

## Alexandria Paupers' Deaths, 1813-1904



*The Alexandria Almshouse, 1927.  
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“According to ‘Jottings from the Annals of Alexandria’ by James R. Caton, on February 5, 1800, an ordinance was passed in Alexandria to establish a poor house and work house.”<sup>1</sup> But other records indicate that a poor house existed by 1792—its first keeper, likely Allen Davis.<sup>2</sup> At the turn of the nineteenth century, the corporation of Alexandria erected a poorhouse (or “alms house”) and workhouse on “Poor House Lane” (now Monroe Avenue) in what was then a portion of Alexandria County and is now the Del Ray section of the city. The building was used for the purpose until 1928, and it stood until the late 1930s, when it was photographed and drawn in its dilapidated state by a crew from the Depression-era Historic American Buildings Survey.<sup>3</sup> At the end of 1844, the home’s superintendent estimated the average number of inmates for the previous seven years as between 41 and 55.<sup>4</sup> In January 1862, there were 38, in November 1865, 52, and in May 1882, 48. In 1900, there were only about fifteen residents of the almshouse, but they were greatly outnumbered by workhouse inmates. In addition to housing, clothing and feeding the indigent, usually the old and

infirm, the building served as workhouse for the correction of petty criminals—often drunks, thieves, vagrants and prostitutes—who could not afford the fines imposed by the courts. These inmates usually served sentences of 30 days, but up to perhaps six months.<sup>5</sup> Both the destitute and the workhouse inmates were probably put to labor with at least minor tasks; in the 1840s, it appears that the workhouse was producing oakum (to caulk the timber joints of sailing ships) and hay for revenue, and it reaped additional fees, perhaps from the Police Court fines or for taking in piecework. Inventories and invoices suggest that inmates gardened and farmed to make the facility—and the inmates themselves—more self-sufficient.<sup>6</sup> This, and the townspeople’s relief from their example were the likely reasons for the rural location of the institution. For a boarding fee, the poorhouse would also take in slaves for absent owners, as did the city jail and the West End slave pens. On a limited basis, it would also care for the sick, even accepting some smallpox cases during the antebellum period.

Although, like most American cities of the time, its government could be characterized as small, Alexandria’s support for its poor went beyond maintenance of a home for the destitute. The corporation ran a soup house from at least the 1830s (and until 1878 and sometimes intermittently), in winter only.<sup>7</sup> The Overseers of the Poor and then an Orphans Court bound orphans and impoverished youths as indentured apprentices to learn trades. The government also furnished fuel and groceries to a number of “city poor,” “out door poor,” “outside poor” or “out of door pensioners,” usually elderly widows. From the turn of the nineteenth century, visiting physicians ministered to the ill, offering the basic treatments of the day, as much as a precaution against the too-common epidemics as out of compassion alone. A number of the “Trustees of the Poor” for each ward were trained physicians. As late as the mid 1870s, the city paid W.H. DeVaughn, a King Street practitioner, to apply cups (i.e., practice moxibustion or cupping) and leeches to patients of no means but all manner of ailments.<sup>8</sup> Naturally, there were also private charities active. Much of even the corporation’s assistance to the poor was supported by contributions in addition to taxes. Donations supported, for instance, an orphans’ asylum and girls’ free school, founded in April 1832.<sup>9</sup>

One of the most important services to the poor was the last, burial. For those truly indigent and without a family who could pick up the charges, the city would provide a “common coffin,” a grave—presumably most often located in the “potter’s field” section of the public Penny Hill Cemetery on South Payne Street—and transportation to the cemetery.<sup>10</sup> Although performed for the deceased inmates of the almshouse, it appears that most public burials were for the “outside poor,” a number that increased in times of epidemic, as with a smallpox outbreak in the early 1870s. Most of the burials were performed by the major local undertakers Benjamin Wheatley and William Demaine & Son. In 1865, Wheatley charged five dollars for a large coffin and four dollars for a small, raising prices to seven dollars for the large size by 1868, but dropping them again to five dollars and two dollars by the time of the smallpox epidemic of 1873.<sup>11</sup> The going rate for digging graves was one dollar for a small one and two dollars for the average adult’s, but the price increased substantially for victims of smallpox and cholera, with burials totaling up to ten dollars when accounting for coffin, grave, and transport.

In a largely laissez-faire system, demands on taxpayers for the support of the poor had to be limited. Thus, the city fathers were careful to devote limited services to local residents, so as neither to encourage dependency nor draw paupers from surrounding areas. One of the poorhouse's 1844 expenditures was \$18.74 for "Removing strange Paupers." With the outbreak of the Civil War, a huge influx of former slaves increased the city's African American population to almost half the total of all residents. Given their previous circumstances, many of these people—especially the elderly and women with many children—were poor by the standards of the day, even destitute. Although both the city and former owners generally proved willing to provide at least minimal support for superannuated freedpeople native to the place, officials were reluctant to shoulder the responsibility for the newcomers and tax voters accordingly. Freedmen's Bureau officials in Washington, sensitive to conservative rumblings in Congress and concerned about creating a dependent class of former slaves, attempted to cut off rations to the indigent as early as the autumn of 1866, but extended them another year, before simply cooperating with the city in running a soup house over the winter of 1867-1868. From that point, the Freedmen's Bureau—which withdrew direct assistance, except for aid to education, at the beginning of 1869—simply referred indigent cases to the mayor for relocation to the poorhouse.<sup>12</sup>

The following entries are drawn from five sources. Most are from loose manuscript Alexandria city records held by the University of Virginia, including accounts of the "Alms House and Other Facilities of the Poor," plus early 1870s records of the city's smallpox hospital and accounts of services performed for the corporation.<sup>13</sup> They are indirect records of deaths in the sense that they consist of burial instructions to the city's overseer of the poor from the mayor, the superintendent of police, or the trustees for the poor from each ward; payment invoices submitted to the corporation for services such as grave digging, coffin construction, and transportation and burial for poor individuals; and coroner's inquests. The next largest source is records of inmates of the Alexandria almshouse and workhouse provided in the city government's annual reports of 1886-1905. This information does not cover the poor residing in the city, but most inmates had been city residents. The annual reports are not always accurate as to ages or place of birth, or even occasionally as to the date of death. The three entries dated 1862 are taken from an 1861-1862 "Day Book of the Alexandria Alms House," as cited in Ruth M. Ward's 1980 article "The Alexandria Alms House and Work House" in *The Arlington Historical Magazine*. Finally, newspaper items, from the *Alexandria Gazette* and the *Washington Post*, are mainly employed for cross-referencing and supplementing the primary source information. Naturally, many other records exist that include the deaths of paupers—including registers that have since been published, occasional obituaries, the U.S. census mortality schedules, and burial records for Penny Hill and other cemeteries—but as these usually do not state the financial condition or dependency of the subject, one would have to guess.

The following information, *including both black and white residents*, is meant to supplement obituaries, tombstone and cemetery records, and city and federal death records for the period. Obituaries typically overlooked the poor and slighted African Americans, but the city death records available after 1853 also miss a remarkable number of the following. To the extent that they appear in published sources, the following entries have been cross-referenced with them. None of the dates below should be taken as the exact

*date of death* without additional corroboration, as most represent the day of the burial order or of the completion of the coffin and/or grave—each of which was naturally ordered after the death (records of deaths at the almshouse, however, are generally accurate). The same names sometimes appear as recipients of both a coffin and grave, in which case the earlier date, if there is one, is given below. A description of the individual is sometimes offered, occasionally in place of a name. Many are identified as children, but others can be so identified by the fact that they received “small” sized coffins and graves. A large number of the deceased are identified below simply as “Unknown,” not because their names were necessarily unknown to officials at the time of death (although a few were), but because their names are not provided by the records. There are also many unfortunate temporal gaps in the information; the records are limited to what is extant from 1813, 1831, 1833-1835, 1840, 1844, 1847-1848, 1851, 1862, 1865-1869, 1872-1875 and 1885-1904 and should not be considered exhaustive even for those years.

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Name	'Death date'	Notes
Adams, E.	9/2/1831	
Adank, Robert	12/1/1872	
Adorletel, George	10/24/1868	
Alexander, John	3/8/1869	
Allen, William	1/19/1869	
Armes, _____	2/15/1869	“Mrs Armes Childe.”
Arrington, _____	10/10/1872	“Emma Arringtons Child”
Ashley, Louisa	9/3/1892	“Colored.” Born in Fluvanna County, Virginia. Admitted to the almshouse 3/12/1889 because of “old age” and died there at about age 85.
Austin, Charles	9/29/1892	“Colored.” Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 1/2/1890 for “old age” and died there at about age 80.
Baggett, Alexander W.	11/18/1899	White. Born in Alexandria. Died at the almshouse at age 69.
Baggett, James	5/20/1902	White. Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 5/15/1902 and died there at age 72.
Bailey, Josiah	9/4/1888	White. Born in Dorchester County, Maryland. Admitted to the almshouse 5/12/1883 and died there age 72. According to the city death register, a <i>Joseph</i> Bailey, born in Alexandria

		and husband of Josephine Bailey, died of malaria at age 45. <sup>14</sup>
Bailey (Bayley), Millie	1/14/1869	Black. There was a Millie Bailey said to be born about 1807 and who came from Caroline Co., VA in 1865, described as “aged and destitute.” <sup>15</sup> The “Gladwin Record” gives a burial date of 1/12/1869 for 80-year-old Bailey, presumably living near “Cross Canal” near the army coal wharf. This has been interpreted as possibly the final burial by the federal government at Alexandria’s Freedmen’s Cemetery. <sup>16</sup> The present record, however, suggests that the city government had taken over responsibility for indigent African Americans but were possibly also using the Freedmen’s Cemetery in addition to the public burying ground at Penny Hill.
Baker, Mary	2/16/1865	“Colored.”
Baldwin, _____	6/18/1873	“W[illia]m Baldwins Child.”
Ball, Hewson?	1/17/1888	“Colored” male. Admitted to the almshouse 1/11/1888 and died there.
Banks, Eliza	8/8/1868	A child?
Barbour, _____	7/18/1873	“Francis Barbours Child.”
Beach, Mary	12/11/1873	At almshouse.
Beale, _____	9/10/1874	“Harriet Beale’s Child.”
Beavers, _____	6/20/1894	White infant (twin). Admitted to the almshouse 6/12/94 and died there of natural causes at four weeks old.
Beavers, _____	4/6/1895?	White infant (twin). Admitted to the almshouse 6/12/94 and died there of natural causes at less than a year old?
Bell, Mary	9/24/1847	A “colored woman... at anderson Heburns house up nevitts alley, opposite Prices Stable,” First Ward.
Berkenstein, Rheinhardt	1/25/1892	White. Born in Germany. Admitted to the almshouse 1/18/1892 with “sickness.” According to the city death register, Berkenstein was single and 50 years old when he died of bronchitis. <sup>17</sup>
Biggerton, Mrs. _____	1/12/1844	Fourth Ward.
Bishop, _____	11/29/1872	“Nellie Bishops Child”
Bishop, Eliza	2/1/1873	Child.
Bishop, Nellie	1/18/1873	
Blake, Jane	1/13/1873	
Bl----, Martin	5/4/1844	Third Ward.
Blue, Charlotte	1/25/1888	“Colored.” Admitted to the almshouse 5/15/1886 and died there at age 72. According to the city death register, Charlotta Blue, wife of John Blue, died of paralysis at age 59. <sup>18</sup>
Boswell, Robert	10/12/1894	White. Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 2/18/1894 with “yellow jaundice”

		and died there at about age 70. According to the city death register, Boswell, a waterman and widower, died of old age at age 80. His daughter was Myra Jones. <sup>19</sup>
Bradley, Alice	6/2/1868	Child.
Brent, John	10/15/1869	
Bright, _____	1/22/1873	“Mary Brights Child.”
Brim, _____	3/21/1844	Child of Mr. Brim near Fish Town, Second Ward.
Brim, _____	3/27/1844	A “Pauper... now lying dead in Foggy Bottom.” Lived in Second Ward.
Brim, Ruth	7/3/1845	First Ward
Briscoe, Zachariah	12/9/1887	“Colored.” Admitted to the almshouse 12/2/1887 and died there.
Brocchus, Mary	6/29/1894	White. Admitted to the almshouse 9/23/87 as homeless and died there at age 86?
Brooks, Hannah	1/29/1900	“Colored.” Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 9/3/1899 and died there at age 85.
Brooks, Joseph	9/14/1831	
Brown, _____	3/12/1869	“Susan Brown[’s] child.”
Brown, Benjamin	9/4/1874	
Brown, Sarah H./A.	10/11/1867	This may be a black woman who was born about 1827 and came to Alexandria from Prince George’s County, MD in 1861. She was later described as having four children and being “sick and destitute.” <sup>20</sup>
Bruce, _____	11/12/1868	“Emily Bruce[’s] Child.” According to the “Gladwin Record,” the one-day-old black child died at Payne Street between Cameron and King. <sup>21</sup>
Brunstein, _____	12/14/1869	
Bryant, C.	9/18/1874	
Buckhannon (Buchanan), James	1/8/1862	Presumably died at the almshouse and “buried in the Sothern [sic] Methodist burying ground.” <sup>22</sup>
Buckley, Mrs. _____	4/8/1886	White. Born in Ireland. Admitted to the almshouse 10/17/1885 and died there.
Bundy, _____	6/13/1873	“Isabella Bundys Child.”
Bundy, _____	7/10/1873	“Isabella Bundys Child.”
Bundy, Mandy	6/1/1892 or 6/1/1893	“Colored.” Born in Alexandria County. Admitted to the almshouse with “fits” 3/19/1887 and died there at age 75.
Burnes, _____	9/25/1873	“Bettie Burnes Child.”
Burrage, Thomas	7/8/1885	White. Born in Maryland. Admitted to the almshouse 2/5/1885 and died there at age 87. According to the city death register, a Thomas Burrage, born Alexandria, husband of Hannah Burrage and a barber, died of brain fever 5/1/1885. <sup>23</sup>

Burrell, James	3/24/1892	“Colored.” Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 3/22/1892 with pneumonia and died there.
Burwell, Richard	6/2/1845	Third Ward
Butler, Henrietta	10/25/1891	“Colored.” Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 10/14/1891 with “brain fever” and died there. According to the city death register, the 40-year-old servant died of heart disease 10/19/1891. <sup>24</sup>
Carroll, Jacob	9/10/1869	An <i>Alexandria Gazette</i> obituary dated 9/16/1869 reads: “An old colored man, named Jacob Carroll, who came here during the war from Fauquier county, died at the Alms House, of which he had been an inmate for some time past, last week.”
Carter, George	9/6/1872	
Carter, William	7/15/1888	“Colored.” Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 3/9/1888 and died there at age 28.
Cary, Betty	10/22/1872	
Cazenove, James	12/4/1895	White. Born in Ireland. Admitted to the almshouse before 1894 and died there at age 77.
Chichester, George	11/1/1894 or 11/19/1894	White. Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 10/30/1894 or 11/1/1894 with pneumonia and died there at age 55. According to the city death register, he was unmarried and age 53 when he died of heart trouble 11/19/1894. <sup>25</sup>
Childy, Elizabeth	10/18/1873	At the almshouse.
Clare, Elizabeth	9/13/1872	An <i>Alexandria Gazette</i> obituary dated 9/13/1872 reads: “Mrs. Elizabeth Clare, one of the oldest residents of the city, died last night.”
Clark, _____	12/5/1872	“Rebeckca Clarks Child.”
Clark, Nelson	6/20/1868	Child.
Cole, Margaret/Mary	7/25/1868	Child?
Cole, William	1/2/1844	A “pauper,” Second Ward.
Coleman, Cynthia	1/15/1869	
Coleman, William	8/8/1885	“Colored.” Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 8/8/1885. According to the city death register, Coleman, a single clerk, died of heart disease at age 30. <sup>26</sup>
Collins, Francis	9/13/1869	“Man found drowned.” According to the <i>Alexandria Gazette</i> of 9/14/1869: “A deck hand on the steamer Chamberlin, a colored man named Francis Collins, from the neighborhood of Boyd’s Hole, King George county, Virginia, accidentally fell overboard, while asleep, from the stern of the steamer, in the dock at Smoot’s wharf at Fishtown, about eight o’clock last night, and, though every possible efforts was made to save him, was drowned. The body was recovered this morning by Mr. John Williams, who dragged for it.”
Colton, Joseph	7/24/1865	Child.

Connors/Commes, Michael	2/26/1868	
Conway, Gennie	10/12/1869	
Cooper, _____	10/26/1872	“Eliza Cooper Child.”
Corbitt, Rachael	10/31/1897	“Colored.” Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 10/27/1897 at age 85.
Cox, Charles	9/17/1874	Coroner’s inquest on body “lying dead at King Street dock.” A “citizen... without means.” According to the city death register, Cox, 22, was born in Maryland, son of Charles and Mary Cox (white), and resided in Alexandria until his death by drowning [after falling from his own boat on the river]. He had just completed his apprenticeship as a bricklayer. His father ran the Railroad Hotel. <sup>27</sup>
Creigg/Craig, Jane	1/30/1869	This may be Jane Craig, a black laundress who had lived in the Prince Street “Contraband” Barracks in 1866. <sup>28</sup>
Crupper, [A.] Boston	5/14/1891	White. Crupper was born in Fauquier County, Virginia. Admitted to the almshouse 10/19/1886 and died there at age 69. The city death register gives his age as 71 and the cause of death as diabetes. <sup>29</sup>
Cunningham, Parker	12/27/1872	
Davidson, _____	9/11/1868	“Mrs Davidsons Child.”
Davis, _____	12/11/1869	
Davis, _____	8/30/1874	“W Davis Child.”
Davis, James	3/11/1899	White. Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 1/12/1899 and died there.
Davis, Marie	11/10/1892	“Colored.” Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 9/12/1892 because of “old age” and died there at age 70.
Day, Philip	1/2/1888	“Colored.” Admitted to the almshouse 12/29/1887 and died there at about age 56.
Deane, Emma	10/29/1892	White. Born in Washington, D.C. Admitted to the almshouse 8/23/1892 with “Chronic Diarrhoea” and died there.
Delano, Edwin J.	1/28/1868	An <i>Alexandria Gazette</i> obituary confirms this death date: “Delano, formerly of Winterport, Maine, [died here yesterday] in the 43 <sup>rd</sup> year of his age.” <sup>30</sup>
Dickson, Ida	3/22/1869	Possibly related to an Andrew Johnston.
Diggs, _____	3/11/1840	Child of Ellen Diggs.
Diggs, _____	9/8/1874	“H Diggs Child.”
Diggs, Lizzie	8/22/1874	
Dixon, Rebecca	4/24/1869	



Dobey, Elizabeth	2/1/1891	“Colored.” Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 1/28/1891 and died there. <sup>31</sup> According to the city death register, an Elizabeth <i>Dobie</i> , age 25, died of pneumonia 6/20/1891.
Dorrell, Betsey	5/24/1869	According to the city death register, Dorrell, a mulatto servant and 70-year-old native of Virginia, died of heart disease. <sup>32</sup>
Dorsey, _____	1/14/1873	“Sam Dorseys Child.”
Dorsey, Jennie	2/25/1873	
Downs, Amelia	3/9/1840	
Duckets, Phillis	3/20/1847	An “old Black woman.”
Dudley, Ruben		“Colored.” Died at the almshouse 11/20/1889.
Dulaney, Mrs. Annie	7/3/1893	“Colored.” Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 7/1/1893 and died there at age 90. According to the city death register, the presumably widowed Dulaney died of old age at age 80. <sup>33</sup>
Dyer, Charlotte	1/27/1869	
Elliott, Jefferson	8/1/1894	White. Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 2/1/1894 and died there of “old age” at age 91.
Ellis, Samuel	2/12/1868	
Epps, Isaac	2/19/1892	“Colored.” Admitted “sick” to the almshouse 1/12/1892 and died there.
Epps, William	4/16/1904	“Colored.” Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 4/8/1904 and died there at age 42.
Erken, Eliza	9/14/1868	Child.
Farrell, Nellie	9/8/1888	White. Born in St. Mary’s County, Maryland. Admitted to the almshouse in 1840 and died there at age 79.
Faunce, George	11/23/1887	White. Born Plymouth, Massachusetts. Admitted to the almshouse 3/22/1886 and died there at age 79.
Fenton, Lewis	1/25/1886	“Colored.” Admitted to the almshouse 1/14/1886 and died there.
Ferguson, Mrs. Betsey	1/31/1867	
Fields, _____	2/12/1873	“Eliza Fields daughter.”
Fields, Elizabeth	6/29/1874	
Fields, William	6/17/1869	According to the city death register, Fields, a 23-year-old black laborer and Virginia native, died of consumption. <sup>34</sup>
Finnegan, Mary	8/19/1893	“Colored.” Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 7/8/1883 and died there at age 75?
Fitzgerald, Mrs. Alice D.	7/13/1866	

Fletcher, Georgiana	9/17/1872	
Fletcher, Nancy	1/12/1844	Of the Third Ward.
Forester, Mr. _____	2/13/1813	A “poor black man.” His sister requested of the mayor a coffin and grave.
Foundling, Ada	1/2/1895	“Colored.” Admitted to the almshouse 3/6/1890 and died there at age 12 of “whooping cough.” The city death register reports that Ada died of bronchitis. <sup>35</sup>
Franklin, Clara	8/8/1868	Child?
Franklin, Mary	8/8/1868	Child?
Franks, C.	8/24/1874	
Freeman, Mrs. Ellen	5/11/1866	
Gales, John	7/24/1900 or 7/30/1900	“Colored.” Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 7/5/1900 and died there at age 72.
Garrett, Nathan	3/26/1869	
Gennis, _____	7/4/1874	“Louis Gennis’s Child.”
Gibson, _____	3/17/1869	“Sotter Gibson’s Child.”
Gibson, _____	5/5/1869	“Eliza Gibson’s Child.”
Gibson, _____	6/10/1873	“Margaret Gibsons Child.” Possibly Laura Gibson, an African American girl, two years old, who died of whooping cough 6/2/1873. <sup>36</sup>
Gibson, [Abraham?]	11/2/1872	“A Gibsons Son”—possibly the 20-year-old son of Aaron and Eliza Gibson, “colored,” of Fairfax County who died of a gunshot wound 10/1/1872. <sup>37</sup> If so, then the following 11/2/1872 <i>Alexandria Gazette</i> item recounts the end of his life: “A colored man named Abe Gibson, living on King street, a few doors above West, was accidentally shot and killed by another colored man named Walter Pendleton, who lives on Fairfax street, between Queen and Princess, at an early hour this afternoon, at West End. The two men, some time ago, worked together on a railroad in New Jersey, and had not met since they separated in that State until the accident occurred. Gibson had been hunting, and was standing still when Pendleton, who also had a gun, and was on his way to see his daughter, who lives in Fairfax county, came up, and as they advanced to greet each other, one barrel of Pendleton’s gun was accidentally discharged, the load entering Gibson’s face on the left side of the mouth, lodging in his brain, and killing him instantly. Police officer George Ogden, who was on duty in the western end of the city hearing of the accident went out to West End and arrested Pendleton, who, however, had made no effort to escape, and brought him to the city, but when taken before Justice White he was at once sent back to West End, to await the action of the Coroner” inquest, which was held by Justice R.R. Fowle, and a verdict rendered in accordance with the above mentioned facts.” On the other hand, the fact that Gibson owned

		a gun suggests that he may have not been a pauper.
Gibson, Christina [Christiana]	10/15/1892	White. Born in New York. Admitted to the almshouse 11/16/1889 with “fits” and died there at age 64. According to the city death register, Gibson was an unmarried servant who died on convulsions at age 60. <sup>38</sup>
Gibson, Lucy	6/28/1869	
Gilnor, Eliza	9/28/1874	
Goings, Frank	4/7/1866	“Pauper at the Poor House.”
Gordon, Jennie	2/28/1868	
Gowen, Mrs. _____	1/10/1848	
Graham, Hannah	6/1/1847	An “indigent coloured woman” of the Third Ward.
Grayson, George	2/14/1890	“Colored.” Admitted to the almshouse “sick” 2/13/1890.
Green, Ella	6/28/1869	
Green, Elvira	11/8/1869	
Green, Eulin	4/8/1869	
Green, James	2/28/1890	“Colored.” Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 2/13/1890 and died there.
Grey, Bettie	4/28/1868	
Grimes, Betsey	4/13/1865	Child.
Guthridge, Mrs. _____	7/22/1888	White. Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 7/18/1888 and died there at age 65.
Hamilton, _____	8/22/1874	“Mary Hamilton Child”—possibly George, the four-month-old son of Mary and George Hamilton, “colored,” who died 6/7/1874. <sup>39</sup>
Hanager, _____	11/3/1873	“Betsey Hangers Child.”
Haney, Mrs. _____	10/7/1868	
Haney, Lydia	1/5/1890	“Colored.” Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 8/17/1886 and died there at about age 90.
Harmon?, _____	11/21/1869	
Harper, Susan	4/16/1831	
Harrington, Charlie	8/30/1874	
Harris, Edward	8/24/1902	“Colored.” Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the workhouse 8/17/1902 and died there at age 62.
Harris, Eliza	12/31/1869	At almshouse.
Harris, John	11/14/1895	“Colored.” Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 11/6/1895 and died there at age 74. According to the city death register, Harris, single, died of apoplexy (stroke) 11/4/1895 at age 65. <sup>40</sup>

Harris, Mary	2/27/1889	“Colored.” Admitted to the almshouse Oct 3, 1888 and died there.
Hart, Mary	1/11/1890	White. Born Ireland about 1829. Admitted to the almshouse 12/30/1879, “disabled by paralysis” <sup>41</sup> and died there. According to the city death register, a Mary Hart, age 40 and wife of John Hart, died of rheumatism 1/11/1890. <sup>42</sup>
Hart, Thomas	8/21/1881	According to the Washington Post of 8/21/1881, Hart, “a well-known citizen, who has been an inmate of the almshouse for some time,” died there.
Harvey, Mrs. _____	6/26/1868	
Headley, Ann <sup>43</sup>	11/7/1865	From “lower Virginia,” died at the poorhouse.
Height, William	1/3/1873	
Henderson, Charlotte	5/4/1874	
Henderson, Peter	6/28/1869	
Henson, Mrs. Charlotte	1/29/1868	
Hepburn, John	2/8/1868	
Hicks, Mary	6/3/1869	
Hill, Phoebe	2/4/1892	“Colored.” Born in Culpeper County, Virginia. Admitted to the almshouse 9/10/1889 and died there.
Himes, _____	5/6/1847	Child of Elizabeth Himes of the Fourth Ward.
Hit, Lizzie	3/15/1902	White. Born in Alexandria. Died at the almshouse at the age of 52.
Hix, Mr. _____	5/27/1831	A “pauper in the second ward.”
Holstein, Charles	10/11/1886	Born in Germany. Admitted to the almshouse 2/8/1880 and died there at age 62.
Hungerford, J.	5/6/1874	
Hunt, _____	8/31/1847	A “child, three years old, of Mrs. Elizabeth Hunt.”
Hurst, Mrs. _____	7/5/1840	
Idenson, Sam	11/8/1873	At almshouse.
Jackson, _____	3/15/1869	“Lucinda Jackson’s Child.”
Jackson, _____	10/11/1872	“Caleb Jacksons Child.”
Jackson, _____	12/7/1872	“Susan Jackson Child.”
Jackson, Celia	1/22/1888	“Colored.” Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 1/18/1888 and died there at age 44.
Jackson, Christa	2/12/1888	White. Admitted to the almshouse 1/5/1888 and died there.
Jackson, Cornelius/Cornelia?	11/9/1869	Possibly Cornelia Jackson, a 25-year-old black woman said to have died in childbirth 5/1870. <sup>44</sup>

Jackson, Fenton	5/15/1891	“Colored.” Admitted to the almshouse 5/20/1890 and died there at age 72.
Jackson, Stonewall	2/4/1873	Child.
Jackson, Werden/Worden	3/24/1868	The “Gladwin Record” contains an 1864 death in the Newtown neighborhood of a seven-month-old African American individual of the same name, likely his son. <sup>45</sup> A Worden Jackson had contracted as a farm laborer in Fairfax County for 1866. <sup>46</sup>
Jacobs, _____	4/1882.	According to the <i>Washington Post</i> of 11/10/1882, Jacobs was committed to the almshouse in 1870 and died there.
Jasper, Henry	6/27/1896	“Colored.” Born in Fairfax County. Admitted to the almshouse 12/31/1890 and died there at age 81-85. According to the city death register, he was born in Fairfax County, was a widower, and died of “cirrhosis loins.” <sup>47</sup>
Jefferson, Robert	1/7/1895	White. Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 10/21/1891 with “infirmity” and died there at age 85. The city death register reports that he was single and died of bronchitis at age 84. <sup>48</sup>
Jenkins, Mary	11/14/1851	A “coloured woman.”
_____, Joe	3/24/1892?	According to the <i>Washington Post</i> , “Bow-legged Joe, a well-known town character, who was familiarly called ‘The Alexandria dwarf,’ is dead. His death took place in the almshouse, and his funeral yesterday from Mr. B. Wheatley’s undertaking establishment... Joe was badly deformed and scarcely four feet in height. His body was the usual length, and his legs were not more than sixteen or seventeen inches long. He was sixty-three years old at the time of his death, and a shoemaker by occupation. He worked at his trade in this town until he became incapacitated by age, when it became necessary for him to “Go over the hills to the poorhouse.’ He was a ready wit, and always had a reply for every ‘butt’ that was directed at him.”
Johnson, Ben	7/24/1892	“Colored.” Born in Frederick, Maryland. Admitted to the almshouse 9/12/1890 as a “total cripple” and died there.
Johnson, James	9/25/1900	“Colored.” Born in Fauquier County, Virginia. Died at the almshouse at age 91.
Johnston, Alexa.	10/3/1873	Child.
Johnston, Cornelius	11/25/1869	
Johnston, William	6/2/1868	Child.
Jones, Benjamin	1/23/1868	
Jones, Henry	4/2/1895	“Colored.” Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 2/17/1895 for “old age” and died there at age 85. According to the city death register, Jones was a widower and laborer. <sup>49</sup>

Jones, Henry Clay	4/2/1874	Coroner's inquest. Possibly not a pauper. According to the city death register, Jones, a 37-year-old white waterman, was murdered 4/1/1874. His wife was Amanda Jones. He had resided at the home of his father, Capt. Ezekiel Jones, at 97 South Lee Street, and his funeral took place there 4/3/1874. He died of knife wounds received in a fight with Silas Beach at Petty's restaurant 3/28/1874. <sup>50</sup>
Jones, Milton	9/18/1868	Child.
Jones, Richard	4/10/1869	
Jones, William	2/26/1873	
Jordan, Alex	7/1/1897	"Colored." Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 6/15/1897 and died there at age 68.
Kane, Carson	4/18/1875	A "citizen of Alexandria without estate." There was a coroner's inquest of his "Brain, Lungs and Heart." According to the city death register, Kane, a 37-year-old white sailor, died of "congestion of the lungs" 4/18/1875. <sup>51</sup>
Kenney, Jasper	12/21/1891 or 12/31/1891	"Colored." Born in Hayfield, Virginia. Died in the almshouse at age 73.
Kidwell, Miss _____	10/16/1845	Of the Third Ward.
King, Charles	12/6/1889	"Colored." Died at the almshouse.
King, Robert	3/7/1891	"Colored." Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 3/7/1891 and died there the same day. According to the city death register, King, an unmarried laborer, died of bronchitis at age 40 on 5/7/1891. <sup>52</sup>
Kyer, _____	9/5/1872	"Margaret Kyers Child."
Kyer, Margaret	10/8/1868	Child. Possibly Margaret Kyer's child.
Lacock, _____	8/29/1865	Child.
Lacy, Lucinda	1/13/1873	
Lawrence, _____	3/13/1844	Child of Mr. Lawrence, corner of Fairfax and Princess Streets.
Lawrence, _____	12/22/1847	"Mrs Lawrences child she lives opposite to Hunters Ship Yard" in the First Ward.
Lawrence, Henry	12/16/1889	White. Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 9/11/1883 and died there at age 69. According to the city death register, Lawrence, an oysterman and husband of Alice Lawrence, died of pneumonia 12/14/1889 at age 60. <sup>53</sup>
Lawrence, John	3/9/1847	"[O]n Union Street opiset of Irwins brewhous[e]."
Lawson, _____	12/5/1872	"Nancy Lawsons Child."
Lawson, _____	10/18/1873	"Nancy Lawsons Child."
Leals, Mrs. _____	7/27/1868	

Lee, Ephraim	11/21/1887	"Colored." Admitted to the almshouse 11/16/1887 and died there.
Lemons (aka Ticer), Molly	6/26/1873	She "resided in the City of Alexandria, and... has no estate in the State..."
Lewis, _____	9/14/1869	"Cecelia Lewis Child."
Lewis, Anthony	4/15/1869	
Lightfoot, [Mary]	7/18/1868	The (African American) Lightfoot family reimbursed the city for the coffin. This death also appears in the "Gladwin Record" as a burial occurring 7/17/1868. Mary's age was given as four months, and she was the daughter of Matilda Lightfoot, living near the Alexandria, Loudon & Hampshire Railroad depot north of Princess Street and east of Fairfax. <sup>54</sup>
Lloyd, Samuel	1/29/1903	White. Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 1/903 and died there at age 74.
Lomax, [Mary]	1/6/1873	"Rosa Lomax Child," i.e., the 3½-year-old daughter of Page and Rose Lomax, "colored," died of cholera 1/3/1873. <sup>55</sup>
Long, James	2/15/1892	"Colored." Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 2/10/1892 and died there.
Lovelace, Lewis	10/31/1868	
Lucas, Lawrence	10/22/1888	"Colored." Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 8/6/1886 and died there at age 86.
Lyles, Rebecca	4/22/1899	White. Admitted to the almshouse 4/1899 and died there.
Lyncox, Mary	6/9/1874	
Lyon?, Mr.	4/13/1831	
Madison, _____	12/26/1872	"Mrs Madisons Child."
Madison, Martha	10/2/1873	
Magruder, _____	12/7/1872	"E Magruders Child."
Magruder, _____	7/10/1873	"Emma Magruder's Child."
Majors, _____	7/14/1873	"Levi Majors Child."
Manley, Susan	3/11/1902	White. Born in Alexandria. Died at the almshouse at age 94 after several years' residence. <sup>56</sup>
Mars, Maria	9/18/1872	
Marshall, Jane	11/14/1893	"Colored." Born in Culpeper County, Virginia. Admitted to the almshouse 3/8/1893 with heart disease and died there at age 70. According to the city death register, a Jane Marshall was a domestic servant who died of "dropsy" at the almshouse 2/1/1893. <sup>57</sup>
Martin, Mrs. Alice	10/18/1866	
Marvel, Israel	7/7/1887	"Colored." Admitted to the almshouse 4/22/1887 and died there at about age 80.
Mason, Richard	12/9/1872	
Massey, Joseph	8/2/1904	White. Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 4/1/1899 and died there at age 42.
Massey, William "Bill"	7/26/1865	

Mathus, Reuben	10/24/1899 or 10/31/1899	“Colored.” Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the alms 10/24/1899? and died there at age 65.
Matthews, Chloe	4/9/1869	
Mayhew, Maggie	9/4/1886	White. Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the workhouse, presumably with mother, 5/21/1886 and died there at age eighteenth months.
McCann, Mary	12/10/1872	
McCann, Rosa	12/11/1872	The “deceased is a citizen of Alexandria and... has no estate in this State...”
McEwen [McCuen], _____	10/7/1873	“Mrs [Adeline?] McEwen[’s] Child.” According to the city death register, on 8/9/1873 the five-year-old son of Adeline McCuen died in an accident. <sup>58</sup>
McGee, Emily	4/14/1901	“Colored.” Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 1/12/1901 and died there at age 69.
McIntosh, _____	6/15/1868	
McIntosh, Thomas	9/8/1874	McIntosh, a 40-year-old white carpenter, was a suicide. <sup>59</sup> He “had no estate or property.”
Meade, Edward T.	10/6/1893	White. Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 10/6/1893 and died the same day at age 43. <i>The Alexandria Gazette</i> of 10/6/1893 printed a long item about his murder: “Between eight and nine o’clock last night Ed. Meade was found by Messrs. Robert Arnold and Raymond Smith in the northeastern section of the city with blood streaming down his face and three ugly cuts on his head, presumably the work of a ‘black jack.’ He was hurt so seriously that it was impossible for him to give an intelligent account of himself. So the two gentlemen conducted him to the station house. Meade left a trail of blood in his wake, and when he reached the station house his hair, beard and face were covered with gore; in fact he looked as though he had made a plunge into a slaughter house vat.... From all that could be learned it seemed that early in the night Virginia Meade, wife of the victim of the assault, and a negro named Clarence Rone (whose relations with the woman are notorious) were seen walking with Meade in ‘Petersburg;’ that later Rone returned by himself, previous to which Meade had been heard to utter the cry of ‘murder!’ The negro and the woman were forthwith arrested and locked up.... Meade in his deposition said Rone struck him, and that his wife had decoyed him away from home in order that her black paramour could knock him in the head. Rone in his defense denied the charge, but couldn’t tell his whereabouts between the hours of eight and nine o’clock last night.... [Meade] was very weak from loss of blood, and after the proceedings in the Police Court was taken to the Alms House for treatment. He languished until about 2 o’clock this evening when he expired....”
Menton, Eliza	7/17/1868	Child?
Middleton, Jane	3/26/1891	“Colored.” Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 1/12/89 as “a crank” and died



		there.
Miller, _____	9/21/1869	“Emily Millers Child.”
Miller?, A.	7/30/1831	
Miller, Sawney	4/21/1898	“Colored” male. Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 11/7/1894 and died there about age 60.
Mills, Eliza	1/1886	White. Born in Fairfax County, Virginia. Admitted to the almshouse 2/17/1883 and died there at age 78.
Mills, John A.	11/19/1901	White. Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 3/22/1895 and died there at age 62.
_____, Milly	2/19/1844	A “colored Pauper” of the Second Ward.
Minor, _____	2/15/1869	Child of Harriet Minor.
Minor, John	12/23/1867	
Mitchell, Joseph	2/7/1899	“Colored.” Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 1/21/1899 and died there.
Mitchell, William [Mitchell Williams?]	1/21/1899	“Colored.” Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 11/25/1898.
Monroe, Ann	7/17/1868	Child?
Moore, _____	9/10/1869	“Thomas Moors Child.”
Moore, Daniel	11/28/1873	
Morris, George	11/29/1872	
Morris, _____	7/29/1873	“Mary Morris Child.”
Moxley, Richard	5/8/1873	
Murphy, Fanny	8/15/1873	
Murray, _____	4/18/1869	“Mrs. Murrey’s Child.”
Murray, _____	2/11/1873	“Ella Murrys Child.”
Murray, Amanda	10/5/1886	White. Born in Alexandria County. Admitted to the almshouse 9/10/1886 and died there at age 72.
Naylor, _____	1/1/1869	Child of S. Naylor.
Nevitt, _____	4/30/1868	Child.
Nix?, Charly	2/20/1844	“Old Charly” died at the almshouse?
Nokes, Julia	2/4/1873	
Norris, Benjamin	10/9/1872	
Norris, Henson	10/9/1872	Norris, a 69-year-old African American native of Fauquier County, died of a “cold” 10/6/1872. His daughter, Mary Beckham, reported the death. <sup>60</sup>

Nugart [Nugent?], E.	10/16/1831	
Oden, George	4/15/1869	
Ogden, Hezekiah "Hesk"	9/1/1874	The <i>Alexandria Gazette</i> of 9/1/1874 reported the following: "DIED. On the 31 <sup>st</sup> of August, 1874, after a long and painful illness, HEZEKIAH OGDEN, in the 73d year of his age. The friends and acquaintances of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, on Wednesday morning, at 11 o'clock, from his late residence, Duke street."
Olin, [Nannie]	11/5/1868	"Martha Olin Child." According to the "Gladwin Record," Nannie Olin was buried 11/3/1868. She was the daughter of Martha Olin (black), near the brick yard. <sup>61</sup>
O'Neil, John	8/2/1904	White. Admitted to the almshouse 7/25/1904 and died there at age 42.
Owens, James	11/30/1904	White. Admitted to the almshouse 11/24/1904 and died there at age 68.
Parker, _____	6/11/1873	"Kitty Parkers Child."
Parker, _____	8/1/1874	"Susan Parkers Child."
Parker, John	1/22/1887	"Colored." Admitted to the almshouse 1/15/1887 and died there.
Parker, Mary L.	7/1/1874	
Parker, Sarah	12/12 or 12/21/1890	"Colored." Born Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 12/12 or 12/21/1890 and died there at age 35.
Pendleton, E.	11/28/1867	Possibly Edney Pendleton, black, born about 1843 in Caroline Co., VA and arrived in Alexandria in 1863—and identified in Freedmen's Bureau records as "sick and destitute." <sup>62</sup> Or, possibly Edna Pendleton, 24, a single laborer, born in Caroline County, Virginia, daughter of S. and Ann Pendleton, and died of consumption 10/14/1867. <sup>63</sup>
Penn, Sallie	5/14/1891	"Colored." Possibly the daughter of Lizzie Penn. Born in the almshouse 1882-1883 or 1/29/84 and died there.
Pierson, James	4/23/1900	"Colored." Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 4/20/1900 and died there at age 69.
Powers, _____	3/22/1869	"Mary Powers Child."
Queen, Anna	2/4/1873	
Reynolds, Lina	2/15/1894	"Colored." Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse prior to 1894 because of "old age" and died there at age 85.
Rhett, Sarah	9/8/1873	Child (or possibly <i>Sarah Rhett's</i> child).
Roberson, Alice	12/19/1868	According to the <i>Alexandria Gazette</i> of 12/21/1868, Roberson, 25-30 years of age, died at the almshouse and was buried 12/20/1868.
Robertson, Mrs. T.	12/28/1869	
Robinson, Alice	12/2/1868	
Rohletter, Mrs. _____	12/3/1867	

Rosester, John	7/15/1868	
Rouge?, A.	5/27/1874	
Rowe/Roe, John R.	2/22/1894	“Colored.” Born in Norfolk, Virginia. Admitted to the almshouse 3/23/1891 for “old age” and died there at age 83? The <i>Washington Post</i> of 2/25/1894 states that “Roe,” age 70, was “one of the oldest inmates of the almshouse.”
Russell, Mrs. _____	1/15/1844	A “Pauper, now lying dead on Washington Street” in the Fourth Ward.
Rye, Jennie	12/4/1891	White. Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 9/14/1885 with paralysis and died there at age 37. According to the city death register, the single Jennie died of “dissipation” at age 36. <sup>64</sup>
Scott, _____	1/13/1872	“George Scotts Child.”
Shelton, _____	12/4/1872	“Sallie Sheltons Child.”
Sherwood, Joseph	3/13/1865	
Sikese, _____	11/19/1869	
Silverheels, Billy	3/12/1847	Of the Fourth Ward.
Simms, James “Jim”	1/3/1886	White. Born in Fairfax County, Virginia. Admitted to the almshouse 8/1/1884 and died there at age 7.
Simms, Louisa	6/27/1896	White. Born in Fairfax County, Virginia. Admitted to the almshouse 6/7/1886 and died there at age 74-86?
Simons, George	5/11/1901	“Colored.” Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 3/8/1901 and died there at age 65.
Slaughter, Clary	1/21/1840	
Smith, John	10/12/1894	White. Born in Germany. Admitted to the almshouse 12/11/93 for “old age” and died there at age 76.
Smith, Mary	10/2/1867	
Smith, Millie	8/8/1868 or 8/20/1868	Child?
Smith, Rachel	7/19/1868	Child?
Smith, Washington	5/21/1874	Smith, a 30-year-old black laborer, died 5/10/1874 of “congestion of the brain.” His wife was Lucinda Smith. <sup>65</sup>
Snowden, _____	10/10/1872	“Snowdens Child.”
Snowden, Nicholas	5/15/1847	A “pauper” of the Third Ward
Spencer, Julia A.	10/2/1868	Child.
Solomon, Laura	5/30/1900	“Colored.” Born in Alexandria. Confined to the workhouse 4/30/1900 and died there(?) at age 27.

Stilliard, Martha	10/11/1868	Child.
Stone, Johnny	11/11/1868	Child.
Strother, Ann	8/8/1868	Child?
Stutley, Ellen	3/26/1891	“Colored.” Admitted to the almshouse 3/18/1886 and died there at age 80. The city death register gives her age as 83 and the cause of death as paralysis. John Stutley was her son. <sup>66</sup>
Sullivan, _____	2/16/1813	Infant of Mrs. Sullivan.
Sullivan, Thomas	8/11/1887	White. Born in Ireland. Admitted to the almshouse 5/26/1887 and died there at age 36. According to the city’s death register, a Thomas J. Sullivan, husband of Mary Sullivan, died of intemperance 8/17/1887 at age 48. <sup>67</sup>
Summers, _____	7/18/1873	“Martha Summers Child.”
Sutton, _____	2/15/1869	Child of Ann Sutton.
Swallow, John	2/5/1903	White. Born in Alexandria. Died at the almshouse at age 65.
Swan, _____	10/20/1872	“Mrs Swans Child.”
Swann, _____	10/3/1873	“Elizabeth Swann’s Child.”
Swan(n), James	10/11/1895	White. Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 10/24/1894 and died there at about age 75. According to the city death register, Swann was a widower and shoemaker who died of a “congestive chill.” <sup>68</sup>
Sweeney, Robert	9/11/1867	
Sykes, Mr. _____	11/19/1869	
Symington, Margaret	4/9/1844	“[N]ow lying dead at the lower end of the Town” in the Second Ward.
Taliaferro, Alexander	2/23/1873	Child.
Taylor, Abram	2/4/1873	Child. Twin brother of Isaac Taylor.
Taylor, Charles	9/24/1874	
Taylor, Fannie Lee	4/8/1902	“Colored.” Born in Alexandria. Died at the almshouse at the age of 35.
Taylor, Isaac	2/4/1873	Child. Twin brother of Abram Taylor.
Taylor, John	1/29/1895	“Colored.” Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse with a “complication” 11/19/1894 and died there at age 76. The city death register says that he died of heart disease. <sup>69</sup>
Thomas, [Elizabeth]	9/30/1868	According to the “Gladwin Record,” the one-year-old Elizabeth Thomas, was the daughter of Julia Thomas of Washington Street near the “gas house.” She was buried 9/29/1868. <sup>70</sup>
Tillard, Washington	11/18/1867	
Timbro, George	3/11/1902	“Colored.” Admitted to the almshouse 3/8/1902 and died there at age 65.
Tinly, Ann	11/19/1851	A “Pauper (col[ored] woman).”

Tolsen, Anna	6/24/1869	
Treakle/Trickle, Elizabeth	8/21/1889	White. Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 2/19/1885 and died there 8/21/1889 at age 77. According to the city death register, Treakle, widow of William Treakle died 8/22/1889 at age 72. <sup>71</sup>
Triplett, Henry	12/26/1867	A white clerk and widower, 30, born in Alexandria and died of "dissipation" 12/26/1867. <sup>72</sup>
Turley, A.	11/3/1873	At almshouse.
Tyler, _____	6/28/1845	The "child of Mr. Tyler" of the Third Ward.
Tyler, _____	9/4/1845	Mrs. Tyler's child, in the Third Ward.
Tyler, _____	12/6/1851	The "child of Martha Tyler a Poor Woman destitute of means."
Unknown	5/30/1831	"Pauper."
Unknown	7/4/1831	"Pauper."
Unknown	7/10/1831	"Pauper."
Unknown	7/12/1831	"Pauper."
Unknown	7/24/1831	"Pauper."
Unknown	7/29/1831	"Pauper."
Unknown	8/11/1831	"Pauper."
Unknown	9/12/1831	"Pauper."
Unknown	10/19/1831	"Pauper."
Unknown	10/28/1831	"Pauper."
Unknown	11/7/1831	"Pauper."
Unknown	11/9/1831	"Pauper."
Unknown	11/12/1831	"Pauper."
Unknown	12/5/1831	"Pauper."
Unknown	12/5/1831	"Child."
Unknown	12/24/1831	"Pauper."
Unknown	12/26/1831	"Pauper."
Unknown	12/29/1831	"Pauper."
Unknown	3/1/1833	"Pauper."
Unknown	3/2/1833	"Pauper."
Unknown	4/3/1833	"Pauper."
Unknown	4/19/1833	A "pauper a smallpox case."
Unknown	5/8/1833	A "pauper a smallpox case."

Unknown	5/19/1833	“Pauper.”
Unknown	6/25/1833	“Pauper.”
Unknown	6/28/1833	“Pauper.”
Unknown	7/3/1833	“Pauper.”
Unknown	7/22/1833	A “coloured Man a pauper smallpox case.”
Unknown	8/5/1833	A “pauper.”
Unknown	8/17/1833	A “pauper.”
Unknown	8/26/1833	A “pauper.”
Unknown	9/1/1833	A “pauper.”
Unknown	9/14/1833	A “pauper.”
Unknown	9/17/1833	A “pauper case of smallpox.”
Unknown	10/11/1833	A “pauper case of smallpox.”
Unknown	11/21/1833	A “pauper.”
Unknown	12/16/1833	A “pauper.”
Unknown	12/17/1833	A “pauper.”
Unknown	12/28/1833	A “pauper smallpox case.”
Unknown	1/1/1834	A “pauper.”
Unknown	1/1/1834	A “pauper a child.”
Unknown	1/12/1834	A “pauper.”
Unknown	1/13/1834	A “pauper smallpox case.”
Unknown	1/17/1834	A “pauper.”
Unknown	1/18/1834	A “pauper.”
Unknown	1/20/1834	A “pauper smallpox case.”
Unknown	1/23/1834	A “pauper.”
Unknown	1/31/1834	A “pauper.”
Unknown	11/16/1834	A “pauper [and] a cholera case.”
Unknown	11/26/1834	A “pauper.”
Unknown	11/26/1834?	A “pauper.”
Unknown	12/9/1834	A “pauper.”
Unknown	12/19/1834	A “pauper.”
Unknown	1/5/1835	A “pauper.”

Unknown	1/6/1835	A "pauper."
Unknown	1/26/1835	A "pauper."
Unknown	1/6/1840?	
Unknown	1/22/1840?	
Unknown	2/27/1840?	
Unknown	3/8/1840?	
Unknown	3/9/1840?	
Unknown	3/11/1840?	
Unknown	1/16/1844	A "colored Child, now lying dead in the house of Mrs. Hutchins" in the Second Ward.
Unknown	3/16/1847	Child.
Unknown	3/25/1847	A "yo[u]ng man who dide on board the Schooner William & John at the Oyster Dock."
Unknown	5/27/1847	A "child... [of a] Coulard woman called Huney" in the First Ward
Unknown	1/20/1848	A "colored child... [whose mother] lives at the foot of Duke St."
Unknown	10/8/1851	A "pauper."
Unknown	10/13/1851	A "pauper."
Unknown	10/23/1851	A "pauper."
Unknown	11/6/1851	A "pauper."
Unknown	12/4/1851	A "pauper."
Unknown	12/20/1851	An "Infant child from the house of Mr James Ermer," Second Ward.
Unknown	5/27/1862	A "dround boy." <sup>73</sup>
Unknown	11/22/1862	A "German who died at poor house." <sup>74</sup>
Unknown	9/28/1864	
Unknown	10/5/1864	
Unknown	10/7/1864	
Unknown	10/9/1864	
Unknown	10/19/1864	
Unknown	10/24/1864	
Unknown	7/24/1865	White woman.
Unknown	8/15/1865	"Black woman" (possibly Nelly Jackson, 80 years old, residing at Cameron and Henry Streets <sup>75</sup> ).
Unknown	12/10/1865	"Black woman," inmate of poor house.

Unknown	1/3/1866	“White child.”
Unknown	1/28/1866	“Black child” (possibly Christina Ferguson, a six-year-old residing on Princess Street near Royal Street <sup>76</sup> ).
Unknown	1/21/1867	Pauper woman.
Unknown	2/29/1868	
Unknown	9/24/1868	At “Alms House.”
Unknown	9/26/1868	At “Alms House.”
Unknown	10/11/1868	At “Alms House.”
Unknown	10/13/1868	At “Alms House.”
Unknown	3/10/1869	“Child at Orphan Asylum.”
Unknown	6/5/1869	“Child.”
Unknown	12/31/1869	“Man at Gas House.”
Unknown	3/26/1872	“Child.”
Unknown	9/15/1872	“Child.”
Unknown	10/12/1872	“A Foundling Child.”
Unknown	1/4/1873	“Child in Friendship Alley.”
Unknown	1/8/1873	“Colored man on N. Washington St.”
Unknown	1/15/1873	“Colored man near Shilo[h] Church.”
Unknown	1/30/1873	A “woman in Pettits Alley.”
Unknown	1/30/1873	“Child near Liberty Hall.”
Unknown	1/13/1873	“Child at A[lms] House.”
Unknown	1/20/1873	At smallpox hospital.
Unknown	1/20/1873	At smallpox hospital.
Unknown	1/31/1873	“Child.”
Unknown	2/11/1873	At smallpox hospital.
Unknown	2/11/1873	Child at smallpox hospital.
Unknown	7/28/1873	“Roses Child.”
Unknown	9/1/1873	“Child at Alms House.”
Unknown	10/1873	“Child, per order Capt. Webster.”
Unknown	6/9/1874	An “unknown Infant.”
Unknown	7/10/1874	“Child.” Likely “unknown child” examined by coroner 7/6/1874.



Unknown	8/17/1874	“Child.”
Valentine, T[homas?]	1/2/1869	A Thomas Valentine appears in the 12/1865 Freedmen’s Bureau census of Alexandria African Americans as a black man between 20 and 50 years old, illiterate, living as a free man in Alexandria before the war and residing south of Gibbon Street in 1865.
Vincen(t)/Vinson, Mrs.	12/31/1869	
Viney, William	4/29/1890	“Colored.” Admitted to the almshouse 4/23/1890 and died there.
Walker, Ann	10/29/1889	White. Admitted to the almshouse 7/28/1887 and died there.
Ward, Mrs. _____	1/10/1873	“George Wards Wife.”
Washington, _____	5/10/1873	“Matilda Washingtons Child.”
Washington, _____	8/7/1874	“C. Washingtons Child.”
Washington, Ann	10/30/1868	
Washington, King	1/2/1844	A “colored Pauper, now lying somewhere in the neighborhood of Mr. W.N. Mills” in the Second Ward.
Washington, Peter	7/7/1874	<i>Possibly</i> a 50-year-old African American laborer who died of pneumonia 2/20/1874. <sup>77</sup>
Waters, Rachel	11/9/1868	Child.
Watkins, _____	11/26/1872	“Watkins Grand Child.”
Watkins, Mrs. _____	5/1/1845	Now “lying dead on Cameron Street below Fairfax.”
Watson, _____	6/11/1845	A “pauper at Mr. Stewart’s Tavern.”
Weaver, George	9/18/1869	At “Alms House.” Possibly “Old Uncle George,” an African American former hack driver who died the night of 9/16/1869. <sup>78</sup>
Welch, Daniel	10/22/1892	“Colored.” Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 10/17/1892 with “sickness” and died there.
West, Carrie	10/1/1888	“Colored.” Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 7/18/1888 and died there at age 25.
West, Fanny	1/3/1848	“Old Fanny West” of the Fourth Ward.
West, Mary	1/5/1869	
White, _____	9/26/1874	“Ann Whites Daughter.” Likely a teenager or older.
Whiting, John	11/13/1889	“Colored.” Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 6/15/1888 and died there. According to the city death register, Whiting, an unmarried ship carpenter, died of old age at age 70. <sup>79</sup>
Whiting, Sallie	9/27/1873	According to the city death register, Whiting (black), 70, died of paralysis on 9/9/1873. <sup>80</sup>
Wilkins, _____	8/7/1873	“Joe Wilkins Wife.”
Wilkins, Silas	9/4/1887	White. Born in Massachusetts. Admitted to the almshouse 4/7/1887 and died there.

Williams, Agnes	11/17/1868	Child.
Williams, Eliza	1/22/1887	“Colored.” Born in Maryland. Admitted to the almshouse 1/13/1887 and died there at age three.
Williams, Gabriel	6/22/1902	“Colored.” According to the Washington Post of 6/23/1902, Williams, about 30 “reported to the police authorities on the 14 <sup>th</sup> ... that he was ill and without means of support, and... he was sent to the Alexandria Hospital... [Yesterday] morning it was deemed best to remove him to the almshouse and he was placed in a carriage in charge of two policemen and conveyed to that institution. As he was being carried up the steps... Williams died. The remains will probably be interred at the city’s expense.”
Williams, Jacob	7/3/1868	The 12/1865 Freedmen’s Bureau census of Alexandria African Americans contains two Jacob Williamses. As one of these was a child, this death may more likely have been that of a mulatto former slave and laborer between 20 and 50 years of age and residing south of Gibbon Street in 1865.
Williams, Richard	9/21/1873	
Williams, William	1/3/1873	
Williams, William	6/27/1902	“Colored.” Born in Alexandria. Admitted to the almshouse 6/7/1902 and died there at age 21.
Willis, John	5/24/1873	
Wilson, _____	3/5/1869	“Louisa Wilson’s Child.”
Wilson, Willie	2/15/1873	
Winston, John	2/7/1873	
Withee, Edward	9/2/1887	White. Admitted to the almshouse 8/30/1887 and died there.
Wood, James	6/15/1892	“Colored.” Admitted to the almshouse with “sickness” 6/13/1892 and died there at age 45.
Wright, William	10/6/1868	Child.
York, _____	2/27/1840	Child of Betsey York, of the Fourth Ward.

<sup>1</sup> Ruth M. Ward, “The Alexandria Alms House and Work House,” in *The Arlington Historical Magazine*, Vol. 6, No. 4, October 1980, p. 64.

<sup>2</sup> “Minute Book for the Town of Alexandria Commencing February 7th 1794,” Library of Virginia; Gay Montague Moore, ed., *Alexandria, Virginia City Council Minutes, 1792-1800*, (Alexandria, 1988), p. 122.

<sup>3</sup> Ward, p. 67; Historic American Buildings Survey Collection, Survey VA134, 1937 (HABS VA,7-ALEX.V,1-), Prints and Photographs Division, Library of Congress.

<sup>4</sup> Accounts of the Alms House and Other Facilities of the Poor, 1813-1876, Records of the City of Alexandria, University of Virginia.

<sup>5</sup> Ward, pp. 64, 66; *Alexandria Gazette*, November 8, 1865; F.L. Brockett, *The One Hundred and Second Annual Statement of the Finances of the City of Alexandria, Virginia For the Fiscal Year Ending May 31, 1882*, (Alexandria: Gazette Book and Job Printing, 1882), p. 13; *The One Hundred and Twenty-First*

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*Annual Statement of the Finances of the City of Alexandria, Virginia For the Fiscal Year Ending May 31, 1901*, (Alexandria: G.E. Markell & Co., 1901), pp. 66-68.

<sup>6</sup> Accounts of the Alms House and Other Facilities of the Poor, 1813-1876, Records of the City of Alexandria, University of Virginia; *Alexandria Gazette* July 5, 1866.

<sup>7</sup> The original soup house was located on the west side of the 100 block of South Royal Street, near Prince. According to the *Alexandria Gazette*, the soup house, or at least the building where it had been housed, was 70 or eighty years old in 1863. The building was then occupied by Weaver's oyster house. *Alexandria Gazette* March 19, 1863 and March 25, 1863.

<sup>8</sup> Accounts of the Alms House and Other Facilities of the Poor, 1813-1876; Alexandria Hustings Court Minutes, 1793-1797; Alexandria Orphans Court Apprenticeship Indentures Ledger, 1808-1817, Library of Virginia; F.L. Brockett, *The One Hundred and Fourth Annual Statement of the Finances of the City of Alexandria, Virginia For the Fiscal Year ending May 31, 1884*, (Alexandria: J.M. Hill Steam Book and Job Printers, 1884), p. 14.

<sup>9</sup> "First Annual Report of the Orphan Asylum and Female Free School of Alexandria," United States House of Representatives Doc. No. 65, 22<sup>nd</sup> Congress, 2<sup>nd</sup> Session, in Alexandria Library Special Collections topical files. Although there was no comprehensive public education system until 1870, Alexandria did support a couple of free schools before the Civil War.

<sup>10</sup> Despite being characterized as full as early as the Civil War, Penny Hill was used for burials up to 1976. Walter Sanford supplied to the Alexandria Library a list of the burials there from 1912 to 1976.

<sup>11</sup> Increased mechanization, larger contracts from the city, and a depression were probably responsible for the lower cost.

<sup>12</sup> National Archives and Records Administration, Record Group 105, Records of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, Entry 3847, Alexandria Office, Letters Sent, July 1865-June 1867; National Archives and Records Administration, Record Group 105, Records of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, Entry 3848, Alexandria Office, Press Copies of Letters Sent, March 1867-April 1869.

<sup>13</sup> These have been microfilmed and are available at the Alexandria Library Special Collections division.

<sup>14</sup> Wesley E. Pippenger, *Alexandria, Virginia Death Records, 1863-1868 (The Gladwin Record) and 1869-1896*, (Westminster, Maryland: Family Line Publications, 1995), p. 83.

<sup>15</sup> National Archives and Records Administration, Record Group 105, Records of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, Entry 3878, Alexandria Office, Miscellaneous Records, 1865-1868.

<sup>16</sup> Pippenger, p. 17. City records (and Quartermaster records) indicate that Benjamin Wheatley took the surplus Freedmen's Bureau coffins in mid January 1869. It is thought that there were additional private burials in Freedmen's Cemetery after it officially closed.

<sup>17</sup> Pippenger, p. 92.

<sup>18</sup> Pippenger, p. 94.

<sup>19</sup> Pippenger, p. 96.

<sup>20</sup> Record Group 105, Entry 3878.

<sup>21</sup> Pippenger, p. 23.

<sup>22</sup> Day Book of the Alexandria Alms House, 1861-1862, Arlington Historical Society, as cited in Ruth M. Ward, "The Alexandria Alms House and Work House," in *The Arlington Historical Magazine*, Vol. 6, No. 4, October 1980, p. 65.

<sup>23</sup> Pippenger, p. 106.

<sup>24</sup> Pippenger, p. 107.

<sup>25</sup> Pippenger, p. 114.

<sup>26</sup> Pippenger, p. 118.

<sup>27</sup> Pippenger, p. 123; *Alexandria Gazette* September 17, 1874.

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- <sup>28</sup> National Archives and Records Administration, Record Group 105, Records of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, Entry 3865, Alexandria Office, Monthly Reports of Tenants Occupying Tenements, July 1866-October 1867.
- <sup>29</sup> Pippenger, p. 125.
- <sup>30</sup> *Alexandria Gazette* January 29, 1868, p. 2.
- <sup>31</sup> Pippenger, p. 136.
- <sup>32</sup> Pippenger, p. 137.
- <sup>33</sup> Pippenger, p. 141.
- <sup>34</sup> Pippenger, p. 150.
- <sup>35</sup> Pippenger, p. 154.
- <sup>36</sup> Pippenger, p. 159.
- <sup>37</sup> Pippenger, p. 159.
- <sup>38</sup> Pippenger, p. 159.
- <sup>39</sup> Pippenger, p. 172.
- <sup>40</sup> Pippenger, p. 177.
- <sup>41</sup> United States Census 1880, Nonpopulation Schedules for Virginia, Defective, Dependent and Delinquent Classes, Alexandria County.
- <sup>42</sup> Pippenger, p. 178.
- <sup>43</sup> The source of this item was *The Alexandria Gazette*, November 8, 1865.
- <sup>44</sup> Pippenger, p. 193.
- <sup>45</sup> Pippenger, p. 42.
- <sup>46</sup> National Archives and Records Administration, Record Group 105, Records of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, Entry 3870, Alexandria Office, Labor Contracts, September 1865-March 1867.
- <sup>47</sup> Pippenger, p. 197.
- <sup>48</sup> Pippenger, p. 198.
- <sup>49</sup> Pippenger, p. 203.
- <sup>50</sup> Pippenger, p. 203; *Alexandria Gazette* April 2, 1874.
- <sup>51</sup> Pippenger, p. 204.
- <sup>52</sup> Pippenger, p. 208.
- <sup>53</sup> Pippenger, p. 211.
- <sup>54</sup> Pippenger, p. 48.
- <sup>55</sup> Pippenger, p. 217.
- <sup>56</sup> *Washington Post*, March 13, 1902.
- <sup>57</sup> Pippenger, p. 225.
- <sup>58</sup> Pippenger, p. 231.
- <sup>59</sup> Pippenger, p. 231.
- <sup>60</sup> Pippenger, p. 247.
- <sup>61</sup> Pippenger, p. 53.
- <sup>62</sup> Record Group 105, Entry 3878.
- <sup>63</sup> Wesley E. Pippenger, *Alexandria (Arlington) County, Virginia Death Records, 1853-1896* (Westminster, Maryland: Family Line Publications, 1994), p. 73.
- <sup>64</sup> Pippenger, p. 276.

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- <sup>65</sup> Pippenger, p. 289.
- <sup>66</sup> Pippenger, p. 298.
- <sup>67</sup> Pippenger, p. 299.
- <sup>68</sup> Pippenger, p. 300.
- <sup>69</sup> Pippenger, p. 303.
- <sup>70</sup> Pippenger, p. 64.
- <sup>71</sup> Pippenger, p. 310.
- <sup>72</sup> Wesley E. Pippenger, *Alexandria (Arlington) County, Virginia Death Records, 1853-1896* (Westminster, Maryland: Family Line Publications, 1994), p. 95.
- <sup>73</sup> Ward, pp. 65-66.
- <sup>74</sup> Ward, p. 66.
- <sup>75</sup> Pippenger, p. 42.
- <sup>76</sup> Pippenger, p. 31.
- <sup>77</sup> Pippenger, p. 320.
- <sup>78</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, September 17, 1869.
- <sup>79</sup> Pippenger, p. 326.
- <sup>80</sup> Pippenger, p. 326.