

Correspondence 'DBO' files – Destitute Board Office, Destitute Asylum

1876 – 1927

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Records Location

These records are part of [Records of the Social Welfare Department and predecessors \(1849 - c. 1987\)](#)

Details

This correspondence relating to the Destitute Board office is held by State Records of SA. Very few records from earlier than 1921 have survived. Some surviving earlier correspondence concerns admissions to the Destitute Asylum.

Access Conditions

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Although some very early records relating to children in care in South Australia are open for access, most records relating to children are subject to a 100 year restriction, particularly those which contain personal information about individuals. Written permission must be obtained from the government agency which created the record in order to access restricted material. To obtain permission a Freedom of Information (FOI) request form must be submitted to the relevant government department. State Records staff will be able to assist you with this.

Records

Missing Files:

These records were housed in the basement of the Government Offices in Victoria Square when inspected by the Archives in 1960. The docketed correspondence was scattered over the floor and disarranged. After transfer to the Archives a large quantity of it was found to have been eaten by white ants or destroyed by water and mould. For these reasons many affected dockets were burned.

More info

Organisations in these records

Related Organisations

- [Destitute Asylum \(1851 - c. 1917\)](#)

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