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"THE CHEROKEE ORPHAN ASYLUM"
History of an old School now extinct
From facts gathered by James
R. Carselowey, Field Worker.

On November 25, 1871, an act was passed by the Cherokee National Council providing for the establishment of the Cherokee Orphan Asylum, which was to be located on an estate of not more than two miles square.

The Asylum was opened in the Male Seminary building, south of Tahlequah, in 1872. Twenty thousand dollars, or so much as may be necessary was appropriated to purchase the location, which had already been decided to be the Lewis Ross property, at Grand Saline, on Grand river, later called Salina, in Mayes County, Oklahoma. After further negotiations twenty-eight thousand dollars was paid to his heirs for the property, and necessary improvements were made, so that the building when complete would accommodate one hundred twenty-five pupils, besides the teachers, superintendent and his family.

The Superintendents were: Reverend Walter Adair Duncan, 1872 to 1882; Reverend Joseph F. Thompson, 1882 to 1894; William Wallace Ross, 1894 to 1897; Reverend Joseph F. Thompson, 1897 to 1901; John H. Dannenberg 1901 to 1902. Dannenberg

was the last Superintendent under the authority of the Cherokee Nation, and he was succeeded under the Government supervision by Elias Cornelius Alberty, who was superintendent at the time when on Tuesday, November 17, 1903, it was accidentally and entirely destroyed by fire. The building and equipment was valued at one hundred thousand dollars, exclusive of land.

The faculty, at the time of its destruction was:

Principal, Robert Bruce Garrett: First Assistant, James Bascon Johnson; Second Assistant, Roderick Dhu Richards; Third Assistant, Miss Flora Sabrina Lindsey; Music Teacher, Mrs. R. Bruce Garrett. The Cherokee Orphan Asylum was only in operation for thirty-one years and is now extinct.

AN OLD MANUSCRIPT

NOTE: This old manuscript was found among the papers of the late Reverend Walter Adair Duncan, first superintendent of the Cherokee Orphan Asylum and is timely in writing its history. It follows:

The orphan is one who is presumed to be destitute of parents and home. The 10th Article of the treaty of 1835 sets forth the object of the orphan fund. The fund was to be for the support and education of such orphan children as are destitute of the means of subsistence. The treaty of

1866, article 23d, adds to the orphan fund 15 per cent of the interest arising on funds invested under its provisions.

The act establishing the Asylum was adopted November 25th, 1871. This act declares that the asylum shall be for the support and education of orphan children.

These authorities clearly set forth the objects of the fund. Those objects are two-fold viz: 1st, the support, and 2nd, the "education" of orphan children.

I propose, not without becoming deference, however, to offer for the consideration of the people, a few remarks in regard to the nature of Cherokee Orphan Asylum, its past history and its future prospects. A subject so important as this one is cannot be readily comprehended by the unthinking, as well as by those whose habits of thoughts satisfies them with a partial view of some of the external circumstances connected with it.

The main element in the scheme of the Asylum, is that of a home for the homeless. When the treaty of 1835 was made the contracting parties, wisely considering the helpless condition of this class of people, took the initiatory steps toward compensating them, as far as possible

for the loss of their parents. The presumption, therefore, is that the Asylum will, as far as it is possible for one to do the work of another, supply the place of home and parent to the orphan.

But the orphan is one who is presumed to be destitute of home and parent. In the scheme of the Asylum therefore, the notion of a home is first and paramount, and whatever else may be incorporated in the plan, must be regarded as secondary and incidental. In the order of nature, home precedes the school. Society has always adjusted itself in accordance with those conditions, and by consequence, as a general rule, the sphere of the school works entirely outside the circle of home.

I suppose the manner of bringing up the youth, under this two-fold relation, in which they are generally placed, is to be taken as the natural sequence of the demands of society. In the first place, home is the establishment that has been obligated to provide for all the wants of the child, but probably owing to the fact that those wants are so numerous, and often so great, that they cannot be well provided for at home, it has been deemed best by society to establish schools in which these wants may be more largely and efficiently provided for than it was possible to do at

It is a fallacy, although it has been strongly advocated, by men on both sides of the Atlantic, to suppose that the home is wholly subordinate to the state. Should such a principle be adopted it would reverse the legitimate order of society. The real state of the case is the home is the original source of authority, and even the mightiest governments are but the creatures formed by the general consent of the homes composing the commonwealth. The home is first and highest, just as the little rill preceded the flowing river. Home must be under the dominion of affection. True affection must be enthroned thus; and, while she holds the sword of authority in one hand, from the snowy fingers of the other, she must scatter flowers and sunshine on all that is round about her. Her appropriate symbol may be found in nature. The sweetest flowers, flowers that sway us most, are armed with thorns, for the protection of their charm as, also by their contrast, to bring out those charms, into clearer light and beauty. Thus nature throws the light of comment upon herself.

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I am sure that the spirit of the law, creating the Cherokee Orphan Asylum, was made to mean, not only a school for the orphan children of the Cherokee Nation, but a home as well, and it shall be my endeavor, as long as I am Superintendent to make it a home, as well as a school for these orphans.

W. A. Duncan.

QUARTERLY ESTIMATE
Provisions & Etc.
First Quarter, 1874,
Beginning July, 31st.

NOTE: * Following is an old estimate sheet found among the papers left by the late Walter Adair Duncan, first Superintendent of the Cherokee Orphan Asylum.

One Pupil -

Beef, 1 lb. per day for 90 pupils 90 days	8100
Flour, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. per day for 90 pupils 90 days	8100
Corn Meal, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. per day for 90 pupils 90 days	8100
Beans, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. per day for 90 pupils 90-days	990

Per Day For All -

Coffee for all per day 1-3-4 lbs. for 90 days	157 $\frac{1}{2}$
Sugar for all per day 2 lbs. for 90 days	180
Molasses for all per day 2 gals. for 90 days	180
Lard for all per day 10 lbs. for 90 days	900
Rice for all per day 5 lbs. for 45 days	225
Hominy for all per day 5 lbs. for 45 days	225
Bulk Pepper for all per day for 90 days	10
Sal Soda for all per day for 90 days	25
Alspice	05
Ginger	04
Coal Oil	50 gal.
Candles	6 bars
Soap	20 bars
Corn	150 bu.
Irish Potatoes	9 bbls.
Garden Seed	
To Purchase 2 Sewing Machines	
Machine Oil - 4 bottles	
1 doz. Sad Irons	
4 doz. Shoe Blacking	
5 lbs. Epsom Salts	

REPORT

Of funds and expenditures on A/C of Cherokee Orphan
Asylum, from last settlement to date, by

W. A. DUNCAN, Superintendent

October 1, 1877.

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Cherokee Orphan Asylum,

October 1st., 1877.

Hon. Board of Trustees,

Cherokee Orphan Asylum:-

I beg herewith to submit a statement of funds and expenditures connected with my office since the date of last settlement, with the Board, which was made December 18, 1876. For vouchers I refer you to books and papers accompanying this statement.

Very Respectfully,

W. A. Duncan, Supt.

W. A. Duncan, In Account
With Cherokee Orphan Asylum

			Dr.	Cr.
1876				
Dec., 25	Amount to orders of Board Nos. 2 7 3		\$150.00	
" "	By amount due m ^{rs} last settlement Dec. 18, 1876			\$44.00
1877				
Feb'y. 10	Amount order of Board No. 45		\$178.50	
" "	Do. " " No. 33		44.00	
" 24	Received on Ferriage		.83-1-3	
	Error from old account, page 125		1.00	
Mar. 15	Received of John McNair on hides		10.00	
" 16	Amount Order No. 49 to pay B. F. Adair		705.00	
" "	" " No. 34 to build Bake Oven		75.00	
" "	" " No. 36 hire hunting cattle		100.00	
" "	" " No. 42 Current expenses		300.00	
" "	" " No. 41 Pay for chopping wood		75.00	
" "	" " No. 39 Hire rails split		50.00	
" 24	" " No. 64 Pay Farm hand		180.00	
Apr. 7	Ferriage		.71-2/3	
" 14	Do.		5.90	
" 20	Pay for 300 bus. of corn @ 25¢ Bot. by B.F. Adair		75.00	
" 23	Ferriage		6.41-2/3	
May 5	Do. \$6, May 24 \$7.60, June 2, \$3		18.60	

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		Dr.	Cr.
July 9	Amt. order of Board No. 103, current expenses	730.65	
			<u>\$2,706.61-2/3</u>
July 9	By Amt. corn item erroneously entered		\$75.00
			<u>\$119.55</u>
			119.55
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	Whole Amount	\$2,587.06	

EXPENDITURES
For Cherokee Orphan Asylum

1877		Cr.
Jany.	o Pd. Ruth Ross for 2 doz. chickens \$4.00; 2½ lbs. butter @ 25¢	\$4.63
"	9 Nancy McNair 24 lbs. butter @ 25¢	6.00
"	10 Walter West per J. H. Covel, on apples	5.00
"	10 Pigeon for 3½ cords wood	2.63
"	11 Wm. Downing, 2 Deer hams	.75
"	13 Lecher Tucker and helper, 15 cords wood	11.25
"	14 Sam Smith, 5 cords wood	3.75
"	14 John Feeling and helper, 10 cords wood	7.50
"	17 Mrs. Wash Mayes, 4 lbs. butter @ 25¢	1.00
"	18 Jack Lacy 1½ bushels White Beans	2.50
"	23 Walter West balance on 15 bushels apples @ 75¢	6.25
"	23 Mahala West, for 14 bushels apples @ 75¢	10.50
"	16 Jack Lacy, per wife for 5 cords wood	3.75
"	18 Joe Spaniard, 2 cords wood	1.50
"	19 Will Grass, 8 cords wood	6.00
"	19 Little Bird and Looney Mouse 16½ cords wood	12.25
"	27 David Hare and Ike Davis 35 cords wood	26.25
Feb'y.	5 Henry Eaton per Dr. McNair 6 lbs butter, 4½ eggs	2.30
"	14 B. F. Adair for 1200 lbs lard @ \$11.75	141.00
"	" And 125 lbs Pickling feet @ 12½	15.62½
"	15 Joseph B. Riley 20 yds. Linsey	4.00

EXPENDITURES
For Cherokee Orphan Asylum

		Or.
Feby.	17 Amount Brought Forward _____	\$274.43
"	17 G. W. Clarke for 870 lbs. beef @ 5¢ _____	47.85
"	17 Joseph Ballard 28 doz. Eggs @ 15¢ (Error 60¢) _____	4.80 (See at once)
"	23 Little Bird & others 20 cords wood _____	15.00
"	24 Tecumseh & Fox 1000 rails _____	10.00
"	24 Walooke, on wood _____	3.00
"	26 Mrs. Dr. McNair 7 lbs. butter _____	1.75
"	26 Mrs. Sam McNair eggs _____	.45
"	27 Squirrel & Sampson 10½ cords wood _____	7.88
"	28 Summerset 1000 rails _____	10.00
Mar.	1 Watt Squirrel 500 rails _____	5.00
"	2 James Blackfox 6 cords wood _____	4.50
"	2 John Beamer 1000 rails _____	10.00
"	5 Walooke Balance on 10 cords wood _____	9.00
"	7 Mrs. Walter Adair 10 doz eggs and 1 chicken _____	2.20
"	7 Will Grass 8 cords wood _____	6.00
"	9 Nechook and Woman 2 days washing _____	1.00
"	14 Mrs. Walooke, 2 days washing _____	1.00
"	14 A woman, 2 days washing _____	1.00
"	16 Will Vann, 1000 Rails _____	10.00

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Mar.	16	B. F. Adair, on contract with Ben Easter	\$525.00
"	16	Emma F. Tyner, 3 days washing	2.00
"	16	Joe Vann, 1000 rails	10.00
"	17	Walooke, 8 cords wood	6.00

\$967.86

EXPENDITURES & ETC. CONTINUED

1877

	Brought Forward	\$967.86
Mar. 17	Paid for eggs	1.00
" 17	Woman 4 doz. eggs	.40
" 19	M. L. West 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ bushels apples	15.25
" 19	Will Grass, 2 cords wood	1.50
" 19	Henry Frye, 2 bus. potatoes \$2.25, Dry Pumpkins 50¢	2.75
" 19	Henry Frye, 75 gal. Soap @30¢ \$22.50 1 bu. beans \$1.50	24.00
" 19	Henry Frye, Pumpkins	1.00
	Hops, Yeast, Flavoring & eggs	5.05
" 19	Henry Frye, 6 doz. eggs another time	.60
" 17	John McNair, on hunting cattle	10.00
" 20	Susan, 5 doz eggs	.50
" 20	Ahnewakee Soldier & woman 4 days washing	2.00
" 20	Will Grass 4 cords wood	3.00
" 20	John Necooch, 1000 rails	10.00
" 20	Seven women 18 days washing 50¢	9.00
" 24	Walooke 5 cords wood	3.25
" 27	B. F. Adair to pay G. W. Green, Vinita	5.00
" 28	Enohlu, 2 cords wood	1.50
" 29	Tahneyahulah, 760 rails	7.60
" 29	Rider, 5 cords wood	3.75
" 30	David Hare, on wages	15.00
April 2	H. L. Hill, 1500 flour	37.50
" 2	Naler, 2 days washing	1.00

1877

April	16	Brought Forward	\$1130.51
"	16	Sam McNair, 4 lbs. butter	1.00
"	20	B. F. Adair, bal. on 5906 lbs. bacon on contract	168.95 $\frac{1}{2}$
"	23	Walter Adair, on soap part pay	2.50
"	23	Samuel Mayes 10 bushel lime	3.50
"	25	Alsey Sino 1 month's washing	15.00
"	25	Mrs. Redbird 2 days washing	1.00
"	27	D. S. Allen, on bake oven	10.00
"	27	Mrs. Sam McNain, 4 lbs. butter	1.00
"	28	Kinnie McNair 2 month's wages	30.00
"	30	Hugh McCaffrey 1550 lbs. flour	62.00
May	5	J. H. Harrison, renewing blackboards	15.00
"	7	Rachel Sanders 7 weeks washing @ \$15 per month	26.25
"	7	Ellen Bushyhead, 8 days washing	4.32
"	7	Hugh McCaffrey 1500 lbs. flour @ \$4.00	60.00
"	9	Blackfox, 2 cords wood	1.50
"	15	Mrs. B. F. Adair 215 lbs. soap @ 7¢	15.05
"	15	Mrs. B. F. Adair, 11 lbs butter	2.25
Mar.	31	Collins Brothers Liquid Slating for blackboards	17.65
May	3	Doras, Rix & Co., 360 lbs. Palm Soap @ 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	16.20
"	8	Freight on 390 lbs to Chouteau @ 75¢	2.92 $\frac{1}{2}$
"	19	Woman 4 doz. eggs	.40
"	22	Kittie Ann Carver 22 lbs. butter	5.00
"	22	Kinnie McNair, on wages	7.40
			<u>\$1599.41</u>

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		Brought Forward	\$1599.41
May	22	David Hair, on wages	10.00
"	24	Mrs. Sam McNair 24 lbs. butter	4.50
"	24	Mrs. Frye 533 lbs. soap @ .3-3/5	19.20
"	24	Mrs. Tahner, 1 day cleaning rooms	.50
"	24	Hugh McCaffrey 1600 lbs flour	64.00
June	1	D. S. Allen, balance on bake oven	35.00
"	1	Thomas Murray, for eggs and for kitchen	4.00
"	8	John McNair, for hunting cattle	11.00
"	9	M. F. Tyner 1 mos washing	15.00
"	13	Mrs. Carver, 53 lbs. butter @ 15¢	7.95
"	16	Mrs. Sam McNair, 39 lbs. butter	6.40
"	16	Molly Tyner 17 lbs butter	2.85
"	18	Rachel Blueye 5 weeks washing @ \$15.00	18.75
"	26	Dave Hair on wages	30.00
July	6	Mrs. Silster, on washing	10.00
"	10	John McNair, on hunting cattle	50.00
"	11	Dave Hair, on wages	10.00
"	15	Jessie Mayes, on B. F. Adair's order for beef	35.00
"	15	Mrs. Jessie Mayes, poultry	4.75
"	15	Johnson Riley, 400 lbs beef @ 4 1/2¢	18.00
"	16	Henry Frye 241 1/2 lbs. bacon @ 10 1/2¢ - \$25.35, 14 chickens \$2.10, 5 doz. eggs 50¢ \$7.95	
			\$1990.76

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EXPENDITURES CONTINUED

		Brought Forward	\$1990.76
July	20	Sallie Robins on her 3 weeks washing	5.50
"	20	Tolbert McNair 141 lbs. bacon @ 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	14.81
"	27	John R. McNair, balance on hunting cattle	39.00
Aug.	7	Mrs. Silster, on washing	13.00
June	30	Hugh McCaffrey 15 lbs. flour \$5.00	75.00
Aug.	1	W. P. Cettis and son 917 lbs. bacon @ 8-1/8	74.00
"	4	Chouteau, freight on bacon and pipe	11.90
"	6	Mrs. Kittie Ann Carver 29 lbs. butter	5.80
"	8	J. S. Price, store bill to date	184.93
"	8	J. W. Lindsey, 21 lbs. coff. \$6.00, 20 lbs sug. 2.80	8.80
"	9	A. F. Eggleston, locks on doors	1.00
"	10	A woman, Chickens and eggs	1.15
"	10	Jerome Kepheart, for work hauling water & etc.	12.25
"	10	Jerome Kepheart, work on bake oven	22.50
"	13	James Simmons shoeing six mules	4.50
"	15	Kinney McNair, balance on 6 months work to date	52.60
"	15	Dave Hair, balance on 6 months work to date	25.00
"	27	James S. Price, for James Simmons, blacksmithing	4.56-2/3
"	27	James S. Price, store bill & for Simon's work	15.90
"	28	Sallie Robbins, balance on washing	2.25
"	28	Jesse Hayes, 150 lbs. beef 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	6.75
Sept.	1	J. L. Mills, 4 turkeys @ 75¢	3.00
"	2	Parule Silster, on washing	14.00
"	5	Joe Vann, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ days threshing	1.50
			<u>\$2590.98</u>

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EXPENDITURES CONTINUED

		Brought Forward	\$2590.98
Sept.	5	William Wilson, 322 lbs. Choice bacon @10	32.20
"	6	Mollie Tyner, 7 lbs butter @15¢, 36lbs. butter @12½¢, 11 doz. eggs @10¢	6.50
"	6	Jane McNair, balance on butter	.50
"	6	Mrs. Charlotta Mayes, 12 chickens, 6 lbs butter @ 15¢ balance on butter 50¢	3.20
"	6	Eliza Alberty, 14 lbs butter	2.80
"	6	Mrs. Samuel Mayes 26 lbs. butter @15¢	3.90
"	12	Henry Frye an settlement with him	5.00
"	22	John W. Stapler, store bill	3.75
"	22	Jessie Mayes 487 lbs. beef @ 4½¢	21.91
"	24	Mrs. Siatler, washing	5.00
"	27	Beaty and McSpadden, blacksmithing	
		Shoeing 4 mules	6.00
		Repairing 1 plow	1.00
		Pointing 2 plows	1.50
		Stable 4 mules 2 days	2.00
"	28	Samuel H. Mayes, expenses at Vinita	3.50
		Samuel H. Mayes, 1 bbl. salt from Vinita	2.50
		Samuel H. Mayes, 1 blk. book	.25
"	28	Samuel H. Mayes, Stable room 1 night	.50
Oct.	1	Richard Riley, for excavating sink	5.00
			\$2598.64
		Less 60¢ overpay in item of Joseph Ballard Feb. 17, '77	.60
			\$2598.04

To the Honorable Board of Trustees,
Of the Cherokee Orphan Asylum,

Gents:- Having compared the within
report of Reverend W. A. Duncan, Superintendent of the Asylum,
with his current account and vouchers, we find the same to be
correct, and that there is a balance due Mr. Duncan, of One
Hundred and ten dollars and ninety-eight cents. (\$110.98)
which balance we respectfully recommend the Board to rein-
burse at its present session.

D. H. Ross

B. F. Adair

Special Auditing Committee,

Cherokee Orphan Asylum, C. N.

October 4, 1877.