

Correspondence Relating to Children Placed in Nursing Homes

1934 – 1953

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Records Location

These records are held by [Tasmanian Archives \(2011 - current\)](#)

Details

The Correspondence Relating to Children Placed in Nursing Homes concerns children under five years old temporarily placed in nursing or foster homes between 1934 and 1953.

Access Conditions

Open

Records

The correspondence is only a sample of records which show the administrative process of placing children in nursing or foster homes temporarily. The rest of the records were destroyed.

Children under five years old were placed in nursing or foster homes temporarily for a number of reasons. In particular, single mothers often placed their babies in a nursing home so that they could go to work to support them. The *Infant Life Protection Act* of 1907 was the first legislation to provide for effective supervision of these homes. The initials ILP, which appear on these files, refer to the Act.

This correspondence concerns the care of young children according to the *Infants' Welfare Act* 1935, Part VII. The Social Services Department created the records.

If the state took over responsibility for the child, the Department created a separate case file for him or her which might exist in other child welfare records held by the Tasmanian Archive and Heritage Office.

More info

Organisations in these records

Related Legislation

- [Infant Life Protection Act 1907, Tasmania \(1907 - 1920\)](#)
- [Infants' Welfare Act 1935, Tasmania \(1935 - 1961\)](#)

The Correspondence Relating to Children Placed in Nursing Homes related to 'care' provided under *Infants' Welfare Act 1935*, Part VII

Related Organisations

- [Social Services Department, State of Tasmania \(1934 - 1961\)](#)

Related Archival Series

- [Correspondence Relating to the Custody and Welfare of Children under Various Acts \(1887 - 1954\)](#)

If a child mentioned in the Correspondence Relating to Children Placed in Nursing Homes became a ward of state, he or she would have a case file in the series entitled Correspondence Relating to the Custody and Welfare of Children under Various Acts. Its archival number is SWD1.

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