
REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS

FOR THE

CARE OF THE INDIGENT INSANE

OF THE

STATE OF NEVADA,

FOR

THE YEARS 1873 AND 1874.

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REPORT.

To the honorable the Legislature of the State of Nevada:

In compliance with the requirements of the statutes, the Commissioners for the care of the indigent insane of the State of Nevada have the honor to submit the report of their proceedings under the Act by which the Commission was created.

*The various items of the report will be found under the following heads:

EXHIBIT "A."—Showing list of patients at asylum January first, eighteen hundred and seventy-three. Also, those that have died or been discharged, up to December thirty-first, eighteen hundred and seventy-four.

EXHIBIT "B."—Showing a list of indigent insane patients sent to asylum during the years eighteen hundred and seventy-three-four.

EXHIBIT "C."—Showing the total expenditures during the years eighteen hundred and seventy-three and eighteen hundred and seventy-four.

On the fifteenth day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, the Commissioners entered into a contract with Dr. Samuel Langdon, of Stockton—a physician of high standing and of large experience in the care of the insane—for the care of our insane for two years from that date, at nine dollars per week per patient, as was fully set forth in our report to the last Legislature. Under the authority conferred by the Act creating the Commission, the contract was renewed with Drs. Langdon and Clark (Dr. Clark having been associated with Dr. Langdon during the existence of the previous contract), for the care of our insane, for three years from the fifteenth day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, at seven dollars per week per patient, as will more fully appear from the contract, a copy of which is here incorporated in and made part of this report:

"This agreement, made and concluded this sixth day of June, A. D. eighteen hundred and seventy-three, between the Board of Commissioners for the purpose of providing for the care and maintenance of the indigent insane of the State of Nevada—a Board created by an Act of the Legislature of the State of Nevada entitled an Act to provide for properly taking care of the indigent insane of the State of Nevada.

approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-one—party of the first part, and Samuel Langdon and Asa Clark, of Stockton, California, parties of the second part, witnesseth:

“The said parties of the second part covenant and agree, to and with the said party of the first part, to take entire charge of the insane of the State of Nevada at present in the asylum at Woodbridge, California, and all of those who, during the continuance of this agreement, shall by the proper authorities of the State of Nevada be adjudged insane and delivered to them, the parties of the second part, at their asylum at Woodbridge, California, for the term of three (3) years from July fifteenth (15th), A. D. eighteen hundred and seventy-three, and until the State authorities of the State of Nevada are prepared to receive them. And for this purpose the said parties of the second part agree to furnish, at their own proper cost, for the use and occupancy of the said insane, a suitable and comfortable building or buildings at Woodbridge, California, all necessary medical attendance and medicines, employ all necessary persons for the proper care and comfort of the said insane, to provide for them fuel, clothing, and subsistence, and to do and furnish all and everything necessary to the care and comfort of the said insane of the State of Nevada, and in the event of the death of any of them to provide proper burial.

“And the said party of the first part, covenants and agrees to pay unto the parties of the second part, for each and every insane person delivered by the State of Nevada to the care and keeping of the parties of the second part, during the time he or she may remain in such care and keeping, at the rate of seven (7) dollars in gold coin, or its equivalent, per week, payable on or about the first of every month, for services rendered the month previous. It is understood by and between the parties to these presents, that the right of inspection at all times of the condition and keeping of the said insane is reserved to the party of the first part; and upon failure of the parties of the second part to comply with the conditions of this agreement, or for just and reasonable cause, after notification and time for hearing in defense of the parties of the second part, the party of the first part may at any time annul and make void this agreement.

“In testimony whereof, the parties to these presents have set their hands and affixed their seals, the day and year first above written.

[SEAL]

“L. R. BRADLEY,

Governor State of Nevada,

[SEAL]

“W. W. HOBART,

Controller State of Nevada,

[SEAL]

“JERRY SCHOOLING,

Treasurer State of Nevada,

“Board of Commissioners for care and maintenance of the indigent insane of the State of Nevada.

[SEAL]

“SAMUEL LANGDON,

[SEAL]

“ASA CLARK.

“Witness, HERBERT E. HALL.”

The Commissioners deemed it for the best interest of the State to make the contract for three years, for the reason, that as the Legislature of eighteen hundred and seventy-three had made no provision for the care of the insane within the limits of our State, that duty would

devolve upon the present Legislature. If such provision is made at the present session, there would be less than five months in which either to build or suitably prepare and furnish a building for the reception of our insane patients, provided that the contract was only renewed for two years. Believing from frequent inspection that they were properly cared for under the administration of Drs. Langdon and Clark, and that on point of economy the State would not be the loser by their remaining there a sufficient length of time, at any rate, to fully prepare for their suitable reception and care within the borders of our own State, the Commissioners entered into the contract as before stated.

In view, however, of the increase in the number of indigent insane patients, for whose care and maintenance the State must provide, and the large amount of money that must be expended for that purpose, the citizens of the State should receive the benefit of such expenditure, as soon as it can be done in justice to these unfortunates, by providing suitable buildings, etc., for that purpose. It has been suggested that the present State Prison buildings can be utilized for an asylum, when vacated for prison purposes. The Commissioners are inclined to believe that if the cloud resting upon the title of the State to these premises can be removed at a reasonable cost, that the State can remodel the buildings so that they will be suitable for asylum purposes, at a comparatively small outlay, and that such a course would be for the interest of the State. The Commissioners therefore recommend that an appropriation of fifty thousand dollars, to be expended under the direction of this Commission, or some other appointed for that purpose, be made, for the purpose of buying grounds, building, or remodeling such buildings as may be on the grounds, suitably furnishing the same, and to pay the expenses incidental to the removal of our insane from Woodbridge, California, to the asylum in this State, at the expiration of the present contract. They also recommend an appropriation of seventy-five thousand dollars for the care and maintenance of the indigent insane for the next two years. They recommend an appropriation so largely in excess of any heretofore made for this purpose, for these reasons: First—Owing to the large increase in the number of patients during the years eighteen hundred and seventy-three and eighteen hundred and seventy-four, the total expenses for those years in this regard were forty-five thousand seven hundred and thirty-six dollars and sixty-four cents, against thirty-two thousand six hundred and sixty-five dollars and sixty-one cents for the years eighteen hundred and seventy-one and eighteen hundred and seventy-two, notwithstanding the fact the cost of care and maintenance for the last eighteen months of eighteen hundred and seventy-three and eighteen hundred and seventy-four was seven dollars per week per patient, as against nine dollars per week per patient during the same space of time in eighteen hundred and seventy-one and eighteen hundred and seventy-two, and there is no reason why a proportionate increase may not be expected in the next two years. Second—If the entire expense of transporting the insane from the counties from which they are committed is placed upon the State, the drain upon this appropriation will be largely increased.

Respectfully submitted.

JERRY SCHOOLING,
W. W. HOBART,
Commissioners for the Care of the Indigent Insane.

EXHIBIT

Statement showing list of patients at Asylum, January 1st, 1873; also,

Number	NAME.	DATE OF COMMITTAL AT THE CALIFORNIA ASYLUM.			DATE OF COMMITTAL AT WOODBRIDGE ASYLUM.			From what county.
		Year.	Month.	Day.	Year.	Month.	Day.	
1	Rosa Hayden.....	1867.	Sept.....	10	1871.	July.....	15	Ormsby.....
2	John Brown.....	1867.	April.....	24	1871.	July.....	15	Ormsby.....
3	Charles Ballis.....	1867.	June.....	10	1871.	July.....	15	Lander.....
4	Nicholas Miller.....	1867.	Sept.....	6	1871.	July.....	15	Storey.....
5	Richard L. Carl.....	1868.	January.....	5	1871.	July.....	15	Lander.....
6	Wm. M. Roberts.....	1868.	February.....	22	1871.	July.....	15	Lyon.....
7	George Speck.....	1868.	April.....	17	1871.	July.....	15	Lander.....
8	Jane Sloan.....	1868.	July.....	9	1871.	July.....	15	Storey.....
9	Frank Haskell.....	1869.	June.....	4	1871.	July.....	15	Ormsby.....
10	Frank Cummings.....	1869.	May.....	10	1871.	July.....	15	Storey.....
11	Antonie Voight.....	1869.	Aug.....	22	1871.	July.....	15	Ormsby.....
12	Peter O'Riely.....	1870.	Nov.....	18	1871.	July.....	15	Ormsby.....
13	Levi Kitel.....	1870.	May.....	18	1871.	July.....	15	Storey.....
14	Moses Jordan.....	1871.	Nov.....	15	1871.	July.....	15	White Pine.
15	John Kelsey.....	1871.	May.....	28	1871.	July.....	15	Storey.....
16	Henry Quail.....	1871.	June.....	21	1871.	July.....	15	Washoe.....
17	Louisa Graff.....	1868.	April.....	1	1871.	} Aug.....	9	Washoe.....
		1869.	July.....	15	1871.			
18	Lucella Thomas.....	1865.	Sept.....	25	1871.	Aug.....	9	Ormsby.....
19	Elizabeth Coffal.....	1871.	May.....	9	1871.	Nov.....	15	Ormsby.....
20	James Kelly.....				1871.	Aug.....	4	Storey.....
21	Joseph DeRosier.....				1871.	Aug.....	21	Emeralda..
22	Rosa Landon.....				1871.	Sept.....	2	White Pine.
23	Richard Nolan.....				1871.	Sept.....	22	Nye.....
24	Russell White.....				1871.	Nov.....	17	White Pine.
25	Alice Jackson.....				1872.	January.....	22	Lincoln.....
26	Wm. Young.....				1872.	January.....	23	Elko.....
27	Charles Holtz.....				1872.	February.....	15	Storey.....
28	Geo. Thompson.....				1872.	February.....	15	Storey.....
29	Wm. A. Riely.....				1872.	March.....	20	Washoe.....
30	Alexandria Ries.....				1872.	March.....	20	Washoe.....
31	Joseph G. Hitchens.....				1872.	April.....	10	Elko.....
32	Julian Muers.....				1872.	April.....	16	Storey.....
33	Frederick Klumker.....				1872.	June.....	13	Washoe.....
34	Edward Kerwin.....				1872.	June.....	30	Storey.....
35	Thomas Campbell.....				1872.	July.....	11	Lander.....
36	John O'Brien.....				1872.	July.....	11	Lander.....
37	Thomas Trant.....				1872.	Aug.....	7	Storey.....
38	Edwin A. Davis.....				1872.	Aug.....	16	Ormsby.....
39	Augustin Bigrass.....				1872.	October.....	22	Lander.....
40	Eugene Sullivan.....				1872.	Nov.....	26	Lincoln.....

"A."

those that have died or been discharged up to December 31st, 1874.

Nativity.	Age when com- menced.....	Cause of insanity.	REMARKS.
Ireland.....	37	Unknown.....	
Ireland.....	38	Religion.....	
Unknown.....	Unknown	Unknown.....	
France.....	43	Religion.....	
Ohio.....	29	Unknown.....	
Iowa.....	11	Epilepsy.....	
England.....	36	Losses in business.....	
Ireland.....	41	Parturition.....	
Austria.....	46	Unknown.....	
New York.....	22	Masturbation.....	
France.....	41	Unknown.....	
Ireland.....	40	Spiritualism.....	Died February 5th, 1873
Norway.....	40	Unknown.....	
Ireland.....	25	Unknown.....	
Norway.....	30	Masturbation.....	Died August 2d, 1873
Unknown.....	28	Masturbation.....	
Unknown.....	Unknown	Loss of children.....	
Unknown.....	Unknown	Religion.....	
Unknown.....	Unknown	Softening of the brain.....	
Ireland.....	40	Loss of property.....	
Canada.....	30	Unknown.....	
Ireland.....	29	Derangement of digestive organs.....	
Ireland.....	57	Mental decline.....	
Vermont.....	41	Separation from his family.....	
Iowa.....	23	Epilepsy.....	Died December 8d, 1874
Ireland.....	26	Typhoid fever.....	
Germany.....	36	Epilepsy.....	
Germany.....	52	Domestic and financial troubles.....	
Maine.....	30	Masturbation.....	
Mexico.....	33	Drugged.....	
Pennsylvania.....	37	Intemperance.....	Discharged July 2d, 1873
Germany.....	Unknown	Disappointment.....	
Switzerland.....	41	Epilepsy.....	
Ireland.....	30	Loss in stocks.....	
New York.....	38	Unknown.....	Died September 21st, 1873
Michigan.....	12	Epilepsy.....	
Massachusetts.....	17	Onanism.....	Discharged June 20th, 1873
England.....	36	Masturbation.....	
Canada.....	22	Unknown.....	
Ireland.....	32	Onanism.....	Died February 5th, 1873

EXHIBIT

Statement showing a list of indigent insane patients

Number	NAMES.	DATE OF COMMITAL AT WOODBIDGE ASYLUM.			From what county.	Age
		Year.	Month.	Day.		
1	Madison Lebott.....	1873.	January	12	Ormsby	54
2	Abbie E. Hunt.....	1873.	February	10	Lincoln	38
3	Peter Bohn.....	1873.	April	1	Storey	42
4	Kate Hickey.....	1873.	April	8	Ormsby	25
5	Florence Mahoney.....	1873.	April	14	Humboldt	62
6	Ellen Calemberti.....	1873.	May	5	Ormsby	38
7	William Hill.....	1873.	May	25	Storey	30
8	Pauline Leventhal.....	1873.	May	30	Eureka	28
9	Geo. Stallberg.....	1873.	June	13	Storey	48
10	John May.....	1873.	July	10	Storey	21
11	Hannah Tine.....	1873.	August	2	Ormsby	35
12	Unknown.....	1873.	August	17	Storey	30
13	Mary Thornton.....	1873.	September	4	Storey	35
14	Henry Taylor.....	1873.	September	17	Lyon	30
15	Ah Cow.....	1873.	October	13	Humboldt	38
16	Frederick Sherman.....	1873.	October	14	Washoe	34
17	A. N. Carpenter.....	1873.	October	21	Elko	30
18	James A. Burns.....	1873.	November	11	Ormsby	49
19	William Coats.....	1873.	November	12	Eureka	32
20	Hannah Morrison.....	1873.	December	10	Douglas	39
21	George Deitz.....	1874.	January	10	Storey	28
22	Lorent Bennito.....	1874.	February	8	Storey	33
23	Joseph T. Hunt.....	1874.	February	25	Eureka	30
24	Abbie Hunt.....	1874.	March	27	Storey	40
25	Margaret Trant.....	1874.	April	14	Washoe	34
26	Patrick Mahoney.....	1874.	May	6	Humboldt	40
27	Neils Johnson.....	1874.	May	7	Eureka	42
28	Eugene Milliman.....	1874.	May	22	Eureka	36
29	James Lonnanstine.....	1874.	May	24	Lyon	29
30	C. P. Rutchford.....	1874.	May	29	Lyon	31
31	Mary McGroty.....	1874.	June	8	Lyon	41
32	Frederick Buchal.....	1874.	June	4	Lyon	50
33	Elizabeth Duffy.....	1874.	June	20	Storey	27
34	James Martin.....	1874.	June	23	Humboldt	33
35	Susan Rothenbacher.....	1874.	July	5	Storey	30
36	Charles A. Barry.....	1874.	July	11	Washoe	52
37	Peter Peters.....	1874.	July	12	Storey	65
38	Phillip Harrington.....	1874.	August	2	Ormsby	32
39	Joseph Dumas.....	1874.	August	9	Humboldt	22
40	Ellen O'Connor.....	1874.	August	21	Storey	40
41	C. Minor.....	1874.	October	8	Storey	51
42	William Fludder.....	1874.	October	15	Washoe	26
43	Martin Cannon.....	1874.	November	8	Lyon	27
44	Thomas Cummington.....	1874.	November	15	Elko	32
45	Samuel Cradlebaugh.....	1874.	December	10	Douglas	42
46	Charles B. Luce.....	1874.	December	11	Ormsby	32
47	Thomas Coats.....	1874.	December	28	Ormsby	40
48	P. Frail.....					
49	Cecil C. Hamlin.....					

"B."

sent to the Asylum during the years 1873 and 1874.

Nativity.	Cause of insanity.	REMARKS.
Virginia.....	Hereditary.....	
New York.....	Hereditary.....	Discharged cured August 4, 1873.
Germany.....	Misfortune.....	
Ireland.....	Derange'mt of menstrual functions.....	
Ireland.....	Physical disease.....	
Ireland.....	Mental deterioration.....	
England.....	Disappointment in love.....	
Germany.....	Puerperal state.....	
Sweden.....	Spiritualism.....	Died January 4, 1874.
England.....	Religion.....	Discharged cured May 31, 1874.
Texas.....	Unknown.....	
Germany.....	Masturbation.....	
Ireland.....	Family troubles.....	Died January 15, 1874.
England.....	Religion.....	
China.....	Loss of money.....	Discharged November 20, 1874.
Prussia.....	Masturbation.....	Discharged cured Nov. 30, 1874.
Unknown.....	Self-abuse.....	Died October 22, 1873.
Georgia.....	Unknown.....	Discharged cured May 31, 1874.
Canada.....	Money speculations.....	
Denmark.....	Hereditary.....	Discharged January 30, 1874.
Germany.....	Onanism.....	
France.....	Masturbation.....	
Massachusetts.....	Unknown.....	Committed suicide by hanging himself, May 9, 1874.
New York.....	Hereditary.....	Discharged cured Sept. 2, 1874.
Germany.....	Dissipation.....	
Ireland.....	Unknown.....	
Sweden.....	Unknown.....	Discharged cured July 24, 1874.
New York.....	Unknown.....	Discharged cured June 30, 1874.
Ohio.....	Unknown.....	
Ireland.....	Masturbation.....	
Ireland.....	Nervous temperament.....	
Prussia.....	Intemperance.....	
Ireland.....	Unknown.....	
Ireland.....	Masturbation.....	
Missouri.....	Intemperance.....	Discharged cured October 10, 1874.
Scandinavian.....	Unknown.....	Discharged cured Nov. 30, 1874.
Tennessee.....	Social troubles.....	Discharged cured Nov. 29, 1874.
Ireland.....	Intemperance.....	Discharged cured Nov. 9, 1874.
Canada.....	Unknown.....	
Ireland.....	Hereditary.....	
America.....	Softening of the brain.....	Died October 17, 1874.
Missouri.....	Masturbation.....	
Ireland.....	Losses in business.....	
England.....	Epilepsy.....	
Ohio.....	Veneral.....	
Maine.....	Intemperance.....	
Missouri.....	Epilepsy.....	
		Escaped Dec. 12, 1872; recaptured July 6, 1873.
		Escaped Dec. 25, 1872; recaptured May 29, 1873.

RECAPITULATION.

Number of patients at the asylum, as per report for 1871 and 1872.....	40	89
Number of patients committed during the years 1873 and 1874.....	47	
Number of patients that had escaped in 1872, recaptured in 1873.....	2	
Number of patients discharged during the years 1873 and 1874.....	15	25
Number of patients died during the years 1873 and 1874....	10	
Number of patients remaining at the asylum December 31st, 1874.....	64

EXHIBIT "C."

Statement showing total expenditures for the years 1873 and 1874.

	Coin.	Coin.
1873.		
Care of indigent insane at Woodbridge Asylum, near Stockton, California.....	\$19,427 74	321,235 64
Cost of transportation of insane to asylum in California.....	1,276 25	
Incidental expenses.....	534 65	
1874.		
Care of indigent insane at Woodbridge Asylum, near Stockton, California.....	\$22,071 00	24,501 00
Cost of transportation of insane to asylum in California.....	1,970 00	
Incidental expenses.....	460 00	
		845,736 64