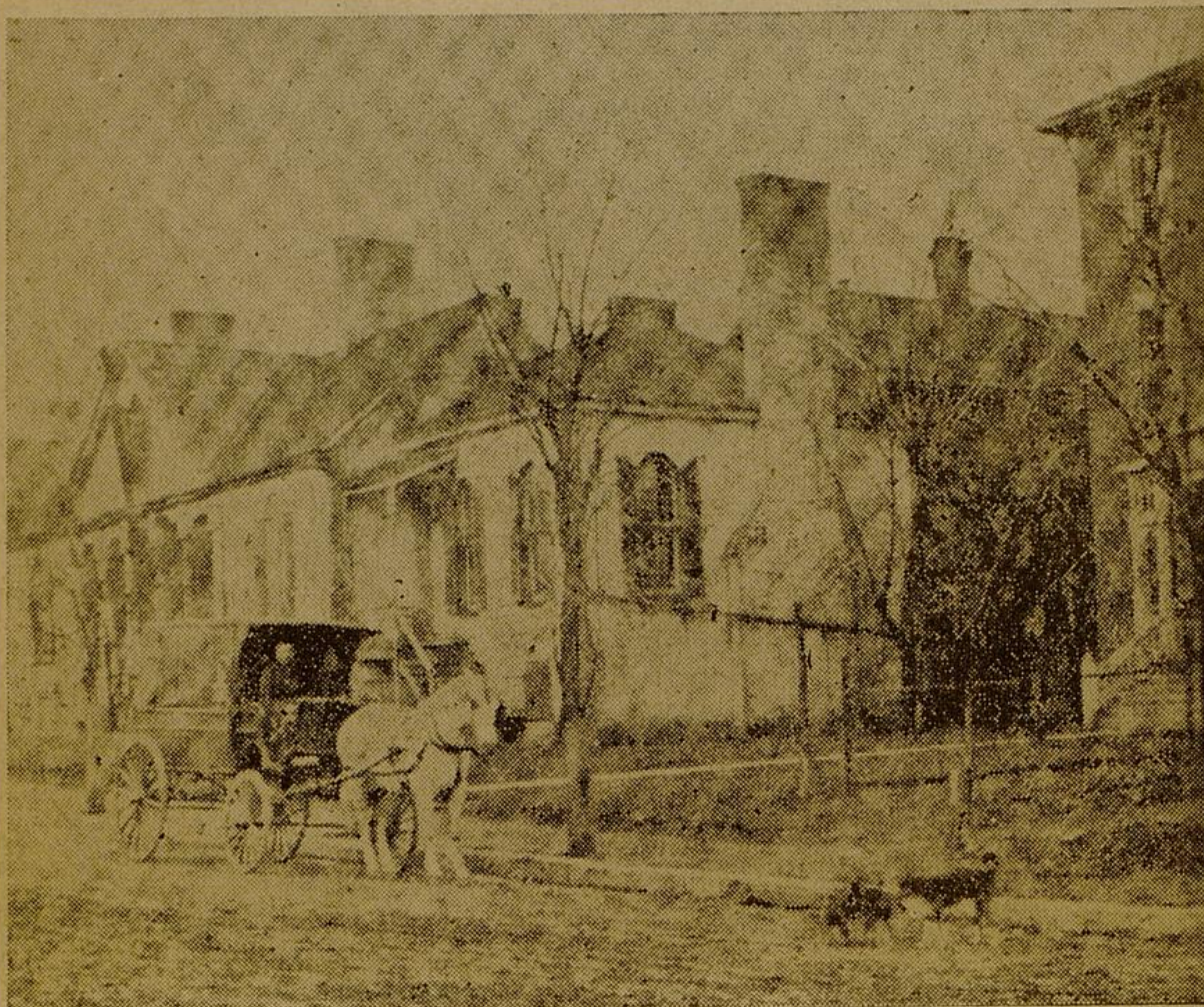


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Present-Day Good Samaritan Hospital Grew From Infirmary Founded In 1888



Pictured above is the first building to house what is now the Good Samaritan hospital. The institution was then known as Protestant infirmary. The conveyance in front of the building served as an ambulance. Below is the first medical staff of the Good Samaritan hospital. Back row, from left to right, are Dr. W. O. Bullock, Dr. H. M. Skillman, Dr. David Barrow and Dr. J. A. Stucky. Second row, Dr. John W. Scott, Dr. W. B. McClure, Dr. C. W. Norris and Dr. J. C. Carrick. Third row, Dr. G. D. Kelley, Dr. B. L. Coleman and Dr. F. H. Clark. In the foreground is Dr. Thomas S. Lewis, the hospital's first intern.

Within the present year, in tribute to a group of women who a half-century ago founded an infirmary that grew to be the Good Samaritan hospital, a bronze tablet will be erected by members of the Women's Guild of Christ Church in connection with the celebration of the golden anniversary of the institution.

It was June, 1888, when members of the Christ Church Women's Guild opened Protestant infirmary in the old Gratz house on East Short street, extended. The infirmary continued under the guidance of the guild for nearly 11 years, caring for approximately 7,000 patients at a cost of more than \$100,000.

Inauguration of the infirmary at Gratz house was followed closely by establishment of a nurses' training school that graduated its first class in 1893.

At the close of the 19th century the women of Christ Church transferred Protestant infirmary to the care of all Lexington's Protestant churches. Under the combined management, the institution was named Good Samaritan hospital.

The controlling body consisted of a board of 10 trustees, two from each of the five Protestant denominations.

After 19 years at the site where the infirmary was first opened by the guild the Good Samaritan moved into new quarters on South Limestone street, location of the present hospital building. Seven years later a nurses' home was erected.

In the spring of 1925 the hospital was put under control of the gen-

eral hospital board of the Southern Methodist church. Under the new management, a modern heating system was installed in 1926 and a year later a five-story, fire-proof structure containing 36 private rooms, an obstetrical department, an operating pavilion, x-ray and radiotherapy departments and a dining room for nurses and staff was constructed.

The Shriner Crippled Children's hospital was opened on Maxwell

street in 1926 and has been affiliated closely with the Good Samaritan. Further improvement to the plant was an addition to the nurses' home in 1928, providing quarters for 32 additional nurses.

The Mary A. Ott Memorial building was erected at the front of the hospital's main structure in 1930. This addition to the Good Samaritan contained 40 rooms.

From a small infirmary, valued at less than \$50,000, and housing only about 500 patients a year, the hospital has grown to a plant valued at more than a million dollars and capable of caring for 7,000 patients annually.

A large group of physicians, board members, interns, nurses and friends of the institution gathered early in June on the lawn in front of the main building in observance of the 50th birthday of the infirmary opened by the Women's Guild of Christ Church. The names of guild members responsible for beginning the institution will appear on the tablet soon to be placed in the hospital's hallway.

Members of the present board of the hospital include: Rev. W. L. Clark, Danville; F. E. Faulkner, Lexington; Rev. W. P. Fryman, Danville; Rev. O. B. Crockett, Ft. Thomas; Rev. Howard W. Whitaker, Lexington; Mrs. H. L. Ott, Crestwood; J. Owen Reynolds, Lexington; J. T. Cannon, Cynthiana; Joe H. Gibson, Somerset; A. B. Phister, Ft. Thomas; J. C. Fitch, Lexington; E. J. Clore, O'Bannon; George W. Vaughn, Lexington; Jack L. Ott, Louisville; Rev. A. Gilliam, Paris; Rev. J. L. Clark, Lexington, and Will Dunn, Lexington. Miss Lake Johnson is superintendent of the institution.