

Lawrence Mass March 15, 1854.

Board of County Commissioners met in special session at the office of the County Clerk.

There were present Comrs. John Matten Chairman John Matten and Mr. Draper and County Clerk Joel S. White.

Report of Committee
to Poor Farmers and
to Asylum

After making a thorough examination in person respectfully make the following report.

The following is a brief statement of the number and present condition of the inmates of the Douglas County Asylum as reported by the Committee appointed March 7, 1854.

Mary Simpson Colored about 40 years old paralyzed in lower extremities. Resides in Asylum a long time, next next occupant is Pat. Hall an Irishman old and feeble. Solomon Davis Colored very old and feeble also an old occupant. Susan Shanks and daughter Colored, some mental trouble, and Asthma, does most of the cooking for the rest of the paupers. She is about 35 years old and daughter about 6. Filled Townsend Colored, very old but there about one year. George Ryan, white, middle age from Decempton. He has a dislocation of the right thigh bone at the hip joint, the surgeons who attended the case were unable to reduce it and keep it in place. He is doing as well as could be expected, and will soon be able to take care of himself. Samuel L. Rusk age about twenty years. Feeble minded is there on account of frozen hands and feet during the first cold spell this winter but he is nearly well.

E. Stofessor white is a man who was sent from Lawrence to the Insane Asylum less than a year ago. Hept there a short time and sent back here incurable. He is interfering some of present ought to have been kept at the Insane Asylum where he could have had better facilities for care and treatment. John and Charles Blue, two Colored boys, aged 8 and 10 years respectively Asthmatic. white, chronic Rheumatism about 45 years old unable to work, expects a pension and if successful will be able to take care of himself. Colored 7. white 5. Total 12.

John Matten }
Mr. Draper } Committee
Dr. R. Morris }

Board adjourned.

Attest Joel S. White
County Clerk