

House of Industry and Lunatic Asylum Ledger

Ref. IE CCCA/U500

Item Level Description

Cork City and County Archives

Identity Statement

Reference Code:	IE CCCA/U500
Title:	House of Industry and Lunatic Asylum Ledger
Dates:	1828 - 1831
Level of description:	Item
Extent:	225pp

Context

Creator(s)

House of Industry, Mendicity and Lunatic Asylum

Archival History

Administrative / Biographical History

The House of Industry was instituted by Act of Parliament and erected in 1776-1777, 'for the reception of vagrants and strolling prostitutes and of poor aged men and women'. Supported by Grand Jury presentments and charitable subscriptions. Under the control of a Board of Governors including Church of Ireland Bishops, local MPs, the Mayor, Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, those elected by the Corporation, and others. The House of Industry was based on the Infirmary Road, near the South Infirmary. A school was attached to the House of Industry for the education of children paupers. John Cotter was Treasurer in 1831. The House of Industry was designated as the temporary poor law union workhouse catering for Cork City and its hinterland in 1840, with the withdrawal of the former House of Industry Governors. A new purpose built poor law workhouse, located at Douglas Road, Cork, with an attached infirmary, opened in late 1841/early 1842.

The Mendicity establishment at Barrack Street provided food for paupers.

The Lunatic Asylum, established in about 1791, under the same Governors as the House of Industry, and built in close proximity to the House of Industry, covered both City and County, and remained outside the district asylum system until 1845. The Committee of the Lunatic Asylum included the High Sheriff of County Cork, the Mayor of Cork and others. It had begun life as an extension of the House of Industry and was administered by it although subject to inspection by the lunacy inspectorate. A new district asylum for Cork opened in 1852..

Content & Structure

Scope & Content

'Ledger No. 1 House of Industry and Lunatic Asylum'. Contains financial accounts, detailed for each year, including Treasurer John Cotter, Simeon Hardy Sub Treasurer, Potatoes, Meal, Milk, Sundry Creditors, various suppliers, Establishment, Donations (With Names), Steward Robert Pearse, County Presentments (including, in April 1829, over £1323 for Lunatic Asylum, over £646 for House of Industry, p.21-22), City Presentments (including, in April 1829, over £886 for Lunatic Asylum, over £500 for House of Industry, p21-22), Manufacture (such as spinning, tucking and weaving, dyeing), Repairs and Buildings, Hospital, Beggars Cart, Straw, Offal, Articles of House Use, Edward Ireton victualler. Total amounts in 1828 spent on food, clothing etc. in the House, Mendicity, and the Lunatic Asylum, and total amounts recieved for each institution from presentments, subscriptions, donations etc (p54-55).

Conditions of Access & Use

Access: Open by appointment to those holding a current readers ticket

Language: English

Finding Aids: Item level description

Allied Materials:

Publication Note:

Conlon, M.V., The Relief of the Poor in Cork, JCHAS, Vol. 40, No 151 (1935)

Related Material:

CCCA:

CP Cork City Council

BG/69 Cork Board of Guardians

U229 O'Flynn Exham Solicitors

Elsewhere:

National Library of Ireland MS.16,532 ; MS.14,352

Tags/ Index Terms

Poor Relief, Cork

Poverty and Destitution

Workhouses

Lunatic Asylums, (Pre 1845)

Archivists Note:

B.McGee

Archivist, CCCA

Jan 2012