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Topic: Spencer Hospital for Insane

Subject: Re: Spencer Hospital for Insane

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This information was posted on the Roane county genweb project in an article about Spencer State Hospital in the past years. I don't know if it will help, but it might be a start.

Spencer State Hospital Files:

Files were microfilmed and are now stored at Lakin State Hospital and the contact person can be reached at 304-675-0860. Requests should be sent to her attention at Lakin State Hospital, 1 Bateman Circle, Lakin, West Virginia.....25287. Those seeking information need to know that there is a \$15.00 research fee and then possibly a per copy charge. They need to send as much information as possible such as the name of the patient, birth and death dates, home address at admission, approximate date of admission etc.....I was informed that some files can be extensive where others may be only a few pages. I was also given the case number by calling the West Virginia State Archives and they connected me to another department that holds the admission books. By knowing the approximate dates she was able to give me the case number and basic information. However the actual patient records are kept confidential and are available only to family member that is the Executor of the persons estate or they must obtain a Court Order.