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## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

AUSTIN, TEXAS, August 31, 1910.

*To the Board of Managers of the Confederate Home.*

GENTLEMEN: I submit to you my biennial report as Superintendent of the Confederate Home for the period beginning September 1, 1908, and ending August 31, 1910, which includes about thirteen months of the term of my predecessor.

The appropriations made by the Thirtieth Legislature were as follows for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1909:

	Appropriated.	Expended.
For salary of Superintendent.....	\$ 1,500 00	\$ 1,500 00
For groceries, fuel, lights, water, feed, including pay for monthly meetings and mileage of Board of Managers, burial of the dead and compensation of Chaplain.....	45,000 00	43,332 00
For salaries of all employes.....	15,524 00	15,506 65
For furniture and beds.....	1,200 00	881 79
For clothing, hats and shoes.....	11,000 00	10,929 52
For transportation of inmates.....	250 00	190 45
For books, periodicals, newspapers and postage stamps . . . . .	500 00	499 65
For painting and repairing.....	2,000 00	2,000 00
For medical supplies and instruments.....	1,800 00	1,764 41
For shoe repairing . . . . .	400 00	400 00
For kitchen, dining room and laundry supplies.	500 00	443 39
For roads, paths and grounds.....	500 00	303 90

Out of the appropriation of \$2000 for painting and repairing, \$522.25 was paid Bacon & Hancock for repairing the entire plumbing of the Home, and \$311 was paid J. B. Stocker for painting roofs of buildings.

The appropriations made by the Thirty-first Legislature were as follows for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1910:

	Appropriated.	Expended.
For salary of Superintendent.....	\$ 1,500 00	\$ 1,487 05
For groceries, fuel, light, water, feed, including pay for monthly meetings of Board of Managers, burial of dead and compensation of Chaplain . . . . .	45,000 00	45,000 00
For salaries of all employes.....	16,228 00	16,167 61
For shoe repairing . . . . .	400 00	243 72
For furniture and beds.....	600 00	600 00
Governor Campbell granted a deficiency of \$899.46 to the furniture account for furnishing and carpeting the headquarters building, as nothing had been expended for this purpose in many years.....	899 46	899 46

	Appropriated.	Expended.
For clothing, hats and shoes.....	11,000 00	10,427 16
For transportation.....	200 00	44 25
For books, periodicals, newspapers and postage.....	500 00	500 00
For improvement of grounds.....	2,000 00	2,000 00
For painting and repairing.....	10,000 00	10,000 00
For medical supplies and instruments.....	1,800 00	1,751 81
For kitchen, dining room and laundry supplies.....	500 00	393 81
For dental work.....	500 00	500 00

The appropriation of \$2000 made by the Thirty-first Legislature for the improvement of grounds and beautifying the same required the same to be expended under a competent landscape gardener. Mr. A. J. Seiders was employed, and the entire amount was expended for grading grounds and sodding same, except \$33.75 for drain pipe, \$35 for moving laundry cottage, \$10.50 for garden hose, \$1.50 for advertising, and \$4.20 for cedar posts.

Of the appropriation of \$10,000 for repairing buildings the following items were expended by my predecessor: Screening hospital, \$449; repairing of plumbing throughout Home, \$153.52, and \$152.05 for new tin roof on part of the hospital.

Bids were let for repairing headquarters building, hospital and dining room, and \$7245 being the lowest and best bid, that amount was expended thereon; as was also the following amounts:

Wray on brick cottages.....	\$ 383 75
Henderson for painting.....	598 00
Endress as architect.....	362 25
For bath room plumbing.....	64 50
For urinal.....	33 70
For whitewashing.....	39 85
For coal bins.....	186 70
For hospital plumbing.....	18 00
For paint.....	30 85
For lumber, etc.....	195 43
For electric wiring.....	87 37

Total.....\$2,000 43

MONTHLY REPORT OF INMATES PRESENT AND ABSENT FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 1908, TO AUGUST 31, 1910.

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April 30, 1910.....	333
May 31, 1910.....	346
June 30, 1910.....	359
July 30, 1910.....	365
August 31, 1910.....	370

Total.....8,159

Average per month for twenty-four months..... 340

I beg to submit to you briefly the history of my connection with the Confederate Home.

I took charge of this Home on the 14th day of last October. It had been under the administration of my predecessor, John B. Reagan, for something over two years. I found upon investigation that the Home, so far as concerned the comfort of the inmates and the care of the sick, well administered. I found, when I took charge, Captain Ben E. McCulloch in charge of the quartermaster's department—a most efficient, faithful and kind man, deeply in sympathy with the old men, and mindful and considerate of their every want. I found Dr. Z. T. Bundy and Miss Nannie Vaughn in charge of the hospital. Dr. Bundy's success in relieving the suffering and ministering to the comfort of the sick and afflicted is to be highly commended. His patient care, and deep sympathy and devotion to his duties mark him as a man worthy of all confidence. Miss Vaughn, in charge of the dining room and cooking department of the hospital, a most important position, is a woman of splendid ability, tender and considerate, and untiring in her attention to the sick and afflicted in the hospital.

From an examination of the rooms and apartments of the inmates, I found them, in the main, cleanly, well kept, and comfortable. The dining room, or main eating hall, was comfortable, clean, and the provisions well cooked and cleanly, and wholesomely served. However, I have tried to make improvements in all these departments, and flatter myself that we have in some degree succeeded.

But the greatest improvement has been made, first, in the repairing of the buildings, some of which were badly dilapidated, the walls cracked, plastering fallen off, papering down, roofs full of leaks, and conditions unwholesome. All of these have been repaired, and are now in good repair, comfortable, clean, and well kept. Some painting will have to be provided for by another appropriation, as the one made by the Thirty-first Legislature has been about exhausted.

The grounds of the Home, I am sorry to say, I found in a most

neglected condition. My first work was to have them cleaned up thoroughly. I have had large quantities of tin cans, old stovepipe, paper, rags, and every species of debris gathered from the ground and removed, and am continuing from day to day to keep the grounds thoroughly policed.

I have had the dining room and hospital screened thoroughly, the cooking departments also screened, and everything protected from flies and vermin of every character, as much as can well be done in an institution of this size. It is a constant war with insects and vermin.

The grounds of the Home I have had beautified. I have built roads and driveways, laid off lawns, planted shrubbery, trees, vines and flowers, so as to make it have all the attraction of a real home, and I am pleased to say that, while the inmates of the Home at the outset took but little interest in these adornments and embellishments, they have become deeply interested in them and take great pride in them, and seem to feel that it is their home, and being done for their benefit. I have built pavilions, cool places in which the old soldiers can meet together and play their games and enjoy themselves socially. I have striven to make them feel kindly, one for the other. The greatest distress I had at first in the Home was the discovery that there was a great want of comradeship and affection among the inmates. This condition I have earnestly sought to remove, and believe that I can say with confidence that there is more comradeship, more affection and sympathy between the inmates of the Home at this time than ever before in its existence. I am proud to say that now, for many months, there has been only a few differences between the inmates, and that peace, contentment and happiness seem to prevail, as much as could be expected with men situated as these old soldiers are.

There is much yet to be done to make this Home what it should be. In my view, it should be made the most attractive, the most comfortable, and the most beautiful of any soldiers' home in the South. Is not Texas the greatest State; were her soldiers not among the greatest soldiers of the South; and is it not characteristic of Texas to do whatever she undertakes better than is done by any other Commonwealth?

In this connection, I will state that, if the plans I have made and begun to carry out are completed, we will have a Home of which all Texas will be justly proud.

I would further state that by reason of the patriotic action of Governor Campbell for the first time in the history of the Home every old soldier whose application has been approved has been admitted or ordered into the Home. Not one is today upon the waiting list, and I believe that, with a small addition of rooms, I can admit every one who needs the aid of the Home.

Respectfully submitted,  
R. M. WYNNE,  
Superintendent.

### REPORT OF SURGEON.

To the Superintendent and Honorable Board of Managers of the Texas State Confederate Home.

GENTLEMEN: In submitting this, my second and final biennial report of my stewardship as surgeon of this institution, I beg leave to state that it is in a degree gratifying to me because of the comparative death rate; viz., showing a death rate of 114 per 1000 approximately, with 340 inmates at the average age of 74 years; when the records show a death rate of 224 per 1000 in a former report, with only 138 inmates, whose average age was 65 years; and that I appreciate most fully the confidence, consideration and many courtesies shown me by you during my intricate service as surgeon of the Home, which encouraged me to, at all times, enforce subserviency of all things to duty, and that I have an abiding consciousness of having done some good for humanity, and that the lines of the Confederate Home hospital may fall in still more placid places to the end of its mission is my most sincere wish.

During the two years ending August 31, 1910, we have treated and cared for 340 patients, some many times over.

There were 72 inmates in the hospital at the beginning of time covered by this report. Admitted, 161; average number residual, 80; number of prescriptions written and filled, 10,138; number of deaths, 79.

#### NAMES AND CAUSES OF DEATHS.

No.	Name.	Age.	Cause of Death.
1.	Jacob Myers.....	87	Senile Debility.
2.	J. T. Story.....	64	Sclerosis of Stomach.
3.	W. W. Blackwell.....	88	Cirrhosis of Liver
4.	T. J. Brim.....	78	Bright's Disease.
5.	N. P. Smith.....	75	Uremia.
6.	Jimmie Coyle.....	72	Gastritis.
7.	J. K. Ish.....	77	Chronic Dysentery.
8.	Peter Allen.....	75	Heart Failure.
9.	J. W. Perkins.....	76	Grippe, Pneumonia.
10.	J. R. McLaugherty.....	62	Cancer.
11.	P. D. Bird.....	86	Arterio Sclerosis.
12.	Bennett Bass.....	77	Grippe, Pneumonia.
13.	Ben S. Wade.....	72	Heart Failure.
14.	Mead Lesueur.....	64	Mastoiditis.
15.	Conrad Ludwig.....	68	Cirrhosis of the Liver.
16.	Peter Walton.....	67	Grippe, Pneumonia.
17.	R. M. Cureton.....	66	Heart Failure.
18.	Peter Bundrant.....	89	Apoplexy.
19.	A. M. Crossland**.....	86	La Grippe.
20.	Louis Ferhiman.....	68	Arterio Sclerosis.
21.	W. D. Hargrove.....	79	Apoplexy.
22.	S. W. Dunning.....	75	Cancer.
23.	V. F. Cook.....	76	Congestion of the Bowels.
24.	Calvin Howard.....	75	Neurasthenia.
25.	J. C. Scott.....	76	Chronic Toxicosis.
26.	John Sherman.....	64	Congestion of the Brain.
27.	C. W. Andrews.....	*	Died while on Furlough.
28.	Francis McGreel.....	82	Neurosis and Senility.
29.	W. M. Muncy.....	71	Inflammatory Rheumatism.
30.	Charles D. Brown.....	74	Apoplexy.
31.	Martin Everhart.....	76	Sunstroke.
32.	Frank Strohmer.....	70	Sunstroke.
33.	J. D. Parker.....	73	Paralysis and Heat.

\*Age not known.  
\*\*Not an inmate, only admitted for treatment.

NAMES AND CAUSES OF DEATHS—continued.

No.	Name.	Age.	Cause of Death.
34.	J. S. Ashe.....	75	Senile Debility and Heat.
35.	S. H. Benson.....	73	Chronic Malaria.
36.	J. L. Burk.....	80	Senile Debility.
37.	Silas Jones.....	81	Auto-intoxication.
38.	G. W. Briggs.....	90	Senile Debility.
39.	J. S. Best.....	78	Died at Insane Asylum.
40.	Isaac Honisberger.....	83	Congestion of the Bowels.
41.	Peter Muller.....	74	Apoplexy.
42.	Manley Barrington.....	72	Cancer.
43.	Richard Ludwig.....	72	Sclerosis of the Liver.
44.	William McCain.....	70	Heart Failure.
45.	J. P. Herman.....	84	Jaundice.
46.	M. Y. Pierce.....	70	Uremia.
47.	A. K. Jenkins.....	65	Chronic Gastritis.
48.	John Mann.....	69	Acute Indigestion.
49.	S. B. Thompson.....	75	Congestion of the Stomach.
50.	J. G. Dilleha.....	85	La Grippe.
51.	J. W. Roden.....	80	Senile Debility.
52.	Jeff Alcorn.....	72	Quick Consumption.
53.	W. C. Brigam.....	67	Paralysis.
54.	Lawrence Thompson.....	66	Chronic Toxicosis.
55.	G. A. Wilkey.....	80	Chronic Colitis.
56.	W. A. Landreth.....	74	Marasmus.
57.	Wm. Becker.....	68	Died while on Furlough.
58.	Charley Cummins.....	76	Cirrhosis of the Liver.
59.	W. W. Stalnaker.....	70	Auto-intoxication.
60.	George Hille.....	83	Chronic Gastritis.
61.	T. D. Davidson.....	88	Fracture of Hip Joint.
62.	Jasper W. Johnson.....	83	Congestion of the Stomach.
63.	T. R. Hunter.....	72	Bright's Disease.
64.	L. W. Bradbury.....	73	Paralysis.
65.	A. B. McCall.....	75	Acute Dysentery.
66.	T. N. Wilson.....	67	Softening of the Brain.
67.	Jack Quinn.....	85	Septicemia.
68.	Christian Thieme.....	82	Suicide.
69.	Charles Holdenwang.....	74	Gastric Catarrh.
70.	N. Wolf.....	76	Senile Debility.
71.	W. C. Diggs.....	69	Apoplexy.
72.	J. R. Adams.....	70	Tuberculosis.
73.	J. E. Tipton.....	66	Tuberculosis.
74.	Manuel Cordaway.....	76	Paralysis.
75.	W. H. Snider.....	76	Acute Dysentery.
76.	J. H. Boatwright.....	71	Softening of the Brain.
77.	W. R. McRee.....	68	Auto-intoxication.
78.	Dan T. Boone.....	84	Fall from second story window.
79.	W. T. Doyle.....	72	Congestion of the Brain.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Z. T. BUNDY, M. D.,  
 Surgeon.

**REPORT OF OCULIST.**

*To the Honorable Superintendent and Board of Managers of the State Confederate Home.*

GENTLEMEN: During the past two years, ending August 31, 1910, I made 120 professional visits to the Home.

I have fitted 350 pairs of glasses, performed five operations, and have administered treatment to from six to twenty patients each visit. Owing to the advanced age of most of the men, a large per cent of them have defective vision and hearing; some cases amenable to treatment, others being without any appreciable effect. During the intervals between my visits the trained nurse carries out daily my instructions as regards the treatment in each individual case.

I wish to commend most highly the management of your hospital, and extend my appreciation of the courteous treatment which I have received from all officers and employes with whom my duties have brought me in contact.

Very respectfully,  
 W. A. HARPER, M. D.,  
 Oculist.

**REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGERS.**

*Hon. T. M. Campbell, Governor of Texas.*

DEAR SIR: The above report of Hon. R. M. Wynne, Superintendent of the Confederate Home, having been carefully considered, we beg leave to submit the same to you as our report for said institution, and only desire to add that the management of Superintendent Wynne and his officers has been entirely satisfactory to your Board, and we take great pleasure in saying that his course has proven the wisdom of your selection, and we endorse him as pre-eminently well qualified for the arduous duties imposed upon him by reason of his position.

W. C. WALSH, President;  
 VAL C. GILES,  
 PAUL F. THORNTON,  
 WM. STELFOX,  
 AL MUSGROVE,  
 Board of Managers