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Supervising Authority for State Hospitals

1867-1878 - Board of Trustees and Officers of the Minnesota Hospital
for Insane

St. Peter State Hospital

1878-1900 - Board of Trustees and Officers for Minnesota Hospitals
for Insane

St. Peter State Hospital

Rochester State Hospital

Fergus Falls Hospital for Insane

Anoka State Asylum

Hastings State Asylum

1901-1959 - Board of Control

ANOKA STATE HOSPITAL

History

- 1899 - Legislature established Anoka Asylum for Insane
(Earlier locating commission had designated Hastings as site for 200-bed asylum, but decision later nullified and Anoka chosen)
- 1900 - Opened. 113 patients transferred from St. Peter State Hospital

- 1919 - Law made this Anoka State Asylum

- 1937 - Name changed to Anoka State Hospital

FIRST SUPERINTENDENT - John Coleman

HASTINGS STATE HOSPITAL

History

- 1899 - Legislature established Hastings Asylum for Insane
(Earlier locating commission had designated Hastings as site for 200-bed asylum, but decision later nullified and Anoka chosen)

- April 26, 1900 - Opened. 112 patients transferred from Rochester State Hospital

- 1919 - Law made this Hastings State Asylum

- 1937 - Name changed to Hastings State Hospital

First Superintendents - Robert Carmichael
William J. Yans, 1900

FERGUS FALLS STATE HOSPITAL

History

- 1887 - Authorised by Legislature
- July 29, 1890 - First patients (2) received
- July 30, 1890 - Opened. 80 patients transferred from St. Peter State Hospital

- Hospital had been designated as a Homeopathic one

- December 1893 - 124 patients transferred from St. Peter State Hospital

- 1892-1896 - All main buildings completed

- 1900 - 1260 patients in hospital

- 1919 - Law made this Fergus Falls State Hospital

- 1937 - Name changed to Fergus Falls State Hospital

First Superintendents - Dr. A. P. Williamson, elected August, 1889, effective May 1,
1900. resigned
1892 Dr. G. O. Welsh, 1902

MOOSE LAKE STATE HOSPITAL

History

1935 - Legislature enacted law authorizing appointment of commission to select land in northeast Minnesota for Fourth State Hospital for Insane

1935-1936 - Special Session confirmed location of Institution at Moose Lake

November 11, 1936 - Contracts awarded for buildings

1937 - Name changed to Moose Lake State Hospital

May 2, 1938 - Officially opened and transfer of patients August 15, 1938 - Direct commitment authorized

First Superintendent - Dr. M.W. Kemp

ROCHESTER STATE HOSPITAL

History

1874 - Legislature taxed all liquor dealers \$10 to raise funds to establish State Inebriate Asylum, Asylum Board purchased 160 acre farm near Rochester and began building in 1877

1876 - Created by act of Legislature as Asylum for Inebriates

1877 - Law amended and name changed to Second State Hospital for Insane

1878 - Legislature repealed tax levying act and by enactment designated partially completed inebriate asylum as Second Hospital for the Insane. \$15,000 appropriated to prepared for and receive overflow from St. Peter. Following Trustees' meeting April 10, 1876, funds were provided from those appropriated for St. Peter and work commenced at once.

1879 - Opened. 68 patients transferred from St. Peter

1880 - Wing for women built (100 women transferred from St. Peter following its fire)

1884 - 600 bed capacity

1897) - Inebriate department abolished
1898)

1900 - 1207 patients

1902 - In Biennial Report as Rochester State Hospital

1919 - Law made this Rochester State Hospital

1937 - Name designated as Rochester State Hospital

First Superintendents

Dr. Jacob E. Bowers, elected Superintendent and began duties 1879 (10 years at St. Peter Hospital) later resigned

Dr. Arthur F. Kilbourne

St. Peter State Hospital

History

April 26, 1862 - First patient sent to and cared for at Iowa State Hospital, as result of arrangement of State officials, until suitable buildings could be erected for care in Minnesota

55 patients were sent until Spring of 1866 when no more could be accommodated in Iowa.

7 patients were sent to St. Vincent's for the Insane, St. Louis, Mo.

March 2, 1866 - Legislature passed "an act for the establishment and location of a hospital for the insane in the State of Minnesota." Governor William R. Marshall had recommended that Minnesota must provide for its insane since it had been notified that its patients must be removed from Iowa State Hospital by the Fall of 1866

Board of Trustees, of seven members, authorized to erect or lease or purchase buildings for temporary use, for which \$15,000 was appropriated

Board of three members, appointed to determine permanent location of the State Hospital first met in St. Paul, April 6, 1866. Hospital site was designated for St. Peter where citizens had purchased a 810 acre farm costing \$7,000 and had conveyed it to the State. Ewing House, with 6 lots was purchased, repaired and accommodations for 50 patients provided

December 6, 1866 State Hospital for the Insane was officially opened and on December 6, 1866 first patients committed. On December 28, 1866, 19 patients were returned from Iowa. By end of January 1867, hospital was filled and 15 patients were awaiting admission. \$40,000 was appropriated by the Legislature to "commence erection of permanent buildings," while temporary frame building was erected for 50 more patients.

1867 - Contract for first building of present institution, awarded

1868 - An addition was made to temporary hospital and another stone building rented.

1870 - 91 male patients were transferred to permanent building. 530 patients were being cared for

1875 - Remodeling done on temporary building, because Legislature had not provided more facilities. 530 patients were being cared for and some unimproved patients sent home to make room for presumably recoverable

Emphasis laid on employment, recreation and library use

April 10, 1878 - Trustees made possible occupancy of Second Hospital for Insane, at Rochester, to receive overflow from Hospital at St. Peter

January 1, 1885 - temporary buildings, occupied since 1866, was vacated. Central kitchen service begun through tunnel

- 1891 - Electric light plant put in operation
 First class of nurses graduated Capacity of 1000 beds
 Occupational Therapy appeared as organization called "Kings Daughters"
 of nurses and patients who met weekly for work and recreation
- 1900 - End of Board of Trustees (for Hospitals for Insane only)
- 1901 - Beginning of Board of Control (all institutions)
- 1902 - Called St. Peter State Hospital
- 1908 - Separate buildings for isolation of tuberculosis
 - Asylum for Dangerous Insane--50 beds constructed
- 1919 - Law made name St. Peter State Hospital
- 1937 - Law designated this as St. Peter State Hospital

First Superintendent

- Dr. Samuel E. Shants, elected Medical Superintendent, October 3, 1866
 duties November 1, 1866 (d. August 10, 1868)
- Dr. J. K. Bowers Acting Superintendent
- Dr. Cyrus T. Bartlett, elected second superintendent (later resigned) Dr.
- M. A. Tomlinson, elected superintendent May 1893

WILLMAR STATE HOSPITAL

History

- 1907 - established by Legislature as Hospital for Inebriates
- 1918 - Opened
- 1917 - Act made name Willmar State Asylum
 transferred from Fergus Falls, Rochester and St. Peter State Hospital
- 1919 - Law made name Willmar State Asylum

First Superintendents

- Dr. H. A. Tomlinson, October 1, 1912 (d. 1913)
- Dr. Geo. H. Freeman

COLONY FOR EPILEPTICS

History

- 1919 - Legislature authorized building another institution for the feeble-
 minded and epileptic on state owned land
- 1923 - Law amended
- April 1925 - First unit finished
- June 1925 - Colony for epileptics opened, as detached unit of the School for

the Feeble-minded—capacity 81 by transfer from Faribault and new admissions

July 1926 -Main building underway, appropriation of \$255,000

1927 - Established as separate institutions

First Superintendents

G. C. Hanna, acting superintendent, 1925-26

G. C. Hanna, Superintendent to September 1926 (resigned)

Dr. D. E. MeBroem, Superintendent, and September 1, 1926

SCHOOL FOR THE FEEBLE-MINDED

History

1879 - Legislature authorized Board of Directors of Minnesota Institute for Deaf, Dumb and Blind to open experimental department for feeble-minded children

July 1979 - 9 boys and 5 girls transferred from St. Peter and kept in Fairview House at \$600 annual rental

1880-1884 - Directors and Officers of Minnesota Institute for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind and the School for Idiots and Imbeciles

May 2, 1881 - Legislature directed that School for Idiots and Imbeciles be connected with Minnesota Institute for Deaf Dumb and Blind and granted an appropriation of \$25,000 for building. Land purchased for separate institution

1881- ? Directors of the Minnesota Experimental School for Imbeciles

1881 - School for Idiots and Imbeciles created

February 1882 -Institution moved to present location and building occupied.

Population about 769 and waiting list of 261
Certain epileptics separated from feeble-minded

1886-1901 - Directors and Officers of the Minnesota Institute for Defective Children (later, for Defectives)

1887 - School made department of Minnesota Institute for Defectives

1901 - Board of Control established

March 1, 1906 - Law changed name to Minnesota School for feeble-minded and Colony for Epileptics

First Superintendents

Dr. Geo. H. Knight, Superintendent, September 1879, became permanent Superintendent May 19, 1881 (resigned April 20, 1885)

Dr. A. C. Rogers, Superintendent, July 6, 1885

GILLETTE STATE HOSPITAL FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN

History

April 23, 1907- Legislature granted \$8000 for treatment indigent crippled and deformed children and Minnesota State Hospital for Indigent Crippled and Deformed Children was created.

Children cared for in a ward at City and County Hospital, St. Paul

Government vested in Board of Regents of University of Minnesota

1905 - Legislature appointed commission to investigate establishment of State Hospital for Crippled Children

1907 - Present institution authorized by Legislature--control transferred to Board of Control

1911- Present institution opened

1935 - Name changed to Gillette State Hospital for Crippled Children

First Superintendent

Elizabeth McGregor, 1914

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