

INSTITUTIONAL RECORDS



The institutional records (LHB series) are public records which have been transferred from the NHS and date from 1690 to the present day. They cover most of the hospitals in Lothian, including the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, Scotland's first hospital for the sick poor (1729).

A number of NHS administrative organisations are also represented, including Lothian NHS Board and its predecessor bodies, boards of management, units and trusts. These collections contain material such as minutes, administrative files and finance records, as well as bound patient registers of admissions, discharges and deaths, and ward journals.

CASE NOTES



LHSA holds a large historically important sample of twentieth-century folder-based clinical case notes, mostly from the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh. It covers specialties such as neurosurgery, gynaecology, psychiatry and orthopaedics, as well as general medicine and surgery. For more information see www.clinicalnotes.ac.uk.

PHOTOGRAPHS



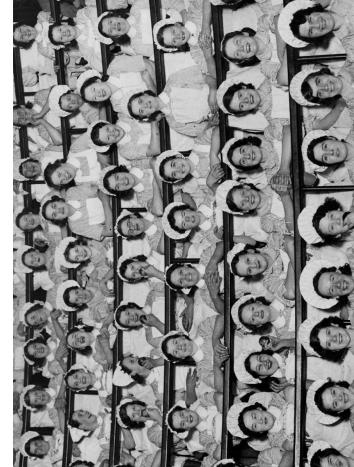
The wife of the master and their daughter
had a short time ago —
She is about a large boy in
size and looks like a girl.
Her master is a sailor and
lives in a small house in
Dovehouse by the sea —
They have a son —
Not quite so young
as the girl —

A substantial collection has been accrued, comprising prints, slides, glass plate negatives and digital images. These are a rich resource, illustrating many aspects of the development of medicine and hospitals from the mid-nineteenth century.

GIFTS AND DEPOSITS

The GD series includes personal papers and non-NHS organisational records, which complement the LHBs. They include important collections relating to HIV and AIDS in Edinburgh, and also correspondence, notes, research and private papers of several eminent figures in Scottish medicine.

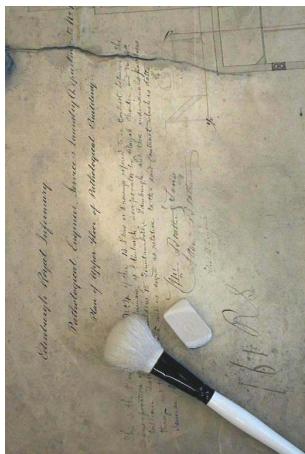
OBJECTS



This collection has grown significantly in recent years. As well as a range of historical medical instruments, it includes hospital plaques, medals and badges, silverware, works of art, and a selection of textiles.

USE OF THE ARCHIVE

LHSA aims to promote access in order to increase awareness of the history and traditions of health care in Edinburgh, Lothian and Scotland. Staff respond to enquiries from a range of individuals and institutions on a world-wide basis. In addition to its uses by the NHS and genealogical enquiries made by the general public, LHSA supports project-based research in the history of medicine.



CONSERVATION

The Archive is held on behalf of Lothian NHS Board and is subject to the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Personal information held in patient, personnel and training records is covered by Data Protection.

Material from the Archive is available for exhibition loan and, subject to copyright, images may be used in publications. For further information regarding conditions please contact the Archive.

LHSA is committed to ensuring the ongoing preservation of its holdings. Examples of work include environmental monitoring of the repository, boxing of loose files and papers, cleaning and repair of architectural plans, rebinding of registers, journals and other volumes, repackaging of glass plate negatives, and rehousing the object collection.

LHSA has also received funding from the Wellcome Trust's Research Resources in Medical History programme, to clean and rehouse twentieth-century clinical case notes, principally those of eminent university professors.

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