

Today in Columbus History: On May 2, 1885, in the *Columbus Daily Enquirer-Sun*, there was a report about the meeting of the Muscogee County Board of Trustees for the Poor House. A poor house (sometimes called the almshouse or the county poor farm) had been a local institution since the at least the 1850s. It was located east of the city – the last one being on the site of present-day Muscogee Manor on Schataulga Road. It probably closed in the 1940s. Nearby the site is cemetery with 114 tombstones, all but one of which bears no inscription (Mrs. Josie Miller who died in 1933). Findagrave has 6 other interments listed for that cemetery. John Mallory Land wrote an excellent article about little-known cemeteries of Muscogee County, including this one, in *Muscogiana* Vol. 22, No. 2, Fall 2011 (Google CSU epress and *Muscogiana* to get to the digitized copy of this article).

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The Trustees for the Poor House.

The county board of trustees for the poor house held their regular monthly meeting at the court house yesterday, and issued orders for provisions for the paupers of the county. Owing to the large amount of sickness among the poorer classes an unusually large number were provided for yesterday. There are 87 enrolled on the list, but the most of them are only temporarily so, the regular number of paupers being only nineteen. The funds for this purpose are limited, and the board endeavored to do the best that was possible for the unfortunate ones. The aggregate amount of the orders issued for May was about \$275. The following named gentlemen constitute the board of trustees: D F Willcox president; J H Harrison, secretary and treasurer, and Messrs A M Brannon, Grigsby E Thomas, Jr, Rev J H Campbell

