



Securing a City's Future Water Supply: Building a Reservoir in Charlottesville, Virginia

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Albemarle County Almshouse

- Found in the 18th and 19th century
- Located six miles from the City of Charlottesville
- One mile away from Hickory Hill on the Southern Railroad

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What it looked like

- Two large building
- One was for the whites and one was for the colored
- They were large barns, with other necessities outside of the building
- Heated by hot water, lit by lamps, and the water was brought in from the reservoir on the top of the mountain

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Who did they house?

- There was 56 that were supported through the year of 1909
- The sick, namely and poor who received aid from the county, had a place in the Almshouse

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How many people used the Almshouse?

- In 1909, there was a population of 28, 473 in Albemarle County
- The number of people that Almshouses relived through the year and temporarily was 189

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- 48 Rooms with 2 to a room
- The genders were separated
- Religious services were offered
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What is left of a Poor Farm

Albemarle County Poor Farm (29N)



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Map of the Poor House



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