

Baden Waterloo Co

July 25th 1866

Dr. Beaman

Orleans Asylum Idiots

Wilmington

Dear Dr. Having a patient  
in the neighborhood who is an  
Idiot and whose parents desire  
her admission to our Asylum  
I beg to make application  
for "papers" &c. Are there  
any charges for maintenance  
in the case of those unable  
to pay or those able to pay?

Trusting to hear from  
you at an early date  
I remain  
Yours &c

Wm. Nichols



Baden Aug 30 1896  
Dr. Beaman  
Supt. Oulic's Academy for Idiots

Dear Sir -

I am in receipt of your  
favor of July 27. 96 enclosing  
papers for idiot here. The  
father states that he is unable  
to pay any rate other than clothing  
and begs to submit a statement  
of his affairs.

Nominally he is the owner of 225  
acres of land and a sawmill  
practically nothing.

Four years ago he bought this place  
for \$12,000 paying down \$5,000 giving  
a mortgage for \$7,000 on the land and  
another mortgage of \$1,000 (second) for stock  
(cows) as understood it. His cattle  
horses machinery were then worth  
~~\$2,500~~ \$2,500<sup>00</sup> - Owing to the depreciation  
in lands stock &c he now  
finds himself really worth  
only a few hundred dollars

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Original Value	Rep <sup>d</sup> Value	Liabilities
Land 12000	8000	Debt 4000
Stock 2500	1500	2 <sup>d</sup> Debt 1000
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14500	9500	<hr/>
	8800	8800
Present worth	<u>\$ 900</u>	

His wife has Tuberculosis, he has no help of his own - must hire two men and two females through-out the year. This together with the present low price of grain and produce makes it impossible for him to meet these expenses without adding any more.

\$2.75 a week is \$1430<sup>00</sup> per annum on the interest @ 5% on a Capital of \$2860 - with clothing a capitalization of \$3000 at least. Kindly let me know what you think of his case financially as regards ability to pay?

Yours Respectfully W. H. Nichols and

