July 1860. In Dec. 1860 it was stationed at Salem, but the following year it guarded Boston Harbor. Inmates were graduated to the naval or merchant marine service as early as 1861. St 1863, c 139 set the age of eligibility at fourteen to eighteen. In 1865 a new ship was purchased, which was dedicated in Feb. 1866, and named after the principal donor, George M. Barnard. In June 1866 the ship Massachusetts was moved to New Bedford. Per St 1867, c 260, the institution itself was renamed the Massachusetts Nautical School.

By Oct. 1870 so many school inmates had been shipped (i.e., to the outside) that the Massachusetts was laid up and then sold. But by 1872 the decline in shipping commerce slowed this exodus, and the school superintendent noted an increase in average inmate age, seriousness of crime for which committed, and generally a shift to punishment rather than reform (Board of State Charities. Annual report, Jan. 1872).

Per St 1872, c 68, the school was abolished and its inmates transferred back to the State Reform School by the close of June 1872.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145430119>

**Related Series:**

**Commitment register, 1860-1869.**

Identifier: HS8.06/657X  
Extent: 1 volume ||Copies Partial microfilm reel ; 35 mm  
Notes: Deposited in the Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe College, May 7, 1976.  
Transferred to Archives, November 11, 1982.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/123430517>

**Case histories of boys, 1861-1870.**

Identifier: HS8.06/849X  
Extent: 0.18 cubic feet (2 volumes) ||Copies Partial microfilm reel ; 35 mm  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Deposited in the Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe College, May 7, 1976.  
Transferred to Archives, November 11, 1982.  
Spine title: Register of Mass. State Nautical School.  
Volume 1: 1861-1865 (no. 1-746).  
Volume 2: 1865-1870 (no. 747-1350)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/123379686>

**Case histories of boys on school ship George M. Barnard, 1864-1872.**

Identifier: HS8.06/855X  
Extent: 0.4 cubic feet (2 volumes) ||Copies 2 partial microfilm reels ; 35 mm  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Deposited in the Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe College, May 7, 1976.  
Transferred to Archives, November 11, 1982.  
Spine title: Register school ship Geo. M. Bernard.  
Volume 1: 1864-1869 (no. 1-806).  
Volume 2: 1869-1872 (no. 807-1150)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/123379679>

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**Record Group Number: HS9****Record Group Name: Department of Correction****Historical Note:**

The Commissioners of Prisons were established pursuant to St 1870, c 370. As reconstituted under St 1879, c 294, they were also known as the Board of Commissioners of Prisons. They were succeeded in turn by the Board of Prison Commissioners (St 1901, c

364), the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons (St 1916, c 241), and the Dept. of Correction (St 1919, c 350, s 82).

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429339>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Administrative files, 1972-1979.**

Identifier: HS9/284X

Extent: 15 cubic feet (12 record center cartons)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122590985>

#### **Lists of capital punishment cases, 1950-1969.**

**Restriction:** Lists of persons serving life sentences are restricted. Criminal offender record information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 6, ss 167-178. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS9/290X

Extent: 1 file folder

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122575245>

#### **Director of classification administrative files, 1938-1977.**

**Restriction:** Criminal offender record information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 6, ss 167-178. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS9/848X

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122581555>

#### **Commissioner's reference files, 1926-1971.**

Identifier: HS9/1137X

Extent: 0.34 cubic feet (2 document boxes)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122405547>

#### **Annual reports, 1881-1971.**

Identifier: HS9/1318 (subseries)

Extent: 7 pamphlet boxes and 42 volumes

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Public document, no. 115.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122419915>

#### **Board minutes, 1879-1888.**

Identifier: HS9/2381X  
Extent: 3 volumes  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Volume 1: May 3, 1879-Dec. 12, 1884.  
Volume 2: Dec. 30, 1884-Apr. 10, 1888.  
Volume 3: Apr. 17-June 26, 1888.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180702066>

**Inmate parole files, ca. 1919-ca. 1963.**

Identifier: HS9/2502  
Extent: Index ca. 60,000 cards; in 2 cabinets 8 x 13 cm.  
Arranged: In roughly chronological sequences, thereunder alphabetically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/185061200>

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**Record Group Number: HS9.01**

**Record Group Name: Massachusetts State Prison**

During its operation, the State Prison at Charlestown served as the general penitentiary and prison of the Commonwealth for the reformation and punishment of male offenders convicted and sentenced to solitary imprisonment and confinement at hard labor.

The first state prison in the Commonwealth was maintained at Castle Island (St 1784, c 63) until the island was ceded to the federal government for conversion into a military fortification (St 1798, c 13). Plans for a replacement began with the creation of a committee to "form or procure a plan for suitable buildings for the convicts" (Resolves 1798, c 135), followed by the appointment of a committee to "procure a piece of land in Charlestown and to erect a State Prison thereon" (Resolves 1799, c 68). Resolves 1802, c 54 created a committee to begin construction of the prison, which was superintended by Charles Bulfinch (Resolves 1803, c 51), and completed in 1805. The legislature also authorized the drafting of a new criminal code to coincide with the opening of the State Prison (Resolves 1803, c 108). Drawn up by Nathan Dane and Justice Samuel Sewell, the code abandoned public sanctions in Massachusetts, making all crimes punishable by fine, incarceration, or the death penalty.

St 1805, c 23, stipulated that those sentenced to imprisonment and hard labor in state courts, as well as those convicted in U.S. Circuit Court, be confined at Charlestown. Administrative authority was vested in whatever officers and assistants the governor and council deemed necessary. A Council committee issued regulations for the prison at its



Aug. 27, 1805 meeting (see: Massachusetts. Council. Executive records ((M-Ar)327), v. 34, p. 282-285). A board of visitors was to visit the prison at least once a month, make rules for its operation, oversee the prison superintendent (later warden), and report to each session of the General Court. A clerk was to be appointed by the board to keep records of its meetings, prisoner commitment registers, accounts of inmate earnings and expenses, and prison purchases and manufactures. St 1811, c 32 redesignated the officials as directors, and St 1827, c 118 again called them inspectors, who continued in this function until replaced in it by the Commissioners of Prisons (St 1879, c 294, s 36) --From the outset there was conflict between those favoring the principle of carceral rehabilitation and those favoring harsher sentencing for deterrence. St 1818, c 176, an act for "the better regulation of prisons," provided stricter guidelines for enforcing discipline and for classification of prisoners and harsher sentences for second- and third-time offenders. On urging from Governor Levi Lincoln, in 1826 the General Court directed the State Prison to use the Auburn System of New York, featuring separate confinement at night and congregate hard labor by day, under constant oversight and with a strict rule of silence. St 1832, c 73 restricted the population of Charlestown to third-time offenders. Although this provision was repealed by St 1833, c 85, that law fixed additional penalties of solitary confinement and hard labor to sentences for second- and third-time offenders.

A Sabbath school was "maintained in the prison for the instruction of the convicts in their religious duties" (St 1838, c 152). Insane inmates were removed from Charlestown and confined at the State Lunatic Hospital at Worcester (St 1844, c 120). In 1846 a society was begun to further the moral development of Charlestown inmates, with warden, chaplain, and clerk of the prison as officers. Bylaws required members to pledge total abstinence from alcohol once released from prison.

Dissatisfaction with the prison led to proposals for a new facility. Resolves 1852, c 101, established a committee of three commissioners to compile a report on the issue. Resolves 1872, c 39, instructed the inspectors of the prison to prepare a similar report. St 1873, c 155 created a three-person board of commissioners to select a plan and location for a new prison and stipulated that the prison at Charlestown be sold. St 1874, c 255 mandated appropriations for a new prison to accommodate 750 to 1000 prisoners. Upon completion of the new prison at Concord in 1878, prisoners at Charlestown were removed there (St 1878, c 62) and the Charlestown prison closed.

With the establishment of the Massachusetts Reformatory in Concord under St 1884, c 255, the Commissioners of Prisons (St 1870, c 370; St 1879, c 294) were authorized to renovate the Charlestown buildings in order to accommodate the State Prison population housed in Concord. The act also allowed for the use of prison labor in the project, but because of

"practical difficulties" the work was done by "outside labor" (Annual report of the Commissioners of Prisons, 1884 (PD 13: Jan 1885))

St 1890, c 316 provided for the use in the State Prison and other jails and houses of correction of the French Bertillon Method to identify persons by body measurements, coloring, and markings. St 1890, c 180 mandated that aged or infirm inmates who could be safely confined at the State Farm in Bridgewater be transferred there from Charlestown. St 1901, c 358 reaffirmed "the state prison in Boston in the county of Suffolk" as the "general penitentiary and prison of the Commonwealth..." Persons convicted in any court in the United States could be confined at Charlestown if the federal government paid "all expenses incurred."

Recurring proposals to replace the Charlestown institution included St 1893, c 441, charging the Commissioners of Prisons to procure estimates for a new prison; Resolves 1905, c 106 and Resolves 1907, c 83, proposing relocation to Nashawena Island and Bridgewater respectively; and Resolves 1923, c 62, creating a new commission to consider conversion of the facilities at Concord or Bridgewater.

St 1953, c 591 provided that upon completion of new buildings at Norfolk (already the site of the state prison colony) and Walpole, those facilities would be designated as the State Prison, inmates at Charlestown would be transferred there, and the "state prison at Boston shall cease to be such." The reorganization of correctional institutions of St 1955, c 770 in fact redesignated the state prison as Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Boston and Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Walpole (renamed Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Cedar Junction per St 1984, c 357) and simply referred to Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Norfolk as the former state prison colony. During 1955 and 1956 the remaining population of MCI Boston was transferred to Walpole and Norfolk (Statistical reports of the commissioner of correction, 1955, 1956 (PD 115)). St 1956, c 675 authorized the transfer of Charlestown land and buildings to the Dept. of Public Works, and land not needed by it to the Boston Housing Authority.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122419740>

## **Related Series:**

### **Daily reports, 1805-1884.**

Identifier: HS9.01/285X  
Extent: 3.25 cubic feet (14 volumes in 9 boxes)  
Copies 4 microfilm reels ; 35 mm  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Transferred to Archives from MCI Walpole, 1981.

Transferred to Archives from MCI Cedar Junction, 1994.  
Transferred to Archives from MCI Cedar Junction, 1997.  
Files for 1805-1808, 1813-1824, 1826-1835, 1840-1863, 1874-1876,  
1878-1884 only; some years incomplete.  
Volume 12 is draft for part of volumes 11.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80923353>

**Physician letterbooks, 1894-1913 (bulk 1900-1912).**

Identifier: HS9.01/286X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (2 volumes in one document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically within each volume.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122560376>

**Board of Inspectors minutes, 1805-1879.**

Identifier: HS9.01/287X  
Extent: 1.2 cubic feet (5 volumes in 3 boxes)  
Copies 1 microfilm reel ; 35 mm  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Transferred to Archives from MCI Walpole, 1981.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82862660>

**Mittimus files, [184- - 194-] (bulk 1880-[194-]).**

Identifier: HS9.01/288X  
Extent: 1.4 cubic feet (4 document boxes)  
Arranged: In two subseries:  
(1) Prisoners escaped  
(2) Prisoners transferred;  
Arranged by inmate number.  
Notes: Transferred to Archives from MCI Walpole, 1981.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78504056>

**Commitment registers, 1805-1934.**

**Restriction:** Criminal offender record information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 6, ss 167-178. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS9.01/289X  
Extent: Volume 1: 1 file folder  
Volumes 2-17: 2.82 cubic ft  
Copies: 3 microfilm reels ; 35 mm  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Transferred to Archives from MCI Walpole, 1981.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78225734>

**Warden's memorandum of prisoners, 1858-1902 (bulk 1880-1886).**

Identifier: HS9.01/291X

Extent: 1 volume (partial document box)

Copies: Partial microfilm reel ; 35 mm

Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by prisoner, thereunder chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78253101>

**Punishment books, 1854-1956.**

**Restriction:** Criminal offender record information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 6, ss 167-178. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS9.01/292X

Extent: 1.8 cubic feet (9 volumes)

Arranged: In two subseries:

(1) Punishment logbooks; arranged chronologically by date of first infraction

(2) Confinement registers; arranged chronologically.

Notes: Transferred to Archives from MCI Walpole, 1981.

Volume for 1854-1875 lacks p. 24-45.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86123277>

**Account books, 1827-1855.**

Identifier: HS9.01/293X

Extent: 0.4 cubic feet (1 volume and 1 file folder)

Arranged: Volume 2 Arranged chronologically.

arranged by vendor, thereunder chronologically.

Notes: Transferred to Archives from MCI Walpole, 1981.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86144173>

**Minutes of the State Prison Society, 1846-1848.**

Identifier: HS9.01/304X

Extent: 1 volume (partial document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Transferred to Archives from MCI Walpole, 1981.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86144176>

**Inmate case files, 1910-1941.**

Identifier: HS9.01/305

Extent: 91.25 cubic feet (73 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged by inmate case no.  
Notes: Transferred to Archives from MCI Walpole, 1981.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122372723>

**Recommitment register, 1805-1831.**

Identifier: HS9.01/837X  
Extent: 1 volume  
Copies: Partial microfilm reel ; 35 mm  
Arranged: Arranged by number of times convicted, thereunder chronologically.  
Notes: Transferred to Archives from MCI Walpole, 1981.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84308449>

**Facility plans at Concord, [ca. 1874].**

Identifier: HS9.01/1101X  
Extent: 156 technical drawings (8 folders)  
Notes: Current accessions Volume/card index (Concord) to: Massachusetts. Office of the Secretary of State. Maps and plans ((M-Ar)50) cites 18 plans, 1873 [sic] as no. 2409.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79917356>

**Annual reports, 1829-1899.**

Identifier: HS9.01/1318 (subseries)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Public document, no. 13.  
Reports for 1851, 1879, 1881, 1882-1885, 1888-1898 missing.  
Reports to 1850 have title: Documents relating to the State Prison.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122591030>

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**Record Group Number: HS9.03**

**Record Group Name: State Prison (Castle Island, Boston, Mass.)**

**Historical Note:**

Fortifications at Castle Island in Boston Harbor, extant since the 1640s for military and penal purposes, were burned by the British after evacuation from Boston, Mar. 1776. The fortifications were then rebuilt and manned by various militia troops, at times under the command of Paul Revere. An official military garrison consisting of a company of men was established on the island by the Massachusetts General Court in Oct. 1779 (Resolves 1779-

80, c 420). In May 1780 the state's commissary general was empowered and directed to provide the garrison with rations and to charge the state for rations already provided (Resolves 1779-1780, c 1098)

In Mar. 1785, after the Revolutionary War, St 1784, c 63 established Castle Island as the site for reception and secure confinement of those sentenced to such confinement and hard labor, heretofore placed in county houses of correction. They were to be placed under the jurisdiction of the commander and officers of the garrison, and received one ration per day. They were also to compensate the state for internment by money-making industry, including the manufacture of nails. Steps taken to ensure physical security included introduction of prison uniforms. Resolves 1785, Oct Sess, c 19 provided the commissary general with funds for rations and other supplies for prisoners. In November, St 1785, c 21 provided for the removal to Castle Island from houses of correction of those sentenced to hard labor for one year or more.

In Mar. 1786 the governor was authorized to order appropriate disabled pensioners to serve garrison duty (Resolves 1785, Feb 1786 Sess, c 134), while concern over limited space in the garrison led to authorization of construction of a prison on the island (Resolves 1785, Feb 1786 Sess, c 166). Increase in the number of prisoners led in July 1786 to a general policy of placing disabled military pensioners in the garrison (Resolves 1786, May Sess, c 123), a practice ended in Nov. 1788 (Resolves 1788, Oct Sess, c 73) Further measures instituted at Castle Island included provision for a surgeon (Resolves 1790, May Sess, c 81), and installation of lamps (Resolves 1792, May Sess, c 76). Provisioning of Castle Island was contracted out per Resolves 1790, Jan 1791 Sess, c 170. The legislature monitored the facility by periodically dispatching committees of inspection (e.g., 1797 S 2219)

St 1798, c 13 provided for the eventual cession of Castle Island to the United States for conversion into a federal military fortification, and in Feb. 1799 planning was authorized for a prison facility to replace that on Castle Island (Resolves 1798, c 135). Meantime in June 1798 the governor was given authority to remove its convicts (Resolves 1798, c 47) and to discharge the garrison troops (Resolves 1798, c 69). Commitment registers indicate that remaining prisoners were transferred to other jails in September, and the last payroll was completed Oct. 4, 1798. In 1805 a new state prison facility was opened at Charlestown. Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/169983027>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Commitment registers, 1785-1798.**

Identifier: HS9.03/314X

Extent: 8 leaves in 1 phase box ;  
Copies: Partial microfilm reel ; 35 mm  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Transferred to Archives from MCI Walpole, 1981.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/77947994>

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## **Record Group Number: HS9.05**

## **Record Group Name: Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Concord**

### **Historical Note:**

The Massachusetts Reformatory was established pursuant to St 1884, c 255, at the Concord site of the State Prison; the latter institution was moved back to Boston (Charlestown), where it had been located until 1878. Certain inmates of the State Prison (s 3), inmates of county jails or houses of correction (s 12), and inmates of the State Reform School at Westborough, whose population was henceforth to be limited to boys under the age of fifteen (ss 11, 13), were all possible candidates for transfer to the reformatory, which was as proposed by: Annual report of the Commissioners of Prisons, 1880 (PD 13: Jan 1881), for "young men who have committed criminal acts rather than fallen into criminal habits, and who need the elevating influence of a reformatory." Provision was made for "permit of liberty" (i.e., parole) to any inmate who "has reformed" (St 1884, c 255, s 33) St 1885, c 36 allowed the transfer of those held under sentence at the State Workhouse at Bridgewater. St 1888, c 49 limited admittance to those aged forty and below, and excluded those convicted of more than three penal offences. St 1892, c 302 (amending St 1886, c 323) limited terms for state prison-type offenses to a maximum of five years, unless otherwise fixed; others to a maximum of two years. St 1891, c 427, s 5 limited the term for drunkenness to a year, and St 1892, c 303 further limited such confinement at the reformatory to those aged thirty-five or less.

The 1884 enabling legislation had called for the establishment "of such industries as will enable prisoners employed therein to learn valuable trades" (St 1884, c 255, s 28). An industrial school was established at the reformatory pursuant to Resolves 1889, c 101. Following the superintendent's statement that the "educational features of the reformatory are of primary importance (Annual report of the Commissioners of Prisons, 1894 (PD 13: Jan 1895)), appropriations were made for a school building (Resolves 1895, c 45) and workshops (Resolves 1895, c 85)

Under provisions of St 1909, c 504, St 1910, c 345, and St 1911, c 604, insane prisoners could be removed to Bridgewater State Hospital. Males termed "defective delinquents", however, would be confined at the reformatory in a special department if under twenty-one; otherwise at the State Farm (formerly State Workhouse) at Bridgewater (St 1911, c 595). Resolves 1923, c 62 provided for studying the possible reconversion of the Concord site to a state prison, with the Massachusetts reformatory being relocated. St 1948, c 310, s 22 provided for the transfer to a new Youth Service Board of any male under the age of seventeen at the reformatory determined eligible by the Dept. of Correction.

St 1955, c 770, which reorganized the state correctional system, renamed the Massachusetts Reformatory as the Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Concord (MCI Concord). Specific references to the reformatory were generalized to apply to all state correctional institutions (e.g., learning of trades: c 38). St 1967, c 723 allowed certain inmates to engage in day work outside the prison and to be segregated while inside; St 1970, c 478 provided that such inmates be fed, housed, and supervised outside the prison walls.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429499>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Inmate case files, 1884-1939.**

**Restriction:** Criminal offender record information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 6, ss 167-178. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS9.05/303  
Extent: 80 cubic feet (64 record center cartons)  
Index 0.3 cubic feet (2 volumes)  
Arranged: Arranged by inmate case no.  
Notes: Transferred to Archives from MCI Concord, July 1982; others transferred Aug. 1984.  
Files for 1884-1910 possibly incomplete; those for 1910-1935 missing entirely.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79918194>

#### **Head count books, 1888-1939.**

**Restriction:** Criminal offender record information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 6, ss 167-178. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS9.05/896  
Extent: 13.75 cubic feet (52 volumes in 11 record center cartons)



Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Transferred to Archives from MCI Concord, July 1982.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79021251>

**Prison newspaper, 1891-1947.**

Identifier: HS9.05/897X  
Extent: 5.24 cubic feet (37 volumes and file folders in 5 record center cartons and 2 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Transferred to Archives from MCI Concord, July 1982, June 2008.  
Incomplete.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84587199>

**Inmate case histories, 1884-1946.**

**Restriction:** Criminal offender record information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 6, ss 167-178. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS9.05/898  
Extent: 25.2 cubic feet (61 volumes)  
Copies: 57 microfilm reels ; 35 mm  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Transferred to Archives from MCI Concord, July 1982.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81933612>

**Annual reports, 1885-1896.**

Identifier: HS9.05/1318 (subseries)  
Extent: 1 pamphlet box  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Public document, no. 13.  
Reports for 1889-1895 missing.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122405582>

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**Record Group Number: HS9.06**

**Record Group Name: Massachusetts Correctional Institution,  
Framingham**

**Historical Note:**

The Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Framingham serves as the general penitentiary for women convicts for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

A carceral facility for female convicts was first established with An Act to Establish a Reformatory Prison for Women (St 1874, c 385), which authorized the Commissioners of Prisons to plan for the erection of a reformatory prison suitable for five hundred prisoners. The commissioners were charged with the general supervision of the prison, while a superintendent regulated its day-to-day operations. The commissioners were also empowered to transfer to the new facility female prisoners from any jail or house of correction, from the workhouse at Bridgewater, or from the house of industry at Deer Island.

"A site of thirty acres in the town of Sherborn, about one mile from the South Framingham railway station" was approved by Acting Governor Talbot in Nov. 1874. The reformatory was completed and duly established Nov. 7, 1877, by executive proclamation.

Women convicted of any offense mentioned in sections 28 and 35, chapter 165 of the General Statutes were sent to Sherborn, with sentences of not more than two years. The minimum term of sentence was set at one year (St 1880, c 114). The reformatory's rehabilitative function was evidenced by St 1881, c 90, whereby permits of liberty (i.e. early release or parole) could be issued, subject to revocation, to prisoners considered reformed.

By St 1879, c 229, a reformatory prisoner could with her consent be contracted out for domestic service during the remainder of her sentence, conditional on her good behavior. St 1880, c 151 extended this provision to women in county facilities and subsequent legislation essentially maintained this system until 1950, when St 1950, c 727 provided for day work of unspecified nature. After that law's repeal by St 1972, c 777, s 17, prisoners at what was now MCI Framingham became subject to general education, training, and employment provisions for prisoners within eighteen months of parole (s 13)

St 1887, c 426 specified that females convicted in federal as well as state courts were admissible. St 1900, c 260 instructed the superintendent to keep a record of prisoner body measurements, coloring, and markings, the so-called Bertillon Method, named after criminologist Alphonse Bertillon, originally mandated for the State Prison in 1890.

St 1903, c 209 set the term of incarceration for women at the reformatory at no more than five years (unless sentenced for a longer time) for a felony and at no more than two years for a misdemeanor. Under St 1909, c 504, s 105 insane prisoners at the reformatory could be removed to the state hospitals for the insane; St 1910, c 345 specifically vested this

power in the first Southern District Court of Middlesex. St 1913, c 796 provided that the reformatory establish a department for defective delinquents.

Physical examinations of inmates in the state's prison facilities were required by St 1918, c 58, to be under the supervision of the State Dept. of Health. St 1918, c 79 provided that an attending physician could initiate the release of a pregnant woman from prison where "the best interests of the woman or her unborn child require that she be paroled or discharged..." Under St 1938, c 456 women about to give birth were to be removed to a nearby hospital. Any expenses incurred during the transfer were to be paid by the Commonwealth. By St 1958, c 588 children born to inmates were put in the custody of the Dept. of Public Welfare. St 1956, c 715, which established the office of Commissioner of Alcoholism, provided for a clinic for the examination, diagnosis, and treatment of chronically alcoholic inmates (s 15)

By St 1911, c 181 the reformatory's name changed from the Reformatory Prison for Women to the Reformatory for Women, and by St 1932, c 180, s 24, as the result of a redrawn boundary line, its fuller designation was changed from the Reformatory for Women at Sherborn to the Reformatory for Women at Framingham. Meanwhile the Commissioners of Prisons had been replaced in turn by the Board of Prison Commissioners (St 1901, c 364), the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons (St 1916, c 241), and the Dept. of Correction (St 1919, c 350, ss 82-86). None of these changes had a direct effect on the reformatory except in one area: continuing the practice of early release by permit administered by the Commissioners of Prisons, a Board of Parole for the Reformatory for Women was set up by St 1913, c 829, consisting of the chairman and the two women members of the Board of Prison Commissioners. This was replaced in 1916 by a general Board of Parole under the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons.

In 1948 a special commission was formed to investigate the conduct of the reformatory (Resolves 1948, c 89), consisting of three members of the Senate, five members of the House of Representatives and three gubernatorial appointees. Its report (1949 S 521) resulted in a call for investigation of the state penal system as a whole (1949 S 644), which was rejected by the Senate.

St 1948, c 310, s 25 authorized the commissioner of correction to transfer any girl under seventeen interned in the reformatory to the custody of the newly created Youth Service Board.

The reformatory came by its present name, Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Framingham (or MCI Framingham), as the result of a reorganization of the Dept. of Correction (St 1955, c 770).

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122412260>

## **Related Series:**

### **Prisoners physical description register, 1877-1916.**

Identifier: HS9.06/294X  
Extent: 1 volume (partial record center carton)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Spine title: Descriptive book.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86144158>

### **Harmony news, 1941.**

Identifier: HS9.06/296X  
Extent: 1 file folder  
Notes: Transferred to Archives from Education Dept., Wellesley College through the college archivist.  
Holdings: Volume 5, no. 4 (Sept.-Oct. 1941) only.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180703169>

### **Prisoners physical measurement register, 1899-1909.**

Identifier: HS9.06/297X  
Extent: 1 volume (partial record center carton)  
Arranged: Arranged by inmate case number.  
Notes: Spine title: Measurement record.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122656197>

### **Superintendent's letterbook, 1896-1910.**

Identifier: HS9.06/298X  
Extent: 1 volume (partial record center carton)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122405487>

### **Commitment register, 1877-1937.**

**Restriction:** Criminal offender record information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 6, ss 167-178. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS9.06/299X  
Extent: 0.27 cubic feet (1 volume)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Spine title: Admission record.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122372721>

**Indenture stub books, 1886-1926.**

Identifier: HS9.06/300X

Extent: 3 volumes (partial record center carton)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Spine title: Indentures.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122405491>

**Recommitment register, 1877-1886.**

Identifier: HS9.06/301X

Extent: 1 volume (partial record center carton)

Copies: Partial microfilm reel ; 35 mm

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Spine title: Re-commitments.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80301560>

**Punishment register, 1877-1912.**

Identifier: HS9.06/302X

Extent: 0.2 cubic feet (1 volume)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Spine title: Punishment book.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122469496>

**Discharge leave and release stub books, 1888-1913.**

Identifier: HS9.06/316X

Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (10 volumes in 2 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Volumes 1-4 have spine title: Ticket of leave,  
Records prior to August 1888 are missing.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122609700>

**Inmate case files, 1913-1973.**

**Restriction:** Criminal offender record information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 6, ss 167-178. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS9.06/515

Extent: 510 cubic feet (408 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged by inmate case number (4776-24975)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79464276>

### **Register of births, 1877-1937.**

**Restriction:** Criminal offender record information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 6, ss 167-178. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS9.06/516X

Extent: 2 volumes (partial record center carton)

Copies: partial microfilm reel ; 35 mm

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Volume 1: 1877-1891.

Volume 2: 1892-1937.

Volume 2 includes: Register of children, 1931-1962 (see (M-Ar)517X)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82744095>

### **Register of children, 1878-1962.**

**Restriction:** Criminal offender record information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 6, ss 167-178. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS9.06/517X

Extent: 1 volume (partial record center carton)

Copies: Partial microfilm reel ; 35 mm

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Entries for 1931-1962 bound with: Register of births, volumes 2 ((M-Ar)561X)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79918189>

### **Register of deaths, 1908-1926.**

Identifier: HS9.06/518X

Extent: 1 volume (partial record center carton)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122505889>

### **Inmate history logbooks, 1877-1913.**

Identifier: HS9.06/821X

Extent: 1.54 cubic feet (7 volumes)

Arranged: Arranged by inmate case number.

Notes: Spine title: History of inmates.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122505890>

### **Indenture register, 1877-1949.**

**Restriction:** Criminal offender record information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 6, ss 167-178. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS9.06/822X

Extent: 1 volume (partial record center carton)

Arranged: Arranged by indenture number.

Notes: Spine title: Indenture book.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86123273>

#### **Abstract of inmate registers, 1877-1926.**

Identifier: HS9.06/823

Extent: 0.38 cubic feet (1 volume)

Copies: 2 partial microfilm reels ; 35 mm

Arranged: Arranged by inmate case no.

Notes: Reel GSU 473: 1877-Mar. 1906. Reel GSU 474: Mar. 1906-1926.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82295886>

#### **Inmate registers, 1878-1965.**

**Restriction:** Criminal offender record information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 6, ss 167-178. Boxes 7-8: Contents have been treated for mold and now specially encased; volumes in third carton originally intermixed. Should only be removed from vault for brief periods in dry weather. Protective mask strongly recommended. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS9.06/824

Extent: 10.35 cubic feet (8 record center cartons and 1 document box)

Appendix: 1 volume

Index: 1 volume

Copies: 10 microfilm reels (2 partial) ; 35 mm

Arranged: Arranged by inmate case no.

Notes: Spine title varies: Register; Receiving book.

Registers for inmates 1-275, 900-1057, 2235-2315, 8600-8899, 15801-16100, 17301-17600, 20301-2600, 21501-21800 lacking.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84185681>

#### **Minutes of the Parole Board for the Reformatory for Women, 1913-1926.**

Identifier: HS9.06/825X

Extent: 0.21 cubic feet (1 volume)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by date of meeting.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122469505>

#### **Booking/registration/index cards, 1893-1983.**

**Restriction:** Criminal offender record information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 6, ss 167-178. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS9.06/827  
Extent: 18 cubic feet (27 boxes and 21 document boxes)  
Arranged: In six subseries : Arranged roughly chronologically, within each subseries alphabetically by inmate name (except see below, subseries 6)  
Notes: Transferred to Archives, 2004-2005 (2005/04 and 2005/41). A pre-existing incomplete file, 1915-1927, was returned to agency June 1990.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/873821093>

**Register of children admitted to reformatory, 1874-1901.**

Identifier: HS9.06/828X  
Extent: 1 volume (partial record center carton)  
Copies: Partial microfilm reel ; 35 mm  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84461412>

**Deprivation of privilege logbook, 1877-1882.**

Identifier: HS9.06/829X  
Extent: 1 volume (partial record center carton)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122372719>

**Orders for release, 1883-1888.**

Identifier: HS9.06/831X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by inmate.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122590888>

**Orders for removal of inmates, 1877-1882.**

Identifier: HS9.06/832X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: In two subseries:  
(1) Inmates transferred into reformatory  
(2) Inmates transferred out of reformatory;  
Arranged within each subseries chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86123271>



**Incoming correspondence from the office of the Commissioners of Prisons, 1879-1881.**

Identifier: HS9.06/833X  
Extent: 0.52 cubic feet (2 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122372720>

**Photographs of inmates, 1919-1926.**

Identifier: HS9.06/834X  
Extent: 1.6 cubic feet (ca. 800 photographs : in 26 boxes) 13 x 18 cm. glass photonegative  
Arranged: Arranged by inmate case no.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122609805>

**Logbooks of discharged inmates, 1877-1915.**

Identifier: HS9.06/838X  
Extent: 5 volumes (partial record center carton)  
Arranged: In two subseries:  
(1) Discharged prisoners, 1877-1898  
(2) Released by permit and discharges, 1898-1915;  
Arranged within each subseries chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122419822>

**Logbooks of released inmates, 1879-1884.**

Identifier: HS9.06/839X  
Extent: 5 volumes (partial record center carton)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Cover title: Inmates released.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122575222>

**Inmate work reports, 1881-1882.**

Identifier: HS9.06/847X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122506021>

**Facility plans, [ca. 1874].**

Identifier: HS9.06/1100X  
Extent: 82 technical drawings (7 folders)

Notes: Current accessions Volume/card index (Sherborn) to: Massachusetts. Office of the Secretary of State. Maps and plans ((M-Ar)50) cites 141 plans, 1873 [sic] as no. 2408.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79016717>

**Photographs of recreational events, 1911-1950 (bulk 1917-1924).**

Identifier: HS9.06/1152X

Extent: 3 document boxes (ca. 230 photographs (some in multiple copies) and 220 photographs: negative)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122405540>

**Annual reports, 1878-1899.**

Identifier: HS9.06/1318 (subseries)

Extent: Partial pamphlet box

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Public document, no. 13.

Reports for 1879, 1880, 1882, 1883, 1885, 1886, 1888, 1890-1893, 1895-1898 missing.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122469578>

**Volunteer admission case files, 1969-1972.**

Identifier: HS9.06/2801

Extent: 3.75 cubic feet (3 records center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged by inmate case number (VA1154-1532)

**Defective delinquent case files, 193- - 194-.**

Identifier: HS9.06/2802X

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 records center carton)

Arranged: Arranged by inmate case number (DD 51-896)

**Drug and alcohol case files, 1933-197-.**

Identifier: HS9.06/2803

Extent: 27.5 cubic feet (22 records center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged by inmate case number (DA 3-1382)

**Log book, 1940-1959.**

Identifier: HS9.06/2804

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 records center carton)

Notes: Unprocessed: span dates not yet verified.

**Baby and children records, 1956-1961.**

Identifier: HS9.06/2805  
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 records center carton)  
Notes: Unprocessed: span dates not yet verified.

**Social worker files, 1956-1961.**

Identifier: HS9.06/2806  
Extent: 17.5 cubic feet (14 records center cartons)  
Notes: Unprocessed: span dates not yet verified.

**Progress notes, 1940-1959.**

Identifier: HS9.06/2807  
Extent: 13.75 cubic feet (11 records center cartons)  
Notes: Unprocessed: span dates not yet verified.

**Intelligence testing files, 1913-1918.**

Identifier: HS9.06/2808  
Extent: 6.25 cubic feet (5 records center cartons)  
Notes: Unprocessed: span dates not yet verified.

**Birth cards, 1910-1960.**

Identifier: HS9.06/2809  
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 records center carton)  
Notes: Unprocessed: span dates not yet verified.

**Mail cards, 1952-1956.**

Identifier: HS9.06/2810  
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 records center carton)  
Notes: Unprocessed: span dates not yet verified.

**Count sheets, 1940-1964.**

**Restrictions:** Criminal offender record information restricted by statutory provision.

Identifier: HS9.06/2811  
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 records center carton)  
Notes: Unprocessed: span dates not yet verified.

**Miscellaneous (Unprocessed), 1929-1960.**

Identifier: HS9.06/2812  
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 records center carton)

### **Superintendent correspondence (Unprocessed).**

Identifier: HS9.06/2813  
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 records center carton)

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## **Record Group Number: HS9.07**

### **Record Group Name: Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Norfolk**

#### **Historical Note:**

St 1927, c 289 established the State Prison Colony, to which the commissioner of correction could transfer inmates of the State Prison. Construction using such inmates began at Norfolk in 1927 and was completed in 1931. St 1931, c 204 authorized transfer there of inmates from the Massachusetts Reformatory, the State Farm, and county jails and houses of correction.

St 1953, c 591 provided that on completion of new buildings at Norfolk and at Walpole, such institutions would serve as the state prison, to succeed the facility at Charlestown. During 1955 and 1956 remaining Charlestown inmates were transferred to Norfolk and Walpole, the Norfolk facility being designated by St 1955, c 770 as Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Norfolk (MCI Norfolk)

Papers of Howard Belding Gill at Boston College (Chestnut Hill, Mass.) contain files of his superintendence of the State Prison Colony (1927-1934), including photographs: see (OCoLC)33140737.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429814>

#### **Related Series:**

##### **Inmate case files, 1927-1955.**

**Restriction:** Criminal offender record information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 6, ss 167-178. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS9.07/295  
Extent: 402.5 cubic feet (322 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged by inmate case no., in two sequences: 1-103, A1-219.

Notes: Files 2057-2219 lacking.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82251145>

### **Prison newspaper, 1935-1950.**

Identifier: HS9.07/980X

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (9 volumes in 1 record center carton)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Transferred to Archives from MCI Norfolk.

Volumes for 1939, 1941, 1944-1949 missing; duplicate copy for 1935.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122419934>

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## **Record Group Number: HS9.08**

### **Record Group Name: Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Walpole**

#### **Historical Note:**

The State Prison was opened in 1805 at Charlestown, Boston, as a successor to the prison on Castle Island. During 1878-1884 the prison was closed and inmates kept at Concord. With that exception, Charlestown remained the state prison (though renamed Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Boston in 1955) until replaced by the Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Walpole, 1955-1956 (renamed Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Cedar Junction in 1984). For a more detailed account see: Massachusetts State Prison. Agency history record (HS9.01).

#### **Discharge registers, 1920-1975 (bulk 1920-1968).**

**Restriction:** Criminal offender record information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 6, ss 167-178. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS9.08/835X

Extent: 0.8 cubic feet (2 volumes in 2 boxes)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by expiration date of inmate sentence.

Notes: Transferred to Archives from MCI Walpole, 1981.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122469518>

#### **Prisoner physical description logbooks, 1831-1960.**

**Restriction:** Criminal offender record information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 6, ss 167-178. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS9.08/836X  
Extent: 2.9 cubic feet (14 volumes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Transferred to Archives from MCI Walpole, 1981.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80954822>

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## **Record Group Number: HS9.09**

### **Record Group Name: Prison Camp and Hospital (Rutland, Mass.)**

#### **Historical Note:**

St 1898, c 393 authorized acquisition of land and construction of a Temporary Industrial Camp for Prisoners, occupied by inmates from jails and houses of correction, to reclaim waste land and to provide highway building materials. Per Resolves 1903, c 81 In 1903 the Council authorized purchase of land in Rutland and the camp opened in 1904 under the Board of Prison Commissioners. St 1905, c 204 allowed transfer of inmates from the Massachusetts Reformatory and the State Farm. (Since 1893, Rutland had also been the site of a state sanatorium (see Rutland Heights Hospital (Rutland, Mass.)) for consumption and tubercular patients, and was also home to several similar private institutions, presumably because of a favorable physical environment.)

St 1905, c 355 authorized construction of a hospital at the Rutland camp for tubercular inmates from any part of the state's correctional system. St 1906, c 243 provided that the institutions be combined as the Prison Camp and Hospital when the hospital was completed in 1907.

Involved also in agricultural activity, the Prison Camp and Hospital initially received most of its transfers on a short-term basis from county houses of correction, but by 1929 it received State Prison inmates only. Because of a decline in tubercular inmates, and the need to protect the Ware River watershed in the course of construction of the Quabbin Reservoir system, the institution was closed and the site sold to the Metropolitan District Water Supply Commission in 1934.

Inmates were transferred to the State Prison Colony at Norfolk; St 1941, c 344 repealed the enabling legislation for the Prison Camp and Hospital.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429812>

## Related Series:

### Orders for removal, 1904-1934.

**Restriction:** Criminal offender record information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 6, ss 167-178. Subseries (1) restricted: personal medical information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 4, s 7, d 26(c) and c 66A. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS9.09/312X  
Extent: 16.25 cubic feet (13 record center cartons)  
Arranged: In two subseries:  
(1) Orders for inmates removed to and from hospital  
(2) Orders for inmates removed to and from camp;  
Arranged within each subseries by inmate case no.  
Notes: Transferred to Archives from MCI Norfolk, Mar. 1983.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122564458>

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## Record Group Number: HS9.10

### Record Group Name: State Farm (Bridgewater, Mass.)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145430011>

## Related Series:

### Photographs of facilities and activities, [ca. 1900-ca. 1910].

Identifier: HS9.10/973X  
Extent: 0.29 cubic feet (ca. 200 photographs (1 volume) in 1 box)  
Notes: Photographs taken by William J. Hamilton of State Farm staff (Almshouse Dept.). Transferred to Archives by his granddaughter, Margaret L. Manning Warrell, July 1, 1982.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122506102>

### State Workhouse/State Farm superintendent letter books, 1883-1912.

Identifier: HS9.10/2525X  
Extent: 3.75 cubic feet (18 volumes in 3 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Box 1: 1883-1891.  
Box 2: 1891-1907.  
Box 3: 1907-1912.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/476271714>

**State Almshouse/State Workhouse expense journal, 1854-1883.**

Identifier: HS9.10/2526X

Extent: 1 volume

Appendix 1 volume

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/476253799>

**State Workhouse/State Farm schedule books of bills approved, 1882-1919.**

Identifier: HS9.10/2527X

Extent: 0.9 cubic feet (12 volumes (11 in 2 document boxes))

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/476271980>

**State Workhouse/State Farm expense journals, 1886-1911.**

Identifier: HS9.10/2528X

Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (22 volumes in 2 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/476269938>

**Ledgers, 1903-1917.**

Identifier: HS9.10/2529X

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (3 volumes in 1 record center carton)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/476269941>

**State Workhouse/State Farm payrolls, 1883-1915.**

Identifier: HS9.10/2530X

Extent: 0.4 cubic feet (6 volumes)

Notes: Volume 1: Jul 1883-Sep 1895.

Volume 2: Oct 1895-Feb 1903.

Volume 3: Mar 1903-Sep 1907.

Volume 4: Oct 1907-Apr 1911.

Volume 5: May 1911-Nov 1913.

Volume 6: Dec 1913-Aug 1915.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/476253806>

**State Workhouse/State Farm journals for building projects, 1883-1914 (bulk 1888-1914)**

Identifier: HS9.10/2531X

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (24 volumes in 1 record center carton)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.



Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/476253809>

**Daily schedules and diaries, 1911-1953.**

Identifier: HS9.10/2532X  
Extent: 7.25 cubic feet (6 record center cartons)  
Arranged: In two subseries:  
(1) schedules  
(2) diaries;  
Arranged within each subseries chronologically.  
Notes: Subseries (1): Box 1: 1911-1923.  
Box 2: 1924-1929, 1940s, 1950-1951.  
Box 3: 1930s. Box 4: 1940s.  
Subseries (2): Box 5: 1924-1930, 1937-1939.  
Box 6: 1940-1947, 1949-1953.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/476269950>

**Industry records, 1898-1928.**

Identifier: HS9.10/2533X  
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (11 volume in partial record center carton)  
Arranged: In four subseries; Arranged within each subseries chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/476253811>

**Bond books for transfer of cadavers to medical schools, 1893-1944 (bulk 1899-1924, 1937-1944)**

Identifier: HS9.10/2534X  
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (11 volume in 1 record center carton)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/476253815>

**Admit/discharge logs, 1896-1955 (bulk 1940-1955)**

**Restriction:** Criminal offender record information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 6, ss 167-178. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS9.10/2535X  
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/476269955>

**Prison Dept. inmate registers, 1906-1950.**

**Restriction:** Criminal offender record information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 6, ss 167-178. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS9.10/2543X  
Extent: 2.8 cubic feet (8 volumes)

Indexes: 0.6 cubic feet (7 volumes)  
Arranged: Arranged by registration no.  
Notes: Volume 6: 30530-39347.  
Volume 7: 39348-48587.  
Volume 8: 48588-57550.  
Volume 9: 57551-66700.  
Volume 10: 66701-75670.  
Volume 11: 75671-84460 (1917-1923).  
Volume 12: 84461-93430 (1923-1927).  
Volume 13: 93431-102400 (1927-1930)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/646858169>

**State Workhouse register, 1866-1887.**

Identifier: HS9.10/2544X  
Extent: 0.58 cubic feet (1 volume and 1 volume index in 1 box)  
Arranged: Arranged by inmate no.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/646858702>

**State Almshouse registers, 1854-1887.**

Identifier: HS9.10/2545X  
Extent: 0.75 cubic feet (2 volumes)  
Indexes 0.3 cubic feet (3 volumes)  
Arranged: Arranged by inmate no.  
Additional Description; <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/646858722>

**Almshouse Dept. registers, 1885-1948 (bulk 1908-1946).**

Identifier: HS9.10/2546X  
Extent: 0.2 cubic feet (2 volumes)  
Arranged: Arranged by inmate no.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/646858173>

**State Workhouse/State Farm special appropriation accounts, 1883-1887, 1908-1947.**

Identifier: HS9.10/2547X  
Extent: 3 volumes  
Arranged: Arranged by project, chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/646858176>

**Farm accounts/reports, 1917-1929 (bulk 1925-1929).**

Identifier: HS9.10/2548X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/646858178>

**State Workhouse/State Farm Hospital death records, 1886-1938.**

Identifier: HS9.10/2549X  
Extent: 3 volumes in partial box  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically, in three subseries  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/646858814>

**Farm sales and labor records, 1899-1909.**

Identifier: HS9.10/2551X  
Extent: 1 volume  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/646858167>

**Facility maintenance/engineering departments records, 1913-1919, 1931-1934.**

Identifier: HS9.10/2552X  
Extent: 3 volumes  
Arranged: In two subseries; Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/646848786>

**State Almshouse/State Workhouse admission/discharge register, 1854-1877.**

Identifier: HS9.10/2553X  
Extent: 0.2 cubic feet (1 volume)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/646858866>

**State Almshouse/State Workhouse birth register, 1854-1883.**

Identifier: HS9.10/2554X  
Extent: 1 volume  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/646858891>

**State Workhouse/State Farm visitor registers, 1884-1952.**

Identifier: HS9.10/2555X  
Extent: 0.33 cubic feet (3 volumes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/646858189>

**State Workhouse Board of Inspectors/Trustees minutes, 1876-1886.**

Identifier: HS9.10/2557X

Extent: 1 volume  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/646848795>

**Prison Dept. case books, 1895-1932.**

**Restriction:** Criminal offender record information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 6, ss 167-178. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS9.10/2558X  
Extent: 25 cubic feet (20 record center cartons)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/726192249>

**Receiving officer memoranda forms, ca. 1900-1933.**

Identifier: HS9.10/2607X  
Extent: 2.75 cubic feet (5 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by inmate.  
Notes: Box (1) A-D.  
Box (2) E-L.  
Box (3) L-P.  
Box (4) Q-Z. Inmate cash.  
Box (5) Inebriates and drug addicts, including voluntary admissions.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/853717535>

**Almshouse Department case books, 1885-1948.**

Identifier: HS9.10/2608X

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**Record Group Number: HS9.11**

**Record Group Name: Massachusetts Correctional Institution  
(Bridgewater, Mass.)**

**Historical Note:**

St 1955, c 770 reorganized the state correctional system, renaming the State Farm (see: Massachusetts State Farm (Bridgewater, Mass.)) as Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Bridgewater (MCI Bridgewater), which included the Bridgewater State Hospital for the insane (see: Bridgewater State Hospital (Mass.)). The act also specified that Bridgewater was no longer to be used for aged or infirm state prisoners (there since 1890). St 1956, c

715 sentenced men convicted of drunkenness to MCI-Bridgewater, which was now to admit only those with alcohol and drug addiction problems, defective delinquents, and the insane. Its functions relating to misdemeanor convicts (since 1866) and state charges (i.e. almshouse paupers, since 1854) were thereby terminated per this act, although some prisoners with completed sentences continued as temporary care patients because of age or infirmity (per St 1956, c 731), until the Dept. of Public Health or Dept. of Public Welfare took over their care.

St 1957, c 772 provided for the segregation and treatment of sex offenders with previous convictions for sex offenses. St 1958, c 646 authorized the opening at MCI Bridgewater of a unit known as the Massachusetts Treatment Center of the Sexually Dangerous, superseding separate such units at other state prisons. This unit was initially under the jurisdiction of the Dept. of Mental Health, but was then placed under the Dept. of Correction per St 1993, c 489 (Jan. 14, 1994)

By the 1970s, the addiction center, as it was commonly called, was separated from the prison hospital. The by then controversial Defective Delinquent Dept. (male unit), started in 1922, was abolished per St 1970, c 888, s 6 (effective 1971, but actually closed 1970), which specified that only males convicted of drunkenness could be committed to the prison section of MCI Bridgewater, except for civil commitments of those needing treatment for alcohol or drug addiction (voluntary admission per MGLA c 123, s 86 (later s 10) and temporary admission of those committed by others for the same reasons per MGLA c 123, s 80 (later s 35)). St 1971, c 1076 decriminalized alcoholism, and provided that those committed to MCI Bridgewater for treatment be housed and treated separately from convicted criminals. The defective delinquent female unit, started in 1926, had been closed in 1954, at which time its premises were given to the Institute for Juvenile Guidance, established as a security unit at the Industrial School for Boys, Shirley, in 1951, and moved to the Bridgewater campus but remaining under the control of the Division of Youth Service (Dept. of Education), and from 1969 the Dept. of Youth Services, until its closing in 1970.

In 1976 a separate medium security prison was opened at Bridgewater, called Southeastern Correctional Center. In 1987 Bridgewater State Hospital separated from MCI Bridgewater, being placed under its own superintendent. Also in 1987 another prison facility was opened as Old Colony Correctional Center. An Apr. 1990 reorganization of the facilities at Bridgewater placed the existing MCI addiction center under Southeastern Correctional Center, and made the Treatment Center of the Sexually Dangerous a separate unit, thus ending MCI Bridgewater as an administrative entity. The addiction center appears to have been closed several years before the permanent closure of Southeastern in 2002, but was reopened at least by 2004 as the Massachusetts Alcohol and Substance

Abuse Center. A Massachusetts Boot Camp for youthful offenders was opened in 1992 but closed sometime after 2000. As of 2009, the Bridgewater Correctional Complex operates with four superintendents, those of the State Hospital, Treatment Center, Old Colony Center, and Alcohol and Substance Abuse Center.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429458>

## **Related Series:**

### **Reports, surveys, and photographs, 1911-1974.**

Identifier: HS9.11/1072X

Extent: 0.47 cubic feet (1 document box and 1 box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86132305>

### **Admit/discharge logs, 1956-1988.**

Identifier: HS9.11/2536X

Extent: 6.25 cubic feet (5 record center cartons)

Notes: Box 1: 1956, 1959-1961.

Box 2: 1962-1966, 1968.

Box 3: 1969-1972.

Box 4: 1973-1975, 1978, 1980-1981.

Box 5: 1982-1983, 1986-1988

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/476269957>

### **State Farm/MCI Bridgewater death register, 1932-1987.**

Identifier: HS9.11/2550X

Extent: 1 volume in partial box

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/646848772>

### **Beacon newspaper, 1960-1973.**

Identifier: HS9.11/2560X

Extent: 0.5 cubic feet (1 box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/725902678>

### **Drug addict case books, 1922-1966.**

Identifier: HS9.11/2609X

### **Building plans, 1884-1995.**

**Restriction: Some restrictions apply**

Identifier: HS9.11/2652X  
Extent: 9.3 cubic feet (52 technical drawing sets in 3 boxes and 4 oversize plan rolls)  
Notes: Transferred to Archives by Southeastern Correctional Center, Bridgewater, 2002.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/911059143>

**State Farm/MCI Bridgewater hospital admit/discharge registers, 1896-1966.**

**Restriction:** Criminal offender record information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 6, ss 167-178. Drug addiction treatment client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 111E, s 18. Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123, s 36. Public health hospital/clinic client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 111, s 70. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS9.11/2693X  
Extent: 7.5 cubic feet (6 record center cartons)  
Notes: Transferred to Archives from MCI Bridgewater, 2002.  
Box 1: 1896, 1899-1912.  
Box 2: 1913-1919, 1922-1927.  
Box 3: 1928, 1930-1940.  
Box 4: 1941-1950.  
Box 5: 1951-1957.  
Box 6: 1958-1963, 1966.

Additional description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/962306663>

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**Record Group Number: HS9.15**

**Record Group Name: Temporary Asylum for Discharged Female Prisoners (Dedham, Mass.)**

**Historical Note:**

The Temporary Asylum for Discharged Female Prisoners, not a state agency, was incorporated by Massachusetts per St 1864, c 183, for the purpose of affording shelter, instruction, and employment to discharged female prisoners. Per St 1910, c 89 it was renamed the Dedham Temporary Home for Women and Children, and its mission redefined for services to convalescents accordingly.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429775>

## Related Series:

### Annual reports, 1876-1881.

Identifier: HS9.15/1318 (subseries)

Extent: partial pamphlet box

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Report for 1877 missing.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122505929>

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## Record Group Number: HS9.105

## Record Group Name: Bridgewater State Hospital (Mass.)

### Historical Note:

In order to relieve crowded conditions at the state lunatic hospitals, St 1886, c 219 authorized the erection of a building at the State Workhouse at Bridgewater to house 125 chronic insane men of the pauper and harmless class, to be transferred from state almshouses and lunatic hospitals. The State Board of Lunacy and Charity, in charge of the State Workhouse per St 1886, 101, s 5, voted on September 4, 1886 to transfer fifty such men, and the asylum building was opened in 1887. Resolves 1888, c 89 added a building for the active violent insane, as well as an addition to the hospital for the medical treatment of the sick insane. Also admitted were aged or physically or mentally infirm inmates of the State Prison (St 1890, c 180; St 1915, c 184). St 1894, c 251 limited insane admissions for a time to inmates of correctional institutions. Per St 1895, c 390, the departments for the care and maintenance of insane men became the State Asylum for Insane Criminals. The asylum was ultimately renamed Bridgewater State Hospital per St 1909, c 504, s 98. Under provisions of St 1909, c 504; St 1910, c 345; and St 1911, c 604, insane prisoners elsewhere continued to be removed to Bridgewater State Hospital.

St 1887, c 264 had renamed the State Workhouse (including its alms department) as the State Farm, in deference to the insane male paupers recently admitted. With the division of the State Board of Lunacy and Charity per St 1898, c 433, the State Farm continued under the State Board of Charity, which was responsible for the state poor, while the newly-created State Board of Insanity was given general supervision of all state asylums and hospitals for the insane. Meantime, the State Farm continued under the joint board of trustees that also oversaw successors to the (Tewksbury) State Almshouse, namely, the (Tewksbury) State Hospital (1900) and the State Infirmity (1909). St 1919, c 199 transferred management of the State Farm (and with it Bridgewater State Hospital) from



the State Board of Charity to the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons (replaced per St 1919, c 350, s 86 by the Dept. of Correction). Succeeding the State Board of Insanity, the Massachusetts Commission on Mental Diseases (1916) and the Dept. of Mental Diseases (1919) had supervision of commitment and discharge of insane inmates not under sentence, with St 1923, c 467 specifying that the Bridgewater State Hospital would remain under the jurisdiction of the Dept. of Correction and the superintendent of the State Farm. -St 1955, c 770 reorganized the state correctional system, renaming the State Farm as Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Bridgewater, including Bridgewater State Hospital. In 1987, Bridgewater State Hospital separated from MCI-Bridgewater, being placed under its own superintendent.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/472454423>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Mental health patient case files, 1887-1967.**

**Restriction:** Mental health client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123B, s 36. Personal medical information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 4, s 7, d 26(c) and c 66A. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS9.105/2517

Extent: 237.67 cubic feet (190 record center cartons and 1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged numerically/chronologically by admission.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/816051392>

#### **Official visitor register, 1899-1963.**

Identifier: HS9.105/2556X

Extent: 1 volume

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/646848793>

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## **Record Group Number: HS11**

## **Record Group Name: Office for Children**

### **Historical Note:**

St 1972, c 785 established the Office for Children within the Executive Office for Human Services, with a director appointed by the governor (by the secretary of human services per St 1985, c 737, s 30; title changed to commissioner per St 1987, c 553, s 6), and supported by a Statewide Advisory Council (which see). Its functions include serving as an advocate for the needs of children and disseminating information on children's services; promoting

development of programs and services to children; establishing regulations for licensing or approval of day care and substitute care for children; determining extent and availability of services to children; determining need for services to children and making recommendations thereon to the executive branch; analyzing, evaluating, and making recommendations regarding budget requests for services to children by state agencies; promoting coordination of programs for services to children in the executive branch; evaluating and monitoring programs for children in the executive branch; developing/providing training programs for day care/substitute care personnel; seeking, applying for, and encouraging use of federal funds for children's services and coordinating related federal, state, and local policies; providing information and referral to persons seeking children's services; providing technical assistance and consultation to children's services providers.

A central office under the commissioner administers these functions through ca. six regional offices. The office's advocacy unit, funded through FY1991 only, provided services on a community basis through ca. 43 area offices grouped regionally and supported by volunteer area-based councils for children. These local services so administered constituted a comprehensive information, referral, and advocacy program (known as Help for Children) to assure each child in the Commonwealth appropriate social, health, or financial support services as needed. Cases not resolvable at a local level were referred to human services interdepartmental (interagency) teams convened by the office at the regional office level and if necessary to a similar team at central office level.

Programs of the office's licensing unit (continuing those provided locally per St 1919, c 195, s 3; St 1950, c 205; and St 1962, c 719, s 1) provide for regulations for and licensing of child care services including group day care, family day care, school-age day care, group care, emergency shelter, and foster care and adoption placement. There have been programs for training of child care personnel (1987-1991), screening of child care personnel (since 1987), and child care resource and referral (since 1987)

Other current office programs are the Children's Trust Fund, established to provide statewide child abuse and neglect prevention services; and the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Challenge Fund. The office's functions are currently described in MGLA c 28A.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429256>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Communications unit legislative review files, 1972-1984.**

Identifier: HS11/344

Extent: 0.7 cubic feet (2 document boxes)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year, thereunder in part by subject.  
Notes: Scheduled as: Passed legislation files; Unpassed legislation files.  
Files for 1980 lacking.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122609720>

### **Commissioner's policy and procedure memorandums, 1978-1984.**

**Restriction:** Personal medical information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 4, s 7, d 26(c) and c 66A. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS11/345

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122405505>

### **Commissioner's central office unit administrative files, 1972-1987.**

**Restriction:** Personal information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 4, s 7, d 26(c) and c 66A. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS11/346

Extent: 5 cubic feet (4 record center cartons)  
15 sound cassettes and 2 volumesideocassettes (1 box)

Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by subject.  
Arranged alphabetically by unit (administration, advocacy (through FY1991 only), communications, legal, licensing), thereunder chronologically.

Notes: Additional 1982-1985 files transferred to: Commissioner's regional reportage files ((M-Ar)349)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122575216>

### **Commissioner's correspondence, 1973-1982 (bulk 1981).**

**Restriction:** Personal information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 4, s 7, d 26(c) and c 66A. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS11/347

Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year.

Notes: Files salvaged from offsite storage.  
Files for 1976 and 1980 lacking.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122469390>

### **Commissioner's regional reportage files, 1973-1985.**

**Restriction:** Personal information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 4, s 7, d 26(c) and c 66A. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS11/349

Extent: 4.1 cubic feet (3 record center cartons and 1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged numerically by region, thereunder by area, and then chronologically.

Arranged numerically by region, thereunder by subject.

Notes: Formerly part of: Commissioner's central office unit administrative files ((M-Ar)346)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122412282>

### **Licensing unit regulation development files, 1973-1989.**

Identifier: HS11/350

Extent: 5 cubic feet (4 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged by program, thereunder chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122297706>

### **Advocacy unit regional interagency team minutes, 1975-1983.**

**Restriction:** Personal data restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 4, s 7, d 26(c) and c 66A. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS11/1187X

Extent: 2.67 cubic feet (2 record center cartons and 1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged numerically by region, thereunder chronologically in reverse order.

Notes: Scheduled as: Minutes of team meetings.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122581550>

### **Advocacy unit area council minutes, 1973-1986.**

Identifier: HS11/1574X

Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (2 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged numerically by region, thereunder alphabetically by area, and then chronologically.

Notes: Scheduled as: Council for Children board meetings.  
Files for Region II lacking.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122357413>

### **Advocacy unit area council community review reports, 1974-1987.**

Identifier: HS11/1575X

Extent: 0.7 cubic feet (2 document boxes)

Notes: Scheduled as: Community review reports.

Series incomplete: Region III files only.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122336085>

**Advocacy unit area council needs assessment reports, 1974-1988.**

Identifier: HS11/1576X

Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (2 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged numerically by region, thereunder alphabetically by area, and then chronologically.

Notes: Scheduled as: Needs assessment reports.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122564542>

**Communications unit press correspondence, 1986-1989.**

Identifier: HS11/1770

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Also known as: Letters to the editor.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122506112>

**Communications unit unpublished reports, 1982-1989 (bulk 1987-1988).**

Identifier: HS11/1771

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122656272>

**Communications unit press releases, 1973-1988.**

Identifier: HS11/1772

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Files for 1973-1974, 1986-1988 only.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122412478>

**Licensing unit public hearing files, 1973-1989 (bulk 1987-1989).**

Identifier: HS11/1773

Extent: 1.42 cubic feet (1 record center carton and 1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged by program, thereunder chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122575284>

**Licensing unit Child Care Affordability Task Force files, 1984-1991.**

Identifier: HS11/1774X

Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (2 record center cartons)

Notes: Some materials predate formal constituting of task force.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122405696>

**Advocacy unit regional administrator minutes, 1974-1991.**

Identifier: HS11/1775X  
Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (2 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged numerically by region, thereunder chronologically.  
Notes: Minutes for Regions IV and V originally processed as separate series.  
Minutes for Region VI transferred from: Advocacy unit regional interagency team minutes ((M-Ar)1187X)  
Reports for Region III transferred to: Advocacy unit regional administrator reports ((M-Ar)1779X)  
Files for Region I lacking.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122521249>

**Advocacy unit regional annual issue and program reports, 1982.**

Identifier: HS11/1776X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Notes: Scheduled as: Annual issue and program reports.  
Series incomplete: files for Region II only.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122591159>

**Advocacy unit central interagency team minutes, 1975-1976.**

Identifier: HS11/1777X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically in reverse order.  
Notes: Scheduled as: Minutes of team meetings.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122357412>

**Advocacy unit central interagency team reports, 1975-1988.**

Identifier: HS11/1778X  
Extent: 0.52 cubic feet (2 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged in part chronologically.  
Notes: Scheduled as: Interagency team reports.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122297780>

**Advocacy unit regional administrator reports, 1978-1988.**

Identifier: HS11/1779X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged numerically by region, thereunder chronologically.

Notes: Minutes for Region I transferred to: Advocacy unit regional chairperson minutes ((M-Ar)1789X)  
Reports for Region III transferred from: Advocacy unit regional administrator minutes ((M-Ar)1775X)  
Scheduled as: Regional administrative task force reports.  
Series incomplete: files for Regions I and III only.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122575286>

**Advocacy unit annual statistical activity reports, 1975-1988.**

Identifier: HS11/1780X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Also known as: Help for Children statistical reports.  
Statistics for 1978-1979, 1983 lacking.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122505967>

**Commissioner's budget files, 1980-1985.**

Identifier: HS11/1781  
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)  
Notes: Scheduled as: Budgetary testimony.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122469694>

**Advocacy unit subject files, 1973-1990 (bulk 1973-1987).**

Identifier: HS11/1784X  
Extent: 5 cubic feet (4 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged in part chronologically.  
Notes: Scheduled as: Director's subject file.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122403059>

**Advocacy unit regional chairpersons minutes, 1975-1991.**

Identifier: HS11/1789X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged numerically by region, thereunder chronologically.  
Notes: Minutes for Region I transferred from: Advocacy unit regional administrator reports ((M-Ar)1779X)  
Series incomplete.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86123362>

**Advocacy unit regional interagency team reports, 1975-1987.**

Identifier: HS11/1791X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Notes: Scheduled as: Interagency team reports.  
Series incomplete.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122469700>

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## **Record Group Number: HS11.01**

## **Record Group Name: Office for Children – Statewide Advisory Council**

### **Historical Note:**

St 1972, c 785, c 1 established the Statewide Advisory Council of the Office for Children, whose membership currently consists of the secretaries of human services, economic affairs, communities and development, and educational affairs, or their designees; twelve persons appointed by the secretary of human services with approval of the governor; and sixteen persons elected by the local councils for children. Appointive and elective members serve for three years.

The advisory council is to assist the commissioner of the Office for Children in coordinating the efforts of all public agencies concerned with services to children; advise the commissioner on policy, planning, and priorities of need for services to children; review regulations proposed by the office and make recommendations thereon to the commissioner; suggest new regulations; review at least biennially the organization, structure, and functioning of services to children; and issue an annual report to the governor, the General Court, and the secretaries of all executive offices. The functions of the advisory council are currently described in MGLA c 28A, s 8.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429258>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Administrative files, 1973-1989 (bulk 1975-1983).**

Identifier: HS11.01/742  
Extent: 3.92 cubic feet (3 record center cartons and 1 document box)  
Notes: Scheduled as: Meeting minutes and correspondence.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122505881>

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## **Record Group Number: HS14**

## **Record Group Name: Department of Mental Retardation**

### **Historical Note:**

An assistant commissioner for mental retardation was provided for in the Department of Mental Health by St 1966, Ex Sess, c 735, s 5 (see also St 1975, c 756, s1), who headed the department's Division of Mental Retardation. In 1986 an act to reorganize the management of mental health and mental retardation services in the Commonwealth (St 1986, c 599, amending MGLA c 19) removed the responsibility for mental retardation from the Department of Mental Health and assigned it to a new Department of Mental Retardation (MGLA c 19B).

The Department of Mental Retardation, under a commissioner appointed by the secretary of human services, has oversight of all matters affecting the welfare of the mentally retarded citizens of the Commonwealth, including the supervision and management of all state schools and other facilities for the mentally retarded, general supervision of private facilities, the development of additional facilities, and contracting with private agencies for mental retardation services.

As provided by the legislation and subject to approval by the secretary of human services, the commissioner may enter into interagency agreements with the commissioner of mental health for the coordinated regulation or management of services that are provided by both departments. Additionally, the commissioner may establish a training program for residents in professional disciplines as required by departmental programs, establish a comprehensive community services program, and is to provide the following services to both children and adults: diagnostic, evaluation, and reevaluation services; treatment services; training programs; preschool clinical services; long- and short-term day and night care residential services; consultation and educational services to community agencies and professional personnel; research including evaluation of programs and services; and preventive services. The department also has the power to issue, revoke, or suspend licenses for any private, county, or municipal facility offering services to the retarded.

To advise on the management of each state school the governor appoints a board of trustees for each facility. The board includes clients and their guardians or family members as well as professionals in the field of mental retardation. The secretary of human services appoints persons to the fifteen-member Mental Retardation Advisory Council to assist the commissioner on policy, program development, and priorities.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429259>

## **Related Series:**

### **Subject files, 1976-1983.**

Identifier: HS14/572

Extent: 5.35 cubic feet (4 record center cartons and 1 document box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78638188>

### **Administrative files, 1973-1977.**

**Restriction:** Mental retardation client data restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123B, s 17: cannot be viewed except with the permission of the commissioner of mental retardation, Research Review Committee, or institution superintendent; access by data subjects, guardians, third parties with permission and authorized department employees is not restricted. Personal information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 4, s 7, d 26(c) and c 66A.

Identifier: HS14/1195

Extent: 15 cubic feet (12 record center cartons)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122506054>

### **Quality enhancement subject files, 1995-2000.**

Identifier: HS14/2680X

Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)

Notes: From the records of the Governor's Commission on Mental Retardation, transferred to Archives, 1994-2008. For details consult the Massachusetts Archives series control file.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/945572465>

### **Quality enhancement statements of deficiencies and plans of correction, 1991-1994.**

Identifier: HS14/2682X

Extent: Partial record center carton

Notes: From the records of the Governor's Commission on Mental Retardation, transferred to Archives, 1994-2008. For details consult the Massachusetts Archives series control file.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/945572634>

### **Quality enhancement certification monthly reports, 1999-2005.**

Identifier: HS14/2683X

Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (2 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: From the records of the Governor's Commission on Mental Retardation, transferred to Archives, 1994-2008. For details consult the Massachusetts Archives series control file. Includes files from November 1999-Jan. 2005 (Aug. 2002, Dec. 2003, Jan. 2004, Mar. 2004 lacking)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/945572667>

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## **Record Group Number: HS14.02**

## **Record Group Name: Walter E. Fernald State School**

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122297682>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Diagnostic staff meeting minutes, 1956-1976.**

**Restriction:** Mental retardation client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123B, s 17. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS14.02/177X

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122419780>

#### **Equipment and supplies reference files, 1899-1916.**

Identifier: HS14.02/227X

Extent: 0.56 cubic feet (1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122506093>

#### **Inpatient case files, ca. 1852-1969.**

**Restriction:** Mental retardation client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123B, s 17. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS14.02/259X

Extent: 186.2 cubic feet (147 record center cartons and 7 document boxes)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122581454>

#### **Traveling clinic case files, 1921-1955.**

**Restriction:** Evaluative information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 4, s 7, d 26(c) and c 66A. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS14.02/313X

Extent: 190.35 cubic feet (152 record center cartons and 1 document box)  
Arranged: In two subseries:  
(1) Clinic case files; arranged first for Worcester, then alphabetically by municipality, thereunder by case no.  
(2) Extant clinic survey logs.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83176307>

### **Psychometric test files, 1913-1946.**

**Restriction:** Mental retardation client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123B, s 17. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS14.02/338X  
Extent: 17.5 cubic feet (14 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by client.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122520785>

### **Visiting physician training materials, 1915-1939.**

Identifier: HS14.02/796X  
Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (11 volume in 2 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122505883>

### **Lesson plans, 1908-1953.**

**Restriction:** Mental retardation client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123B, s 17. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS14.02/797X  
Extent: 10 volumes (partial record center carton)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79165521>

### **Educational evaluation case files, 1898-1978.**

**Restriction:** Mental retardation client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123B, s 17. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS14.02/798X  
Extent: 96.25 cubic feet (77 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by client, thereunder chronologically.  
Notes: Scheduled as: Educational evaluation files.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122609685>

### **Administrative bulletins, 1905-1973.**

**Restriction:** Restricted as fragile. Access by permission of state archivist or curator of Massachusetts Archives only

Identifier: HS14.02/799X

Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (2 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged numerically.

Notes: Chronological overlap among vols.;  
Files for 1933-1935, 1943-1951, 1963-1970 lacking.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122556544>

### **Superintendent's administrative files, 1887-1978.**

Identifier: HS14.02/800

Extent: 5 cubic feet (4 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Notes: Scheduled as: Administrative subject files.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86123287>

### **Trustee meeting minutes, 1851-1977.**

Identifier: HS14.02/802X

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (9 volumes and 3 file folders in 1 record center carton)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Contents: 1851-1879 1 volume . 1879-1899 1 volume 1890-1903 (folder of drafts, related notes). 1899-1910 1 volume (handwritten draft). 1899-1913 1 volume 1914-1925 1 volume 1925-1944 1 volume 1941 (bylaws in folder). 1944-1952 1 volume 1952-1961 1 volume 1961-1969 (folder). 1970-1977 1 volume

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83494024>

### **Forms and procedures manuals, 1908-1935.**

Identifier: HS14.02/803X

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (6 volumes in 1 record center carton)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122590838>

### **Outpatient case files, 1923-1949.**

**Restriction:** Mental retardation client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123B, s 17. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS14.02/817X

Extent: 45 cubic feet (36 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged by client no.

Notes: Scheduled as: Client files.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122520693>

**\*Superintendent's correspondence, 1849-1975 (bulk 1894-1924)**

**Restriction:** Mental retardation client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123B, s 17. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS14.02/869  
Extent: 70 cubic feet (56 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arrangement varies.  
Arranged alphabetically by correspondent, thereunder chronologically in reverse order.  
Notes: Scheduled as: Correspondence. Outgoing correspondence for 1894-1895 scheduled as: Outgoing correspondence.

**Superintendent's correspondence, 1887-1975.**

**Restriction:** Mental retardation client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123B, s 17. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS14.02/869X  
Extent: 70 cubic feet (56 record center cartons)  
Notes: Scheduled as: Correspondence. Outgoing correspondence for 1894-1895 scheduled as: Outgoing correspondence.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80616216>

**Deputy superintendent's administrative files, 1973-1986.**

Identifier: HS14.02/876  
Extent: 1.6 cubic feet (1 record center carton and 1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by subject.  
Notes: Scheduled as: Administrative subject files.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180702903>

**Annual and departmental reports, 1953-1970.**

Identifier: HS14.02/877X  
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Report for 1957 lacking.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86144166>

**Photographs, 1893-195-?**

**Restriction:** Mental retardation client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123B, s 17. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS14.02/878X  
Extent: 0.65 cubic feet (2 boxes and 1 volume)

Notes: Majority of original prints transferred Jan. 2011, some from: Research Unit photographs ((M-Ar)N069X)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122357384>

### **Minutes of the Advisory Committee on Mental Hygiene and Community Activities, 1950.**

Identifier: HS14.02/879X  
Extent: 1 volume (partial record center carton)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically, thereunder by agency or subject.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81407135>

### **Event schedules and programs, 1921-1958.**

**Restriction:** Mental retardation client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123B, s 17. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS14.02/880X  
Extent: 3 volumes and file folders (partial record center carton)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122520698>

### **Quarterly census reports, 1869-1899.**

Identifier: HS14.02/926X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122372722>

### **Applications for admission, 1918-1947.**

**Restriction:** Mental retardation client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123B, s 17. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS14.02/958X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (7 volumes in 1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81640424>

### **Annual reports, 1847-1973.**

Identifier: HS14.02/1318 (subseries)  
Extent: 0.95 cubic feet (4 volumes and 2 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Volume 1: 1847, 1852-1858, 1860-1865.  
Volume 2: 1866-1878, 1880-1884.  
Volume 3: 1885-1901.

Volume 4: 1902-1924.

Box 1: 1859, 1879, 1925-1941, 1952-1958, 1960.

Box 2: 1961-1970, 1973.

Public document, no. 28. (1870-1940)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122469589>

**Traveling clinic preschool psychometric test files, 1938-1942.**

**Restriction:** Evaluative information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 4, s 7, d 26(c) and c 66A. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS14.02/1334X

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)

Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by school, thereunder chronologically by year.

Additional Description; <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122405644>

**Returns of the survey on idiocy in Massachusetts, 1846.**

Identifier: HS14.02/1516X

Extent: Subseries (1): 1 volume

Subseries (2): 1 volume

Subseries (3): original not received from custodial agency--microfilm only

Arranged: In three subseries: (1) Returns of survey (2) Field notes (3) Tables.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180702080>

**Table of the physical and mental condition of idiots in Massachusetts, 1847.**

Identifier: HS14.02/1517X

Arranged: Arranged numerically in order of examination.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180702110>

**Superintendent's papers and lectures, 1887-195-? (bulk 1887-1924).**

Identifier: HS14.02/1803X

Extent: 4 volumes

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180702133>

**Field notes on the survey of idiots in Massachusetts, 1847.**

Identifier: HS14.02/1827X

Extent: 1 volume

Arranged: Arranged numerically in order of examination.



Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180702093>

**Corporation meeting minutes, 1851-1968.**

Identifier: HS14.02/1828X

Extent: 2 volumes and 4 file folders (partial document box)  
Copies: 2 microfilm reels (1 partial) ; 35 mm

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Contents: 1851-1891 1 volume 1891-1914 1 volume 1892-1944,  
1944-1951, 1952-1960, 1961-1962 (typescript in file folders)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180702153>

**Admission and discharge registers, 1851-1995.**

**Restriction:** Mental retardation client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123B, s 17. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS14.02/2614X

Extent: 3.06 cubic feet (2 record center cartons and 1 document box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/892981632>

**Superintendent's reports to trustees, 1851-1975.**

**Restriction:** Mental retardation client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123B, s 17. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS14.02/2631X

Extent: 7.85 cubic feet (1 document box and 6 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Boxes 2-4, 6-7: reports kept in scrapbooks.

Series formerly designated (when held in agency) as: ((M-Ar)N149X)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122357394>

**Financial records, 1848-1937.**

Identifier: HS14.02/2632X

Extent: 4.45 cubic feet (Subseries (1): 3 record center cartons, 1 volume  
Subseries (2): 2 document boxes)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/892968809>

**Registers for visits by trustees, 1914-1978.**

Identifier: HS14.02/2634X

Extent: 2 volumes (partial document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Formerly designated (when held in agency) as: Trustee attendance registers ((M-Ar)N153X)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122506046>

### **Visitor registers, 1855-1971.**

Identifier: HS14.02/2635X

Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (7 volumes in 1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Formerly designated (when held in agency) as: (M-Ar)N154.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122590990>

### **Outgoing correspondence, 1848-1875.**

**Restriction:** Mental retardation client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123B, s 17. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS14.02/2641X

Extent: 4 volumes (partial record center carton)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/904289045>

### **Letters of appreciation, 1925-1940.**

**Restriction:** Mental retardation client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123B, s 17. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS14.02/2642X

Extent: 1 volume (partial record center carton)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/904289244>

### **Incoming correspondence, 1848-1886.**

**Restriction:** Mental retardation client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123B, s 17. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS14.02/2643X

Extent: Partial document box

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/904289183>

### **Journal of Henry Tuck, M.D., 1876-1877.**

**Restriction:** Mental retardation client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123B, s 17. Redacted photocopies available from reference staff. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS14.02/2644X

Extent: Partial document box

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/904289216>

**WPA school records project files, 1940-1941.**

Identifier: HS14.02/2645X

Extent: 2 file folders (partial document box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/904289307>

**Register of job applicants, 1930-1934.**

Identifier: HS14.02/2646X

Extent: 1 volume (partial document box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/904289265>

**Resident registers, 1871-1946.**

**Restriction:** Mental retardation client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123B, s 17. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS14.02/2647X

Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)

Arranged: In five subseries.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122505911>

**Chicago World's Fair letterbook, 1893.**

Identifier: HS14.02/2648X

Extent: 1 volume (partial record center carton)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/904289309>

**Cemetery registers, 1947-1979.**

**Restriction:** Mental retardation client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123B, s 17. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS14.02/2649X

Extent: 2 volumes (partial record center carton)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/904289176>

**Accident injury reports, 1988-1991.**

**Restriction:** Mental retardation client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123B, s 17. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS14.02/2684X

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: From the records of the Governor's Commission on Mental Retardation, transferred to Archives, 1994-2008. For details consult the Massachusetts Archives series control file.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/945572665>

### **Autopsy reports, 1947-1953, 1968**

**Restriction:** Mental retardation client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 123B, s 17. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS14.02/2789X

Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/1051042105>

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## **Record Group Number: HS14.03**

## **Record Group Name: Wrentham State School**

### **Historical Note:**

Wrentham State School was established for the care and custody of mentally retarded persons in Massachusetts pursuant to St 1906, c 508 and St 1907, c 421. Opened in 1907, it was successively under the supervision of the State Board of Insanity (St 1906, c 508, s 8), the Massachusetts Commission on Mental Diseases (St 1916, c 285, s 3), the Dept. of Mental Diseases (St 1919, c 350, s 79), the Dept. of Mental Health (St 1938, c 486), and the Dept. of Mental Retardation (St 1986, c 599, s 9). In the 1990s it became known as the Wrentham Developmental Center.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122469358>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Annual reports, 1907-1969.**

Identifier: HS14.03/1318 (subseries)

Extent: 1 document box and pamphlet box

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Public document, no. 78.

Reports for 1942-1952, 1968 missing.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122469595>

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## **Record Group Number: HS14.04**

### **Record Group Name: Belchertown State School**

#### **Historical Note:**

Belchertown State School was established for the care and custody of mentally retarded persons in Massachusetts pursuant to St 1922, c 410. Opened in 1923, it was successively under the supervision of the Dept. of Mental Diseases, the Dept. of Mental Health (St 1938, c 486) and the Dept. of Mental Retardation (St 1986, c 599, and s 9). It was closed in Dec. 1992.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122520673>

#### **Related Series:**

#### **Annual reports, 1923-1969.**

Identifier: HS14.04/1318 (subseries)

Extent: 1 document box and 1 pamphlet box

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Reports for 1942-1952, 1968 missing.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122564449>

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## **Record Group Number: HS14.05**

### **Record Group Name: Paul A. Dever State School (Taunton, Mass.)**

#### **Historical Note:**

The Myles Standish State School was established for the care and custody of mentally retarded persons in Massachusetts pursuant to St 1950, c 684. Opened in 1952 in Taunton, it was renamed the Paul A. Dever State School by St 1959, c 215. Initially under the supervision of the Dept. of Mental Health, it was placed under the Dept. of Mental Retardation by St 1986, c 599, s 9. It was closed in 2002.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429763>

#### **Related Series:**

### **Annual reports, 1953-1967.**

Identifier: HS14.05/1318 (subseries)  
Extent: 1 document box  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Report for 1963 missing.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122581578>

### **Miscellaneous records, 1950-1986**

**Restriction:** Restricted access by permission of State Archivist or Curator only.

Identifier: HS14.05/2736X  
Extent: 1.1 cubic feet (2 framed items and 1 volume)  
Notes: Presented to Massachusetts Archives by John E. Riley, Hull, MA.  
Received July 11, 2017.  
Records include two framed extracts from legislation: St 1950, c 684, s 1, 12, establishing the Myles Standish State School, signed by Thomas P. O'Neill, House speaker, Harris S. Richardson, Senate president, and Edwin J. Cronin, Secretary of the Commonwealth; and: St 1959, c 15, s 1, 10-12, redesignating the institution as the Paul A. Dever State School, signed by John F. Thompson, House speaker, John E. Powers, Senate president, and Joseph D. Ward, Secretary of the Commonwealth. Each item includes a quill pen presumably used to affix the signatures. There is also a ledger, 1974-1986, including accounts receivable/payable, cash receipts/expenditures, itemized expenditures, patient funds, bond savings accounts, transfers from the state treasury, and others.

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## **Record Group Number: HS16**

## **Record Group Name: Parole Board**

### **Historical Note:**

St 1913, c 829 established the Board of Parole for the State Prison and the Massachusetts Reformatory, and the Board of Parole for the Reformatory for Women. The combined boards constituted an Advisory Board of Pardons (to the governor). St 1916, c 241, which replaced The Board of Prison Commissioners with the Massachusetts Bureau of Prisons, replaced the existing boards of parole with a single Board of Parole, also acting as an

Advisory Board of Pardons (see also St 1917, c 266). St 1919, c 350, s 85 reconstituted the Board of Parole in the new Dept. of Correction.

St 1937, c 399 replaced the Board of Parole with a Parole Board, which, explicitly per St 1939, c 451, s 52, also continued as the Advisory Board of Pardons. Its functions are currently described in MGLA c 127.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429341>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Pardons, Commutations and Respites, 1929-1987.**

Identifier: HS16/330

Extent: 79 document boxes and 2 volumes

#### **Minutes, 1913-1940.**

Identifier: HS16/1489

Extent: 4.39 cubic feet (23 volumes)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Transferred from the State Library, December 1977.  
Volumes numbered 4, 6-7, 10-12 missing.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122581598>

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## **Record Group Number: HS18**

## **Record Group Name: Department of Social Services**

### **Historical Note:**

Pursuant to St 1969, c 885, s 3, an assistant commissioner for social services was appointed in the Dept. of Public Welfare. By Feb. 1971 that official had been given responsibilities for family, children, adult, and special services. These included functions of the now-discontinued Division of Child Guardianship, subsumed until at least 1974 under a Division of Family and Children's Services. By 1975 the sphere of the assistant commissioner's operations was referred to as the Office of Social Services.

St 1978, c 552 (as amended by St 1979, c 795, s 4) effectively abolished the Office of Social Services by transferring its functions, defined as services to families, children, unmarried parents, the aging, and other adults and population groups with special needs, to a new Dept. of Social Services, effective July 1980.

The department provides and administers a comprehensive social services program, including counseling to families, foster families, and individuals; protective services for children, unmarried mothers, the aging, and other adults; legal services for families, children, and individuals as they relate to social problems; foster family and specialized foster family care; adoption, homemaker, camping, and referral services; day care; residential care; informal education and group activities; training in parenthood and home management; family services intended to prevent the need for foster care and services to children in foster care; and temporary residential programs providing counseling and support services to women in transition and their children.

The department has authority to establish policies and rules to implement its programs, to administer funds, to set a sliding scale of fees for services, and to collaborate with other departments of the Commonwealth and volunteer and other private organizations to provide services to those requiring them. The department is headed by a commissioner and is organized into regions and service areas. The commissioner appoints regional and area office directors, as well as a deputy commissioner, assistant commissioners, and legal counsel. In each area there is a social services area board, consisting of twenty-one members drawn from the clients and providers of the department, related department area boards, and the community the office serves. Area boards represent the citizens of the area, advise the office on local needs and resources, and review the annual area plan. Area boards elect one member to serve on the statewide advisory council that advises the commissioner.

St 1984, c 197 established an independent foster care review unit within the department. The unit reviews the status of each child at least once every six months to determine the appropriateness of the child's continued placement, and a projected date by which the child may likely be returned to parents or guardian. The court responsible for committing a child to the custody of the department is also required to reconvene within eighteen months of the commitment and every twelve months thereafter to determine the future status of the child.

The department's functions are currently described in MGLA c 18B.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429551>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Single service case files, 1980.**

**Restriction:** Personal data restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 4, s 7, d 26(c) and c 66A. For conditions of access consult repository



Identifier: HS18/1002  
Extent: 0.7 cubic feet (2 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by client.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122405579>

**Intact families case files, 1985.**

Identifier: HS18/1130  
Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (2 record center cartons)

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**Record Group Number: HS19**

**Record Group Name: State Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity**

**Historical Note:**

The State Board of Health, Lunacy, and Charity was established by St 1879, c 291 to have general supervision over all state charitable and reformatory institutions, including the state lunatic hospitals, the State Almshouse, the State Workhouse, the State Primary School, the State Reform School, and the State Industrial School for Girls. The board assumed powers and duties vested in the following boards, which were abolished under the law: State Board of Health; Board of State Charities; boards of trustees of the State Reform School and the State Industrial School; boards of inspectors of the State Primary School, the State Almshouse, and the State Workhouse; the advisory boards of women to the inspectors of the State Almshouse and of the State Primary School; trustees of the State Reform School; and the visiting agency to the Board of State Charities.

Under general supervision of the board, the following boards of trustees were established under this legislation to have closer supervision over the institutions, replacing boards of trustees or inspectors abolished: Trustees of the State Primary and Reform Schools, for the State Reform School at Westborough, the State Industrial School for Girls at Lancaster, and the State Primary School at Monson; the Board of Trustees of the State Almshouse; and the Board of Trustees of the State Workhouse. Hospitals and asylums for the mentally ill and mentally retarded continued to be governed by their individual boards of trustees as before (but within the supervisory range of the board)

Composed of nine unpaid members appointed by the governor, the board was to act as commissioners of lunacy (pursuant to St 1874, c 363), and so was authorized to investigate the question of the insanity and condition of any person committed to any public or private

hospital or asylum, to discharge patients as it saw fit, and to visit and inspect every public and private asylum (or other facilities for the insane) in Massachusetts at least twice a year. In addition the board was authorized to investigate contagious or infectious diseases dangerous to the public health and find means to prevent their spread.

The work of the board was carried out by four standing committees and four officers: Committee on Health, Committee on Lunacy, Committee on Charities, Executive Committee (consisting of the chairs of the other standing committees), Health Officer, Superintendent of Outdoor Poor (Dept. of Outdoor Poor), Superintendent of Indoor Poor (Dept. of Indoor Poor), and Inspector of Charities.

The board's powers subsequently increased: St 1880, c 250, s 5 authorized the board to transfer and commit to lunatic hospitals and asylums inmates of the State Almshouse or State Workhouse (provided that certificates from two physicians were obtained) and to appoint experts to examine convicts in state and reformatory prisons and make recommendations to the governor for their transfer to the state lunatic hospitals; St 1884, c 234 allowed cities with more than 50,000 inhabitants to establish asylums for the care and treatment of mentally ill persons, giving the board investigative, transfer, and removal powers over these institutions; and St 1885, c 385 authorized it to place at board in private families insane persons of the so-called chronic and quiet class. --St 1886, c 101, created a separate State Board of Health; with this function removed, the State Board of Health, Lunacy, and Charity was renamed the State Board of Lunacy and Charity.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429462>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Annual reports, 1879-1885.**

Identifier: HS19/1318 (subseries)

Extent: 0.2 cubic feet (6 volumes)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Public document, no. 17.

Holdings: 1879-1882, 1884-1885 (no. 1-4, 6-7); 1883 (no. 5) lacking.

Supplementary volumes relating to public health topics are cataloged with the annual reports of the State Board of Health ((M-Ar)HS6)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122560418>

#### **Register of foundlings and dependent children, 1881-1884.**

Identifier: HS19/1632X

Extent: 1 volume

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/319633893>

**Minutes of the Board, 1884-1892.**

Identifier: HS19/1655X  
Extent: 1 document box

**Correspondence of the Board, 1882-1884.**

Identifier: HS19/1656X  
Extent: 1 document box

**Report of the Visiting Agent, 1885.**

Identifier: HS19/1659X  
Extent: 1 document box

**F.B. Sanborn confidential letterbooks, 1868-1883.**

Identifier: HS19/2483X  
Extent: 0.6 cubic feet (2 volumes)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Series (M-Ar)1658X refers to a similar earlier letterbook.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/169983043>

**Persons supported at the State Primary School, Monson, and at the State Workhouse, Bridgewater, 1872-1882.**

Identifier: HS19/2588X  
Extent: 1 volume  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/780092761>

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**Record Group Number: HS19.02**

**Record Group Name: Department of Outdoor Poor**

**Historical Note:**

Under the Massachusetts State Board of Health, Lunacy, and Charity (1879-1886) and the State Board of Lunacy and Charity (1886-1898), the Dept. of Outdoor Poor was responsible for adults in need of state medical or general assistance not committed to state institutions under the board's jurisdiction and of juvenile wards of the state under three years of age. Functionally it was divided into units responsible for sick state poor, temporary aid of the poor, foundlings and deserted infants, auditing of claims, and smallpox and other

contagious diseases. (The Dept. of Indoor Poor was responsible for adults in such institutions, i.e., almshouses and lunatic hospitals, and for juvenile wards of the state over three years of age.) In 1898, just prior to state agency reorganization, these responsibilities were redivided between a Division of State Adult Poor (with Indoor and Outdoor units) and a Division of State Minor Wards, which were carried over into the State Board of Charity. Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/123373675>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Outside foundlings account books, 1880-1884.**

Identifier: HS19.02/538X

Extent: 2 volumes

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/319633623>

#### **Histories of foundlings, 1880-1885.**

Identifier: HS19.02/542X

Extent: 2 volumes

Arranged: Arranged by case no./chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/319633900>

#### **Log of medical treatment of foundlings, 1882-1885.**

Identifier: HS19.02/543X

Extent: 1 volume

Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by first letter of surname.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/319632791>

#### **Indenture Papers of State Primary School.**

Identifier: HS19.02/548X

#### **Register of alien immigrants aided, 1888-1893.**

Identifier: HS19.02/1628X

Extent: 2 volumes (1888-1890; 1890-1893) (partial record center carton)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by registration date.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/905102314>

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## **Record Group Number: HS19.03**

## **Record Group Name: Department of Indoor Poor**

### **Historical Note:**

Under the Massachusetts State Board of Health, Lunacy, and Charity (1879-1886) and the State Board of Lunacy and Charity (1886-1898), the Dept. of Indoor Poor was responsible for adults in institutions, i.e., almshouses and lunatic hospitals, and for juvenile wards of the state over three years of age. Functionally it was divided into units responsible for immigration (Division of Immigration), settlement of paupers, transportation, and visitation (Division of Visiting). (The Dept. of Outdoor Poor was responsible for adults in need of state medical or general assistance not committed to state institutions under the board's jurisdiction and of juvenile wards of the state under three years of age.) In 1898, just prior to state agency reorganization, these responsibilities were redivided between a Division of State Adult Poor (with Indoor and Outdoor units) and a Division of State Minor Wards, which were carried over into the State Board of Charity.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84670787>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Register of indentures, 1854-1884 (bulk 1869-1884).**

Identifier: HS19.03/545X

Extent: 1 volume

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/319632795>

#### **Transfer records of the certified insane, 1866-1898 (bulk 1879-1898)**

Identifier: HS19.03/2481X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84646319>

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## **Record Group Number: HS20**

## **Record Group Name: State Board of Lunacy and Charity**

### **Historical Note:**

In 1886 the State Board of Health, Lunacy, and Charity was renamed the State Board of Lunacy and Charity, while a separate State Board of Health was established (St 1886, c 101). The State Board of Lunacy and Charity inherited all powers and duties of its predecessor except those vested in the newly established State Board of Health, i.e., general

supervision and investigative powers over charitable, correctional, and mental health institutions and some authority over the transfer and removal of patients.

The board's work was carried out by the following two standing committees and three officers: Committee on Lunacy, Committee on Charities, Inspector of Charities, Superintendent of Indoor Poor (Dept. of Indoor Poor), and Superintendent of Outdoor Poor (Dept. of Outdoor Poor)

The board's responsibilities were broadened by St 1887 c 346, which established service districts for the state lunatic hospitals, making the board responsible for enforcing its provisions; by St 1887, c 401, which allowed the board to place children from almshouses in families when cities and towns neglected this duty; and St 1892, c 318, which empowered the board to grant and revoke licenses for boarding houses for infants. (The governor and council still held responsibility for licensing private facilities for the mentally ill.)

In 1898 the State Board of Lunacy and Charity was abolished and its functions divided between the State Board of Charity and the State Board of Insanity (St 1898, c 433). The State Board of Insanity assumed all the board's responsibilities relative to the supervision of public and private hospitals, asylums, and other receptacles for the insane or feeble-minded. The remaining functions were assumed by the State Board of Charity.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429462>

#### **Related Series:**

##### **Transcripts of adoptions, 1888-1889.**

Identifier: HS20/544X

Extent: 1 volume

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by adoption date.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/319633641>

##### **Transcripts of Hearings against Employee Lobbying, 1897.**

Identifier: HS20/553X

Extent: 1 document box

##### **Weekly reports of admissions and discharges at the State Primary School, 1866-1892.**

Identifier: HS20/927X

Extent: 1.5 cubic feet (13 volumes)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Spine title: State Primary School returns.

Formerly classed under (M-Ar)HS3.05: Massachusetts. State Primary School (Monson, Mass.)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122590964>

**Annual reports, 1886-1898.**

Identifier: HS20/1318 (subseries)  
Extent: 1 cubic feet (26 volumes)  
Arranged: In two subseries:  
(1) Annual reports.  
(2) Annual reports of institutions.  
Notes: Public document, no. 17.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122336055>

**Minutes concerning removals of insane persons, 1891-1898.**

Identifier: HS20/1630X  
Extent: 1 volume  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84646320>

**Immigration bills, 1891-1894.**

Identifier: HS20/1640X  
Extent: 1 volume (partial record center carton)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Formerly called: Voucher register.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/905102374>

**Immigration Voucher Register, 1888-1895.**

Identifier: HS20/1657X  
Extent: 1 volume

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**Record Group Number: HS21**

**Record Group Name: State Board of Charity**

**Historical Note:**

St 1898, c 433 removed the functions of the Massachusetts State Board of Lunacy and Charity relating to the insane to a new State Board of Insanity, renaming the predecessor board as the State Board of Charity (s 25), the latter having jurisdiction over the settlement or non-settlement of the state poor under the control of the institutions supervised by

either board, and administration of the laws of settlement relating to the support of the state's sane poor by cities and towns (s 24). The State Board of Charity included a Division of State Adult Poor (with indoor and outdoor units) and a Division of State Minor Wards, both of which had recently been established by the predecessor board. The Division of State Adult Poor was responsible for the welfare of adult poor without legal settlement, with the indoor department working with those confined to state medical facilities and the outdoor department providing supervision and reimbursement for programs of public relief administered by local authorities. In addition to continuing programs previously mandated, the board oversaw St 1913, c 763, ss 5-7, which provided relief to mothers with dependent children under the age of fourteen, as administered by local overseers of the poor, with reimbursement and supervision by the board. St 1919, c 350, s 87 abolished the State Board of Charity, replacing it with the Dept. of Public Welfare.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/314404364>

**Related Series:**

**Annual reports, 1899-1919.**

Identifier: HS21/1318 (subseries)  
Extent: 1.5 cubic feet (33 volumes)  
Arranged: In two subseries:  
(1) Annual reports.  
(2) Annual reports of state institutions.  
Notes: Public document, no. 17.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/887739607>

**Case histories of persons transported, 1905-1910.**

Identifier: HS21/1629X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 volume in 1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/780689385>

**Daybooks, 1910-1917.**

Identifier: HS21/1634X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (3 volumes in 1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/780639459>

**Register of children placed out, 1869-1905.**

Identifier: HS21/1637X  
Extent: 7 cubic feet (35 volumes) ||Index 0.3 cubic feet (4 volumes, 1 in file folder)



Arranged: Arranged by case no.  
Notes: Contents (Volume numbers. assigned on basis of page numbering/gaps in paging): volumes 2--501-1000, volumes 3--1001-1500, volumes 4--1501-2000, volumes 6--2501-3000, volumes 7--3001-3500, volumes 8--3501-4000, volumes 10--4501-5000, volumes 11--5001-5500, volumes 13--6001-6500, volumes 16--7501-8000, volumes 17--8001-8500, volumes 19--9001-9500, volumes 22-24--10501-12000, volumes 27--13001-13500, volumes 29--14001-14500, volumes 30--14501-15000, volumes 32--15501-16000, volumes 33--16001-16500, volumes 35--17001-17500, volumes 36--17501-18000, volumes 38--18501-19000, volumes 39--19001-19500, volumes 41-44--20001-22000, volumes 46--22501-23000, volumes 48-53--23501-25500.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/319633859>

#### **Manuscript of History, 1638X.**

Identifier: HS21/1638X  
Extent: 1 document box

#### **Case histories of alien passengers aided, 1909-1914.**

Identifier: HS21/1641X  
Extent: 1 volume (Oct. 1909-Jan. 1914) (partial record center carton)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by registration date.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/905102386>

#### **Minutes, 1879-1909.**

Identifier: HS21/1660X  
Extent: 14 volumes

#### **Immigration accounts, 1901-1914.**

Identifier: HS21/2650X  
Extent: 2 volumes (Sept. 1901-November 1905; November 1905-Feb. 1914) (partial record center carton)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/905102353>

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**Record Group Number: HS22**

**Record Group Name: Health Coordinating Council**

**Related Series:**

**Subject Files, 1979-1984**

Identifier: HS22/1847

Extent: 4 record center cartons

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**Record Group Number: HS23**

**Record Group Name: Health Facilities Appeal Board**

**Related Series:**

**Regulation review files, 1981-**

Identifier: HS23/1857X

Extent: 1 document box

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**Record Group Number: HS24**

**Record Group Name: Worcester Health and Hospitals Authority  
(Mass.)**

**Historical Note:**

St 1871, c 339 authorized the city of Worcester to establish and maintain a hospital to receive persons who through misfortune or poverty required relief of temporary sickness. St 1953, c 266 consolidated the Worcester City Hospital and the Belmont Hospital (whose board of trustees was established with Worcester City Council membership per St 1939, c 276) as a reconstituted Worcester City Hospital administered by the city manager, who appointed a new board of trustees; the Belmont Hospital facility was reserved for treatment of persons with tuberculosis and diseases dangerous to the public health.

St 1990, c 189 (as amended by c 237) established the Worcester Health and Hospitals Authority as a public body corporate/politic and political subdivision of the Commonwealth to own, maintain, and operate the Worcester City Hospital, replacing its board of trustees. Two members were appointed by the city manager, two by the secretary of human services, and a fifth by those members, who then appointed a hospital administrator to be chief administrative and executive officer of the authority. The authority was authorized to acquire real property and to issue bonds or notes.

The hospital as heretofore maintained was closed by the authority on Dec. 5, 1991, with interim operations then undertaken under a memorandum of understanding with the authority by the University of Massachusetts Medical Center (UMMC), Family Health and Social Services Center, Inc., and Worcester Area Community Health Center, Inc. St 1992, c 138 authorized the transfer of all legal title to the hospital from the city of Worcester to the authority, its subsequent transfer by the authority to a corporation formed by the University of Massachusetts under MGLA c 180, and the authority's dissolution, which occurred Jan. 15, 1993. The hospital is currently operated as the City Campus of the UMMC. Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145430057>

#### **Related Series:**

#### **Worcester City Hospital medical staff minutes, 1943-1983.**

**Restriction:** Evaluative information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 4, s 7, d 26(c) and c 66A. Public health hospital/clinic client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 111, s 70. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS24/1874X

Extent: 3.92 cubic feet (3 record center cartons and 1 document box)

Arranged: In four subseries:

(1) Joint Conference Committee, 1952-1983

(2) Executive Committee, 1943-1978

(3) Staff Association, 1960-1982

(4) Medical staff committees, 1964-1983;

Arranged within each series chronologically, in reverse order.

Notes: From 1990 records were in custody of the Worcester Health and Hospitals Authority.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122591188>

#### **Worcester City Hospital autopsy reports, 1962-1988.**

**Restriction:** Public health hospital/clinic client information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 111, s 70. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: HS24/1875X

Extent: 29.1 cubic feet (23 record center cartons and 1 document box)  
Arranged: 1980-1988 Arranged chronologically.  
thereunder alphabetically by patient;  
thereunder by case no.  
Notes: From 1990 records were in custody of the Worcester Health and  
Hospitals Authority.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122609992>

**Minutes, 1990-1992.**

Identifier: HS24/1877X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122372753>

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**Record Group Number: HS26**

**Record Group Name: Center for Health Information and  
Analysis**

**Historical Note:**

Per St 1953, c 636 (effective 1954), a Division of Hospital Costs and Finances was established within the Commission on Administration and Finance to determine rates to be paid by various Massachusetts state agencies purchasing care from health care institutions, such as hospitals, sanatoria, and infirmaries. This division became the Bureau of Hospital Costs and Finances within the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (successor to the commission cited above) per St 1962, c 757 ss 5, 10 (effective 1963). St 1963, c 809 established a separate Board of Rate Setting within the executive office, to determine rates for convalescent and nursing or rest homes.

St 1968, c 492 replaced the bureau with a Rate Setting Commission--also known as the Massachusetts Rate Setting Commission, which per St 1973, c 1229 was placed within the Executive Office of Human Services Health and Human Services (EOHHS) from 1992. St 1975, c 424 extended the commission's purview to approval of any increased rates proposed by hospitals. The commission's responsibilities were enlarged in the area of health insurance per St 1991, c 495.

Per St 1996, c151, ss 31, 275, the Massachusetts Rate Setting Commission was replaced by a Division of Health Care Finance and Policy (DHCFFP), which also acquired powers of the

now discontinued Dept. of Medical Security. The division was replaced per St 2012, c 224, s 19 (MGLA c 12C), by the Center for Health Information and Analysis (CHIA), an independent state agency that collects health care cost and quality information and provides objective analysis of this data to assist in the formulation of health care policy. While rate setting responsibilities had been reassigned from DHCFO to the secretary of EOHHS itself per St 2003, c 26, s 339 (MGLA c 118G, s 2A), or other unit that the secretary might designate, per St 2012, c 224, s 123 (MGLA c 118E, s 13C), rates other than those for hospitals in fact continued to be set by DHCFO until 2012, when all rates were set by EOHHS only. Other functions of CHIA include compilation of the state's annual cost trends reports, managing the state health data repository, and monitoring the financial stability of hospitals and health plans. CHIA also maintains a consumer health information website to enhance the transparency of the quality and cost of health care services in Massachusetts. Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145430094>

#### **Related Series:**

##### **Public hearing records, 1962-2014 (bulk 1969-2012).**

Identifier: HS26/1951  
Extent: 47.85 cubic feet (38 record center cartons and 1 document box)  
Arranged: In three subseries.  
Notes: Formerly included: Business meeting minutes, now cataloged separately as: (M-Ar)2685).  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80927736>

##### **Rules and Regulations records, 1995-2003.**

Identifier: HS26/2653  
Extent: 3 record center cartons

##### **Fiscal Audit records, 2002-2006.**

Identifier: HS26/2654  
Extent: 17 record center cartons

##### **Business meeting minutes, 1968-2012.**

Identifier: HS26/2685  
Extent: 52.5 cubic feet (42 record center cartons)  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/950740321>

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