

# Correspondence files, annual single number series – Colonial Surgeon's Office and successor agencies

1850 – 1979

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This series comprises correspondence files of the Colonial Surgeon's office and its successors, including the Hospitals Department. The correspondence contains little information about patients, however it does include correspondence relating to the lunatic asylums and mental hostpials, and it may include correspondence related to Estcourt House and Mareeba Babies Hospital.

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## Records

This series is made up of the files of the South Australian Colonial Surgeon's Office, Inspector General of Hospitals' Office, and the Hospitals Department. The correspondence mostly relates to staffing matters, payment authorisations, and administrative issues. There is little information about hospital or asylum patients in these files, other than reports on exceptional incidents and attempts to recover payments. Unit 1 of this series directly relates to the Colonial Lunatic Asylum and the Adelaide Lunatic Asylum.

# More info

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## Organisations in these records

### Related Organisations

- [Colonial Lunatic Asylum \(1846 - 1852\)](#)
- [Adelaide Lunatic Asylum \(1852 - 1902\)](#)

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