

C DXH Records relating to the Hessle Cottage Homes 1908-1996

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Historical Background: The Hessle Cottage Homes, on Hessle High Road, were purpose built by the Sculcoates Board of Guardians and opened in 12 Jan 1898. They were for children who were the subject of broken marriages, poverty, and some orphans. Children were also sent there if their parents fell ill or could not cope. Inspiration for the production of a book about the homes came from Jim Thomson in Adelaide who was resident in the homes as a child. A number of letters appeared in the Hull Daily Mail in 1991 from former residents. The secretary of the Hessle Local History Society, Hilary Tyson, and three others took on the project of writing a book, with the backing of Patrick Howlett, the Hessle Local History Society's Chairman. The book was finally published in 1996 with many of the memories of cottage homes residents recorded in it. They particularly recall life there during the 1920s and 1930s. The book is dedicated to Jim Thomson and fellow residents. A copy is available in the Local Studies Library (Ref: L.362.73) entitled 'Hessle Cottage Homes.' The Cottage Homes continued until the early 1970s after Hull City Council took them over in the 1930s.

Custodial history: These records were deposited with Hull City Archives during 1993 & 1994.

Extent: ½ box

Description: Annual Reports, testimonies and photographs.

Related material: C PUS (Minutes of the Sculcoates Board of Guardians) C TCM (Hull City Council Minutes).

Access conditions: Access will be granted to any accredited reader

C DXH/1 Annual Reports-Sculcoates Union Cottage Homes, Hessle 1908-1912

These annual reports were presented to the Committee of Management during Sep/Oct annually and include photographs, the names of the Committee of Management, the names of foster parents, industrial trainers, a report by the Superintendent and the Medical Officer, school reports, accounts and lists of children, their religion and with whom they were boarded out/ adopted/ apprenticed.

3 items

C DXH/1/1 Eighth Annual Report presented to the Committee of Management, Sep 1908 1908
1 item

C DXH/1/2 Tenth Annual Report presented to the Committee of Management, Sep 1908 1910
1 item

C DXH/1/3	Twelfth Annual Report presented to the Committee of Management, Sep 1908 1 item	1912
C DXH/2	Testimonies and correspondence from previous residents of Hessle Cottage Homes These testimonies were sent to Jim Thomson, another previous resident living in Adelaide, Australia after a number of letters appeared in the Hull Daily Mail in 1991 and the possibility of a book about the Cottage Homes was first mooted. These testimonies, and many others, were published in the book 'Hessle Cottage Homes' (Ref: L.362.73). Permission to use their recollections was given by contributors to the Hessle Local History Society in 1996. 5 items	c. 1991-1996
C DXH/2/1	Testimony from Mrs E. Whittle Known as Emily Harrison, she entered the Cottage Homes (no.4) during the First World War, aged just 4 years old. Both her parents had died. This testimony is published in the book 'Hessle Cottage Homes' (Ref: L.362.73). 1 item	c. 1991-1996
C DXH/2/2	Testimony and correspondence from Mrs E. Devine Known as Elsie Percival, she entered the Cottage Homes around 1917, aged just 3 years old. When she was 5 she was taken into the girls home no. 3. Elsie's testimony is published in the book 'Hessle Cottage Homes' (Ref: L.362.73). 1 item	c. 1991-1996
C DXH/2/3	Testimony from Mrs J. Ganley Known as Joan Pearce, she entered the Cottage Homes (no.1) before the First World War, aged just 3 years old. This testimony is published in the book 'Hessle Cottage Homes' (Ref: L.362.73). 1 item	c. 1991-1996
C DXH/2/4	Testimony from Mr Walter Oglesby Walter entered the Cottage Homes (no.6) aged around 6 years old. This testimony was taken from a tape recording sent to Jim Thompson which has not survived.	c. 1991-1996

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C DXH/2/5	Testimony from Mr Jim Thompson sent via a sound recording from his home in Adelaide A former Cottage Home resident, Jim was instrumental in collecting the research that led to the publication of the book 'Hessle Cottage Homes' (Ref: L.362.73). This sound recording was played at the reunion held in Jun 1996. It lasts 5 minutes and, amongst other things, Jim talks about his regret at not being able to come to England to attend the reunion.	Jun 1996
C DXH/3	Photographs Some of these photographs are not originals and are photocopies that were sent to the Hessle Local History Society by former residents of the homes. They have been retained because they were not included in the book 'Hessle Cottage Homes' (Ref: L.362.73).	c. 1915-1996
C DXH/3/1	Photocopy of a photograph of a mixed school class at the Hessle C of E School in the Hourne The children in this photograph look between the ages of 6 and 10.	c. 1915-1927
C DXH/3/2	Photocopy of a photograph of 29 girls outside one of the homes The children in this photograph look between the ages of 6 and 14.	1928
C DXH/3/3	Photocopy of a photograph of a school choir with choirmaster in the centre and two awards The children in this photograph look between the ages of 11 and 14.	1934
C DXH/3/4	Photocopy of a photograph of staff at the Hessle Cottage Homes The staff in the photograph are named as: Miss Swann, Miss Lyons, Miss Mountain, Miss Lacey, Miss Doreen Close (Matron's Maid), Mr Milner (Head Gardener), Miss Hurd, Mr. G. Brierley (Tailor), Miss Hodgson, Mr. E. Kirby (House Father and Gardener), Miss Watson, Mrs I. Kirby,	1937

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Mr Winter, Miss M. Cunningham, Mrs Niles (Matron), Miss Midgley, Mr. E. Keel (Shoe Repairer) and Mrs Longhorn.

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Photograph of a reunion held at Hessle All Saints Parish Church

4 Jun 1996

This photograph was taken by the Hull Daily Mail but did not actually appear in the newspaper. On the back row is: Tommy Burns (Usher), Gordon Hewitt, Harry Snow and Arthur Carter. On the front row is: Walter Oglesby, Mrs Jobling, Emily Whittle (Harrison), Mary Rafiq (Sellers), Irene Wooton (Linton) and Joan Ganley (Pearce)
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