

county," and by that name they may take and hold any gift, donation or present which may be given, devised or bequeathed by any person to them, for the support and maintenance of the poor in said county.

P. L. L., (1860,) art. 17, sec. 2.

2. They shall have power to acquire, to them and their successors forever, any lands not exceeding the yearly value of fifteen hundred dollars.

Ibid. sec. 3.

3. They may use a common seal, and may change the same at their pleasure.

Ibid. sec. 4.

4. As often as any one of the said trustees shall die, resign, remove out of the county or become incapable of acting, the county commissioners shall elect one of the citizens of said county in his place.

Ibid. sec. 5.

5. Any male citizen of the county over twenty-one years of age shall be qualified to act as trustee for the almshouse.

Ibid. sec. 6.

6. The person so elected shall, before acting as such trustee, take before some other of the trustees the following oath: "I, A. B., do swear that I will duly and faithfully discharge the duties and trusts committed to me as a trustee for the poor of Queen Anne's county, according to the best of my skill and knowledge, so help me God."

Ibid. sec. 7.

7. Any person elected as trustee who shall wilfully refuse or delay to take upon himself said office, and qualify as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty-five dollars; but no member of the general assembly, clergyman, attorney or practising physician, shall be obliged to accept said office, or forfeit as aforesaid for refusing to accept; and no judge, justice of the peace or sheriff, or any one who has not the qualification to be a member of the general assembly, shall be eligible thereto; and no person shall be compellable to serve in less than three years after he has served or paid the forfeiture for refusing to serve.