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**Introduction**

In 1887 Robert Willan Philip founded the Victoria Dispensary for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest, the first of its kind in the world. The Royal Victoria Hospital was founded in 1894, and Polton Farm Colony in 1910. Together with the Dispensary these formed the nucleus of the "Edinburgh Scheme" for combating tuberculosis. In 1914, the Dispensary, Hospital and Farm Colony were given to the City of Edinburgh and the Royal Victoria Tuberculosis Trust was founded. These came under the management of the Edinburgh Royal Victoria and Associated Hospitals Board of Management in 1948, and the North Lothian District of Lothian Health Board in 1974. The Royal Victoria Hospital is currently within Lothian University Hospitals NHS Trust.

There are also case notes for this hospital which can be accessed through the Finding the Right Clinical Notes website. One series of these, CC/3, has been microfilmed.

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AND TUBERCULOSIS TRUST****1      Managers' Minutes, 1891-1977**

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| 1 | Nov 1891-Oct 1907  | Royal Victoria Dispensary [Minute Book No 1]  |
| 2 | Nov 1907-Apr 1920  | Royal Victoria Hospital for Consumption<br>Minute Book No 2, includes some presscuttings  |
| 3 | Nov 1920-June 1947 | Royal Victoria Hospital Tuberculosis Trust<br>Minute Book No 3  |
| 4 | Nov 1947-Mar 1977  | Royal Victoria Hospital Tuberculosis Trust<br>Minute Book No 4, includes Treasurer's Accounts and<br>Reports<br>Loose inserts in separate box |

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**2        House Committee Minutes, 1913-1914**

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2        June 1913-Jun 1914            Royal Victoria Hospital House Committee Minute  
Book No 2

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**3           Farm Colony Committee Minutes, 1910-1914**

1           Jan 1910-Jun 1914            Royal Victoria Farm Colony Committee Minute Book

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**4       Farms and Finance Sub-Committee Minutes, 1947-1951**

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2       Dec 1947-Jan 1951            Royal Victoria Hospital Tuberculosis Trust [Farms and  
Finance] Sub-Committee Minute Book No 2

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**5 Minutes of Annual General Meetings, 1905-1954**

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| 1 | May 1905-Apr 1954 | Royal Victoria Hospital, including Constitution and Rules, 1906 |
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**6       Reports and Papers, 1967-1989**

- 1       Mass Radiography Services in Scotland Annual Reports, 1984-1986
  - 1       1984
  - 2       1985
  - 3       1986
- 2       “Chest X-ray Centre and MMR Service in Scotland” 1988
- 3       “The Edinburgh System – Sir Robert Philip and his Anti-Tuberculosis Campaign 1887-1914”, n.d.
- 4       “Review of the Royal Victoria Dispensary”, annotated draft, n.d.
- 5       “Review of the Royal Victoria Dispensary Spittal Street Edinburgh”, final draft, September 1988
- 6       Leitch, Cruickshank & Leaker, “The Dispensary Service 100 Years On: The Workings of a Chest Clinic” draft, n.d.
- 7       Leitch, Cruickshank & Leaker, “The Royal Victoria Dispensary Service 100 Years On. The Workings of a Chest service”, draft, n.d.
- 8       C. Clayson, “One Hundred Years of the Co-ordinated Service for Tuberculosis”, n.d.
- 9       Papers relating to organisational arrangements and budgets at RVD, 1985-1987
- 10      MMR Working Party papers, 1987-1989
- 11      Blank proformas and papers relating to the Medical Records Dept, 1967-1973



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**7        Annual Reports, 1949-1950**

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**8 Patient Registers, 1954-1986**

These volumes record the names and addresses of patients registered at the Hospital. They are ordered by date and allocated a unique RVD (Royal Victoria Dispensary) number to each patient. In LHB41/8/2, the back of the volume has been used to record the patients who are to be transferred from the Chalmers Hospital to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh. It is possible to cross reference some patients across both these volumes. It is not clear when the clinic moved from the Royal Victoria Hospital to the Chalmers Hospital. Acc RIE/25

- 1 5 Jan 1954 – 31 May 1958
- 2 11 Nov 1968 – 15 Dec 1986

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**9            X-ray Clinic Register, 1961-1967**

This book is titled X-ray Only Clinic and is a record of T.B. (Tuberculosis) examinations carried out on patients. It records the patient's name, date, detail of their examination, and in some cases the results of the x-rays. The patients in this record were registered in the general register, LHB41/8/1. Acc RIE/25

1            16 Jan 1961 – 31 Oct 1967