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GIRLS INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL HOBART

RECORDS OF COMMITTEE

1862 - 1945

The School was founded in June 1862, originally as the 'Hobart Town Female Refuge' to provide a home for neglected girls and train them in washing, sewing and domestic work. It was managed by a committee of ladies elected by subscribers, usually under the patronage of the Governor's wife, but five gentlemen were elected as governors and formed an advisory committee. The School occupied various temporary houses until 1873 when the committee leased buildings in the Barracks, which premises were extended in 1879 when the School took the protestant girls from the Queen's Orphan School, New Town, which was being closed. In 1892 it moved to 'Kensington House', Davey Street (now the Trades Hall) and finally in 1924 it moved to 'Maylands', Pirie Street, New Town. The School took 30 to 40 girls, usually between 6 and 14, but occasionally younger, and the committee liked to keep them beyond their committal period until they were 16 and trained for service, unless there were suitable relatives. They were usually referred by a magistrate and supported by the Government, by relatives or by donations and the little earned by laundry and sewing work. The children were looked after by a matron and sub-matron and ladies of the committee visited in turn. As well as instruction in domestic work the children were given some basic education, by a School-mistress appointed after the transfer of the Orphan School girls in 1879, and after 1925 attended state school, and also received religious instruction from local ministers or Sunday school teachers.

In February 1945 the School was transferred to the Salvation Army.

These records are the committee records only. There are no personal records of the girls or their background or committal orders. Nor has

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any of the secretary's correspondence survived. However the minutes of the monthly committee meetings dealt with bills, expenses, staff matters and the welfare of the children, and note briefly admissions and decisions on discharge of girls to service or to relatives, if any. There is an admission register noting name, date of admission and usually age and the name of the J.P. or other authority committing the child and the period of detention, with occasionally a note of discharge to service or the name of a parent, if known, but this volume was apparently not used regularly after about 1880. In 1902 a special record was begun, for the committee's use, of girls in the institution, noting where they were sent into service so that the committee could keep in touch with them. The amount of information noted varied.

#### MINUTES

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1 (1-11) Minutes of Management Committee June 1862 - Feb. 1945

Minutes of monthly meetings of the ladies' committee of management dealing with maintenance, welfare, accounts etc.

G.3/1	1.	June 1862 - Dec.1878	7.	June 1925 - Jan.1929
	2.	Jan. 1879 - July 1896	8.	Feb. 1929 - Mar.1934
	3.	Aug. 1896 - Mar. 1904	9.	Apr. 1934 - Jan.1939
	4.	Apr. 1904 - Dec. 1910	10.	Feb. 1939 - Feb. 1943
	5.	Jan. 1911 - Apr. 1916	11.	Mar. 1943 - Feb. 1945
	6.	May 1916 - May 1925		

(11 quarto volumes)

1. (12) Minutes of Governors and Trustees July - Nov. 1982

To consider plans and estimates of repairs to Kensington House, Davey Street and tenders for roofing.

( 1 quarto vol. mostly unused)

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## REGISTERS

G. 3/4 Admission Registers 1864 - 1895

Register of names with age and date of admission, under whose authority (e.g. name of J.P.), length of detention; sometimes noting date of discharge, service, names of parent if known. There are two overlapping volumes, possibly kept by different people, but entries seem irregular after about 1880.

(1) 1864 - 1895

(2) 1869 - 1888

( 2 quarto notebooks)

G. 3/3 List of girls 1902 - 1945

Rough record for the committee, in alphabetical book, ' of the girls at present in the Institution and those leaving for service so that the Committee may not lose sight of them...' The amount of information noted varies, but usually includes the name, age, date of admission and dates and places of service.

(alphabetic notebook)

## ACCOUNTS

G. 3/2 Treasurer's expenditure accounts 1882 - 1934

Analysis of expenditure for wages, provisions, clothing fuel and light, stationery and printing, furniture and repairs, soap

(1) 1882 - 1930

(2) 1930 - 1934

( 2 vols)

## ACCOUNTS (contd)

G. 3/5 Girls pocket money 25 Oct - Dec. 1913

Notebook recording small sums apparently given to individual girls and held by the School for personal expenses or spending money: - e.g. 'from mother', 'from Aunt', 'prize money', 'ribbon 4d', 'church 3d', 'Christmas 1s.'

(quarto exercise book)

## COMMITTEE PAPERS

G. 3/6 Miscellaneous papers c 1910 - 1945

Including draft of amended rules & proposal for cookery instruction ND.; letter of resignation from Assistant Matron Spotswood, 1910; letter to Matron from Ada Hume, Macquarie Plains on health of girl in her service; and from J.S. Scarr, ironmonger, offering damaged goods; from M.D. Downie requesting girl; letters on estate of Miss. C.A.Fry, 1921, 1946; List of girls in residence Aug. 1941; R.A.C. picnic for girls 1944; notice of meeting to confirm resolution to transfer school to Salvation Army 1944; inventories 1939, 1945; newspaper cutting on transfer of school, 1 Feb. 1945.

## ANNUAL REPORTS

G.3/7 Annual Reports and Regulations 1867, -1879-1944

1867 - 8, 1879, 1882 - 3, 1886, 1888-90, 1894 - 1944  
Constitution 1925

(printed booklets)

## PHOTOGRAPHS

G.3/9 (1) Photograph of Industrial School, Barrack Square (1883)

Part of building with group of girls and staff in print. (See minutes 1883) H. Bailey, Hobart  
(also negative copy)

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PHOTOGRAPHS (contd)

(2) Residence at New Town for John Pearce, by Henry Hunter ND

Photo by Albert Sargeant of Hunter's design Maylands,  
Pirie St, New Town.

MISCELLANEOUS

G.3/8 W. Hudspeth's notes 1945

Notes on history from minutes and typed copy  
of Hudspeth's brief address on handing over school to  
Salvation Army. Copy of commemorative tablet.