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Lying-in Home, Cascades

1888 – 1900
Other Names:
- Lying-in Hospital

Details

The Lying-in Home for single mothers opened on the site of the former Female Factory at Cascades in 1888. The government ran it assisted by a voluntary women's visiting committee. In 1895, the committee of the Home of Mercy briefly took over the management of the Lying-in Home. That same year, it moved to the New Town Charitable Institution. In 1900 it closed.

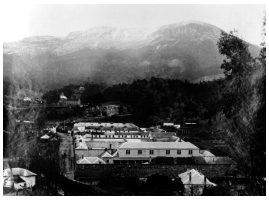
The Lying-in Home occupied three rooms in Yard Three.

A Miss Galvin, who was a certified midwife, ran it.

To gain admission, mothers needed a referral from an officer in the Charitable Grants Department. Eventually, the ladies' Committee that ran the Home was able to offer referrals.

Less than 20 mothers had their babies at the Lying-in Home every year. Some of them stayed at the New Town Charitable Institution until their confinement and others went there after the birth. They mostly kept their babies and were helped to find work in order to support them.

Gallery



Female Factory, Cascades

Description: The photograph of the Female Factory, Cascades is part of ER Pretyman's collection of Photographs and Glass Plate Negatives, 1880 - 1920

More info

Related Entries

Run by
- Anglican Diocese of Tasmania (1842 - 1981)
  Date: 1895 -

Related Organisations
- Female Factory, Cascades (1827 - 1853)
  The Lying-in Home, Cascades was on the site of the former Female Factory, Cascades.

- New Town Charitable Institution (1879 - 1912)
  The Lying-in Home was at the New Town Charitable Institution between 1895 and 1900.
- Home of Mercy (1890 - c. 1953)
  The same committee ran the Home of Mercy and the Lying-in Hospital for a brief period in 1895.

Resources

- National Archives of Australia, *Forced Adoptions History Project*, 2013

Records

Records held by other organisations

- Register of Admissions (1890 - 1894)

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