

Wing of the Building thoroughly repaired, and the sashes of same suspended by weights.

The Board then adjourned -
 Copy of the Report of Wm Duncan, President, & Mr. Turner, Committee to examine the assets of the Institution -

Savannah Feb 9. 1846.

We have examined the assets of the Savannah Poor House & Hospital as submitted by the President & find them as here stated -

Henry Meddings note	\$4000.
J. C. Dunning W. Bond	5000.-
Wm Duncan's note	3000.
Mr. Turner's note	800.
10 Shares C. R. R. Stock	1000.
Cert. R. R. Bonds	527.
State bonds of Georgia	783.
10 Shares Central R. R. Stock	500.
of Bonds Cent. R. R. Bond	
at 57 a 59 for \$1000 each	
at 57 a 59 from 1st Jan 1846	9000.
	\$29,410.00

Signed Henry Edw. Bates

Chatham County. Hospitals
 Savannah Poor House & Hospital
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A meeting of the Board was called, at the office of the President, on Saturday 5th Sept. 1846. Present - Mr. Duncan President & Mr. Turner the other members of the Board being out of the City. The President stated that he had desired this meeting in consequence of a communication made to him by the Steward of the Hospital - Mr. Hogg being present, stated, that the Physician Dr. Arnold had presented quinine on yesterday afternoon to Loughlin a patient in the Hospital, that Mr. Lundy the nurse, (who is also a student of Medicine, under Dr. Arnold, & has been so for the last two years) in administering Sulph. acid instead. It appeared from Mr. Hogg's statement, that a bottle containing a solution of quinine is always kept in the apothecary's shop, and unfortunately, in a bottle precisely like that in which the Sulphuric acid is kept. & in this case that both bottles were near to each other, Mr. Lundy by mistake took the bottle of Sulph. Acid instead of the solution of quinine & administered a part of a wine glass full to the patient. He immediately discovered his error, from the patient refusing

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Time gave the patient large quantities of Magnesia, & oil. Dr. Arnold soon arrived & found that the best correctives had been applied, but to no purpose - the poison was too powerful, & at 12 o'clock same evening the patient died. Dr. Arnold being present affirmed all these facts as far as they came under his own eye. I said he had no hesitation in saying that Loughlin died from the effects of the acid so administered. Dr. Arnold stated that the patient had a severe case of fever, but that he had good hopes of his recovering. Dr. Arnold & Mr. Hogg both spoke in the highest terms of Mr. Sandy as to Capacity, Care, & attention in his situation as nurse.

On due deliberation it was resolved that the Board deeply regret the occurrence, & sincerely sympathize with Mr. Sandy under such a calamity - at the same time they consider it due to the Institution, to Mr. Sandy and all concerned, that a proper & legal investigation of the case be had, & therefore resolve further, that Mr. Hogg the Steward do notify the Coroner of the Case, that he may take such steps therein as he in his official duties may deem proper.

The communication having been made to the Coroner, he deemed it his duty to hold an inquest on the body of Loughlin and a Jury having been summoned the same was held at the Hospital on Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock. After a full examination of all the witnesses, the verdict of the Jury was, that Loughlin came to his death by the accidental administration of Salphuric Acid instead of a solution of quinine - and ~~and~~ the opinion was freely expressed by the Jury, as well as by the Coroner, who was present at the inquest, that no censure should devolve on Mr. Sandy as it was purely an accident.

William Duncan
Secy

Wm. J. Jones
Pres

Savannah October 25. 1846

A meeting of the Board was held this day at the office of Wm. Duncan - present Mr. Duncan president, Charles Green & Jos. M. Turner. The president informed the Board, that it was convened to act on the proposition of Henry Medpin to pay up the balance of \$1000.00 on his note secured by bond & mortgage which he desires to pay at once - After

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of the Board, an opportunity of enquiring into the Character of the Bonds, or, looking for any other mode of investments. The Board then adjourned.

William Duncan
President

Savannah Nov. 14. 1846

A meeting of the Board was held this day at the office of William Duncan, present Mr. Duncan pres. McIlwain, Jos. McTurner, Charles Green & J. S. Tanner. The president reported to the board, that Mr. McIlwain notified him on 31st ult. that the money was in Bank ready to pay up the balance due by him on his note to the Hospital & further notified that whether the Board received it or not, he would pay no interest after that day - whereupon it was resolved that the president be authorized to receive the amt. from Mr. McIlwain & incur the same or more if there be any profits in 4 percent Bonds of the Central Rail Road. And the same was unanimously agreed to. The Board then adjourned.

Jos. Tanner
Secy. Genl.

William Duncan
President

An election was held at the office of Wm. Duncan on Monday 1st Feb. 1847 agreeably to law for seven Managers of the Savannah Poorhouse & Hospital for one year, under the superintendence of the undersigned. The polls were open from 9 till 1 o'clock and on counting the votes the following Gentlemen were duly elected -

W. Duncan, J. Ethels, Green, Radwin, J. McTurner, W. B. Knapp, & W. Nicoll.

Certified this 1st Feb. 1847.

Wm. Duncan
Secretary

A meeting of the Gentlemen elected on 1st inst. agreeably to the above certificate of election was held at the office of Wm. Duncan on Wednesday 16th Feb. - at which Wm. Duncan was unanimously re-elected president. Present Wm. Duncan, J. Ethels, Radwin, J. McTurner, W. B. Knapp & W. Nicoll. The minutes of previous meetings were read & confirmed. The president then presented the following report for the year ending on 31st January 1847 - which after being read was ordered to be entered on the minutes.

Annual report of the president of the Savannah Poor House & Hospital for the Year ending Jan. 31st 1847 - presented

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If these 30 died during the year - 387
were restored to health & 94 remained
in the Hospital on the 1st inst -

The number of deaths for the year
has been very small, as will be apparent
to you, when I report that of 451. Only
36 died for the year. It will be more apparent
however, on a comparison with former years.

In 1841 of 494 admitted 87 died Or 1 in 6

In 1842 of 328 admitted 42 died Or nearly 1 in 8

In 1843 of 407 " 58 " Or nearly 1 in 8

In 1844 of 361 " 32 " Or 1 in 11

In 1845 of 571 " 41 " Or nearly 1 in 13

and the past year of 451 admitted 36 died
Or 1 in 15. - To whatever cause this manifest
improvement is to be attributed, it is matter
of gratulation on our part; and while it
begs becomes us to look to Him to whose
hands our breath is, to bless the means used,
we have in this statement of statistics
encouragement to persevere in our efforts
on behalf of the poor & destitute.

Many a poor suffering fellow being has,
through the attention received in the Hospital,
been restored to health, friends & usefulness -
and many such have not failed to make
their acknowledgments of gratitude for
the benefits received.

At our last annual meeting I was
authorized by resolution, to compromise the
claims of the Estate of Wightman on the
Estate of Samuel Wallace deceased, and in-
volving the residuary legacy from James

Or Kind whatever to the said residuary legacy -
which puts that matter to final rest.

While we have great reason to be pleased
with the condition & prospects of the Institution,
there is one melancholy event in the history
of the past year, which has caused me, I no
doubt all of you, much pain & regret. I
allude to the unfortunate death of the patient
Longhlin in September last, caused by the
accidental administration by the nurse
of Sulphuric Acid for Sulphate of Quinine.
This unfortunate mistake caused instantly
the nurse great distress, and will prove
no doubt a striking lesson for life and
urge him to double diligence & care in his
administrations. As the minutes will show
Mr Lunsby was acquitted from all censure
both by the members of the Board in 1844
at the time, & by a jury of respectable men
- moved for the occasion - And I only recur
to the case at this time, to place a full
board in possession of all the facts connected
with it, - and to afford them an opportunity
if they deem it advisable, to adopt a
resolution to preserve of their regret at its
occurrence, and pressing on all Hozz the
Steward, the necessity of his being present
at all times, during the preparation of
prescriptions, and as much as he possibly
can, at the administration of the same to
the patients - I would not be understood as
conveying any censure, or intimating regret
in this particular but as by the fact of

accident.

In every particular Mr Hogg discharges the duties of his Office, with fidelity & attention & recommends him for reelection.

I cannot say too much in behalf of Dr Arnold & Dr Bulloch, who are indefatigable in the discharge of the duties appertaining to the Medical department and recommend them for reelection as Physicians to the Hospital.

The accounts of the Treasurer for the first year have been examined by Messrs B Estate & Charles Green of your Board, who have certified to the correctness of the same. Those gentlemen have also examined the assets of the Hospital, and certify the same to amount to \$30,345.

Some years ago in an annual report I expressed the hope of seeing the permanent fund of the Institution reach the sum of \$50,000. And this year, that hope is realised.

We may now consider the Hospital as possessing a fund ample enough for all demands, and when transferred to our successors, enough to relieve them from all anxiety for the future. The gradual increase of this fund however no circumstances shall permit, will be matter of attention every year, and the hope may be justly entertained that at no very distant period it may reach the sum of \$40,000. In this connection I ought to state that Judge Charlton has informed me that by the will of Elizabeth B. B. B.

I ask the Board to authorise me to have the Hospital building thoroughly whitewashed on the inside. The expense will not exceed \$20.

Some necessary repairs have been made during the past year to the floors, which were deemed advisable to prevent further decay. Two additional outhouses have also been built, one for the use of the Steward & family & one for the use of the patients - the latter at the suggestion of Dr Arnold. It has proved to be a great benefit - The windows have all been altered also, with bright & pulleys, which affords an easy mode of airing the rooms.

I have then Gentlemen, Managers, presented a brief history of the Savannah Poor House & Hospital for the past year, and submit the same as my report.

Seguin Williams & mean,
The report was on motion accepted.
The Board then proceeded to the election of officers.

Mr Duncan was reelected President.
Messrs Dr Arnold & Dr Bulloch were reelected Physicians. & Mr Hogg was reelected Steward.

Mr Lewis offered the following resolution seconded by Mr Knapp, and the same was unanimously adopted - Resolved that a Committee of two be appointed for the purpose of ascertaining the practical value of appropriating a room for

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appointed by the President, a committee to carry the foregoing resolution into effect.

Mr. Stiles offered the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Lewis & unanimously adopted.

Whereas the unfortunate occurrence in the Hospital last summer, from a mistake in administering medicine, shows that too much care cannot be exercised in preparation of the prescriptions & that where it is indiscriminately entrusted to more than one, mistakes are more probable, by one changing the position of the medicines, or from too much dependence one upon another, be it resolved that the doses of medicines hereafter shall be personally prepared by the Steward himself, on no occasion but where absolute necessity demands it, shall the duty be deputed to another.

The President was requested to see Dr. Arnold & communicate the last resolution to him, that he may explain to Mr. Lewis its intent, & that no cessation is by it, intended in Mr. Lewis.

The President was authorized to whitewash the Hospital outside.

Mr. Stiles & Mr. Lewis were at the

faithful business before the board, it was on motion adjourned.

W. Duncan.

Mr. Hogg notified of the resolution - in due form

Loss James

Dr. R. R. R.

Savannah April 10th 1847

A meeting of the Board of Managers Savannah Poor House & Hospital was held this day at the office of Comptroller, President Wm. Duncan, President, H. C. Green, Mr. H. H. S. M. Turner, Mr. R. R. R. & Mr. R. R. R.

The President stated that he had convened the Board, to take into consideration the propriety of subscribing in behalf of the Hospital to the new stock of the Central Rail Road, to be offered on 12th inst, in ten years scrip with 8% interest ~~guaranteed~~ for annual guarantee for ten years, renewable (at the option of the Company) by the R. R. Co. at par at the end of ten years, or failing to do so, renewable by said Company for ten years more on same terms, and to afford the Board an opportunity of deciding, he read the following note, addressed by him to the Presidents of the Central Rail Road.

Savannah April 10 1847

Memorandum

The Board of Managers of the Savannah Poor House & Hospital meet to day to determine on the propriety of subscribing to the new stock of the Central Rail Road - Resolved

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to said stock, at the expiry of twenty years, then it be renewed at the end of the first ten years, - viz - whether at the end of twenty years, if not redeemed previously by the Rail Road Company in terms of the scrip, it shall merge in the general stock, or be renewed again, on the same terms as at first -

Your answer will be placed on the minutes of the Board -
R. C. Ogden Esq. Secy. Dec 10 1847
President C. R. B. 3 William Duncan, Minn.

To the above note, the following reply was received

"Central Rail Road & Banking Co. for
April 10. 1847

Wm Duncan Esq. Secy. Dec 10 1847
Pres. In reply to your note of this date, I beg to say that this is the sense & meaning of the Board in granting certificates of 8% stock -

At the end of Ten Years (1857) if the Company does not pay up the amount, a certificate in the precise terms of the first to be issued - So in 1867 if the Company does not pay up the amount, a like certificate be granted & so on -

In other words it is an 8 per cent stock until the Company shall, at the end of periods of ten years, pay it, or the holder shall merge it. - very respectfully

the subject, it was on motion of Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Green, unanimously resolved

That the President be authorized to invest in the new eight percent stock to be issued by the Central Rail Road & Banking Company, the amount held by the institution of the Bonds of the Central Rail Road & Banking Co. say \$10000 - or if there be unappropriated means in hand, he may increase the amount to a subscription of twenty thousand dollars -

It was on motion of Mr. Green further resolved that the President have an insurance on the Poor House Hospital against fire, effected to the amount of Ten thousand dollars, which was adopted unanimously -

The Board adjourned
William Duncan Esq. Secy. Dec 10 1847
President

On 12th April - I subscribed, agreeably to the above resolution for (200) Two Hundred Shares of the new stock in the Central Rail Road, & paid at same time to the Bank Twenty thousand dollars in Bonds & Cash -

William Duncan, President

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Savannah April 21st 1847

A meeting of the Board of Managers
was held this day at the office of
M. Duncan
present M. Duncan Pres. Charles
Green J. M. Jones W. Nevitts -
J. K. Lewis.

a letter from James E. Hogg Steward
of the Hospital, was read to the board,
applying for an increase of salary,
on the ground that the present allowance
of Six Hundred dollars per annum
is inadequate to the support of himself
& family, which he shows in his letter
by going into details.

after a free conversation on the
subject, the following resolution
was offered by M. Duncan & seconded
by W. Nevitts.

Resolved that in consideration
of the great extraordinary expenses
incurred by Mr. Hogg as stated in
his letter of 15th April 1847 addressed
to this board, in the education &
maintenance of his family, the sum
of Two Hundred dollars be presented
to him out of the funds of the Insti-
tution as a discount from the Hospital
for the present year, leaving it to the
board at its annual meeting in July
1848 to consider maturely the applica-
tion for a permanent increase of salary
of the Steward of the Institution - and
the same was unanimously adopted.

Savannah Aug. 19. 1847

A meeting of the Board was held
at the office of M. Duncan
present M. Duncan Pres. Charles
Green the other members
of the Board being absent from the
City. The president stated that he
deemed it necessary to have the
area around the Hospital relaid
with Brick & cement, so as to prevent
moisture in the basement, and
in view of this he had applied
to W. H. Smith for an estimate for
same. Mr. Smith's estimate was
read, proposing to do the work
in a perfect manner for the sum of
One Hundred & thirty five dollars.

In Motion it was resolved
that as the work is very necessary
for the comfort of the residents
& for the preservation of their health
that Mr. Smith's estimate be accepted.
Certain repairs being necessary
to the floor & cills. It was ordered
to be done.

Worthen business, for
the consideration of the board
was offered & they adjourned
William D. Duncan
Pres.

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Savannah Dec. 2. 1847

A Meeting of the Managers was held this day at the Office of Wm Duncan present Mr Duncan, Charles Green, R. A. Lewis, J. M. Turner, W. B. Knapp.

The President stated that the Board had been called to take into consideration the application of certain merchants of this City, to the Legislature now in session, for a repeal of the State Auction Tax, which tax is given to the Hospital by act of Incorporation 26th Dec. 1835.

It was on motion Resolved that a Committee be appointed to petition the Legislature against the repeal of said tax - & that Mr Duncan & Mr Lewis be a committee for that purpose.

The meeting adjourned
William Duncan
President & Secy

A Meeting of the Managers was held at the Office of Wm Duncan, President & Mr Turner & W. B. Knapp on Saturday 5th Feb. 1848, at which it was Resolved that the election of Managers shall be held at the Office of Wm Duncan on Monday next Feb. 7th. under the superintendence of Wm Duncan one of the Managers & Wm Crowder a Subscriber -

R. A. Lewis & J. M. Turner were nominated to examine the Grounds

An election was held this day Feb. 7th 1848, from nine till 2 o'clock agreeably to Law at the Office of Wm Duncan for seven Managers of the Savannah Poor House & Hospital for one Year - which resulted in the election of Wm Duncan, William Green, R. A. Lewis, J. M. Turner, W. B. Knapp & Wm Neate.

Certified this 7th day of Feb. 1848

Wm B. Knapp
William Duncan

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A Meeting of the Managers was held at the office of W. Duncan present.

W. Duncan, R. Brown, L. M. Tamm, W. Neville, W. B. Knapp, J. B. Estlin. on Wednesday 9th Feb'y 1848 at which W. Duncan was re-elected president of the Savannah Poor House & Hospital - The president read the following Report -

At the last annual meeting I stated that the number of patients remaining in the Hospital on Feb'y 1847 was 21. By 26 and there have been admissions from 1st Feb'y '47 till 1st Feb'y '48 360

Making in all 386 of these 333 have been discharged cured or partly relieved 26 died during the Year & 27 now remain in the Hospital. Of those who died 20 were paupers & six were seamen. The deaths during the Year are, One in fifteen about the same proportion as for the previous Year - indicating a permanent improvement in that respect from 1840 - in which Year the deaths were 1 in 6 - in 1842 1 in 8 - 1843 1 in 8 - 1844 1 in 11 - 1845 1 in 13 - 1846 1 in 16 - The results for the past Year being the same.

At a meeting of the Board on 10th Feb'y last I was directed to invest the funds of the Central R.R. & N.Y. Co. held by the Institution amounting to \$18,962 - with Eight per cent stock of the Central R.R. & N.Y. Co. and accordingly I subscribed for Two Hundred Shares of the same, I have received Scrip for \$30,000 in said stock. The scrip is issued in the name of the Savannah P.H. Hospital - for the sum of in Bonds & Cash \$20,000. On 5th day last I purchased 10 shares of the stock of the Bank of the State of Georgia at \$82 per share for \$820. The permanent fund is thus increased and amounts to \$52,962 as per Certificate of Messrs. Biddle & Co. the firm who have examined the accounts of the Treasurer. I am a Certificate on the Cash Bk. and dated 5th inst.

At the meeting of the Board on 21st Feb'y last it was resolved for reasons stated in a resolution then adopted - to present Mr. Hogg with a donation of Two Hundred dollars, leaving it to the Board at its next annual meeting to consider Mr. Hogg's application for a permanent increase of salary, and that such act will be properly considered at the meeting of 1st March inst.