

FALKIRK ARCHIVES

Bellsdyke Hospital Finding Aid

Administrative history

Bellsdyke Hospital, originally called Stirling District Lunacy Asylum, was set up by Stirling District Lunacy Board in September 1865 and the first patients arrived in June 1869. The Stirling District Lunacy Board was formed in 1848 and an Act of Parliament in 1858 enabled district asylums to be built and maintained by county authorities. Bellsdyke Estate was purchased from Dundas of Carronhall in 1865 in order to build the hospital. In the 1930s the hospital came under the jurisdiction of Stirling District Mental Hospital Joint Committee. In 1960 following the Mental Health (Scotland) Act the name Bellsdyke Hospital was adopted. The original buildings were extended with additions in 1882, 1893, 1896, 1907, 1915 and the 1960s.

Health records are the responsibility of Health Boards and no patient records are held by Falkirk Archives. The National Records of Scotland holds the Mental Welfare Commission records series ref (MC); including Admission books 1858-1962 ref (MC2) and General Register of Lunatics in Asylum, 1805-1978 ref (MC7). A leaflet with contact details for health records is available on our family history website.

<i>Reference No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
A485.001	Feb 1896	Extensions and alterations to building. Ground floor plan
A485.002	29 Jun 1881	Succursal Asylum showing roof plan, back elevation court walls and section of rear building
A485.003	29 Jun 1881	Succursal Asylum showing west and south elevations and sections through building
A485.004	Dec 1937	Additions to Nurses Home. Ground floor plan
A485.005	Dec 1937	Plan of Stirling District Mental Hospital: Addition to Nurses Home. First floor plan
A485.006	Dec 1937	Plan of Stirling District Mental Hospital: Addition to Nurses Home. Second floor plan
A485.007	Dec 1937	Plan of Stirling District Mental Hospital: Addition to Nurses Home. Attic floor plan
A485.008	Dec 1937	Plan of Stirling District Mental Hospital Larbert: Addition to Nurses Home. Foundation level plan
A485.009	Dec 1937	Plan of Stirling District Mental Hospital Larbert: Addition to Nurses Home, North elevation, East elevation, South elevation.
A485.010	Dec 1937	Plan of Stirling District Mental Hospital Larbert: Addition to Nurses Home. South elevation of lavatory wing. Sectional elevation on line CC. Elevations of sanitary wing on line BB. Section on line AA. Section on line BB section on line DD
A485.011	Dec 1937	Plan of Stirling District Mental Hospital Larbert: Addition to Nurses Home. Ground floor plan.
A485.012	Dec 1937	Plan of Stirling District Mental Hospital Larbert: Addition to Nurses Home. First floor plan.
A485.013	Dec 1937	Plan of Stirling District Mental Hospital, Larbert Addition to Nurses Home. Second floor plan
A485.014	Dec 1937	Plan of Stirling District Mental Hospital, Larbert

A485.015	09 Jan 1947	Addition to Nurses Home. Attic floor plan Plan of Stirling District Mental Hospital. Proposed alterations to existing hutted wards to provide two 3-apartment and two 4-apartment houses in each block. Layout plan. Scale 1/32inch = 1 foot
A485.016	09 Jan 1947	Plan of Stirling District Mental Hospital. Proposed alterations to existing hutted wards to provide two 3-apartments and two 4-apartment houses. Alterations to Blocks 1 and 3
A485.017	09 Jan 1947	Plan of Stirling District Mental Hospital. Proposed alterations to existing hutted wards to provide two 3-apartment and two 4-apartment houses. Alterations to blocks 2 and 4
A485.018	09 Jan 1947	Plan of Stirling District Mental Hospital. Proposed alterations to existing hutted wards to provide two 3-apartment and two 4-apartment houses. Alterations to Blocks 5, 6 and 8
A937.001	1901-1903	Photocopy of 'The Passing Hour: The Magazine and Chronicle Of The Stirling District Asylum, Larbert'. Vols I,II,III - 1901, 1902, 1903. Contains articles written by and for patients and staff at the hospital, photographs of the hospital. (see P24969 - P24980)