

Primary Sources

Bain News Service, Publisher. "Com'r Kate Davis, Blackwell's Island." [Between and Ca. 1915]

Photograph. Retrieved from the Library of Congress, www.loc.gov/item/2014695198/.

This picture shows officials going to visit Blackwell's Asylum, including criminologist, social reformer, and writer Katharine Bement Davis (1860-1935) who served as Commissioner of Corrections for New York City. These officials were the ones who would evaluate the conditions of the asylum. We used this photo on our Impact page.

Bly, Nellie. "Behind Asylum Bars." *New York World*. 9 Oct. 1887, pp. 25: 1. PDF available from

New York University Division of Libraries, sites.dlib.nyu.edu/undercover/sites/dlib.nyu.edu/undercover/files/documents/uploads/editors/Behind-Asylum-Bars-Nellie-Bly-1.pdf.

Bly wrote this article for the *New York World*, reporting on her experiences as an undercover reporter in Blackwell's Asylum for the Insane. Her reporting was the basis for her book "Ten Days in a Mad-House." We used a clipping from the article on our timeline slideshow.

Bly, Nellie, 1864-1922. "Ten Days in a Mad-House; or, Nellie Bly's Experience on Blackwell's .

Feigning Insanity in Order to Reveal Asylum Horrors." New York: Norman L. Munro, Publisher, 1 Jan. 1887. Free Download, Borrow, and Streaming. *Internet Archive*, , archive.org/details/3304680.med.yale.edu/page/n21/mode/2up.

Nellie Bly wrote this book after her stay at Blackwell's Island. We both read this book. We learned about her thought process and what it was like at Blackwell's. We used several excerpts and quotes from the book on our website. There are also drawings that Bly made that were useful to help visualize her experiences in the asylum. We used several of the drawings to illustrate our timeline.

Hergesheimer, E, and U.S. Coast And Geodetic Survey. Blackwell's, Ward's and Randall's islands and adjacent shores of East and Harlem rivers from 51st St. New York to Lawrence's Pt. [Washington, D.C. U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, 1885] Map. Retrieved from the Library of Congress, www.loc.gov/item/gm70000123/.

This is a map of the island where the insane asylum for women was located. This image is on our website to show the layout of the island.

Historic American Buildings Survey, Creator. "Welfare Island, Insane Asylum, New York County, NY." Documentation Compiled After. Photograph. Retrieved from the Library of Congress, www.loc.gov/item/ny0952/.

These are pictures of the asylum after it had closed down. We used these pictures as a point of reference for our website. We included one of them on our Undercover in the Asylum page.

The Miriam and Ira D. Wallach Division of Art, Prints and Photographs: Picture Collection, The New York Public Library. "Blackwell's Island Lunatic Asylum" *The New York Public*

Library Digital Collections. 1866-02. digitalcollections.nypl.org/items/510d47e0-d3da-a3d9-e040-e00a18064a99.

We used this picture for the top of our timeline page. It is a sketch of Blackwell's Island insane asylum, drawn from the boat landing.

The Miriam and Ira D. Wallach Division of Art, Prints and Photographs: Picture Collection, The New York Public Library. "The new business office of the *New York World*." *The New York Public Library Digital Collections*. 1882. digitalcollections.nypl.org/items/510d47e0-d8a2-a3d9-e040-e00a18064a99.

This is a sketch of the business office of the *New York World*. It depicts what the inside of the building would look like while Nellie Bly worked there, beginning in 1887. We used the sketch on our website page Early Obstacles.

"Nellie Bly Led the Way." *New York World*. 3 Nov. 1887, pp. 12: 1. PDF available from New York University Division of Libraries, dlib.nyu.edu/undercover/sites/dlib.nyu.edu/undercover/files/documents/uploads/editors/Nellie-Bly-Led-the-Way.pdf

Taken from the *New York World* from Nov. 3, 1887, this article reports on the grand jury that investigated Blackwell's Island's Insane Asylum for Women after Bly wrote news articles about the terrible conditions there. The article includes the grand jury's suggested changes at the asylum, mainly based on Bly's reporting.

“Nellie Bly’s Great Career Ended as She Wished--In Chosen Work as Reporter.” *The*

Washington Times. (Washington [D.C.]), 02 April 1922. *Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers*. Lib. of Congress. chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn84026749/1922-04-02/ed-1/seq-15/.

Published at her death, this news article details Bly’s life, including her undercover work and reporting about the terrible conditions at Blackwell’s Insane Asylum for Women. We used this article for information and to understand her overall impact.

“New York City Asylum For The Insane (Women), Blackwell's Island.” *Asylum Projects*, 1893, www.asylumprojects.org/images/9/9a/1893_Asylum_For_Women.JPG.

We used this image of Blackwell’s Island on our website for the page on the background of Blackwell’s Island.

Porter, Edwin S., Camera, Thomas A. Edison Inc., and Paper Print Collection. “Panorama of Blackwell's Island, N.Y.” United States: Thomas A. Edison, Inc, 1903. Video. Retrieved from the Library of Congress, www.loc.gov/item/00694366/.

This video is from the Library of Congress. It is 1903 footage of Blackwell’s Island, which we used on our Blackwell’s Island page to help show how isolated the Asylum was from the outside world.

“[Prisoners Returning from Work on Blackwell's Island, N.Y. C.]” *The Library of Congress*, 1876, www.loc.gov/item/2006677416/.

This primary source picture shows prisoners from Blackwell's Island returning from the asylum. The prisoners worked at the asylum due to a lack of funds and understaffing for the asylum.

Secondary Sources

Boys, Bowery. "'Horrors' of Roosevelt Island: Lunacy!" *The Bowery Boys: New York City History*, 5 June 2019, www.boweryboyshistory.com/2007/10/horrors-of-roosevelt-island-lunacy.html.

We used this website to find information on Blackwell's Island. This website explains what happened to the patients when Blackwell's asylum closed down.

Brown, Rosemary J. "Where Nellie Bly Lives On." *Nellie Bly in the Sky*, 16 Nov. 2014, nelliebly125.wordpress.com/2014/11/17/where-nellie-bly-lives-on/.

This website focuses on the basic history of Nellie Bly. We found out about her birthplace and pictures of it.

CBS, News. "19th And 20th Century Psychiatry: 22 Rare Photos." *CBS News*, CBS Interactive, 29 Sept. 2011, www.cbsnews.com/pictures/19th-and-20th-century-psychiatry-22-rare-photos/5/.

We found several pictures that focus on asylums throughout history on this website. We used a picture of some women who were in an asylum from the website.

D'Antonio, Patricia. "History of Psychiatric Hospitals." • *Nursing, History, and Health Care* • *Penn Nursing*, www.nursing.upenn.edu/nhhc/nurses-institutions-caring/history-of-psychiatric-hospitals/.

This is an official medical website, which has a history of mental health and the mentally ill specifically for the United States. We used this information to gain an understanding of the social stigma around the mentally ill.

Demain, Bill. "Ten Days in a Madhouse: The Woman Who Got Herself Committed." *Mental Floss*, 2 May 2011, www.mentalfloss.com/article/29734/ten-days-madhouse-woman-who-got-herself-committed.

This website gave us a basic overview of Nellie Bly's story. It also told us more about her background and how she was raised.

Gregory, Alice. "Nellie Bly's Lessons in Writing What You Want To." *The New Yorker*, The New Yorker, 20 June 2017, www.newyorker.com/books/page-turner/nellie-blys-lessons-in-writing-what-you-want-to.

This website has information on all parts of Bly's life. We used it to learn about her childhood and the early days of her career.

"History of Mental Health Treatment." *Dual Diagnosis*, 2020, dualdiagnosis.org/mental-health-and-addiction/history/.

A long and detailed history of mental health treatments is included on this site. For our project, we used this for background information and historical context.

“Lunatic Asylum, New York, 1866.” *Everybody*, 1866, everybody.si.edu/media/585.

This website includes an image depicting the yard at Blackwell’s asylum where mental patients were able to go. Nellie Bly briefly mentions going outside in her book, so this is a good visual for that.

Maranzani, Barbara. “Inside Nellie Bly's 10 Days in a Madhouse.” *Biography.com*, A&E Networks Television, 25 June 2019, www.biography.com/news/inside-nelly-bly-10-days-madhouse.

Again like many other websites, this has the full history of Nellie Bly’s career. We used this one more for the information it has on her childhood.

“Nellie Bly.” *Biography.com*, A&E Networks Television, 6 Nov. 2019, www.biography.com/activist/nellie-bly.

We found a clear and concise overview of Bly’s life on this website. We used this for the information it has on her accomplishments other than the asylum exposé.

“Nellie Bly: Pioneering Investigative Journalist.” *PBS Learning Media: American Masters Collection*, Iowa PBS, 2020, iowa.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/amjp19-ela-ss-bly/nellie-bly-pioneering-investigative-journalist-joseph-pulitzer-voice-of-the-people/.

This website has a video with narration from Bly's book. We shortened the video to add to our website. We used 28 seconds from the whole video and added that to our Undercover in the Asylum page.

Norwood, Arlisha R. "Nellie Bly." *National Women's History Museum*, 2017, www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/nellie-bly.

There is a brief history of the life of Nellie Bly on this site. We learned about what she did after the asylum project here.

"Ten Days in a Madhouse." Checkology, *News Literacy Project*, 2020, checkology.org/demo/lesson/eb7b0861668e97b66d8ee256ee077efb1f4a1d25/42/elements/735.

We found our timeline information from this website. We took the information and reformatted it to fit the theme of our website. We added illustrations from Bly's "Ten Days in a Mad-House" to match each date and detail of Bly's experience.

Wiley, John. "Deinstitutionalization - Special Reports | The New Asylums | FRONTLINE." *PBS*, Public Broadcasting Service, 1977, www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/asylums/special/excerpt.html.

The information on this site is actually an excerpt from a book written by John Wiley and E. Fuller Torrey on the mental health crisis. We used this website for its statistics and dates.

Winchester, Beth. "What Nellie Bly Exposed at Blackwell's Asylum, and Why It's Still

Important." *Medium*, Medium, 26 Apr. 2016, medium.com/legendary-women/what-nellie-bly-exposed-at-blackwells-asylum-and-why-it-s-still-important-4591203b9dc7.

This website gives a very detailed history of Nellie Bly. We found some pictures that were useful and some information.