

## ST. MICHAEL'S DAY NURSERY

### A Brief History

"The Day-Nursery and Hospital for Babies," is the out-growth of a day nursery established in 1890 by Mr. A.S. Dupont Coleman, in connection with St. Michael's Church, of which he was then Rector. Mr. Coleman was aided by his mother, one of the founders, and by his father, the late Bishop Coleman of Delaware. From the time of its founding, to the day of Bishop Coleman's death, the Day-Nursery and Hospital witnessed his untiring efforts to establish it firmly, and to render it a blessing to those for whose benefit it was designed. His last gift to it, a generous legacy out of a small estate, testified to his hope and faith in the successful future of this beloved institution of his Diocese.

"The Day Nursery" soon out-grew its original quarters, and was removed to a larger building in the south-western part of the city.

\* In 1883 it was incorporated and the property at 207 Washington Street was purchased as a permanent house. Here for a time was undertaken not only the work of day care, but a Home for friendless children and a Hospital for sick babies.

The work grew to such proportions that a house on Tatnall Street between 10th and 11th. Streets was purchased and the sick babies removed there. The overhead expense proved too great an outlay so, after three years, The Board of Managers closed "St. Raphael's Hospital" on Tatnall Street and the sick babies were cared for at the home on Washington Street. From that time on until 1926 (approximate date) the institution was known as "The Day Nursery and Hospital for Babies."

In 1909 the Millard Davis house, 209 Washington Street adjoining the Hospital, was offered for sale to the Board of Managers. Inasmuch as the Bishop Coleman legacy had cancelled the mortgage on the present hospital building there seemed no plausible reason for not securing the property, especially at the price of \$5000. The purchase of the new property made possible the addition of a Kindergarten Department which formally opened in October, 1909, with an enrollment of six children and under the direction of Miss Helen M. Matchett, a trained Kindergarten teacher.

In 1917 a Mr. Spenser Richardson of the Russell Sage Foundation visited the Day Nursery Kindergarten and Hospital for Babies, and recommended that a similar institution for Negro Babies be started in the city under diocesan supervision. In 1918 the property at 709 French Street was purchased and the St. Michael's Day Nursery and Hospital for Colored Babies was opened.

In the annual report for the year 1924, Bishop Cook made the following observations:

"Since the founding of the Day Nursery and Hospital, conditions have greatly changed in the city and community. At that time few if any institutions in the city offered a place for the treatment of sick babies or for the care of those bereft of one or both parents. The apparent need of such a place prompted the founders to open such an institution. Within the period of its operation the hospitals of the city have increased in efficiency and in the scope of work by adding a ward given over exclusively to the care and treatment of sick babies and children. The Board of Managers has no desire to maintain a work

that is a duplication of that done in other hospitals nor even to seem to enter into competition with them. The time which doctors give freely to the service is altogether too valuable, and the generous people of the community have already too many demands upon them for our Board to ask for support, if this were the only or even the most important of its functions. We have no right to ask for money to carry on a service which can be done as well or better in existing institutions. The Board of Managers recognizes that changed conditions demands new policies and adaptations to Community needs. In the present work the desire is to improve the Day Nursery and open it to a larger number of those who wish their infants cared for during the hours of their employment. The French Street house for Colored babies seems to be the work most largely appreciated and used."

Accordingly, the next five years St. Michael's saw significant changes. The Washington Street branch was discontinued and the building adjoining 709 French Street was rented in order to expand the hospital capacity (at that time city hospitals had no wards for Negro babies). In the late "20's", local hospitals were opened to all races, etc. and so the hospital division of 709-711 French Street was closed.

The program then concentrated on three types of services: (1) Day care for infants and pre-school children under 3 years of age whose mothers worked; (2) Overnight care and shelter for homeless children; and (3) adoption services in cooperation with the Children's Bureau.

About 1938 the Board found it was again duplicating services offered by State and City social welfare agencies. The entire program was discontinued for one year and then re-opened as "The St. Michael's Day Nursery for Colored Children". The program included care for infants and children under 3 years of age. In the early "40's" the Board of Directors declared the institution interracial and changed the name to St. Michael's Day Nursery. About the same time the Kindergarten and extended School Service were added to the daily program.

The local Community had again changed greatly and the program faced with the problem of greater need than could be taken care of with the facilities at the time.

In the mid 60's, the Diocese again evaluated its agencies and decided that the work of St. Michael's Day Nursery was useful and desirable and should continue. Shortly thereafter, the Wilmington Housing Authority began pressing to acquire the French Street property, in line with plans for future city development, which made it necessary to find a new location. The land adjacent to St. Matthews Church was purchased by the Diocese and leased to St. Michael's for a new building. The Church Home Foundation, formed by the Diocese, began raising funds for both St. Michael's and Ingleside, but allocated the amount necessary for the nursery building first, because of its urgent need.

The new building, at 305 E. 7th Street was completed in the summer of '67 and reached its full enrollment of 150 children in September of that year. Despite increased fees, the size of the annual budget resulting from larger quarters and doubled capacity makes it necessary still to seek operating funds from all parishes of the Diocese and from interested individuals.

### SUMMARY

St. Michael's Day Nursery is an outgrowth of a day nursery established in 1890 by The Rev. A.S. duPont Coleman in connection with St. Michael's Church of which he was then rector. During its almost eighty years of growth, the protection and preservation of sound family relationships has been its basic purpose. Any child whose mother must work outside the home is eligible for admission.

The general program is planned to meet the needs of children between the ages of six weeks and twelve years. The daily schedule, which includes three hot meals, is planned in such manner as to give the children the kinds of experiences through which they learn to live together in a friendly, sober, cheerful atmosphere; to understand and enjoy each other; to share, to work, to play cooperatively; and to learn about the world in which they live. The nursery program is directed by Mrs. William C. Lewis (Lennie) and a staff of fourteen trained workers who respect children and enjoy their society.

Although the nursery is operated under the auspices of the Diocese of Delaware, the Diocesan Convention has never assumed responsibility for it financially, neither is it an agency of the United Fund. St. Michael's is maintained by the generosity of friends, and shares in the proceeds of the Wilmington Flower Market and Wilmington Garden Day. Also, funds were raised by the Church Home Foundation, formed by the Diocese.

*St. Michael's Day Nursery*  
*709 French Street*  
*Wilmington 1, Delaware*

ANNUAL REPORT 1965-66

In May of 1965 definite plans were being made by the Diocese to acquire land in Project A, in addition to the plot allocated to the Diocese in the original plans of Project A, to enable St. Michael's to build at 305 E. Seventh Street.

A special Building Fund Drive for the joint benefit of the building projects of St. Michael's Day Nursery and the Episcopal Church Home Foundation was inaugurated and a Steering Committee consisting of members of both Boards of Directors was formed.

After consultation with Bishop Mosley, the Board of Directors designated Samuel Homsey architect for the building. Haddock Construction Company was awarded the building contract.

Bishop Mosley, at a special meeting of the Board of Directors requested that St. Matthew's Church be allocated two rooms in the basement of the building to serve as offices and conference room. The Board of Directors of St. Michael's accordingly passed a Resolution to the effect that St. Michael's would enter into a rental agreement with St. Matthew's Church.

We were greatly concerned that our building at 709 French Street would be condemned and demolished by the Housing Authority, but our time has been extended.

Nursery fees were raised from \$7.00 to \$8.00 weekly, effective, January 1, 1966, and salary increases for the staff, who are grossly underpaid, were voted. The Budget for the year was \$41,190; the daily enrollment was 76.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs. Silvio H. Lopez),  
President of the Board of Directors

May 1966



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ANNUAL REPORT 1966-67

— Ground was broken for our new building at 305 E. Seventh Street by Bishop Mosley and Mayor Babiarz on June 24, 1966. Excavation was begun immediately by the Haddock Construction Company.

The Steering Committee for the Episcopal Expansion Fund, headed by Mr. Edmond duPont, authorized up to \$400,000 of the initial donations for St. Michael's new building with the original estimate of \$350,000 as the base. St. Michael's pledged \$26,000 (its building fund), and \$17,000 to be realized from the sale of the 709 French Street property.

The lease for the property to St. Michael's Day Nursery from the Executive Committee of the Diocese of Delaware, and the sub-lease between St. Michael's and St. Matthew's Church for two basement rooms was signed and duly recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds.

A tea in honor of Mrs. Helen Rothwell, Infants' nurse, was held celebrating her thirtieth year with St. Michael's.

Furnishings and equipment to be paid for by monies allocated by Wilmington Flower Market and the Green Show have been ordered. Landscaping funds have been pledged by Wilmington Garden Day.

The building under the supervision of the Building Committee and with the cooperation of Don Homsey, of Homsey Architects Inc., has proceeded well. The Expansion Fund, under the chairmanship of Mr. Henry Rothrock is developing plans for the Episcopal Church Home Foundation.

The Budget for the year was \$44,130; the daily enrollment was 76.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs. Silvio H. Lopez),  
President of the Board of Director

May 1967

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ANNUAL REPORT 1967-68

On May 15, 1967 representatives of the Building Committee met with Mr. Don Homsey, of Homsey Architects Inc., to inspect and formally accept the new building. Mr. Homsey stated that \$7,000 was held in contingency to underwrite small items not completed.

With the cooperation of the parents of the children, the staff and members of the Board of Directors, we moved into the new building over the week-end without any lapse of service. It is difficult to express our joy and appreciation for our new facilities.

In the absence of Bishop Mosley (Geneva, Switzerland), Bishop McKinstry, our beloved former Bishop, a dear friend and former Chairman of the Board of Directors of St. Michael's, officiated at the dedication of the new building on Sunday, June 18, 1967.

Since we were able to double our capacity from 75 to 150 children, additional staff was hired, personnel policies were reviewed and rewritten. In order to comply with recent minimum wage laws, fees were adjusted to allow increases in salaries. This being a time of transition, the personnel committee is formulating new policies on admissions so that the parent will pay according to his ability.

Equipment and furnishings are still being acquired. We are serving our licensed capacity of 150 children with a waiting list of 95. Approximately 50 others needing immediate service were referred to other agencies.

The final cost of the building is \$374,784.47. We are happy that the extra funds allocated can be applied to the Building Fund for The Episcopal Church Home Foundation, who have recently purchased Exeter Nursing Home, a new facility on Lancaster Pike.





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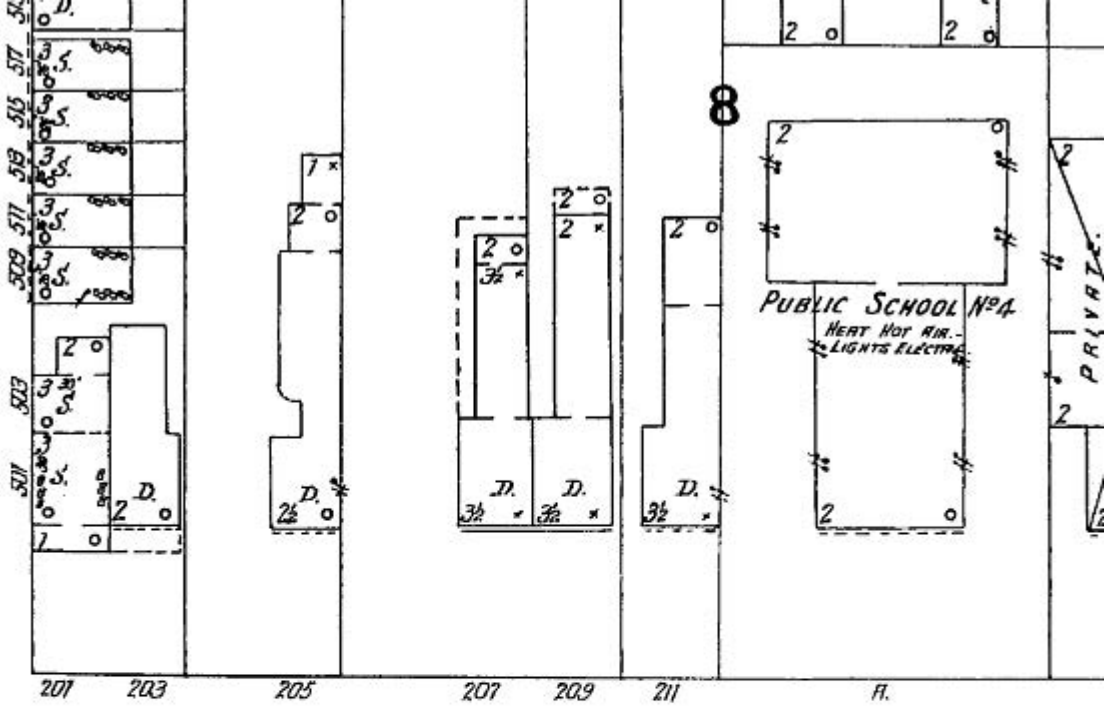


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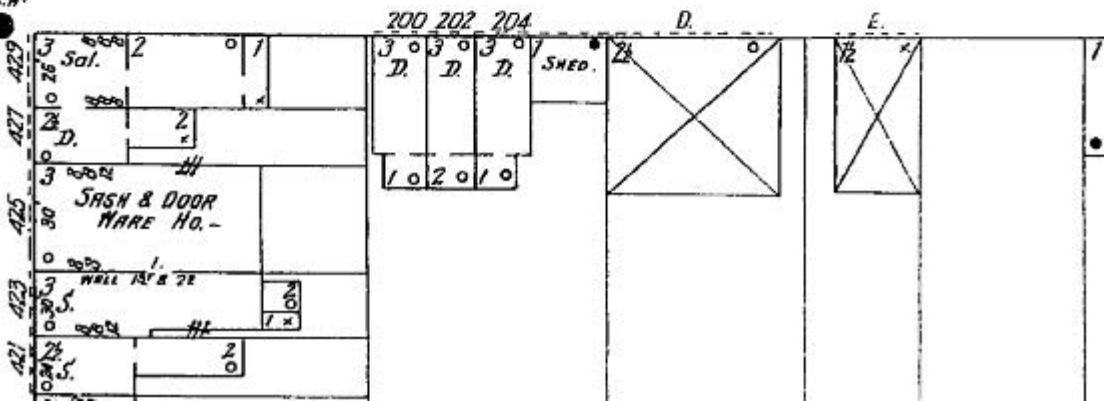
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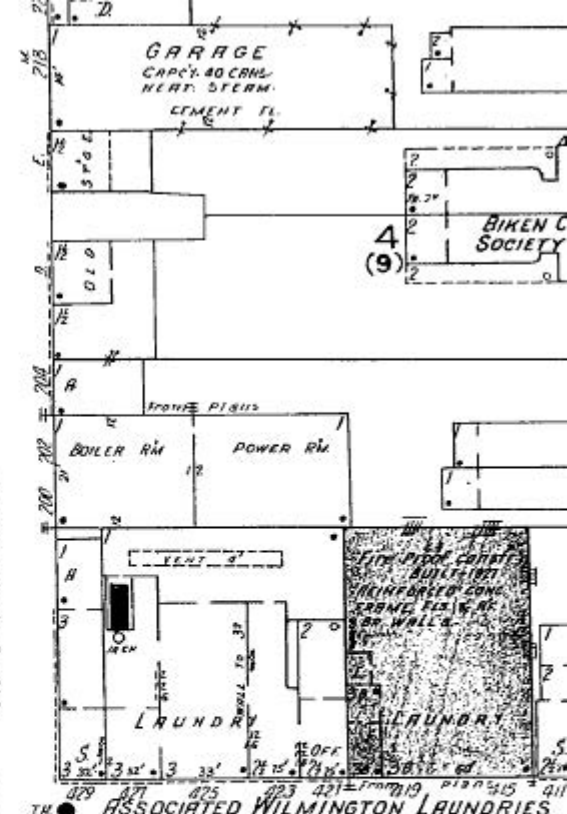
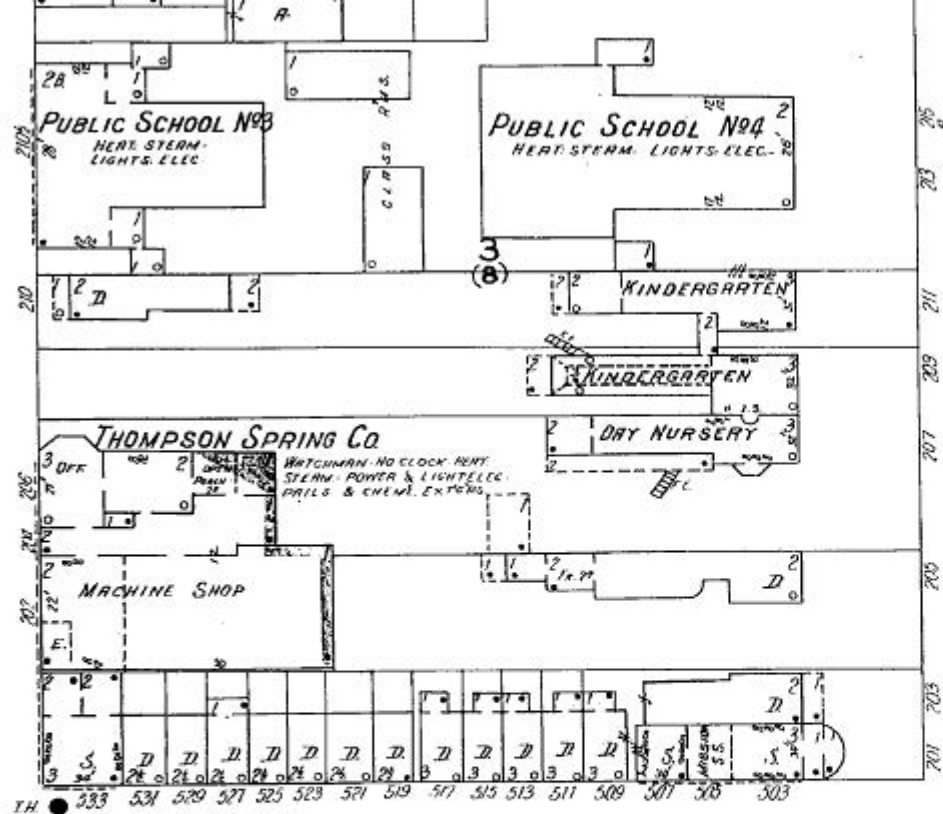


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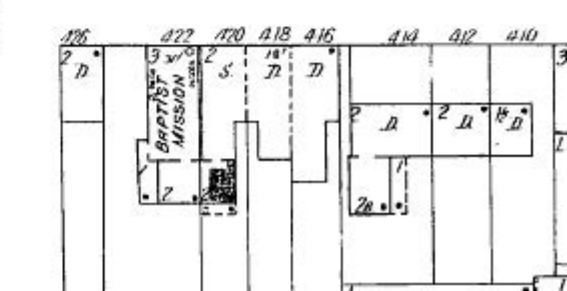
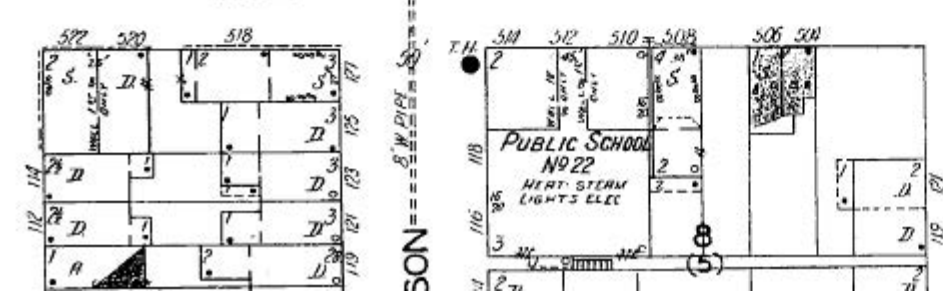


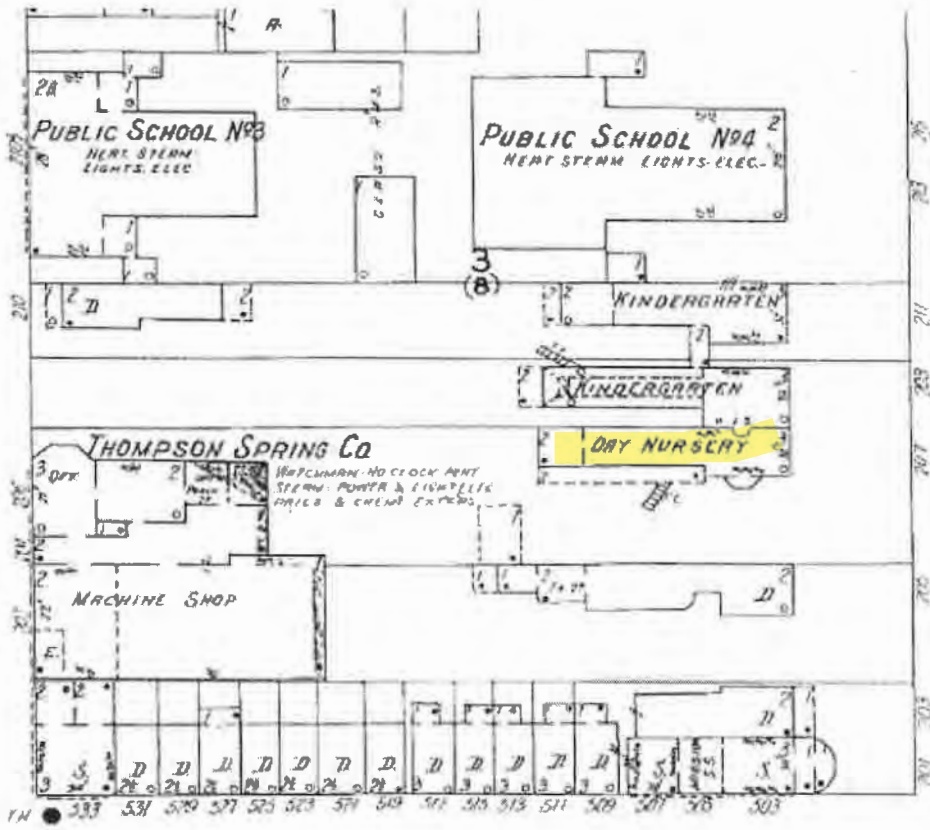




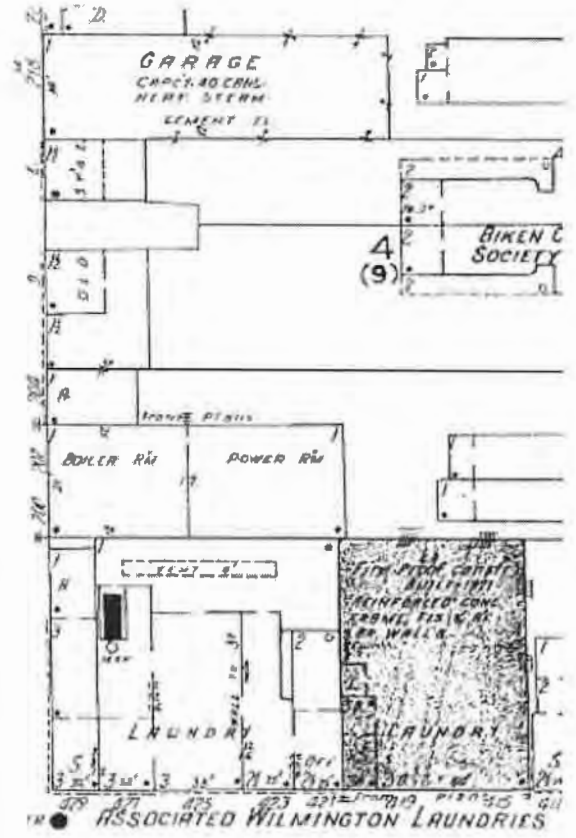
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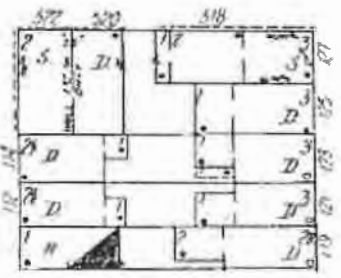




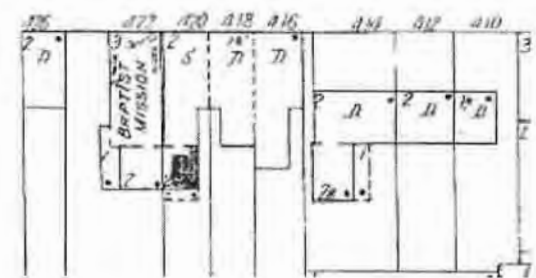
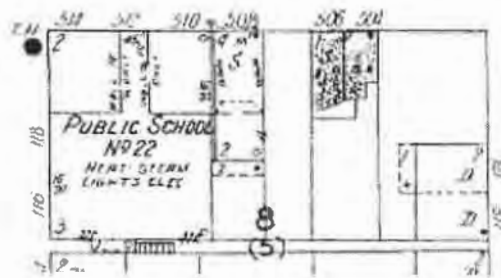
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House Bill.

No 173.

An Act to amend the  
Charter of "St. Michael's Day  
Nursery and Hospital for  
Babies."

Passed at Over.

March 14<sup>th</sup> 1895.

By House 3-18-95 P.S. Boutwell

By Senate 3-20-95 W.H. Vincent

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3-16-95

An Act to amend the Charter of "St. Michael's Day Nursery and Hospital for Babies."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware, in General Assembly met. (two-thirds of each branch thereof concurring herein):

Section 1. That the charter of incorporation of "St. Michael's Day Nursery and Hospital for Babies", granted by the Associate Judge of New Castle County, and duly recorded in the Recorder's office in and for said County, be and the same is hereby amended by adding thereto the following;

That the said corporation shall have power to accept and execute the office and appointment of guardian of any minor child under ten years of age, whether such office or appointment be conferred or made by any person or persons, or by the Orphans' Court of the State of Delaware, or any other court of Record, or Justice of the Peace of the State of Delaware, with all the powers and duties of such guardianship as provided by law.



Section 2. That the corporation is hereby authorized and empowered, with the consent of the managers of the corporation to take and receive into its custody, care and control any child under the age of ten years, who may be committed or bound to it by any person, or any Court of Record or Justice of the Peace of the State of Delaware pursuant to any law of the State of Delaware, and every Court of Record and Justice of the Peace of the State of Delaware, is hereby authorized and empowered to commit or bind to said corporation, with the consent of the managers of said corporation, any child under the age of ten years which by any law of the State of Delaware may be committed or bound to any orphan asylum, charitable or other organization or institution in the State of Delaware for the care of children.

Section 3. That the Levy Court of New Castle County is hereby authorized and empowered to make an appropriation annually out of the funds of said County to the said corporation in aid of the objects of said corporation.



Section 4. That this act shall be taken to be a public act and shall be published as such.

Henry W. Hutton  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

H. T. Watson  
Speaker of the Senate.

Passed at Dover, March 14<sup>th</sup> 1895.

An Act to renew,  
and continue in  
force an Act  
to incorporate  
the Saint Michael's  
Beneficial Society  
of the City of Wil-  
mington Delaware  
passed at Dover  
January 22. 1861.

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Chap. 517.

An act to renew, and continue in force, an act to incorporate The Saint Michael's Beneficial Society of the City of Wilmington, Delaware, passed at Dover January 22. 1861

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware, in General Assembly met. (Two thirds of each branch thereof concurring therein.)

Section 1. That every part of the original act entitled an Act to incorporate The Saint Michael's Beneficial Society of the City of Wilmington, Delaware, passed at Dover January 22. 1861. be and the same is hereby renewed, revived and continued in force for the term of twenty years, from and after the passage of this act. And that all persons whose names are found on the books of the said Society as members thereof shall be the Corporators thereof, and with their successors shall be entitled to all the privileges, immunities powers and franchises, that were conferred upon the said The Saint Michael's Beneficial Society of the City of Wilmington, by the act aforesaid.

Section 2. That this act shall be deemed and taken to be a private act and the power to revoke the same is hereby reserved to the General Assembly.

Passed at Dover January 25. 1861

<sup>Richard Williams</sup>  
Speaker of the House  
<sup>Calvin F. Post</sup>  
Speaker of the Senate

An Act to incor-  
porate the St. Mi-  
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Society of the City  
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January 22, 1861.

An Act to incorporate the St. Michael's Beneficial Society  
of the City of Wilmington, Delaware.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of  
Representatives of the State of Delaware in General  
Assembly met, two-thirds of each branch of the  
Legislature concurring, therein, That Michael  
Harrity, William Mc Manamin, Andrew Mc Man-  
amin, William Bowe, John O'Donnell, John G.  
Crosby, and such other persons as we now, or may  
hereafter become members of the St. Michael's Benefi-  
cial Society of the City of Wilmington, Delaware, shall  
be, from and after the third Monday in January,  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and sixty one, and they are hereby created and  
made, a body politic and corporate, in the name,  
style and title, of "St. Michael's Beneficial Society of the  
City of Wilmington, Delaware", and they and their suc-  
cessors are hereby ordained and declared a body poli-  
tic and corporate, in fact and in law, with all the  
legal incidents to a corporation aggregate, and shall



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have continuance and succession for twenty years, from and after the said third Monday in January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty one.

Section 2. And be it further enacted, That the said Corporation, and their successors, shall, during the continuance of this act, be able and capable to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any Court of law or equity in this State, in all manner of cases, actions, suits, complaints, and matters whatsoever, and shall be capable in law to purchase, receive, take hold and enjoy any lands, tenements, hereditaments, rents, leases, stocks, goods, chattels or money, which may be devised given or conveyed to them, or which may come to their hands by or from the payment of fees, fines or dues from the members thereof; and also to grant, let, sell, bestow, convey, or transfer the same, which, as individual owners thereof, could do in law, and shall have a common seal, with power to break, alter and renew the same, as to them shall seem fit.

House Bill

No 207

An Act Appropriating  
money to St Michael's  
Lay Nursery and  
Hospital for Rabies.

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Examined and found correct  
3/10 - 99 M. L. Davis

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3-10-1899

Passed at Dover  
March 10<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1899  
Revised March 10<sup>th</sup> 1899  
A. B. S.

An Act appropriating money to St. Michael's Day  
Nursery and Hospital for Babies.

Whereas, St. Michael's Day Nursery and Hospital for  
Babies, a corporation of the State of Delaware, organized  
to provide a home for children in need of care, protection,  
or medical or surgical treatment, for several years accom-  
-plished the object of the organization by providing and  
-maintaining both a day nursery and hospital for babies,  
whereby many infant children of indigent people have  
been cared for, clothed, fed and educated;

And, Whereas, the work thus accomplished by said cor-  
-poration has been carried on principally by voluntary  
contributions by private persons, and partly through ap-  
-propriations by the levy court;

And, Whereas, the children so cared for by said  
corporation came from the several counties of this State,  
and were received without regard to the nationality or re-  
-ligious belief of the parents or custodians of the children;

Therefore, be it enacted by the Senate and House of  
Representatives of the State of Delaware in general assembly  
met, (three fourths of the members of each house concurring  
herein as follows:

Section 1. That the sum of five hundred dollars be, and it is hereby, appropriated to St. Michael's Day Nursery and Hospital for Babies, a corporation of the State of Delaware, each year until otherwise provided by law, and that the State Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay annually on or before the day of \_\_\_\_\_, to the treasurer of the said corporation, said sum of five hundred dollars, out of any moneys or funds of the State of Delaware not theretofore specifically appropriated to any other purpose; the said sum so appropriated when paid to be used in furtherance of the object for which said corporation was organized, and for no other purpose whatsoever, and to be paid annually so long as the said corporation shall provide and maintain a day nursery and

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hospital for babies; provided, however,  
that children shall be admitted from any  
part of this state without discrimination as  
to the nationality or religious belief of their  
parents or custodians.

Theodore F. Clark  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Charles H. Salmon  
President Pro tem of the Senate

Passed at Dover March 16<sup>th</sup> 1899.

Approved this the sixteenth day of  
March A. D. 1899  
Chas. H. Salmon  
Governor.



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REPORT FOR 1896

OF

ST. MICHAEL'S DAY NURSERY,

207 WASHINGTON STREET,

AND

ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL FOR BABIES,

1011 TATNALL STREET,

WILMINGTON, - - DELAWARE.

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It is earnestly hoped that those who have helped these institutions during the past year will continue to do what they can for them, and will try to interest others.

There is no Endowment.

Everything is Needed.

Everything can be made use of in some way.

“Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me.”

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## REVIEW.

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The work of the Nursery and of the Hospital has gone on during the past year uninterruptedly, and we have much reason to thank God and His servants who have helped us for the kind and, in not a few instances, even generous manner in which they have lightened our labours and anxieties.

The health of the children at the Nursery has been uniformly and remarkably good. There has been, as was to be expected, considerable mortality among the babies at the Hospital. In many cases, they come to us almost ready to die, or with such inherited diseases as makes it altogether unlikely that they can live long. Except for the care they receive at our hands, they would not live long, if they lived at all.

During the summer, the Board of Managers was relieved almost entirely of the expense of the Hospital, through the exertions of Mother Mary Margaret and the gifts of the many friends at Atlantic City, whither the children were taken early in June.

We cannot too warmly thank the physicians who have so kindly and faithfully given their valuable services throughout the year.

We believe that the work of these institutions is of such a character as should recommend it to all benevolent and charitable persons, and we earnestly ask for it a continuance—if possible, in enlarged measures, for we are very poor and needy—of their prayers and alms. As their doors are open without distinction to all parts and classes of the State, they confidently appeal for support to the entire community.

### ST. MICHAEL'S DAY NURSERY.

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR 1896.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURES.	
January, . . . . .	\$ 89 46	January, . . . . .	\$166 50
February, . . . . .	32 25	February, . . . . .	64 50
March, . . . . .	147 00	March, . . . . .	265 25
April, . . . . .	147 00	April, . . . . .	46 00
May, . . . . .	103 89	May, . . . . .	214 55
June, . . . . .	147 74	June, . . . . .	110 93
July, . . . . .	164 00	July, . . . . .	146 93
August, . . . . .	60 00	August, . . . . .	116 70
September, . . . . .	176 98	September, . . . . .	78 17
October, . . . . .	83 50	October, . . . . .	59 93
November, . . . . .	264 07	November, . . . . .	228 09
December, . . . . .	198 18	December, . . . . .	107 98
	<u>\$1,614 07</u>		<u>\$1,605 53</u>

#### Summary of Expenditures.

Household Expenses, . . . . .	\$862 53
Coal, . . . . .	122 00
Gas, . . . . .	32 64
Fire Insurance, . . . . .	7 50
Water Rate, . . . . .	16 50
Payment on Borrowed Money, with interest, . . . . .	359 32
Interest on Mortgage, . . . . .	120 00
Repairs and Improvements, . . . . .	25 61
County and Poor tax, . . . . .	39 73
Printing, . . . . .	18 00
Sundries, . . . . .	1 70
	<u>\$1,605 53</u>

### ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL FOR BABIES.

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR 1896.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURES.	
January, . . . . .	\$120 73	January, . . . . .	\$109 40
February, . . . . .	38 43	February, . . . . .	116 07
March, . . . . .	298 00	March, . . . . .	228 67
April, . . . . .	177 03	April, . . . . .	59 30
May, . . . . .	138 11	May, . . . . .	164 45
June, . . . . .	21 19	June, . . . . .	116 23
July, . . . . .	2 50	July, . . . . .	5 00
August, . . . . .	11 00	August, . . . . .	111 50
September, . . . . .	12 00	September, . . . . .	33 60
October, . . . . .	119 00	October, . . . . .	70 00
November, . . . . .	374 74	November, . . . . .	226 85
December, . . . . .	265 58	December, . . . . .	332 93
	<u>\$1,578 31</u>		<u>\$1,574 00</u>

#### Summary of Expenditures.

Household Expenses, Including Wages of Nurses and Servants, . . . . .	\$774 60
Sundries, . . . . .	4 83
Coal, . . . . .	105 25
Gas, . . . . .	47 00
Drugs, . . . . .	103 38
Repairs on Furnace and Plumbing, . . . . .	20 20
Water Rate, . . . . .	15 00
Printing, . . . . .	23 25
Payment on Borrowed Money, with Interest, . . . . .	480 49
	<u>\$1,574 00</u>



## Report of St. Michael's Day Nursery.

Number of children in the Day Nursery, Jan. 1, 1896, . . . . . 19  
 Number admitted during the year, . . . . . 16  
 Returned to friends or transferred to another institution, . . . . 14  
 Present number, . . . . . 21

*Twenty* children were refused admission during the year for want of room.

## Report of St. Michael's Hospital for Babies.

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## Diseases Treated.

Bronchial and Nasal Catarrh,	Marasmus,
Catarrhal Pneumonia,	Meningitis,
Congestion of the Brain,	Phthisis,
Convulsions,	Pneumonia,
Enterocolitis,	Tubercular Meningitis,
Inanition,	Spinal Abscesses,
Jaundice,	Whooping Cough.
Number of Babies treated during the year, . . . . .	57
Number of cases resulting fatally, . . . . .	28
Number Cured, . . . . .	14
Removed from the Hospital, . . . . .	1
Present number in the Hospital, . . . . .	14

### **To the Board of Managers.**

On behalf of your Medical Staff in addressing the Public through the Board of Managers, I desire to state that the mission of St. Michael's Hospital for Babies is to provide medical aid and skilled nursing to children under two and one half years of age, and that these young subjects by reason of their age, are unable to obtain admission in the other Hospitals of the city.

Because of their physical condition and of improper or insufficient nourishment, these children early show evidences of scrofulous, rachitic or other conditions, either inherited or acquired.

Hence it is to be observed that the mortality in such a class of patients, is materially influenced by these conditions.

The personal management of this Institution is to be commended, and reflects the earnest conscientious and able efforts of those in charge. The removal of the patients to the Sea shore during the heated season of the year, has proved very beneficial in every way, and has been of positive advantage.

We believe that in appealing to a charitable Public for a share of its support, St. Michael's Hospital for Babies is worthy of help, for through its officers the child of neglect finds tender care.

WILLIAM C. PIERCE, M. D.

### **Gratitude Page.**

Thanks are returned very heartily to all who have helped in the work of these institutions.

To the many contributors of money and provisions.

To the doctors who have visited the sick children so faithfully.

To the parishes which have taken up collections, or whose organizations have given entertainments, or sent boxes of clothing, etc.

To all who filled the large bags distributed for Thanksgiving Day.

To Mr. Charles D. Bird, of the Wilmington Transfer Co., for carrying all boxes and barrels without charge.

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Give Thy Blessing, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to St. Michael's Day Nursery and Hospital for Babies, that all who serve Thee therein may do what is well pleasing in Thy sight, and that the children may have a perpetual fear and love of Thy Holy Name. Open the hearts and hands of Thy people to supply what they may need; and Guide with Thy counsel all who are in authority; through JESUS CHRIST, our Lord. Amen.



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Wilmington, Delaware, the sum of . . . . .  
dollars.