Sydney Benevolent Asylum and its records

Location of records:
Mitchell Library, State Library of NSW, Macquarie Street, Sydney.

Access:

1. **Letter of permission required from the Benevolent Society of NSW.**

   **Apply to:** Chief Executive Officer, Benevolent Society of NSW, PO Box 171, Paddington NSW 2021.

   **Fees:** $55 – provides access to records for 10 years and copy of Guide
   $27.50 – provides access to records for 10 years (no Guide).

2. **Mitchell Library’s Readers’ Ticket required.**

The Records:

1818-51
Most useful are the *Minute Books of the House Committee* and the *Acting Committee*. Material both in microfilm and original ledgers. No index to records. Contain admissions and discharge details, medical records of inmates, births and deaths and details of ‘out relief’ supplied.

1852-1900
- *Minute Books* continue to be useful.
- *Indexes to Registers of Admissions and Discharges* (1852-1913) available on microfilm (handwritten and not strictly alphabetical).
- *Registers of Admissions and Discharges* (1857-1905) provide summary details (name, age, religion, marital status, and at times, arrival details) and are chronological.
- *Online index to inmates from October 1857 to 1900 at www.sydneybenevolentasylum.com*

Bibliography: