

# Hillcrest Records

1912 – 1974

**To access these records:**

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**Records Location**

These records are held by [Adoption Services, Child Protection and Family Support \(1994? - current\)](#)

## Details

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The Salvation Army ran a Maternity Home in North Fremantle from 1903 (the Open Door) but by the 1920s it was known as Hillcrest. The records in the Hillcrest collection date from 1912 until the Home closed in 1974. Any records about adoption are protected by the requirements of the Adoption Act 1994 (WA) and are released via Past Adoption Information & Services, Child Protection and Family Support. When the Home closed, the Salvation Army decided it would be best to give the Department all the records that still existed about adoptions of babies from the Home.

## Access Conditions

Access to these records is restricted and confidentiality is protected by Child Protection and Family Support's Protocols for Access. If you believe the Department may hold records about you, or about a family member, you are encouraged to apply. CPFS has an application form which you must use to apply for records: Application for Past Adoption Services

## Records

As with all records from the past, the information available will differ from person to person and from year to year, but in many cases there is at least some small amount of information about babies and the mothers who gave birth to them at the Home during this time. The Admissions and Discharges Register covers all years from 1912 to 1974. The collection includes records from the World War II years when Hillcrest relocated to West Perth.

The Hillcrest Records collection includes the following records, which differ in how complete they are:

- Labour Ward Report Books 1950 – 1974
- Midwives Case Register 1941 – 1972 (4/11/1954 to 14/04/1964 missing)
- Register: Single Parents 1933 – 1966
- Register: Married Patients 1941 – 1965
- Notification of cases attended books 1968 – 1974
- Adoption Placements – Parents 1962 – 1974

- Adoption Placements – Babies 1965 – 1974
- Babies Birth/Progress Book 1 1927 – 1941
- Babies Birth/Progress Book 2 1958 – 1965
- Day Book – Mothers 1928 – 1953
- Day Book – Infants 1928 – 1953
- Girls' Record Books 1934 – 1953
- Admission/Discharges 1912 – 1974
- Personal and Antenatal Records 1968 – 1974

## More info

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### Organisations in these records

#### Related Organisations

- [The Open Door \(1903 - 1922\)](#)
- [Public Charities and State Children Department, State of Western Australia \(1 January 1908 - 1 January 1917\)](#)
- [State Children Department, State of Western Australia \(1 January 1917 - 22 December 1927\)](#)
- [Hillcrest Maternity Home \(1922 - 1974\)](#)
- [Child Welfare Department, State of Western Australia \(22 December 1927 - 15 June 1972\)](#)
- [Department for Community Welfare, State of Western Australia \(1972 - 1985\)](#)

Date: 1972 - 1974

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