

A guide to tracing relatives in the Gressenhall Workhouse



The original records for the Mitford and Launditch Poor Law Union, of which Gressenhall was the workhouse, are held by the Norfolk Record Office (NRO) under reference C/GP 14. At the Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse we have transcribed a number of these sources and these are available in the Museum Library.

Database of Inmate Names: This database consists of names of inmates from a variety of sources. Initially the names have been extracted from the Guardians Minute Books but also include other sources such as birth and death certificates. The reference to names in the minute books gives the date on which the entry occurs. The actual entry can be looked up in the Extracts from Minute Book folders.

Database of Staff Names: This lists the members of staff who worked in the workhouse with the arrival and exit dates. The list also includes staff at the Children's homes in Dereham. Further information on the staff can be found in the extracts from Minute Book Folder – Staff.

Census: Lists the names of staff and inmates in Gressenhall on the date of the census.

Register of Births: This is a transcription of NRO C/GC 10/15 and gives the births of inmates between 1914 and 1951. The records prior to 1914 were destroyed.

Register of Deaths: This is a transcription of NRO C/GC 10/6 and gives the deaths of between 1914 and 1945. The records before 1914 were destroyed but see Chaplains Records.

Punishment Book: This is a transcription of NRO C/GP 14/105 and shows those inmates punished between 1871 and 1933.

Chaplains Records - Burials: This is a transcription of NRO C/GP 14/102 and 14/103 and shows the names of inmates buried in the workhouse burial ground between 1850 and 1869.

Chaplains Records – Baptisms: This is a transcription of NRO C/GP 14/102 and 14/103 and shows the names of mothers whose babies were baptised in the workhouse between 1850 and 1862.

Beech House - Database of Residents and staff: This document gives information of residents and staff at the Beech House Old Peoples home.

Beech House – Residents Property Lists: This folder has the original property lists for residents when they entered Beech house.

Gressenhall Workhouse and Beech House Correspondence Files (Red D): These contain letters and information received by the Museum, including copies of birth and death certificates.

Suggested route to find name of person in Gressenhall Workhouse.

