

# Limavady Workhouse Resource Pack



# Facts about Limavady Workhouse

Newtown Limavady  
Workhouse opened on  
15th March 1842.

Life in the workhouse was  
really hard.

Families were separated  
when they entered the  
workhouse.

Children were sent to jail  
for trying to escape.

Some children went on  
an annual trip in Summer  
to Castlerock by train.

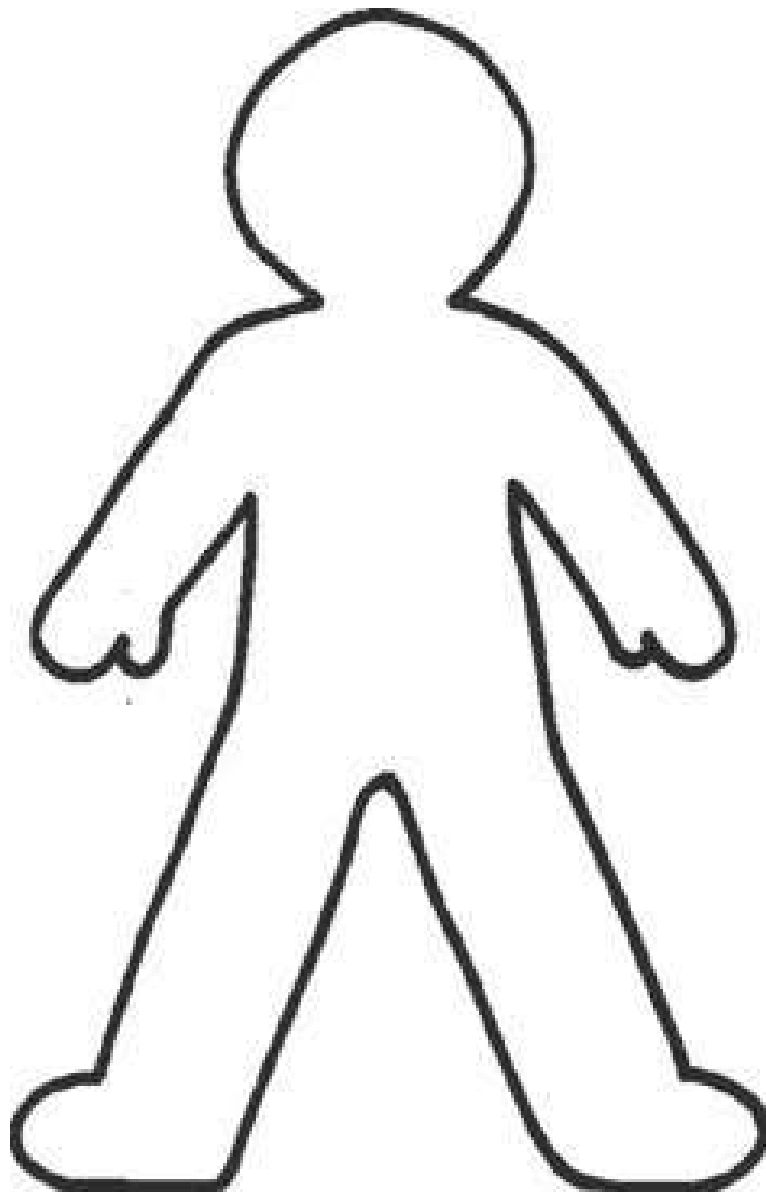
Limavady Workhouse  
closed in 1932. It had  
been open for 90 years.

# Workhouse Child

Girls wore cotton dresses with  
aprons tied around their waists

Boys wore trousers with a cotton  
shirt and jacket

**Draw yourself as a child in the  
workhouse**



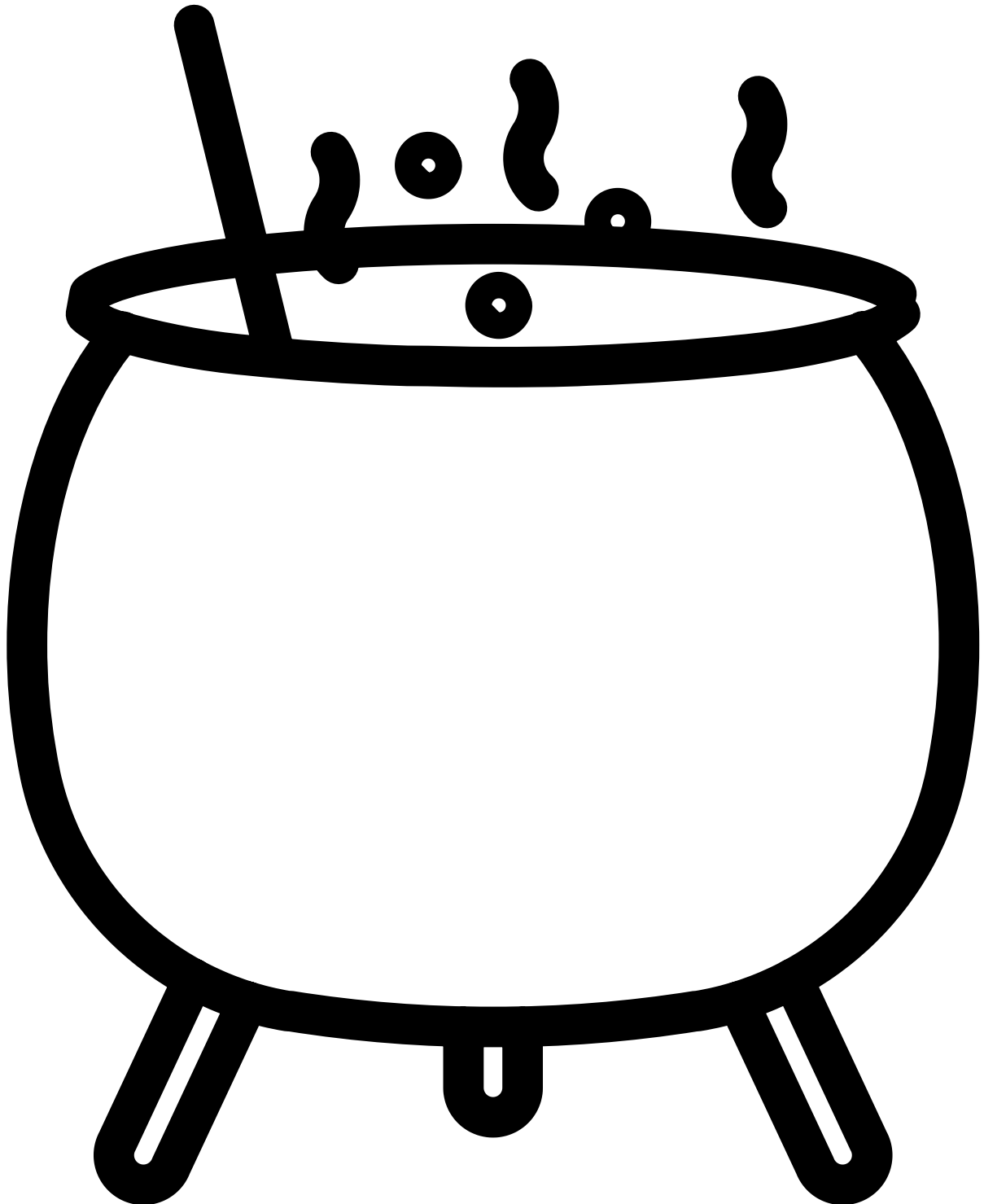


# Workhouse porridge pot

Children often ate porridge in the workhouse. It was made of oatmeal and water and was known as gruel.



Draw what you have for breakfast  
in the space below



# School in the Workhouse

Children were taught separately in  
girls' schoolrooms and boys'  
schoolrooms



Write your name in Victorian style  
writing like the example below

*Mary had a little lamb,  
Its fleece was white as snow,  
Everywhere that Mary went,  
The lamb was sure to go.*

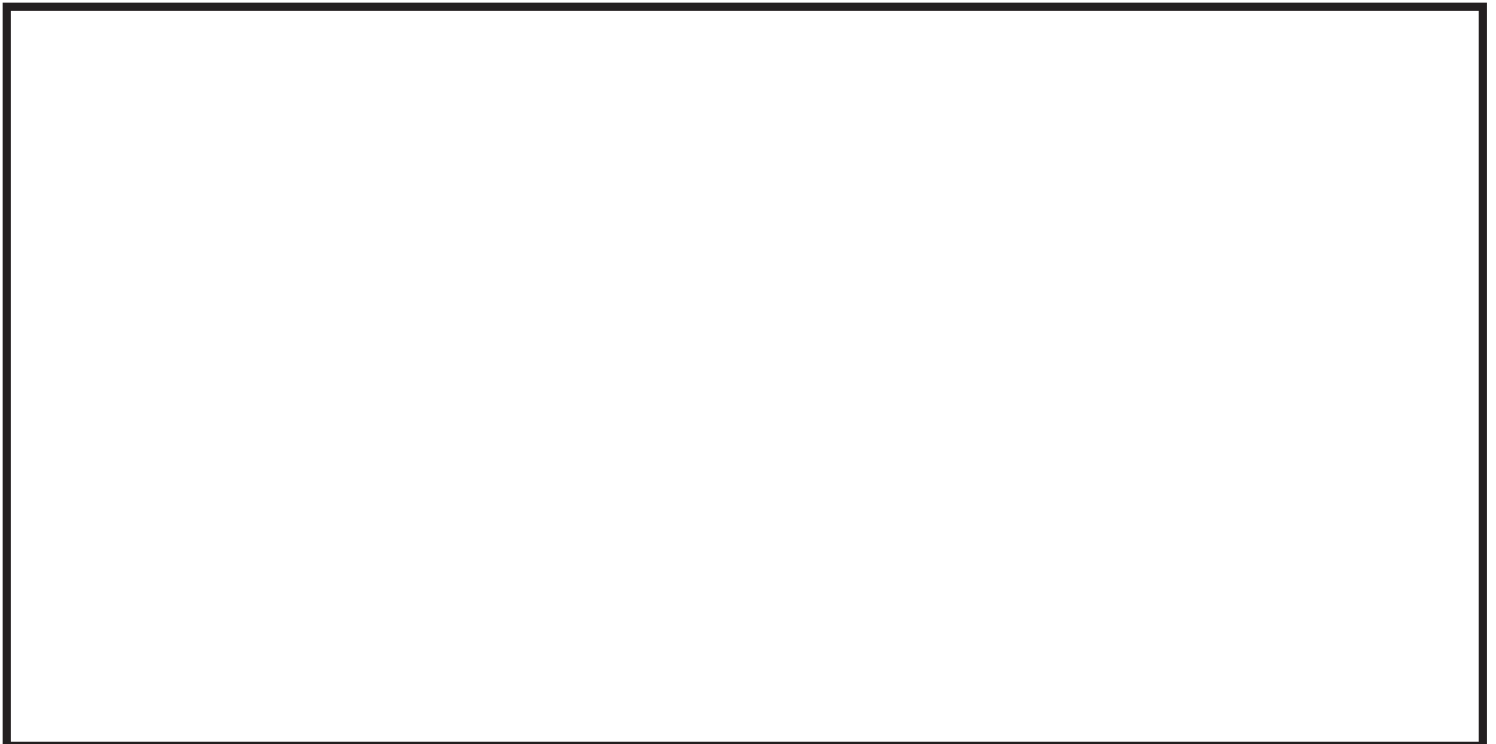
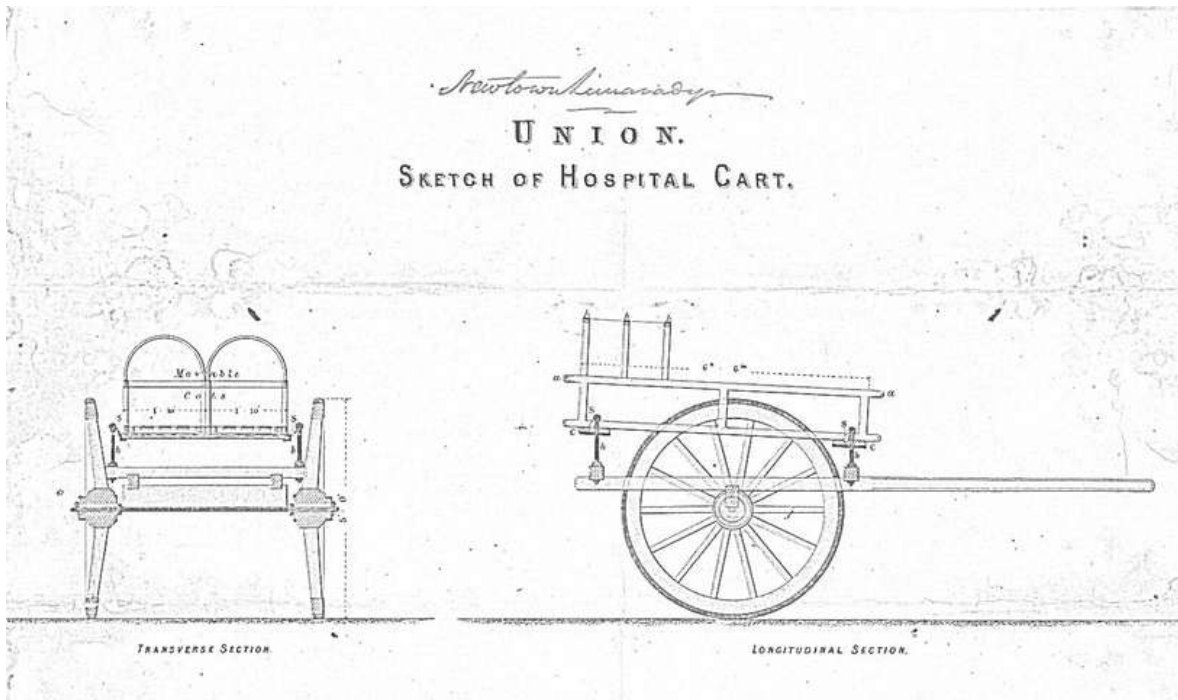
A large, empty rectangular box with a thick black border, intended for students to practice writing their names in Victorian style.

# Health

Very sick children, unable to walk, were taken to the sick bay in the hospital cart



Draw the hospital cart as it is shown below



# Work

- Boys made shoes and broke large rocks into smaller ones
- Girls scrubbed floors and did the workhouse laundry

*Children were often 'hired out' to work on farms gathering potatoes*



## Workhouse Word Search

Find and circle the words listed below in the grid.  
Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

P	O	R	R	I	D	G	E	O	Y	E	T
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Porridge

Hard work

Limavady

Straw

Laundry

School

Sickness

Tough

Workhouse

Inmate

Bread

Family

Butter

Compare your life to the  
workhouse by writing in the  
spaces below

## My Life or Workhouse Life

Clothes	Cotton dress	For example : I wear jumper and jeans
Food	Porridge or 'gruel'	
School	Writing slate	
Work	Scrubbing floors	
Sleep	Straw filled mattress	