

Dedicated to delivery of quality health care

DEKALB — The DeKalb County Nursing Home was not always the 192-bed facility it is today.

The nursing home, 2331 Sycamore Road, had its beginning as the county poor farm in 1853 and provided shelter and care for the less fortunate.

In 1912, the Board of Supervisors, which oversaw all poor farm operations, decided a change was necessary. A committee was appointed and an architect hired to consider construction of a new building.

In 1914, the Board of Supervisors took action and approved the new DeKalb County Infirmary, which would absorb and handle the affairs of the County poor farm.

After construction of the

130-bed facility, services in the community were expanded and the infirmary remained the same until 1968.

Ground was broken in late 1968 for construction of the present 192-bed facility, now known as the DeKalb County Nursing Home. The cornerstone, however, still reads DeKalb County Infirmary.

The home is dedicated to the delivery of quality health care to the chronically ill and elderly residents of the area.

In 1975, remodeling provided more space for the Mental Health Board and the DeKalb County Health Department.

The entire complex was then renamed the DeKalb County Health Center.

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