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LEIGH UNION

Board Of Guardians Records (G/Lei)

The union came into being on 26th January 1837; it comprised of an area covering the whole of the ancient parish of Leigh and part of that of Winwick, an acreage of 18,830 and a population of over 25,000 people. There were workhouses in existence in Pennington, Culcheth, Tyldesley and Lowton, but these were replaced by a central workhouse at Ather-Leigh, built in the 1850's.

Townships in the Union

- Astley
- Atherton
- Bedford
- Culcheth
- Lowton
- Pennington
- Tyldesley-with-Shakerley
- West Leigh

CLERK TO THE GUARDIANS**The Board and its Officers**

1 - Orders of Poor Law Commissioners:

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| a | Constituting the Leigh Union | 26 January 1837 |
| b | For the administration of the Leigh Union | 5 th October 1837 |

Minutes and Agenda

8 - Minute Books:

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| a | Guardians Minute Books 54 volumes | 1837-1930 |
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Settlement and Removal

45 - Asylum and Reception Orders *

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| a | Lancaster Asylum | Jan 1892-Aug 1940 |
| b | Prestwich Asylum | Jan 1879-Jun 1940 |
| c | Whittingham Asylum | Jan 1892-Jun 1940 |
| d | Winwick Asylum | Jan 1898-Jun 1928 |

48 - Orders of Removal received*	3 vols	1898-1929
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Assessment

158 - Assessment Committee Minute Books	1 vol	1886-1904
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159 - Assessment Rate Books:

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| a | Astley | 2 vols | 1875 |
| b | Bedford | 8 vols | 1863-1895 |
| c | Westleigh | 6 vols | 1871-1895 |

d	Lowton	1 vol	1880
e	Leigh	5 vols	1863-1888
f	Tyldesley-with-Shakerley	3 vols	1868-1894

161 - Township Plans:

a	Bedford (3 chains per inch)		1864
b	Astley (3 chains per inch)		1872
c	Golborne (3 chains per inch)		1881
d	Lowton (3 chains per inch)		1879

162 - Letter Book of Assessment Committee	2 vols	1923-1938
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School Attendance

176/1	School Attendance Officer's Reports for Astley, Lowton, Golborne, Glazebury, Newchurch and Risley		1893-1912
176/2	School Attendance Officer's Report Book for Lowton, Kenyon, Culcheth and Newchurch		1914-1925
181/1	Register of Labour certificates, issued by the Rural School Attendance Committee		1883-1905
181/2	Misc., related papers and correspondence		1920-1925