

# Westmoreland Lock Hospital

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Papers of the Westmoreland Lock Hospital from its foundation in 1792 to the early twentieth century. Collection contains administrative, financial and patient records, as well as some records of the chaplaincy.

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**WLH**  
**Westmoreland Lock Hospital**

**Collection**  
**1792-1922**

*Extent:*

6 boxes

8 volumes

*Creator:*

Westmoreland Lock Hospital

*Description:*

Papers of the Westmoreland Lock Hospital, from its foundation in 1792 to the beginning of the twentieth century. Records include administrative, financial and patient records created by the hospital.

*Arrangement:*

Records have been divided into four sections by record type; Administrative Papers, Financial Papers, Chaplaincy Records and Patient Records. Within each section further subdivisions have been made as necessary and documents are arranged chronologically.

*Administrative History:*

In 1755 George Doyle established a hospital for the treatment of venereal diseases (sexually transmitted diseases) on Rainsfort Street in Dublin, after several changes in location the hospital moved to Townsend Street in 1792 when it was renamed the Westmoreland in honour of the Lord Lieutenant at the time. Originally opening with 270 beds, the number was reduced to less than 200. In 1819 men were no longer admitted to the hospital, receiving treatment at Sir Patrick Dun's or Dr Steevens' Hospital instead. The hospital continued to treat women with sexually transmitted diseases, many of whom were prostitutes, partly a result of the large British garrisons in Dublin in the nineteenth century. In 1946 the hospital was renamed St Margaret of Cortona, but ten years later the hospital closed as its services were no longer needed and the building had fallen into a state of disrepair.

*Acquisition:*

The records of the Westmoreland Lock Hospital were donated to the archive on the closure of the hospital, it seems that the majority of twentieth century records were destroyed

*Access Conditions:*

Access subject to the conditions laid out in the Heritage Centre Access Guidelines

*Reproductions:*

Copying of archive material is subject to the conditions laid out in the Heritage Centre Copying Guidelines

*Related Collections:*

The papers of Thomas Percy Claude Kirkpatrick contain some papers relating to the Westmoreland Lock Hospital in the early decades of the twentieth century when he was physician to the hospital.

*References:*

John F Fleetwood, *The History of Medicine in Ireland* (Dublin: Skellig Press, 2nd edition, 1983)

**WLH/1**  
**Administrative Papers**

**Section**  
**1792-1922**

*Extent:*

17 volumes

*Creator:*

Westmoreland Lock Hospital

*Description:*

Administrative papers of the Westmoreland Lock hospital, mainly dating from the nineteenth century, including minute books, letter books, visitors books, orders and report books.

*Arrangement:*

Items have been divided by record type.

**WLH/1/1**  
**Governors Minute Books**

**Series**  
**1792-1909**

*Extent:*

9 volumes

*Creator:*

Board of Governors, Westmoreland Lock Hospital

*Description:*

This section contains the minute books of the Board of Governors of the Westmoreland Lock Hospital. On its establishment the board was constituted of the Presidents of the colleges of Physicians and Surgeons, the Physician and Surgeon-General, the State Physician and Surgeon, Surgeon to the King's Military Infirmary, the Professor of Surgery in the College of Surgeons and the two senior Surgeons of the hospital. The Governors meet once a month and were responsible for the general and medical management of the hospital, as well as the accounts.

Note: this is not a complete series of minutes, no minutes exist for the periods 1806-1811, 1838-1881, 1899-1902 and after 1909.

*Arrangement:*

Volumes are arranged chronologically.

**WLH/1/1/1 Minute Book**

**30 May 1792**

**- 12**

**September**

**1806**

*Extent:*

c.350 pages

*Creator:*

Board of Governors, Westmoreland Lock Hospital

*Description:*

Leather bound minute book of the Westmoreland Lock Hospital, includes minutes and resolutions from governors' meetings. Minutes cover the medical and general administration of the hospital, subjects include accounts, details of patients diets, number of patients and appointment of medical personnel, minutes also include copy correspondence.

**WLH/1/1/2 Minute Book**

**23 December  
1811 - 24  
January 1820**

*Extent:*  
c.350 pages

*Creator:*  
Board of Governors, Westmoreland Lock Hospital

*Description:*  
Leather bound minute book of the Westmoreland Lock Hospital, includes minutes and resolutions from governors' meetings. Minutes cover the medical and general administration of the hospital, subjects include accounts, number of patients and appointment of medical personnel, minutes also include copy correspondence.

**WLH/1/1/3 Minute Book**

**4 March  
1820 - 4  
November  
1826**

*Extent:*  
c.350 pages

*Creator:*  
Board of Governors, Westmoreland Lock Hospital

*Description:*  
Leather bound minute book of the Westmoreland Lock Hospital, includes minutes and resolutions from governors' meetings. Minutes cover the medical and general administration of the hospital, subjects include accounts, number of patients and appointment of medical personnel, minutes also include copy correspondence.

**WLH/1/1/4 Minute Book**

**24 November  
1826 - 1  
December  
1838**

*Extent:*  
c.350 pages

*Creator:*  
Board of Governors, Westmoreland Lock Hospital

*Description:*  
Leather bound minute book of the Westmoreland Lock Hospital, includes minutes and resolutions from governors' meetings. Minutes cover the medical and general administration of the hospital, subjects include accounts, number of patients and appointment of

medical personnel, minutes also include copy correspondence.

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| <p><b>WLH/1/1/5</b></p> <p><i>Extent:</i><br/>c.150 pages</p> <p><i>Creator:</i><br/>Board of Governors, Westmoreland Lock Hospital</p> <p><i>Description:</i><br/>Rough minute book of the Governors' meetings, detailing those present, the subjects under discussion with notes on the outcome, volume also includes letters and other notes.</p> | <p><b>Rough Minute Book</b></p> <p><b>1 January<br/>1881 - 10<br/>May 1884</b></p>  |
| <p><b>WLH/1/1/6</b></p> <p><i>Extent:</i><br/>c.150 pages</p> <p><i>Creator:</i><br/>Board of Governors, Westmoreland Lock Hospital</p> <p><i>Description:</i><br/>Rough minute book of the Governors' meetings, detailing those present, the subjects under discussion with notes on the outcome, volume also includes letters and other notes.</p> | <p><b>Rough Minute Book</b></p> <p><b>7 June 1884 -<br/>3 December<br/>1887</b></p> |
| <p><b>WLH/1/1/7</b></p> <p><i>Extent:</i><br/>c.450 pages</p> <p><i>Creator:</i><br/>Board of Governors, Westmoreland Lock Hospital</p> <p><i>Description:</i><br/>Minute book of the board of governors, detailing those present, topics under discussion, also includes copies of letters, reports and newspaper cuttings.</p>                     | <p><b>Minute Book</b></p> <p><b>7 March<br/>1885 - 21<br/>January 1899</b></p>      |

**WLH/1/1/8 Rough Minute Book**

**5 July 1902 -  
6 January  
1906**

*Extent:*  
c.150 pages

*Creator:*  
Board of Governors, Westmoreland Lock Hospital

*Description:*  
Rough minute book of the Governors' meetings, detailing those present, the subjects under discussion with notes on the outcome, volume also includes letters and other notes.

**WLH/1/1/9 Rough Minute Book**

**3 February  
1906 - 6  
November  
1909**

*Extent:*  
c.150 pages

*Creator:*  
Board of Governors, Westmoreland Lock Hospital

*Description:*  
Rough minute book of the Governors' meetings, detailing those present, the subjects under discussion with notes on the outcome, volume also includes letters and other notes.

**WLH/1/2**  
**House Committee Minutes**

**Series**  
**1862-1875**

*Extent:*  
2 volumes

*Creator:*  
House Committee, Westmoreland Lock Hospital

*Description:*  
Minute books of the House Committee, a sub committee of the Board the house committee had responsibility for the hospitals domestic affairs and for the upkeep of the property.

**WLH/1/2/1 House Committee Minute Book**

**12 April 1862**  
**- 18**  
**November**  
**1871**

*Extent:*  
c.200 pages

*Creator:*  
House Committee, Westmoreland Lock Hospital

**WLH/1/2/2 House Committee Minute Book**

**16 December**  
**1871 - 20**  
**November**  
**1875**

*Extent:*  
190 pages

*Creator:*  
House Committee, Westmoreland Lock Hospital

**WLH/1/3**  
**Signing-in Book**

**Item**  
**1871-1885**

*Extent:*  
c.150 pages

*Creator:*  
Westmoreland Lock Hospital

*Description:*  
Signing in book showing attendance to Governor's meetings and house committee meetings.

**WLH/1/4**  
**Visitors Book**

**Item**  
**15 March 1815 - 5 March 1889**

*Extent:*  
c.250 pages

*Creator:*  
Westmoreland Lock Hospital

*Description:*  
Bound volume containing the reports of the visitors to the hospitals, as to the level of cleanliness and efficiency found in the hospital.

**WLH/1/5  
Letter Books**

**Series  
1862-1872**

*Extent:*

2 volumes

*Creator:*

Westmoreland Lock Hospital

*Description:*

Copy letters written by the hospital

*Arrangement:*

Items are arranged chronologically

**WLH/1/5/1 Letter Book**

**14 July 1862**

**- August**

**1864**

*Extent:*

351 pages

*Creator:*

Westmoreland Lock Hospital

*Description:*

Bound volume containing copies of letters sent by the registrar of the hospital, entries cover 58 pages only. There is an alphabetical index at the front by recipients name.

**WLH/1/5/2 Letter Book**

**3 September**

**1864 - 25**

**November**

**1872**

*Extent:*

900 pages

*Creator:*

Westmoreland Lock Hospital

*Description:*

Copy letter book of the hospital, containing carbon copies of all outgoing letters. Letters cover the first 148 pages only.

**WLH/1/6**  
**Registrar's Report Book**

**Item**  
**23 November 1872 - 7 March 1877**

*Extent:*

200 pages

*Creator:*

Registrar, Westmoreland Lock Hospital

*Description:*

Bound volume containing reports made by the Registrar to the Governors, the reports cover a range of subjects relating to the daily management of the hospital, including pay, working conditions, dealings with tradesmen especially over coal and the condition of the buildings.

**WLH/1/7  
Hall Book**

**Item  
24 July 1920 - 5 March 1922**

*Extent:*  
500 pages

*Creator:*  
Westmoreland Lock Hospital

*Description:*  
Hall book of the Westmoreland Lock hospital containing names of all those coming in or out of the hospital, their business, when they entered and left.

**WLH/2  
Financial Papers**

**Section  
1792-1913**

*Extent:*

5 volumes

*Creator:*

Westmoreland Lock Hospital

*Description:*

Financial records of the Westmoreland Lock Hospital including yearly hospital accounts 1792-1853, cash accounts 1859-1913 and the secretary's order book 1892-1895.

*Arrangement:*

Items are arranged chronologically.

**WLH/2/1 Hospital Accounts**

**1792-1811**

*Extent:*

c.250 folios

*Creator:*

Westmoreland Lock Hospital

*Description:*

Bound volume containing yearly hospital accounts, recording all expenditure including on salaries, provisions (medical and non-medical) and repairs.

**WLH/2/2 Hospital Accounts**

**1837-1853**

*Extent:*

c.250 folios

*Creator:*

Westmoreland Lock Hospital

*Description:*

Bound volume containing yearly accounts of the hospital, recording all expenditure including on salaries, provisions (medical and non-medical) and repairs, and receipts of money.

- WLH/2/3 Cash Book** **April 1859 - August 1870**
- Extent:*  
c.250 folios
- Creator:*  
Westmoreland Lock Hospital
- Description:*  
Monthly cash accounts of the hospital, detailing all cash paid out each month with details of who it was paid too and for what service.
- WLH/2/4 Abstract of Expenditure of the Westmoreland Lock Hospital** **April 1870 - March 1913**
- Extent:*  
45 folios
- Creator:*  
Westmoreland Lock Hospital
- Description:*  
Yearly abstract of expenditure, showing how much was spent each month on Provisions, Groceries, Stimulants, Medicine, Surgical Implements, Clothing of Patients, Salaries, Rations for Staff, Clothing for Servants, Pensions, Rent, Taxes and Insurance, Soap, Fuel and Lighting, Furniture and Repairs, Bedding, Repair of Buildings, Stationary and Printing, Burials and Coffins, Incidentals and Laundry.
- WLH/2/5 Secretary's Order Book** **1892-1895**
- Extent:*  
50 pages
- Creator:*  
Westmoreland Lock Hospital
- Description:*  
Bound volume containing copies of orders sent out by the secretary to the Board, mainly for placing advertisements in the press, stationary supplies, estimates for work to be carried out, firewood, coal and other necessities.

## WLH/3 Chaplaincy Records

**Series  
1861-1887**

*Extent:*

2 volumes

*Creator:*

Westmoreland Lock Hospital

*Description:*

Records of the Chaplaincy to the Westmoreland Lock Hospital. The hospital admitted both Catholic and Protestant patients and so was served by chaplains from both denominations. This section contains two volumes recording the frequency of visits by the Chaplains.

*Arrangement:*

Items are arranged chronologically.

**WLH/3/1 Chaplain's Visiting Book**

**July 1861 -  
February  
1864**

*Extent:*

c.100 pages

*Creator:*

Chaplain, Westmoreland Lock Hospital

*Description:*

Bound volume containing details of the dates of visits by the Hospital Chaplains. There are separate records covering the same period at either end of the book, presumably covering the visits of both the Protestant and Roman Catholic visiting chaplains.

**WLH/3/2 Protestant Chaplain's Book**

**February  
1874 -  
October 1887**

*Extent:*

160 pages

*Creator:*

Westmoreland Lock Hospital

*Description:*

Visiting book of the Protestant Chaplain to the hospital, recording the dates of his attendance.

**WLH/4**  
**Patient Records**

**Series**  
**1814-1894**

*Extent:*  
8 volumes

*Creator:*  
Westmoreland Lock Hospital

*Description:*  
Nineteenth century patient records for the hospital, including registers of admission and discharge and daily return registers.

*Arrangement:*  
Items are divided by register type, then arranged chronologically

**WLH/4/1**  
**Register of Admissions**

**Series**  
**1814-1868**

*Extent:*  
4 volumes

*Creator:*  
Westmoreland Lock Hospital

*Description:*  
Admission registers of the hospital

*Arrangement:*  
Items are arranged chronologically

**WLH/4/1/1 General Register**

**12 April 1814**  
**- 20 March**  
**1827**

*Extent:*  
c.300 pages

*Creator:*  
Westmoreland Lock Hospital

*Description:*  
Register contains name of patient, date of admission, initials of doctor and date of discharge or death.

**WLH/4/1/2 General Register**

**23 March**  
**1827 - 10**  
**September**  
**1841**

*Extent:*  
c.300 pages

*Creator:*  
Westmoreland Lock Hospital

*Description:*  
Register contains name of patient, date of admission, initials of doctor, date of discharge or death and where the patient is from. In some cases a note gives details of where the patient went following their discharge from the hospital.

**WLH/4/1/3 General Register**

**16  
September  
1841 - 2  
October 1857**

*Extent:*  
c.400 pages

*Creator:*  
Westmoreland Lock Hospital

*Description:*  
Register contains name of patient, date of admission, initials of doctor, date of discharge or death and where the patient is from. In some cases a note gives details of where the patient went following their discharge from the hospital.

**WLH/4/1/4 General Register**

**6 October  
1857 - 20  
October  
1868**

*Extent:*  
c.700 pages

*Creator:*  
Westmoreland Lock Hospital

*Description:*  
Register contains name of patient, age, marital status, frequency in hospital, date of admission, disease, result of treatment, date of discharge or death, number of days in the hospital and observations.

**WLH/4/1/5 Alphabet to General Registry**

**[Nineteenth  
century]**

*Extent:*  
c.200 pages

*Creator:*  
Westmoreland Lock Hospital

*Description:*  
Alphabetical index volume to the General Registers, arranged by patients surname. Register gives details of patient's name, the number in the general register and the number of times they have been in the hospital.

## **WLH/4/2 Discharge Registers**

**Series  
1872-1894**

*Extent:*

2 volumes

*Creator:*

Westmoreland Lock Hospital

*Description:*

Registers recording details of those discharged from the hospital

*Arrangement:*

Items are arranged chronologically

**WLH/4/2/1 Discharge Register**

**2 April 1872 -  
16 November  
1881**

*Extent:*

294 pages

*Creator:*

Westmoreland Lock Hospital

*Description:*

Discharge Register of Westmoreland Lock Hospital, register gives patient's name, ward number, number in register, date of discharge or death, attending surgeon's signature and remarks, these are mainly relating to where the patient is discharged too.

**WLH/4/2/2 Discharge Register**

**16 November  
1881 - 29  
May 1894**

*Extent:*

c.200 pages

*Creator:*

Westmoreland Lock Hospital

*Description:*

Discharge Register of Westmoreland Lock Hospital, register gives patient's name, ward number, number in register, date of discharge or death and remarks, these are mainly relating to where the patient is discharged too.

**WLH/4/3**  
**Register of Daily Returns**

**Series**  
**1873-1878**

*Extent:*  
2 volumes

*Creator:*  
Westmoreland Lock Hospital

*Description:*  
Registers of daily returns giving details of the numbers of patients and the amount of food consumed by them.

*Arrangement:*  
Items are arranged chronologically

**WLH/4/3/1 Register of Daily Returns**

**1 April 1873 -  
30  
September  
1873**

*Extent:*  
c.150 pages

*Creator:*  
Westmoreland Lock Hospital

*Description:*  
Register records number of adult and child patients in the hospital, admitted or discharged each day by ward. Register also includes details of their diet, with quantities of groceries, milk, potatoes, flour, bread, oatmeal and meat consumed.

**WLH/4/3/2 Register of Daily Returns**

**1 October  
1873 - 21  
May 1878**

*Extent:*  
c.150 pages

*Creator:*  
Westmoreland Lock Hospital

*Description:*  
Register records number of adult and child patients in the hospital, admitted or discharged each day by ward. Register also includes details of their diet, with quantities of groceries, milk, potatoes, flour, bread, oatmeal and meat consumed.

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Note: this register covers the periods 1 October 1873 to 8 November 1873 and 7 April 1878 to 21 May 1878 only.