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Introduction

Mrs Elizabeth Cleghorn, the daughter of Lord Cockburn and widow of the Sheriff of Argyll, began in 1874 to help destitute patients in the medical wards of the Royal Infirmary. She visited wards, distributing clothing and sometimes money. When she appealed to her friends for help, the response was so great that, in 1879, a formal organisation was created: the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary Samaritan Society. The original aim was to assist patients and their dependants with clothes and money and if the patient were the breadwinner, to help him find employment. Gradually the work was expanded to encompass all the Edinburgh hospitals. Almoners were appointed to identify patients in need, visit their homes and provide help and guidance.

From 1923 the Infirmary appointed its own almoners, who worked in parallel with those of the Samaritan Society.

In 1948 the Society's almoners were transferred to the Infirmary's social service staff. Even after the National Health Service came into being the Samaritans continued to work as a voluntary organisation. Their Committee of Management meets regularly with the Hospital's social work staff, in consultation with whom they make grants to tide patients and their families over until official help is given. Sometimes help is also provided in ways not covered by statutory rules and regulations.

For a more comprehensive history of the Society see *The Edinburgh Royal Infirmary Samaritan Society, 1879-1979* (GD2/9/2).

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1 Annual Reports (printed), 1879-2009

1	1879 - 1901	1st-22nd Annual Reports
2	1901 - 1910	23rd-32nd Annual Reports
3-15	wanting	
16	1923 - 1924	46th Annual Report
17-32	wanting	
33	1940 - 1941	63rd Annual Report
34	1941 - 1942	64th Annual Report
35	wanting	
36	1943 - 1944	66th Annual Report
37	1944 - 1945	67th Annual Report
38	1945 - 1946	68th Annual Report
39	1946 - 1947	69th Annual Report
40	1947 - 1948	70th Annual Report
41	1948 - 1949	71st Annual Report
42	1949 - 1950	72nd Annual Report
43	wanting	
44	1951 - 1952	74th Annual Report
45	1952 - 1953	75th Annual Report
46	1953 - 1954	76th Annual Report (2 copies)
47	wanting	
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1 Annual Reports (printed), 1879-2008

48	1955 - 1956	78th Annual Report	(2 copies)
49	1956 - 1957	79th Annual Report	
50	wanting		
51	1958 - 1959	81st Annual Report	
52	wanting		
53	1960 - 1961	83rd Annual Report	
54	wanting		
55	1962 - 1963	85th Annual Report	
56	wanting		
57	1964 - 1965	87th Annual Report	
58	1965 - 1966	88th Annual Report	
59	1966 - 1967	89th Annual Report	
60-61	wanting		
62	1969 - 1970	92nd Annual Report	(2 copies)
63	1970 - 1971	93rd Annual Report	
64	1971 - 1972	94th Annual Report	
65	wanting		
66	1973 - 1974	96th Annual Report	
67	1974 - 1975	97th Annual Report	
68	1975 - 1976	98th Annual Report	
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1 Annual Reports (printed), 1879-2008

69	1976 - 1977	99th Annual Report
70	1977 - 1978	100th Annual Report
71	1978 - 1979	101st Annual Report
72	1979 - 1980	102nd Annual Report
73	1980 - 1981	103rd Annual Report
74	1981 - 1982	104th Annual Report
75	1982 - 1983	105th Annual Report
76	1983 - 1984	106th Annual Report
77	1984 - 1985	107th Annual Report
78	1985 - 1986	108th Annual Report
79	1986 - 1987	109th Annual Report
80	1987 - 1988	110th Annual Report
81	1988 - 1989	111th Annual Report
82	1989 - 1990	112th Annual Report
83	1990 - 1991	113th Annual Report
84	1991 - 1992	114th Annual Report
86	1993 - 1994	116th Annual Report
87	1994 - 1995	117th Annual Report
88	1995 - 1996	118th Annual Report
89	1996 - 1997	119th Annual Report

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1 Annual Reports (printed), 1879-2008

90	1997 - 1998	120th Annual Report
91	1998 - 1999	121st Annual Report
92	1999 - 2000	122nd Annual Report
93	2000 - 2001	123rd Annual Report
94	2001 - 2002	124th Annual Report
95	2002 - 2003	125th Annual Report
96	2003 - 2004	126th Annual Report
97	2004 - 2005	127th Annual Report
98	2005 - 2006	128th Annual Report
99	2006 - 2007	129 th Annual Report
100	2007 - 2008	130 th Annual Report
101	2008 - 2009	131 st Annual Report

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2 Annual Reports (loose), 1921-1956

1 1921 - 1956 Manuscript and typescript Annual Reports

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3 Sederunt Books, 1879-1966

1	1879-1882
2	1882-1886
3	1887-1891
4	1892-1897
5	1897-1901
6	1902-1908
7	1908-1915
8	1915-1922
9	1922-1928
10	1928-1934
11	1934-1941
12	1941-1947
13	1947-1953
14	1953-1959
15	1959-1966

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4 Case Books, containing reports of almoners on individual cases, 1902-1948

1 1902-1903

2 1902-1903

3 1903-1905

4 1905-1906

5 1906-1908

6 1908-1909

7 1909-1911

8 1911-1912

9 1912-1913

10 1913-1915

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15 1922-1923

16 1923-1924

17 1924-1925

18 1925-1926

19 1926-1927

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4 Case Books, containing reports of almoners on individual cases, 1902-1948

20 1927-1928

21 1928-1929

22 1929-1930

23 1930-1931

24 1931-1933

25 1933-1934

26 1934-1935

27 1935-1936

28 1936-1938

29 1938-1939

30 1939-1941

31 1941-1942

32 1942-1944

33 1944-1945

34 1945-1947

35 1947-1948

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5 Case Sheets, 1949-1994

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| 1 | 1950-1955 | Case sheets listing cases addressed and action taken at Society meetings |
| 2 | 1955-1960 | Case sheets listing cases addressed and action taken at Society meetings |
| 3 | 1961-1969 | Case sheets listing cases addressed and action taken at Society meetings |
| 4 | 1953-1968 | Case sheets listing individual cases referred to Society from Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh including Simpson Memorial Maternity Pavilion |
| 5 | 1949-1969 | Case sheets listing individual cases referred to Society from Royal Hospital for Sick Children |
| 6 | 1951-1964 | Case sheets listing individual cases referred to Society from Deaconess Hospital |
| 7 | 1951-1965 | Case sheets listing individual cases referred to Society from Astley Ainslie Hospital |
| 8 | 1951-1965 | Case sheets listing individual cases referred to Society from Longmore Hospital |
| 9 | 1951-1969 | Case sheets listing individual cases referred to Society from Princess Margaret Rose Hospital |
| 10 | 1952-1966 | Case sheets listing individual cases referred to Society from Chalmers Hospital |
| 11 | 1955-1969 | Case sheets listing individual cases referred to Society from Northern General Hospital |
| 12 | 1956-1966 | Case sheets listing individual cases referred to Society from Bruntsfield Hospital |

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5 Case Sheets, 1949-1994

13	1958-1965	Case sheets listing individual cases referred to Society from Department of Psychological Medicine of Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh and other psychiatric hospitals
14	1962	Case sheets listing individual cases referred to Society from Bangour Hospital
15	1967-1969	Case sheets listing individual cases referred to Society from Eastern General Hospital
16	1967-1970	Case sheets listing individual cases referred to Society from City Hospital
17	1969-1970	Case sheets listing cases referred to the Society from various hospitals
18	1972-1973	Case sheets listing individual cases referred to the Society from various hospitals
19	1973-1974	Case sheets listing individual cases referred to the Society from various hospitals
20	1974-1975	Case sheets listing individual cases referred to the Society from various hospitals
21	1975-1976	Case sheets listing individual cases referred to the Society from various hospitals
22	1976-1977	Case sheets listing individual cases referred to the Society from various hospitals
23	1977-1978	Case sheets listing individual cases referred to the Society from various hospitals
24	1977-1978	Case sheets listing individual cases referred to the Society from the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh
25	1977-1978	Case sheets listing individual cases referred to the Society from the Royal Hospital for Sick Children

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5 Case Sheets, 1949-1994

26	1978-1979	Case sheets listing individual cases referred to the Society from various hospitals
27	1978-1979	Case sheets listing individual cases referred to the Society from the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh
28	1978-1979	Case sheets listing individual cases referred to the Society from the Royal Hospital for Sick Children
29	1984-1985	Case sheets listing individual cases referred to Society
30	1985-1986	Case sheets listing individual cases referred to Society
31	1986-1987	Case sheets listing individual cases referred to Society
32	1987-1988	Case sheets listing individual cases referred to Society
33	1988-1989	Case sheets listing individual cases referred to Society
34	wanting	
35	1990-1991	Case sheets listing individual cases referred to Society
36	1991-1992	Case sheets listing individual cases referred to Society
37	1992-1993	Case sheets listing individual cases referred to Society
38	1993-1994	Case sheets listing individual cases referred to Society

6 Correspondence of Honorary Secretary, 1916-1977

The following papers represent the surviving correspondence of the Samaritan Society and are largely concerned with administrative affairs. The correspondence virtually ceases around 1950, following the creation of the National Health Service.

- 1 1916-1922
- 2 1937-1939
- 3 1940-1958
- 4 1955-1971
- 5 1960-1977
- 6 1959-1964
- 7 1959-1974

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7 Clothing Distribution Books, 1929-1960

1 1929 - 1945

2 1945 - 1960

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8 Clothing Receipt Books, 1943-1960

1 1943 - 1951

2 1951 - 1956

3 1956 - 1960

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9 Miscellaneous, 1889-1979

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| 1 | 1889 - 1950 | Constitution and regulations, memoranda and other papers including discussions of role of Society in emerging welfare state. |
| 2 | 1979 | ‘The Edinburgh Royal Infirmary Samaritan Society, 1879-1979’ (centenary history of Society) |
| 3 | 1979 | Invitation from Lord Provost and Members of City of Edinburgh District Council to Reception on occasion of Samaritan Society’s centenary, 30 January 1979 |
| 4 | 1940-1967 | Notebook listing individuals who have resigned from the Committee of Management, and individuals who have spoken at meetings |
| 5 | 1909-1962 | Council Meeting Agenda Book |

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10 Income and Expenditure, 1920-1960

1	1920 - 1949	Collector's Book
2	1949 - 1960	Collector's Book
3	1923 - 1960	Income and Expenditure Book
4	Mar 1956 - Mar 1957	Statement of ordinary funds and balance account sheets
5	1956 - 1958	Loose invoices paid