

4.5. Highfield Public Assistance Institution (Sunderland), Surgeon's Admission and Discharge Register, 1885 to 1890.

Note: In the mixed economy of care that characterised hospital provision before 1948, medical provision was made for the poorest members of communities through the Poor Law system, as in the case of the Highfield Public Assistance Institution at Sunderland. Despite their relatively good wages, miners often came within the remit of the Poor Law medical system.

| Name of Patient | Age | Marital Status | Occupation | Address | Disease | Date of Admission | Result and Date | Days under treatment | Remarks |
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| Thomas Terry | 14 | S | Driver | 50 Maria Street | Fractured Femur | May 9 th 1885 | | | |
| William L. | 39 | S | Miner | Shotton | Necrosis of Tibia – old compound fracture | May 4 th 1886 | Cured June 16 th 1886 | 43 | Amputation |
| Patrick Welsh | 28 | S | Miner | 43 Long Row | Sclero-keratitis | May 18 th 1886 | Cured June 19 th 1886 | 32 | |
| B. Moody | 47 | M | Miner | 1 Seaham Street, Silksworth Colliery | Pan-ophthalmia | June 24 th 1886 | Cured June 30 th 1886 | 6 | Excision |
| Patrick Welsh (returned) | 29 | S | Miner | 6 Long Row | Sclero-keratitis | July 13 th 1886 | Cured October 20 th 1886 | 99 | Excision of eye |
| Samuel Adlam | 42 | M | Miner | 3 Stewart Street, Silksworth | Crushed Hand | August 17 th 1886 | Cured November 4 th 1886 | 79 | Amputation of finger (1 st) |

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| Matthew Hunter | 34 | M | Miner | 4 Alice Street, Ryhope | Compound fracture: tibia | Nov 8th 1886 | Cured March 28th 1887 | 140 | Necrosis |
| John Jas. Adams | 13 | S | Driver | 35 George Street West, Silkworth | Compound fracture: femur | March 22nd 1887 | Death March 23rd 1887 | 1 | Amputation at Hip joint – in house 10.5 hours |
| James Reed | 29 | M | Miner | 4 Albany Street | Glaucoma | April 14th 1887 | Improved May 4th 1887 | 20 | |
| John Cassidy | 19 | S | Driver | 18 Sheepsfold | Contusions | July 8th 1887 | Cured July 31st 1887 | 23 | Morbus Cordis |
| William Ord | 31 | M | Miner | 50 Pilgrim Street | Bursitis | August 12th 1887 | Cured September 1st 1887 | 20 | |
| John Nixon | 28 | S | Miner | Dame Dorothy Street | Compound fracture ashagalus? Ankle joint opened | July 20th 1888 | Cured September 16th 1888 | 58 | Amputation |
| Joseph Wright | 16 | S | Miner | Ryhope | [?] sarcoma femur | July 23rd 1888 | Cured November 4th 1888 | 104 | Amputation Hip Joint |
| Henry B[urns] | 17 | S | Driver | 12 Richmond Street | Spinal Weakness | August 13th 1888 | Cured | 5 | Plaster Jacket |

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Source: Tyne and Wear Archives Service, HO.HI/11, Highfield Public Assistance Institution (Sunderland), Surgeon's Admission and Discharge Register, 2nd May 1885 to 30th June 1890.