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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

*To His Excellency, W. P. Hobby, Governor, State of Texas, Austin,
Texas.*

DEAR SIR: The Board of Trustees of the Texas Confederate Home,
having carefully examined the biennial report of Superintendent J. C.
Loggins, approve the same and adopt it as our report to Your Excellency.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. WALSH,
President Board of Trustees.

August 31, 1918.



REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

To the Board of Trustees, Texas Confederate Home, Austin, Texas.

GENTLEMEN: I herewith submit for your consideration this biennial report of the expenditures and management of the Home for the fiscal years beginning September 1, 1916, and ending August 31, 1918.

The number of men in the Home on September 1, 1916, was 365.

The following is the monthly and yearly report of the inmates admitted, discharged and died, together with the Hospital enrollment, and the total number enrolled in the Home during the period from September 1, 1916, to August 31, 1918, as shown monthly on our records:

Year.	Month.	Admissions.	Discharges.	Deaths.	Hospital Enrollment.	Total Enrollment.
1915	September.....	14	3	6	81	370
1916	October.....	6	9	82	367
1916	November.....	5	4	3	83	365
1916	December.....	18	4	82	379
1917	January.....	9	6	6	87	376
1917	February.....	6	3	5	91	374
1917	March.....	9	4	7	83	372
1917	April.....	11	3	5	86	375
1917	May.....	3	3	6	89	369
1917	June.....	13	4	7	81	371
1917	July.....	7	4	4	82	370
1917	August.....	6	1	5	88	370
Totals.....		107	32	66	1015	4458
Averages.....		9-	2 2-3	5 ½	84 ½	371 ½

Year.	Month.	Admissions.	Discharges.	Deaths.	Hospital Enrollment.	Total Enrollment.
1917	September.....	9	1	8	85	370
1917	October.....	14	1	5	85	378
1917	November.....	4	2	5	83	375
1917	December.....	8	2	5	90	376
1918	January.....	6	3	7	94	372
1918	February.....	3	2	8	91	365
1918	March.....	8	2	5	89	366
1918	April.....	7	3	6	86	364
1918	May.....	2	1	6	83	359
1918	June.....	9	4	9	85	355
1918	July.....	7	3	4	89	355
1918	August.....	3	3	4	84	351
Totals.....		80	27	72	1044	4386
Averages.....		6 2-3	3 ¾	6	87	365 ½

You will observe that we have kept the Home full, ordering "in" from among those whose applications had been approved by the Board, first, the oldest and those most feeble and helpless; but there has been constantly on hand a waiting list of approved applications for whom we had no room, and were, therefore, compelled to defer admitting some who were seeking admission to the Home, and for whom we as yet have no room.

Next we call your attention to the report of the Storekeeper, showing the amounts appropriated by the Legislature for the various purposes, together with a deficiency appropriation granted by the Governor for

the support and maintenance fund. These various amounts have been expended in accord with the law and as intended by the Legislature at the time the appropriations were made.

Appropriations and expenditures for the fiscal year September 1, 1916, to August 31, 1917:

	Appropriations.	Expenditures.
Salary Superintendent.....	\$ 2,000 00	\$ 2,000 00
Salary other employes.....	17,640 00	16,437 26
Support and maintenance.....	55,000 00	54,717 24
Oculist.....	300 00	300 00
Shoe repairing.....	350 00	322 91
Furniture and beds.....	500 00	467 70
Dry goods and clothing.....	10,000 00	9,876 41
Transportation.....	100 00	
Repairs and painting.....	600 00	591 95
Books, newspapers and postage.....	500 00	461 00
Improvement of grounds.....	300 00	236 60
Drugs and hospital supplies.....	2,500 00	2,409 25
Kitchen, dining room and laundry.....	600 00	581 16
Dental work.....	200 00	195 50
Salary secretary.....	740 00	740 00
Stationery and printing.....	200 00	191 19
Blacksmithing and extra labor.....	300 00	286 85
Totals.....	\$ 91,830 00	\$ 89,825 02

Cost per capita per year.....\$241.78

Cost per capita per month..... 20.15

Appropriations and expenditures for the fiscal year September 1, 1917, to August 31, 1918:

	Appropriations.	Expenditures.
Salary Superintendent.....	\$ 2,000 00	\$ 2,000 00
Salary other employes.....	22,720 00	21,345 53
Support and maintenance.....	60,000 00	59,903 30
Support and maintenance, deficiency appropriation.....	10,000 00	9,896 39
Dry goods and clothing.....	12,000 00	11,750 82
Furniture and beds.....	1,000 00	890 97
Transportation.....	50 00	5 00
Books, newspapers and postage.....	550 00	549 60
Improvement of grounds.....	300 00	291 80
Drugs and hospital supplies.....	2,500 00	2,147 79
Kitchen, dining room and laundry.....	1,200 00	1,184 14
Fire extinguishers.....	200 00	112 50
Dental work.....	200 00	199 50
Stationery and printing.....	200 00	177 25
Blacksmithing and extra labor.....	200 00	196 15
Cyanide plant.....	500 00	500 00
Incinerating plant.....	500 00	500 00
Laundry machinery.....	3,500 00	3,430 00
Repairs sewer system.....	500 00	417 42
Shoe repairing.....	350 00	333 87
Bake oven and dish washers.....	500 00	170 06
Auto truck.....	750 00	750 00
General repairs.....	11,100 00	10,883 88
Heating plant.....	25,000 00	24,173 75
Totals.....	\$ 155,820 00	\$ 151,796 90

Cost per capita per year.....\$303.13

Cost per capita per month..... 25.26

We desire to call your attention to the several appropriations for repairs and improvements and to the matter of their use. First is \$25,000 for a heating plant. We have installed a heating plant to heat the

buildings of the Home (with the exception of the little plank shacks), which we think adds more to the comfort of the inmates than any improvement that we could have made. The cost of our heating plant was \$24,173.75, which is \$825.25 less than the amount appropriated. We think we have a splendid heating plant. It not only relieves the inmates of the Home from building fires in small coal stoves to keep themselves comfortable, many of whom are physically unable by reason of their advanced age or other infirmity to thus care for themselves, but it enables us to keep their rooms in a much better condition of neatness and cleanliness, and it does away with the great danger of fire, that heretofore, as you will see later from this report, has been a menace to the safety of the Home. It will save to the State in a few years enough on the amount paid for fuel to more than offset the cost of the heating system, and thus is an economic investment.

The next large item of the appropriations is \$11,100 for repairs. The entire amount was expended for repairs, and yet many needed repairs were left untouched, because the amount was not adequate to meet the needs. Most of the buildings were recovered entirely, the old roofs being rotten and full of holes or leaks. Many of them were also re-floored, as the floors, like the roofs, were rotten and worn out. The doors and windows were repaired where it was needed, and well screened, thus making the houses in which the men live comfortable and sanitary. There was much work to do on the closets and bath rooms, as well as the entire sewer system, to make them sanitary and decent and such as to meet the requirements of modern sanitation and public health demands. This work has all been done with an eye to the good of the Home, and at the same time a careful scrutiny maintained of the lawful expenditure of the State's money.

We have had constructed a fireproof house for disinfection, in which we can disinfect such bedding and clothes as may need to be thus treated. We have also constructed an incinerator for disposing of our garbage. Both of these structures were specifically provided for in the appropriations, as you will see from the Storekeeper's report. It would make this report entirely too lengthy to go into details as to the many repairs we have had to make for the good of the Home, and the only others of which I wish to speak are those occasioned by a fire.

In the winter of 1916-17, during February, I think, we had a fire that practically destroyed nearly or quite half the roof on the old Hospital building, causing a loss to us of about \$1000, which was repaired at once. We had a fire in January, 1918, that destroyed the wooden part of the north cottage in the west row; only the floors and brick walls were saved. This damage was repaired at once at a loss to us of about \$1400. Then we had a fire in one of the small plank houses west of the Administration Building, which was at once repaired at a loss of about \$100. You will thus see our fires under the old system of heating with stoves were quite a menace to the safety of the Home, which is now abated by the installation of the present heating system.

Next I submit the biennial reports of Drs. Gill and Pettway of the Hospital, which speaks sufficiently for them, Dr. Pettway making the report for the last month of the fiscal year ending August 31, 1918.

Dr. J. C. Loggins, Superintendent, Members of the Board of Trustees, Texas Confederate Home.

GENTLEMEN: At your very reasonable request, as I have served twenty-three months of this period, I make this report, to be supplemented by my successor, Dr. Pettway.

The quartermaster has furnished a book for the purpose, and I have endeavored to keep a record of all the men treated in the Hospital. During this period there have been 375 entrances into the Hospital, inclusive of those in the Hospital at the beginning of the period. Of these, about 50 were new men admitted to the Home, coming directly from their homes to the Hospital. A large percentage of these new men were in extremely bad condition, several of them dying only a few days after their entrance.

Seven men have been transferred to the State Lunatic Asylum, and there are now three or four men in the Hospital who could be better cared for at the asylum.

There has been no epidemic, and but few cases of preventable diseases. Most of the deaths were from and most of the sickness has been chronic diseases incident to old age. There has been a total of 132 deaths—67 the first year and 65 this year to date. Twenty-six of these, or about 20 per cent, died of diseases not incident to old age, but the mortality was influenced by age. In fact, several included in the 26 were, by reason of senility or disease, hopeless invalids. Of these, one died of la grippe; three of pneumonia; one infection of gall bladder; one peritonitis; six of tuberculosis; one edema of larynx; three erysipelas; six of dysentery; one ulcer of stomach; one strangulated hernia; one knife stab; one acute gastritis. The dysentery was of a subacute form, and death was due to previously exhausted condition.

I particularly wish to call your attention to the condition of our Hospital building. It is a brick veneer or frame building with one thickness of brick on outside and plaster on inside, wood floors, stairs, porches and window and door frames. It is three stories high; a veritable fire-trap, and it would be practically impossible to get all the men out in case it should catch fire. The great State of Texas should build a modern fireproof Hospital, with a capacity of at least 150 beds for the grand old veterans, and not expose them longer to the danger of being burned alive. I hope and know you gentlemen will put this matter of building a new Hospital up to the Legislature in such a way that all may know where the responsibility lies in case we should have a wholesale barbecue of old helpless men.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. F. GILL, M. D.,
Surgeon Texas Confederate Home.

The following is the list of those who have passed to the Great Beyond in the last two years:

Date.	Name.	Age.	Cause of Death.
Sept. 7, 1916	Wilson, Jason H.	74	Chronic interstitial nephritis.
Sept. 9, 1916	Campbell, G. W.	84	Epithelioma of face.
Sept. 9, 1916	Hutchins, J. F.	80	Fall from third story.
Sept. 14, 1916	Raines, A. J.	86	Cirrhosis of liver.
Sept. 27, 1916	Carter, J. C.	81	Arteriosclerosis.
Sept. 29, 1916	Wells, James E.	79	Pericarditis.
Sept. 30, 1916	Collins, C. C.	83	Paralysis.
Oct. 1, 1916	Edmonston, J. G.	83	Arteriosclerosis.
Oct. 1, 1916	Taylor, W. J.	93	Chronic bronchitis.
Oct. 5, 1916	Be-yen, Berry	99	Arteriosclerosis.
Oct. 8, 1916	Rhea, T. W.	73	Chronic interstitial nephritis.
Oct. 24, 1916	Davis, John S.	83	Chronic endocarditis.
Oct. 27, 1916	Tindall, T. R.	70	Epithelioma of eye.
Oct. 27, 1916	Greathouse, J. C.	83	Hip joint form of femur.
Nov. 6, 1916	Scott, E. W.	71	Carcinoma of colon.
Nov. 26, 1916	Parker, J. H.	78	Chronic interstitial nephritis.
Nov. 28, 1916	Joiner, Wm.	76	Dilatation of heart.
Dec. 12, 1916	Skaggs, Asberry	72	Found dead in bed.
Dec. 10, 1916	Earle, A. C.	75	Cystitis.
Dec. 16, 1916	Wright, J. F.	72	Cancer of stomach.
Dec. 22, 1916	Matthewson, Tom.	73	Epithelioma of lip.
Jan. 4, 1917	Singleton, J. C.	88	Pneumonia.
Jan. 7, 1917	Smith, J. E.	84	Ostio sarcoma of leg.
Jan. 14, 1917	Harwood, A. J.	86	Chronic interstitial nephritis.
Jan. 16, 1917	Miller, R. S.	79	Chronic interstitial nephritis.
Jan. 17, 1917	Hopper, D. T.	80	Carcinoma of stomach.
Jan. 22, 1917	Wilson, Z. H.	77	Lateral spinal sclerosis.
Feb. 2, 1917	Grimes, J. E.	70	Aneurism of as. orta.
Feb. 13, 1917	Lignoski, R. B.	75	Abscess of prostate.
Feb. 13, 1917	G. W. Pierce	74	Lagrippe, T. B.
Feb. 26, 1917	Burleson, Jacob	78	Endocarditis.
Feb. 27, 1917	Beauchamp, P. B.	72	Lagrippe.
Mar. 2, 1917	Taylor, J. F.	71	Pneumonia.
Mar. 14, 1917	Kirksey, J. Q.	81	Fracture of femur hip joint.
Mar. 17, 1917	Lewis, Warner	82	Tuberculosis.
Mar. 23, 1917	Ritchie, B. W.	86	Softening of brain.
Mar. 24, 1917	Sanders, W. F.	85	Chronic interstitial nephritis.
Mar. 28, 1917	Mosley, J. B.	86	Infection of gall bladder.
Mar. 30, 1917	Milam, B. Y.	73	Softening of brain.
April 2, 1917	Pearson, O. H.	89	Diabetes mellitus.
April 2, 1917	Lyons, A. S.	69	Parenchym nephritis.
April 13, 1917	Wilson, T. C.	75	Chronic interstitial nephritis.
April 13, 1917	Braden, J. C.	71	Peritonitis.
April 30, 1917	Ledbetter, J. P.	73	Tuberculosis.
May 5, 1917	Mack, J. H.	70	Edema of larynx.
May 5, 1917	Brooks, J. R.	82	Chronic interstitial nephritis.
May 13, 1917	Lock, L. C.	80	Apoplexy.
May 13, 1917	Zachary, F. M.	81	Arteriosclerosis.
May 27, 1917	Bowlin, J. W.	86	Apoplexy.
May 30, 1917	Parnell, W. M.	89	Erysipelas of face.
June 9, 1917	Stribbling, T. C.	75	Insanity.
June 10, 1917	Raney, J. B.	78	Carcinoma of liver.
June 12, 1917	Robert, T. C.	81	Tuberculosis.
June 16, 1917	Satterwhite, H. E.	71	Chronic interstitial nephritis.
June 21, 1917	Deary, D. L.	81	Chronic parenchym nephritis.
June 26, 1917	Wilson, J. C.	78	Fell dead on street.
June 27, 1917	Ramsey, J. W.	77	Cancer of pharynx.
July 16, 1917	Dement, L. T.	75	Apoplexy.
July 23, 1917	Cotton, R. C.	85	Chronic interstitia.
July 25, 1917	Cate, J. J.	79	Acute enterocolitis.
July 27, 1917	Wall, Ben F.	71	Apoplexy.
Aug. 5, 1917	Walton, J. T.	71	Perforating ulcer of stomach.
Aug. 6, 1917	Watson, W. H.	77	Tuberculosis.
Aug. 11, 1917	Black, T. M.	71	Carcinoma of sigmoid.
Aug. 12, 1917	Self, D. R.	75	Tuberculosis.
Aug. 14, 1917	Vernon, Lee	82	Cancer of stomach.
Sept. 7, 1917	Black, J. R.	85	Dysentery.
Sept. 8, 1917	Stallcup, J. M.	79	Concussion of brain.
Sept. 11, 1917	Passmore, T. H.	78	Died in Fort Worth.
Sept. 17, 1917	Oliver, S. N.	81	Senile dementia.
Sept. 19, 1917	Watson, W. A.	75	Apoplexy.
Sept. 24, 1917	Vernon, Robt. G.	75	Cancer of stomach.
Sept. 28, 1917	Anderson, G. W.	73	Dysentery.
Sept. 28, 1917	Sloman, B. S.	84	Arteriosclerosis.
Oct. 1, 1917	Long, J. P.	81	Chronic bronchitis.
Oct. 15, 1917	Brashar, J. T.	83	Chronic interstitial nephritis.
Oct. 26, 1917	Leeper, J. N.	74	Apoplexy.
Oct. 26, 1917	Speegler, E. H.	77	Diabetes me'litus.

Date.	Name.	Age.	Cause of Death.
Oct. 30, 1917	Miller, W. H.	79	Dysentery.
Oct. 30, 1917	Pike, William	75	Pneumonia.
Nov. 11, 1917	Hargon, P. H.	87	Senility.
Nov. 14, 1917	Howell, P. C.	79	Chronic interstitial nephritis.
Nov. 15, 1917	Adams, A. J.	72	Apoplexy.
Nov. 19, 1917	Bright, G. W.	77	Chronic interstitial nephritis.
Nov. 21, 1917	Allen, E. P.	74	Cancer of stomach.
Dec. 2, 1917	McCracken, G. H.	77	Hip joint fracture of femur.
Dec. 3, 1917	Whittle, J. C.	76	Chronic interstitial nephritis.
Dec. 6, 1917	Glass, H. M.	89	Senility.
Dec. 19, 1917	Tipton, J. C.	83	Prostatitis.
Jan. 4, 1918	Harwell, John	77	Chronic Par. nephritis.
Jan. 13, 1918	Donahue, Chas.	85	Senile dementia.
Jan. 16, 1918	Riddle, Lewis	83	Found dead in bed.
Jan. 16, 1918	John Burns	76	Embolism.
Jan. 22, 1917	Owby, B. V.	77	Diabetes mellitus.
Jan. 23, 1918	Renfro, S. A.	78	Pneumonia.
Jan. 26, 1918	Ortlipp, Wm.	76	Strangulated hernia.
Feb. 9, 1918	Stevenson, E. H.	78	Apoplexy.
Feb. 9, 1918	Wyatt, J. C.	86	Chronic interstitial nephritis.
Feb. 11, 1918	Norfleet, J. S.	83	Chronic interstitial nephritis.
Feb. 18, 1918	Gilmore, G. W.	85	Erysipelas.
Feb. 20, 1918	Latimer, S. O.	72	Chronic interstitial nephritis.
Feb. 21, 1918	Cook, W. J.	80	Tuberculosis.
Feb. 25, 1918	Townsend, B. J.	87	Railroad accident.
Feb. 28, 1918	Matthews, Ira	79	Knife stab infection.
Mar. 1, 1918	McMorris, Ben F.	79	Purulent cystitis.
Mar. 3, 1918	Jones, A. F.	81	Cancer of larynx.
Mar. 19, 1918	Chilton, M. D.	72	Tuberculosis.
Mar. 27, 1918	McArthur, W. N.	83	Tuberculosis.
Mar. 29, 1918	Cloud, A. E.	88	Acute gastritis.
April 2, 1918	Cheairs, A. L.	77	Chronic interstitial nephritis.
April 16, 1918	Outlaw, D. E.	84	Erysipelas of face.
April 19, 1918	Cox, J. B.	79	Chronic Par. nephritis.
April 22, 1918	Vining, M. C.	89	Apoplexy.
April 24, 1918	Graves, J. R.	72	Chronic Par. nephritis.
April 29, 1918	Polk, E. B.	85	Dysentery.
May 6, 1918	Patrick, A. J.	78	Diabetes mellitus.
May 22, 1918	Lee, A. S. P.	78	Diabetes mellitus.
May 23, 1918	McHatton, A.	81	Apoplexy.
May 24, 1918	Campbell, A. J.	77	Cancer of stomach.
May 27, 1918	Owens, T. J.	72	Cancer of stomach.
May 29, 1918	Matchett, J. L.	97	Senility.
June 3, 1918	Carothers, H. O.	81	Dysentery.
June 6, 1918	Reeves, J. F.	78	Chronic Par. nephritis.
June 7, 1918	Shahan, A. J.	74	Chronic interstitial nephritis.
June 8, 1918	McCool, J. M.	74	Chronic interstitial nephritis.
June 8, 1918	Harwell, M. D.	76	Epithelioma of face.
June 17, 1918	Dementa, J. D.	80	Chronic interstitial nephritis.
June 27, 1918	Miller, J. S.	77	Apoplexy.
June 27, 1918	Jones, G. P.	87	Died at Asylum.
June 28, 1918	Jinds, J. K.	74	Apoplexy.
July 3, 1918	Simmons, Matthew	72	Carcinoma of liver.
July 11, 1918	Green, S. F.	76	Apoplexy.
July 21, 1918	Simmons, C. C.	74	Found dead in bed.

Dr. J. C. Loggins, Superintendent, Board of Trustees, Texas Confederate Home.

GENTLEMEN: I hereby submit my report for the month ending August 31, 1918.

We have at present under treatment at the Hospital eighty-three (83) patients.

There were four deaths during August, 1918, as follows:

August 11—Smith, Ben F., age 78; tuberculosis.

August 19—Bradley, Wm., age 86; tuberculosis.

August 19—Jerry Brooks, age 86; tuberculosis.

August 24—Rivers, W. H., age 79; tuberculosis.

Respectfully,

T. R. PETTWAY, M. D.,
Surgeon Texas Confederate Home.

I would call your attention especially to the statement of Dr. Gill as to the necessity of a fireproof Hospital, only to emphasize what he has said on this subject, and shall only say further that I can cheerfully endorse the work and words of both these doctors.

I also include the report of Dr. J. R. Nichols, Oculist and Aurist, who has given satisfaction in his work at the Home, and would call your attention to the fact that by some oversight no appropriation was made by the Legislature for his pay during this year, but he has very cheerfully expressed his willingness to continue his work at the Home and trust to the sense of justice of our Legislature to correct this omission. Dr. Nichols' report follows.

Dr. J. C. Loggins, Superintendent Texas Confederate Home.

DEAR SIR: I herewith submit report of work done in my department. Permit me to state that the duties are similar to those of previous reports submitted, and I reiterate what is therein contained.

A card index system is kept of all cases that come under my care and treatment, which is on file at the Hospital, and reference is made for more detail information.

I recommend that an appropriation be requested to fill prescriptions for eye glasses, otherwise it will not be possible to render efficient service in refraction, owing to the fact that there are cases which require lenses other than those supplied by contract.

It has been our policy to conduct the department economically, and I have endeavored to render service to the best of my ability at the Hospital and down-town office.

The nurses are to be commended for the interest manifested and their willingness to carry out instructions in the care and treatment of the patients.

I take this opportunity of thanking the officers of the Home for courtesies extended.

Respectfully,

J. R. NICHOLS, M. D.,
Oculist and Aurist.

I wish now to say in this report as to the management and condition of the Home during the period it covers from September 1, 1916, to August 31, 1918.

First, the inmates have had an ample supply of generous wholesome food with a greater range of variety than is found on the table of the average citizen of Texas. The food has been well and seasonably cooked, the bread being quite as good or better than the bread on most of the hotel tables of the State. The meat served is the best found in the market, being furnished by the Fort Worth packing house. The inmates have coffee, tea and milk on the table three times a day, and vegetables in season, with such things as dried peas, dried beans, potatoes, Irish and sweet, with rice, oatmeal and other cereals, and evaporated fruits and butter. Their food is not only well cooked, but they are served by female waiters in a clean, light and well ventilated dining room. To be brief and yet conclusive, I am safe in the statement that the inmates of the Home are fed better in the Home than they were accustomed to have before coming to the Home.

The clothing furnished to the inmates is of good grade, and such as to make the men comfortable. We keep a good seamstress, who fills her position with satisfaction, and keeps the clothes of the inmates mended and in good condition.

I am now reminded of an omission of one item, which should have been mentioned earlier in this report, and that is with reference to our laundry.

We have a splendid laundry on the grounds. There was an appropriation of \$3500 made by the Legislature for laundry machinery, and we have expended \$3430 of it, and now have an up-to-date laundry for keeping the clothes of the inmates clean and properly laundered, so that there is no excuse for an inmate wearing a soiled or dirty garment.

The rooms occupied by the inmates are well ventilated, well lighted and well heated. They are well clothed and well fed, and when they get sick we have a Hospital where they are well treated and well cared for.

A very large majority of the inmates are satisfied and contented with the Home, but we have a small percentage of men who are constant complainers; some of them loud in their expressions of complaint. They belong to a class of chronic fault-finders and trouble-makers, who are heard more by the noise they make with their mouths more than half a century after the close of the war than they were during the war by the noise they made on the battle line with their gun. Nothing cures these men but death, and we are trying to stave that off as long as possible, that they may enjoy the happiness of their present imaginary misery, as they are never real happy except when brooding over some imaginary grievance.

In conclusion, I can say the morale of the Home is good, and the condition of the Home is good. The sanitary condition is far better than it has been for years.

I will now end this report by asking the Board of Trustees to inspect the Home and talk to the inmates, that they may know by observation just what the conditions of the inmates of the Home and the Home are.

Thanking the employes of the Home from the least to the highest for their faithful and loyal discharge of their duty, and also thanking the Board of Trustees and the employes for their uniform courtesy and kindness toward me since I have been with them, I beg to remain,

Yours respectfully,

J. C. LOGGINS, M. D.,
Superintendent Texas Confederate Home.