

Aged Negro Couple Give Land for New National Sanatorium

After laboring for 14 years to acquire their holdings, James K. Polk Taylor, a former slave, 71 years old, and his freeborn wife, Elizabeth Jane Taylor, 75 years old, have turned over about 480 acres of rich farming land located near Calhan, and about 40 miles from Colorado Springs, to the Charles Sumner National Tuberculosis association. The land is valued at about \$10 an acre, and will be used as a site for a large sanatorium which while primarily proposed for colored people of the United States, will also care for consumptives of other races, should such service be required.

News of the transfer of the land for this purpose was made yesterday morning by Dr. S. W. Crosthwaite, national secretary and financial agent for the association, who recently returned from the farm, after completing the details in connection with the transfer. This means a radical change from the first plans of the association, as it was the original purpose to locate the sanatorium in or near Denver. The association's by-laws, however, provide for the erection of the sanatorium in Denver or at some place easily accessible therefrom, and for this reason, when the offer of the land some 40 miles from this city was made, it was decided to locate the health re-

sort there. The Rev. William R. Stephens, pastor of the People's Methodist Episcopal church of Colorado Springs, will become one of the trustees of the property.

The association, which was incorporated last July, expects to expend approximately \$300,000 on the sanatorium. Forty acres of the land will be devoted to the sanatorium proper, as a building site, and the remaining 440 acres will be used for agricultural purposes partially to sustain the institution, it being the purpose of the organizers to make the institution wholly self-supporting in time, if possible.

Varied Careers.

The old couple who have donated their life's savings to this purpose, have met with many vicissitudes. Both were born in Tennessee. Mr. Taylor served his old master, Bob Taylor (not the present senator from that state), on the Taylor estate near Brownsville, until he was 24 years old, when he was freed by the government. Mrs. Taylor's paternal grandfather, Moses Brown, was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, serving under George Washington. She was taken to Ohio when 17 years old, because the colored children of that day were deprived of school advantages in the south.

During the Civil war, Taylor left his old master and at the head of five companions, joined the federal army. About 14 years ago he settled near Calhan, where he has since made his home, gradually adding to his original holdings.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor will continue to live on the farm which has been their home for so many years. One of the first pieces of work to be done on the sanatorium site will be the erection of a comfortable cottage, at the expense of the association, which will be turned over for the exclusive use of the aged couple, as long as they live.

Some well-known men are on the advisory committee of the association. Among them are: W. E. B. DuBois, A. M., Ph. D., Atlanta university, Atlanta, Ga.; G. W. Hubbard, M. D., dean of Meharry Medical college; Bishop E. Tyree, M. D., D. D., Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. J. E. Moorland, international secretary of the Y. M. C. A., Washington, D. C., and the Rev. A. E. Reynolds, Denver.

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