

# Benevolent Society of New South Wales Collection, 1813-1996

1813 – 1996

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## Records Location

These records are held by [State Library of New South Wales \(1827 - current\)](#)

## Details

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The Benevolent Society of New South Wales Collection, 1813-1996 is an aggregated collection held by the State Library of New South Wales. It comprises a large amount of records created between 1813 and 1996 by the Benevolent Society and its predecessor, the New South Wales Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge and Benevolence. The aggregated collection is created from four smaller collections and records include minute books, indexes and registers of admissions and discharges, ledgers, journals, correspondence, and subject files.

## Access Conditions

Written permission from the Benevolent Society must be obtained: permission is granted for use for 10 years only. Contact the Benevolent Society or the State Library of New South Wales for assistance in applying for access to the collection.

## Records

The Benevolent Society of New South Wales Collection, 1813-1996 is an aggregated collection made from 4 smaller collections. These collections are:

- Benevolent Society of New South Wales – Records, 1813-1995
- Benevolent Society of New South Wales records, 1813-1955
- Benevolent Society of New South Wales records, 1852-1913
- Benevolent Society of New South Wales, further records, 1847-1996

The large collection includes the surviving records of:

- Benevolent Asylum
- the Society's Thomas Street Asylum

- Renwick Hospital for Infants, Summer Hill
- Renwick Hospital for Infants, Thomas Street
- Liverpool Asylum
- Scarba Welfare House for Children
- Scarba Welfare House for Women and Children
- Scarba House for Children
- The Royal Hospital for Women

Many of the early records of Scarba House for Children and Renwick Hospital for Infants were destroyed or lost as a result of a flood in the Society's records storage area. No records of these institutions remain outside the State Library of New South Wales collection except for patients' medical records for the Royal Hospital for Women which currently reside with the hospital in Paddington, New South Wales.

Information about series that were included in the publication *Connecting Kin* (1998) is available on the Find & Connect website.

## Finding Aid

The records are described in the publication 'Guide to the Records of the Benevolent Society of New South Wales, 1813-1995, in the Mitchell Library, State Library of NSW'. The guide (140 pages) may be consulted in the Mitchell Library Reading Room.

## More info

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### Organisations in these records

#### Related Organisations

- [Benevolent Society of New South Wales \(1813 - current\)](#)
- [Benevolent Asylum, Sydney \(1821 - 1901\)](#)
- [Liverpool Asylum \(1851 - 1862\)](#)
- [Royal Hospital for Women \(1901 - current\)](#)
- [Thomas Street Asylum \(1904 - 1911\)](#)
- [Renwick Hospital for Infants, Thomas Street \(1911 - 1920\)](#)
- [Scarba Welfare House for Women and Children \(1917 - 1920\)](#)
- [Scarba Welfare House for Children \(1920 - 1965\)](#)
- [Renwick Hospital for Infants, Summer Hill \(1921 - 1965\)](#)
- [Scarba House for Children \(1965 - 1986\)](#)

#### Includes

- [Index To Admissions And Discharges, Benevolent Society of New South Wales \(1852 - 1913\)](#)
- [Inmates Journals, Benevolent Society of New South Wales \(1852 - 1913\)](#)
- [Registers Of Admissions And Discharges, Benevolent Society of New South Wales \(1857 - 1905\)](#)
- [Register Of Baptisms, Benevolent Society of New South Wales \(1902 - 1964\)](#)
- [Obstetrics Journals: Form For Admission Of Waiting Patients, Benevolent Society of New South Wales \(1909 - 1914\)](#)
- [Infants' Hospital History Book, Benevolent Society of New South Wales \(c. February 1911\)](#)
- [Index To Admissions And Discharges, Benevolent Society of New South Wales \(1932 - 1937\)](#)
- [Patients' Medical Records, Benevolent Society of New South Wales \(1937 - 1956\)](#)
- [Scarba House: Matron's Diary, Benevolent Society of New South Wales \(March 1964 - April 1969\)](#)
- [Scarba House: Index, Benevolent Society of New South Wales \(1965 - 1974\)](#)
- [Scarba House: Register \(January 1965 - January 1970\)](#)
- [Sister's Day And Night Report Books, Benevolent Society of New South Wales \(1966 - 1971\)](#)
- [Refused Admissions Book, Scarba House \(March 1968 - September 1972\)](#)
- [Social Workers' Case Files \(Closed Cases\), Benevolent Society of New South Wales \(1968 - 1971\)](#)
- [Admissions Register, Scarba House, Benevolent Society of New South Wales \(April 1969 - January 1971\)](#)

- [Visitors' Book, Scarba House, Benevolent Society of New South Wales \(1969 - 1972\)](#)

## Resources

- Scifleet, Paul, *Guide to the Records of the Benevolent Society of New South Wales in the Mitchell Library, State Library of NSW*, 1996

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