

ST MARY'S HOSPITAL, HOBART1841 - 1862

St Mary's Hospital was started by Dr Edward Samuel Pickard Bedford (1809-1876), younger son of Rev. William Bedford. It opened on 1 January 1841 as a subscription hospital, especially for the 'labouring classes', under a committee of management, and 5 trustees, with Dr Bedford as medical officer. It was situated at first in Campbell Street but a new building was erected in Davey Street (corner of Davey & Salamanca Place, later used as public offices) and opened about 1849. Bedford hoped in 1856 to make the hospital a training school but recognition was not granted by the Royal College of Surgeons and the hospital declined and was closed in 1862 owing to lack of financial support. Dr Bedford then moved to Sydney and became medical adviser to the N.S.W. government. Dr Bedford was a founder member and keen supporter of the Royal Society of Tasmania.

1. Minutes of Meetings of Trustees & Committee of Management Nov. 1860 - Feb. 1862. Also (in same volume) copies of letters sent Oct. 1860 - Oct. 1861 (1 folio vol.)

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Daily admissions register  
Jan. 1853 - May 1862

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Monthly account book for free paupers & government  
immigrants and Commissariat free paupers  
admitted  
1850 - 1862

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Monthly accounts due  
Jan. 1860 - June 1862

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Statements of receipt and expenditure  
1846 - 1861

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Ledger. Indexed accounts  
1853 - 62.

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Miscellaneous papers  
1860 - 3

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Dr E.S.P. Bedford

Passbook for account with Commercial Bank.

Jan. 1850 - Mar. 1863

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