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The St Nicholas' Home for Crippled Children was opened at Upper Tooting, Surrey in 1888. In 1893, the home was moved to West Byfleet, Surrey, and in 1908, the home was moved once again, this time to Pyrford, Surrey.

The St Martin's Home For Crippled Boys was opened at Surbiton, Surrey in 1898. In 1916, the home was moved to Pyrford, Surrey.

The St Nicholas' and St Martin's homes in Pyrford were located next door to each other. In 1923, the two Pyrford homes were amalgamated to become St Nicholas' and St Martin's Orthopaedic Hospital and Special School.

In 1948, St Nicholas' and St Martin's was taken over by the National Health Service and was renamed the Rowley Bristow Orthopaedic Hospital.

More information about the homes can be found on the Hidden Lives Revealed website:

St Nicholas' Home, Tooting - <http://www.hiddenlives.org.uk/homes/TOOTI01.html>

St Nicholas' Home, Byfleet - <http://www.hiddenlives.org.uk/homes/BYFLE02.html>

St Nicholas' Home, Pyrford - <http://www.hiddenlives.org.uk/homes/PYRFO01.html>

St Martin's Home, Surbiton - <http://www.hiddenlives.org.uk/homes/SURBI01.html>

St Martin's Home, Pyrford - <http://www.hiddenlives.org.uk/homes/PYRFO02.html>

St Nicholas' and St Martin's Home, Pyrford -
<http://www.hiddenlives.org.uk/homes/PYRFO03.html>

This catalogue lists records held at The Children's Society Records and Archives Centre that relate to the St Nicholas' and St Martin's homes in Tooting, Surbiton and Pyrford.

There are four parts to the catalogue:

- **TCS/F/02/022** (pages 4-5) – Records that were created and used by the homes themselves.
- **TCS/F/07** (page 6) – Records relating to the homes that were created and used by the Homes Department as part of its “Green files” series.
- **TCS/F/08/022** (pages 7-10) – Records relating to the homes that were created and used by The Children's Society's head office.
- **TCS/F/14** (page 11) – Certificates relating to children in the homes.

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The following records held by The Children's Society Records and Archives Centre also relate to the St Nicholas' and St Martin's homes but are not listed in this catalogue:

- A flyer advertising the sale of goods to raise money for St Nicholas' Home for Crippled Children, Upper Tooting, Surrey, can be found in TCS/E/01/01/94/a.
- The records of the chapel at St Nicholas' Orthopaedic Hospital and Special School, Pyrford, Surrey, and St Nicholas' and St Martin's Orthopaedic Hospital and Special School, Pyrford, can be found in STNCP.
- Case papers for children who stayed at all six homes can be found in the children's case files (TCS/CF).

Further records of the St Nicholas' and St Martin's homes, and the records of the Rowley Bristow Orthopaedic Hospital, are held by Surrey History Centre. Please contact Surrey History Centre for further information.

A note on the name of The Children's Society:

The Children's Society has undergone a number of name changes during its lifetime. From its founding in 1881 until 1883, it was known as *The Church of England Central Home for Waifs and Strays*; from 1883 until 1893, it was known as *The Church of England Central Society for Providing Homes for Waifs and Strays*; and from 1893 until 1946, it was known as *The Church of England Incorporated Society for Providing Homes for Waifs and Strays*. Throughout this time, from 1881 until 1946, The Children's Society was commonly called *The Waifs and Strays Society*.

In 1946, it gained the name which is still its legal title, *The Church of England Children's Society*, even though it was renamed *The Children's Society* in 1982.

In order to avoid confusion in this catalogue when referring to The Children's Society and its previous incarnations, *The Children's Society* has been used for all records that date after 1946, and *The Society* has been used for all records that date before 1946.

How to access the records listed in this catalogue

Open records

It is possible to view, in person, any of the records in this catalogue that have their access status listed as open.

These records will be made available, by appointment only, at our Records and Archives Centre in London.

Please note: Because we have a limited number of staff, it will not be possible to view records without an appointment. It is preferred that requests reflect bona fide interests or projects.

Appointments can be made by contacting the Records and Archives Centre and outlining the research you wish to undertake. You can contact us using any of the methods below:

- **Email:** archives@childrenssociety.org.uk
 - **Telephone:** +44 (0)20 7232 2966
 - **Post:** Records and Archives Centre, The Children's Society, Edward Rudolf House, Margery Street, London, WC1X 0JL.
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Closed records

Some of the records in this catalogue may have their access status listed as closed. These records have been closed because they contain personal information relating to living individuals. All closed records have been given a closure date to show when they will be transferred to open access.

In certain circumstances, it may be possible to view closed records before the closure date has passed. Decisions to grant access to closed records will depend on the records themselves and the nature of the research to be undertaken, and so will be made by the archivist on a case-by-case basis. The Children's Society reserves the right not to make certain records available.

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These are records that were created and used by the above children's homes.

The records that were created and used by all six homes have been placed together. There is no clear break between the administration of the different homes, suggesting that the records of the homes were treated as one unit when St Nicholas' and St Martin's were amalgamated.

[St Martin's, Surbiton] Annual reports, 1902

TCS/F/02/022/01/01/01:

[St Martin's, Surbiton] Annual report, 1902

1902

Contains a list of staff and members of the management committee; the report of the management committee; accounts; and a list of subscriptions and donations to the home.

Extent: 1 item

Access status: Open

[St Nicholas' and St Martin's, Pyrford] Annual reports, 1937-1938

TCS/F/02/022/01/02/01:

[St Nicholas' and St Martin's, Pyrford] Annual report, 1937

1937

Contains a list of staff and members of the management committee; reports on the work of the home; statistics and details relating to the numbers of disabilities cared for at the home; accounts; statistics showing the number of children at the home; and photographs.

The photographs show: children working at the home; the dedication of the Rudolf Memorial Ward at the home by the Bishop of Guildford; and children visiting St Agnes' Home, Pevensey Bay, Sussex.

Extent: 1 item

Access status: Open

**TCS/F/02/022/01/02/02:
[St Nicholas' and St Martin's, Pyrford] Annual report, 1938**

1938

Contains a list of members of the management committee; reports on the work of the home; statistics and details relating to the numbers of disabilities cared for at the home; accounts; statistics showing the number of children at the home; and photographs.

The photographs show: children from the home presenting a bouquet to the Queen Consort; children having lessons, playing and undergoing treatment at the home; the dedication of St Agnes' Home, Pevensey Bay, Sussex, by the Bishop of Lewes; and a model of a house at The Society's Vocational Training Centre at Redbourne, St Albans.

Extent: 1 item

Access status: Open

[St Nicholas', West Byfleet] Plans, c1893

**TCS/F/02/022/03/01/01:
[St Nicholas', West Byfleet] Plans and elevations of the home**

c1893

Drawn by EJ May at Bloomsbury Square, London, architect.

Extent: 4 items

Access status: Open

**TCS/F/02/022/04:
[St Martin's, Pyrford] Order of service for the laying of the foundation stone of
of the home**

1915

Extent: 1 item

Access status: Open

TCS/F/07:

Head office home management files: "Green files"

The "Green files" are a series of files compiled by the Homes Department relating to individual children's homes. The file listed below is the only file in the series that relates to any of the following homes:

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St Martin's Orthopaedic Hospital And Special School, Pyrford, Surrey

St Nicholas' and St Martin's Orthopaedic Hospital and Special School, Pyrford

TCS/F/07/74:

File of correspondence and documents relating to building and development work at St Nicholas' and St Martin's Orthopaedic Hospital and Special School, Pyrford, Surrey

1927-1937

Contains the following:

- Catalogue from Watson and Sons (Electro-Medical) Ltd for instruments to be used in artificial sunlight therapy, c1927.
- Letter from the Ministry of Health to the Secretary of the Children's Union regarding the installation of equipment for artificial light treatment at the home, 8 February 1927.
- A plan of the home, showing the position of a new open air ward, drawn by Walker and Harwood chartered architects, 27 February 1929.
- A copy of the August 1929 issue of 'Our Waifs and Strays' magazine highlighting an article about a proposed artificial sunlight treatment and curative bath at the home.
- Reports on the condition of the boilers at the home from the National Boiler and General Insurance Company Ltd, with related correspondence, 1930-1931.
- Notes regarding the building of an artificial light department at the home, c1930.
- Plans and elevations of a new bath and ray treatment building at the home, drawn by Walker and Harwood chartered architects, 21 July 1930.
- Letter from the Central Council for the Care of Cripples to The Society asking for financial support, May 1931.
- Warden's reports on the home, 19 May 1931 and 8 September 1931.
- Letter from the Medical Branch of the Board of Education to Revd AJ Westcott regarding the renewal of the school certificate for the home, 20 August 1931.
- Order of service for the dedication of a new ward at the home in memory of Edward Rudolf, [1937]

Extent: 1 file

Access status: Open

TCS/F/08/022:

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These are records relating to the administration of the above children's homes. The records were created and used by The Children's Society's head office, rather than by the children's homes themselves.

TCS/F/08/022/01:

File of correspondence and documents relating to the running of St Nicholas' Orthopaedic Hospital and Special School, Pyrford, Surrey; and St Nicholas' and St Martin's Orthopaedic Hospital and Special School, Pyrford

1909-1940s

Contains the following:

- Copy letters from Buckingham Palace to [St Nicholas', Byfleet?] and St Nicholas', Pyrford, sent with royal birthday cakes to be eaten by the children of the homes, original letters dated 1907 and 1914, copies made mid 20th century.
- Draft tenancy agreement, dated 1909, between The Society and Sidney Glide of West Byfleet, Surrey, florist; for The Society to lease 4 acres 1 rood of land in the parish of Pyrford, on Floyd's Lane and the road to West Byfleet, to Sidney Glide for 7 years at a rent of £6 7s 6d payable quarterly. Includes a plan of the property. The draft agreement was drawn up by John Smyth, Woking.
- Agreements for the supply of water to St Nicholas', Pyrford, and St Martin's, Pyford, and licenses for the use of fire hydrants at the homes, from Woking Water and Gas Company, 1915-1916.
- Letter from the Board of Education to Edward Rudolf with a certificate granted under the Elementary Education Act 1899 to St Martin's, Pyrford, 20 Apr 1917.
- Estimate from WH Gaze and Sons Ltd, Surbiton, for work to be carried out at St Martin's [Pyrford?], 31 July 1917.
- A report on teachers' salaries at St Nicholas', Pyrford, with related correspondence between St Nicholas', Pyrford, The Society, and Surrey Education Committee, 1919.
- Blank application form for probationers [trainee nurses] at St Nicholas' and St Martin's, Pyrford, including a list of regulations for probationers, c1920s.
- Correspondence relating to accounts for St Nicholas', Pyrford, 1920.
- Letter from the Medical Department of the Board of Education to St Nicholas', Pyrford, regarding the renewal of the school certificate for the home, 20 September 1920.
- A scheme for the proposed management of St Nicholas' and St Martin's, Pyrford, c1923.
- Letter from CA Hodge, Pyrford, to Fowell Swann regarding the fixing of water pipes at [St Nicholas' and St Martin's, Pyrford?], 27 February 1923.
- Correspondence between [St Nicholas' and St Martin's, Pyrford?] and The Society regarding a scheme to give the children at the home reward money for good behaviour, 1926.

- Correspondence between the St Nicholas' and St Martin's, Pyrford, and The Society regarding the prevention of infections at the home, 1927.
- Correspondence with Revd CS Douglas, Thetford, Norfolk, regarding a donation of eggs to St Nicholas' and St Martin's, Pyrford, 1927.
- Correspondence between St Nicholas' and St Martin's, Pyrford, and The Society regarding the proposed use of coloured vestments and incense in church services at the home, 1927.
- Correspondence between St Nicholas' and St Martin's, Pyrford, and The Society regarding the provision of milk for children at the home, 1927.
- Copy letter [from St Nicholas' and St Martin's, Pyrford?] to Miss Coffee thanking her for estimates for electric lighting, original letter dated 26 Apr 1929, copy made 1929.
- A scale of weekly wages for the male staff at St Nicholas' and St Martin's, Pyrford, 10 February 1930.
- Annual report for St Nicholas' and St Martin's, Pyrford, 1933. Contains: a list of staff and members of the management committee; reports on the work of the home; statistics and details relating to the numbers of disabilities cared for at the home; accounts; statistics showing the number of children at the home; and photographs. The photographs show the children working, playing, undergoing treatment, and an aerial photograph of the home. Some of the photos were taken by GW Davies, GW Davies (reproduced with permission of the Illustrated Newspapers Ltd), and Pan-Aero Pictures, Kingston-on-Thames.
- A promotional booklet from the Children's Union, dated c1940s, about St Nicholas' and St Martin's, Pyrford, and St Agnes' Home, Pevensey Bay, Sussex. Includes photographs of children at both homes.

Extent: 1 file

Access status: Open

TCS/F/08/022/02:

File of correspondence and documents relating to the running of St Nicholas' Orthopaedic Hospital and Special School, Pyrford, Surrey; and St Nicholas' and St Martin's Orthopaedic Hospital and Special School, Pyrford

1919-1927

Contains the following:

- Correspondence between The Society and the Medical Department of the Board of Education regarding the need for improvements to be made at St Nicholas', Pyrford, 1919.
- Correspondence between St Nicholas', Pyrford, The Society, Edward J May at Bloomsbury Square, London, architect, F Milton and Sons Ltd at Witley, Surrey, builders and contractors, and the Medical Department of the Board of Education, relating to the building of a new wing at the home, 1919-1920.
- Reports of the Surrey Education Committee on the revision of salary scales for elementary school teachers, with related correspondence c1919-c1921.
- A November term report from St Nicholas', Pyrford, with related correspondence, 1920.
- List of members of the St Nicholas', Pyrford, local committee, 1920.
- Memo from the Board of Education stating when special schools are closed, they must notify the board, 1921.
- Accounts showing the expenditure of St Nicholas' and St Martin's, Pyrford, 1924-1925.
- Treatment report for St Nicholas' and St Martin's, Pyrford, giving details of new developments at the home, 1926.

- Report from St Nicholas' and St Martin's, Pyrford, detailing the school classes in the home, giving the times lessons are held for each class, and a list of the children in each class, with their individual ages, and stating if they are confined to beds or using walking frames, 1927. With correspondence between the home and The Society relating to the cost of education at the home, 1927.
- Correspondence between St Nicholas' and St Martin's, Pyrford, The Society, and the Ministry of Health regarding the use of artificial light apparatus at the home, 1927.
- Correspondence between St Nicholas' and St Martin's, Pyrford and The Society, listing the members of the home's local committee, 1927.
- Correspondence regarding a visit of the Commissioner for Crippled Boy Scouts to St Nicholas' and St Martin's, Pyrford, 1927.
- Correspondence between The Society and St Nicholas' and St Martin's, Pyrford, regarding rules for visitors to prevent the spread of infectious diseases, 1927.
- Report of the Pyrford Hospitals Committee on their visit to St Nicholas' and St Martin's, Pyrford, 1927.
- Letter from The Society regarding the appointment of outside staff at St Nicholas' and St Martin's, Pyrford, 1927.
- Correspondence regarding the agenda for a meeting of the Pyrford Hospital's Committee, February 1927.
- Unsigned minutes of a meeting of the Pyrford Hospitals Committee, 14 July 1927.

Extent: 1 file

Access status: Closed until 01/01/2026

Contains personal data relating to living individuals.

Access to closed material may be reviewed on request by the archivist.

TCS/F/08/022/03:

File of correspondence and documents relating to the running of St Nicholas' Orthopaedic Hospital and Special School, Pyrford, Surrey; and St Nicholas' and St Martin's Orthopaedic Hospital and Special School, Pyrford

1922-1933

Contains the following:

- Report on the condition of the boilers at St Nicholas', Pyrford, from the National Boiler and General Insurance Company Ltd, with related correspondence, 1922-1923.
- A table showing the numbers of staff at St Nicholas' and St Martin's, Pyrford, and the average number of children at the home, 1924-1926.
- Correspondence between The Society, FC Stoop and Mr Bristow regarding the provision of milk for children at St Nicholas' and St Martin's, Pyrford, 1925.
- Booklet explaining the milk production process at the Guinness Farm, Old Woking, c1925.
- Treatment and statistical report for St Nicholas' and St Martin's, Pyrford, giving statistics and details regarding the treatment of disabilities at the home, 1925.
- Signed minutes of a meeting of St Nicholas' and St Martin's, Pyrford, Local Committee, 1 September 1926.
- Correspondence between The Society and St Nicholas' and St Martin's, Pyrford, regarding the prevention of infections at the home, 1926-1927.
- Correspondence between St Nicholas' and St Martin's, Pyrford, and The Society regarding the running of the boot maker's workshop and tailor's workshop at the home, 1926-1927.
- Accounts for St Nicholas' and St Martin's, Pyrford, 1923-1926, with related correspondence dated 1927.

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- Correspondence, dated 1927, between The Society, Sir Nevile Wilkinson, and Lee and Pembertons, Lincoln's Inn Fields, regarding the exhibition of 'Titania's Palace' in the USA by Sir Nevile Wilkinson and Lady Beatrix Wilkinson to raise money for St Nicholas' and St Martin's, Pyrford. Includes a draft affidavit that was required by Sir Nevile Wilkinson to prevent US Federal Income Tax from being charged on the money raised.
 - Correspondence between the Public Health Department of Surrey County Council, The Society, and St Nicholas' and St Martin's Pyrford, regarding the admission of children to the home through the County Council, 1927.
 - Correspondence between FC Stoop and The Society regarding the resignation of a member from the St Nicholas' and St Martin's, Pyrford, committee, 1927.
 - A report on the teaching staff at St Nicholas' and St Martin's, Pyrford, with related extracts from the minutes of the home's management committee and correspondence from The Society, 1927.
 - Correspondence between The Society and members of the Pyrford Hospitals Committee relating to the rescheduling of a meeting of the committee, 1927.
 - Letter from the Medical Branch of the Board of Education to The Society asking for registers of admissions from St Nicholas' and St Martin's, Pyrford, 22 January 1927.
 - Correspondence between The Society and the London and Home Counties Joint Electricity Authority regarding the payment of a bill [the home to which this relates is not stated], 1933.
- Also includes:
- Note regarding proposed installation of electric light at St Cecelia's, Surbiton, c1920s.

Extent: 1 file

Access status: Open

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TCS/F/14 – Certificates for children who stayed at St Nicholas' and St Martin's Homes,
Tooting, Surbiton and Pyrford

TCS/F/14:

Certificates relating to children in The Children's Society's care

This series of records contains certificates relating to children in The Children's Society's care. They have been placed in their own series as it is unclear whether they were: originally part of the children's case files and were removed; intended for filing in the children's case files; or form some sort of series of their own.

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TCS/F/14/02:

Medical certificate for case 3299

[1892]

This certificate was issued by St Nicholas' Home for Crippled Children, Upper Tooting, Surrey.

Extent: 1 item

Access status: Open

The case file to which this certificate relates can be found in CF/03299.