

Clerkenwell Workhouse & Poor Law records



Clerkenwell Workhouse was established in 1727 for the parishes of St James and St John and stood on the west side of Farringdon Road (formerly known as Coppice Row). The records which survive are not complete but are as follows:

POOR LAW RECORDS

- Settlement examinations (1777-1782, 1785-1851) (name index available)
- Rough examinations book (1841-1856)

WORKHOUSE RECORDS

Records concerning named individuals:

- Admissions register (1832-1840)
- Admission and discharge books (1847-1871, incomplete)
- Vagrants admission and discharge books (1858-1866)
- Indoor relief list (1851-1854, 1856-1869)
- Indoor labour book (1850-1852, 1870)
- Medical relief (1851-1870, incomplete)
- Outdoor relief registers (1808-1812, 1830-1832) [second volume is indexed]
- Weekly outdoor relief lists (1848-1854, 1859-1860)
- Sick relief book (1848-1851)
- District medical relief books (1857-1858, 1862-1864)
- (Indoor) clothing receipt book (1854-1855, 1858-1860, 1868-1870) [first volume is indexed]
- Workhouse punishment book (1853-1857)

Other records:

- Guardians' orders for payment (1806-1811)
- Contracts (for provisions) (1825-1827)
- Master's report and journal (1852-1855, 1863-1864)
- Master's/general cash books (1830-1842, 1851-1854, 1864-1867)
- Matron's cash book (1833-1855)
- Shoemaker's books (1830-1835, 1838-1839)
- Yard of industry cash books (1844-1845)
- Yard of industry pay books (day work) (1849-1852)
- Daily provisions consumption books (food books) (1859-1868)

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OTHER WORKHOUSE RECORDS

Records of other workhouses in the borough are held at the [London Metropolitan Archives](http://www.londonmet.gov.uk/heritage).

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