

## Centre College Board of Trustees Minutes (Vol. 2 - 1842)

[Note: the "Asylum" or "Institution" for the Deaf and Dumb would later become the [Kentucky School for the Deaf](#). Centre's Trustees administered the school until 1870. In 1826 the federal government granted the Trustees one township of land in Florida. In 1836 the trustees received a second land grant in Arkansas. It was the Trustees responsibility to survey and sell the land to provide funds to help support the institution.]

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### March 30, 1842

The Board met in College. Present Messrs. Craig, Todd, McDowell, Hopkins, Rice, Grundy, Berryman. Rev. John Montgomery and Mr. John Ford appeared, and having presented certificates of having been duly qualified as Trustees of Centre College appointed by Synod of Kentucky, took their seats.

Messrs. Craig, Ford, and Hopkins were appointed a committee to arrange with the Messer. Rice for the payment or additional security of a note of \$1,000, on which they are principals, and on which judgment has been obtained.

Messrs. McDowell and Jacobs were appointed a committee to settle with Major Barbour and Mr. Henderson any claims which the College or Asylum may have against either of them or which either of them may have against the College or Asylum.

The financial committee (Messrs. Bell, Barbour, and McDowell) are instructed to make arrangements with either Mr. Bell or Mr. J. Barbour, Jr., to collect or have secured all the notes due to College within this neighborhood.

Resolved that the Secretary of the Board give to Mr. John L. Berryman a power of attorney to perform

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any legal acts which may enable him as agent of the Board to secure the legacy of Mr. Pyke.

Mr. John A. Jacobs [[superintendent, Kentucky School for the Deaf](#)] was appointed official agent to visit Florida, with full powers to make any arrangement which he may deem necessary for collecting or securing the funds due to the Deaf and Dumb Asylum in Florida, and in the deficiency of funds in the Treasury of the Asylum. Messrs. Craig and Ford were appointed a committee to procure funds for defray Mr. Jacobs' agency. The Board do hereby revoke the appointment made at a previous meeting of Mr. Henry Washington as agent in Florida for the Asylum, and do empower Mr. Jacobs to a permanent agent or agents in Florida to manage the interests of the Asylum.

The Chairman was directed to give Mr. Jacobs a power of attorney containing the powers described above.

The Board sold to Mr. Jacobs the land remaining unsold in Florida.

The thanks of the Board were voted to Messrs. Thompson and Morehead for their efforts in Congress to aid the Asylum.

The Board direct the Treasurer to accept each warrant for a professor's salary when it falls due, and allow interest on it until it is paid.

Messrs. Young, Berryman, and Craig were appointed a committee to

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engage the services of a general agent, with powers to specify his work and salary.

Mr. James Graham's [teacher, Grammar School] salary was raised to \$800 per annum.

**March 30, 1842**

Board met at Major Barbour's store. Present Todd, Berryman, Craig, McDowell, Hopkins, Grundy, Ford. John A. Jacobs was appointed Secretary pro tem.

On motion, resolved that the Rev. W. W. Hill be appointed agent of the Board in the place of John A. Jacobs, and that all the powers conferred on Mr. Jacobs be hereby conferred on Mr. Hill.

Resolved that Dr. Craig and John A. Jacobs be a committee to give Mr. Hill the necessary instruction to enable him to discharge the duties of his agency.

Resolved that Mr. Hill's expenses will be defrayed by the Board, it being understood that he is willing to undertake the agency without any further remuneration.

These minutes were copied from the draught handed me by Mr. Jacobs, Secretary pro tem.

*John C. Young, Secretary*

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**Centre College September 28, 1842**

The Board met. Present Todd, McDowell, Montgomery, Hopkins, Craig, Berryman, Barbour, Ford.

The committee appointed to settle with Major Barbour and with Mr. Henderson presented a report, which was received, approved, and directed to be filed. The same committee were directed to make a deed to Major Barbour for the house bought by him of the Board as soon as he shall present evidence of having made full payment.

Messrs. Hopkins, Ford, and Barbour were appointed a committee to settle the accounts of the Treasurer.

Messrs. Young and Berryman reported that they had found no agent to solicit funds, etc., but recommended to the Board the appointment of John A. Jacobs as Financial Agent with power to settle the debts of the College, secure the notes, receive the interest on all such due, and whenever he deemed it desirable, to collect the notes. Mr. Jacobs was appointed Financial Agent with full power to collect all debts due to the College, etc.

Colonel McDowell reported that he had examined into a claim against Harrison's estate, and had prepared it for settlement. He was instructed to close it by taking a note.

Mr. Berryman reported that he had commenced a suit in behalf of the College against W. W. Hall.

Messrs. Craig, Hopkins, and Young were appointed a committee to

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examine into the account of the College with the Asylum.

The Treasurer was directed to collect from Messrs. William Dod [professor of mathematics] and William D. Kerr [teacher, Kentucky School for the Deaf] any rent that may be due from them to the college, and the interest on the note of W. Bridges.

Mr. Bell was directed to collect the money coming to the Theological Fund from the executor of the deceased Mr. Rose.

The Board authorized Professor Ormond Beatty to purchase a barometer for the use of the college.

The following young gentlemen of the Senior class were recommended to the Board by the Faculty in the degree of A. B.: James B. Alexander, Daniel D. Atcheson, John C. Bullitt, Richard H. Collins, L. P. Haines, Joseph Helm, Isham Henderson, Thomas Martin, John Magoffin, Robert M. Moore, John Owsley, Henry D. Small, Thompson, Andrew J. Dunlap.

The following persons, former graduates, were recommended for the degree of A. M.: [names not listed]

The respective degrees were conferred on the persons recommended.

*John C. Young, Secretary*

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**Afternoon session at the office of James Barbour, Esq.**

Present as in the morning.

The committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts reported that they had discharged the duty assigned to them and had found the accounts to be correct. Their report was accepted.

Messrs. Ford and McDowell were appointed the committee to superintend the college buildings.

The committee directed Mr. Young to transmit to Mr. Kinney his note of \$100, he having applied to the Board for a release from payment on grounds satisfactory to the Board. His letter was directed to be filed.

*John C. Young, Secretary*

**July 23, 1842**

The Board met at Major Barbour's. Present Barbour, McDowell, Hopkins, Bell, Craig, Ford. Colonel McDowell was appointed Chairman pro tem.

Mr. Jacobs read and handed in a report of Mr. Hill, giving an account of his Florida agency. The Board thereupon expressed their entire satisfaction with the manner in which Mr. Hill had conducted his agency, and directed that his report should be filed with the papers of the Asylum.

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**July 30, 1842**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Centre College July 30, 1842, present Messrs. Todd, Craig, Hopkins, Barbour, McDowell, Ford.

It was resolved that Mr. James Barbour, Jr., be appointed the agent for the Deaf and Dumb Asylum to proceed to Florida near the 1st of October next with full powers to settle all its business there of every description, including the location and sales of land, collection of debts and suits, at a salary of \$1,200 a year, and that he be required to remain in Florida eight months in the year necessary from the time of his departure from this country, and that he be authorized to employ such aid and counsel as it may be necessary in transacting his agency at the expense of the Board.

Further ordered that it be a part of his agency to attend to any interest the Asylum may have in Arkansas, and if any additional expense be thereby incurred in travelling above what would have been incurred by remaining in Florida, it should be borne by the Board.

It is further directed that Mr. Barbour take with him the Florida posted notes, and make the best use of them he can, and be authorized if he deem such the best use to purchase cotton with them and ship it to New York.

Messrs. Barbour and Ford were appointed a committee to raise the funds necessary to bear Mr. Barbour's expenses.

John A. Jacobs was appointed a committee to draw up and give Mr. Barbour a power of attorney in the name and behalf of the Trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky to

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execute the above agency, and to annex the seal of the corporation to it, which power shall be signed in the name of the Board by the Chairman.

The correspondence secretary of the Asylum was directed to write to Mr. Dupont and request him to attend to the business of the Asylum which may require attention in the interval between this time and Mr. Barbour's arrival in Florida.

*John A. Jacobs, Secretary pro tem, John Todd, Chairman Board of Trustees*