

Designer and architect John A. Scribbins of Decatur was hired to design the facility and contractor James P. Moorehead of Tuscola was hired as general contractor.

On March 1, 1917, William F. Jarman passed away at the age of 84, and while he would not live long enough to see the Sarah A. Jarman Memorial Hospital, he at least had the satisfaction of knowing that his wife would be memorialized. Before his death he made another gift to the hospital by paying to equip the main operating room as a memorial to his daughter.

Work began on the hospital in June 1917. James Moorehead was contracted to complete the work within six months but with America's involvement in WWI, which resulted in a shortage of materials and labor, and severe weather during the winter of 1917-1918, it was impossible for the work to be completed in that timeline. The hospital would not open until January 1919.

The final cost of the building, which boasted 30 beds, two operating rooms, an isolation ward, and a nursery,

was \$60,000. An endowment fund was put in place to provide support. The hospital was furnished by the generosity of individuals and organizations throughout the county.

The Sarah A. Jarman Memorial Hospital began its first official day of operation on Jan. 8, 1919, and would continue, with one brief interruption, to serve the people of Douglas County for the next 71 years.

In March 1933, the country was deep into the Great Depression and the hospital was suffering financial difficulties due to the inability of many patients to pay for services in a timely manner, if they could pay at all. It had also been announced that county aid would end at the end of the month, and with no relief in sight the hospital board of trustees decided the hospital would have to close. The hospital was about \$10,000 in debt (equivalent to about \$228,350 today, which was a nearly insurmountable amount during the Great Depression). On Friday, March 31, 1933, a note was posted on the front door of the hospital announcing that no more patients would be accepted.

The hospital remained closed for about 20 months during which time discussions on how to reopen the hospital and keep it solvent were ongoing. The decision was made to reopen the facility as a county supported operation. After some extensive planning renovations made necessary due damaged plumbing which had not been drained when the hospital closed in 1933, Jarman Hospital again welcomed patients on Dec. 26, 1934.

In 1948, the hospital added an addition to provide more space for laundry and four extra patient rooms on the upper floor. The 34 x 44 foot addition cost \$35,000.

On June 27, 1965, a groundbreaking ceremony was held on the grounds of Jarman Hospital in preparation for a new hospital building to be erected just north of the original hospital building. In the late 1950s, discussions began pertaining to updating and enlarging the hospital which was then 40 years old. That was followed with some concerns about the hospital's industry accreditation. Plans for a new building began in November 1963 and members of a Jarman Memori-



CHRIS ROBINSON, current owner of the old Jarman Hospital, shows demolition work in an upstairs room last year.

al Building Fund and hospital administrators began working hard to raise funds and find

grants to fund a new \$1.6 million dollar hospital with nearly double the capacity of the old hospital.

With enough funding secured, construction began in June of 1965. The building was designed by Chicago-based architects and engineers with Jensen & Halstead and constructed by the Chicago area-based firm of E. H. Marhoefer Jr. which was hired as general contractor. On March 22, 1967, the modern new three-story, 58-bed Jarman Memorial Hospital opened its doors to patients. The old building was torn down in 1974, but the 1948 addition was left standing.

In the late 1980s, Jarman Memorial Hospital was once again facing financial difficulties which administrators said were the result of low patient numbers and underpayment by Medicaid and Medicare. Many rural Illinois hospitals had been forced to close under similar circumstances. Many discussions were held as advocates for the hospital fought to find a solution to save it, but it was a losing battle. On June 1, 1990, Jarman Memorial Hos-

pital closed its door for the last time.

The closure may well have seemed like losing an old friend because buildings are more than just that, structures made of impersonal blocks of wood and stone, they are home to memories and experiences and good times with our friends and families. They are where life-changing decisions are made, children are born, where our lives are lived, and in the case of Jarman Hospital, where some lives ended.

Jarman Hospital was part of our collective experience and community landscape, and is now part of the memories and history that make up our community - and Jarman continues on into our future.

The 1967 hospital building and the 1948 addition remain and have been repurposed. Locals Sally Foote and her husband, Tom Wold, purchased the property and created the Jarman Center Senior Living. After that venture closed in 2022, Foote and Wold sold to local builder Chris Robinson who is developing Jarman Plaza with apartments and office spaces.



GROUND BREAKING for the "new" hospital in 1965. From left are William McCarty and Walt Jenkins, co-chairmen of the fundraising steering committee, Max Kersbergen, hospital administrator, Mrs. Harry L. Pate, president of the hospital auxiliary, the Rev. John Jones, fund treasurer, Marion Stephenson, chairman of the Douglas County Board, and Wilber Beery, fund president.

Douglas County Court

Traffic Citations

Haji Akbar, 39, Savoy, child restraint violation.

Erin M. Beyers, 21, Saint Joseph, speeding 21-25 MPH above the limit.

Tyler D. McKenzie, 29, Mahomet, display plate attachment violation.

Alexis B. Gonzalez, 21, Chicago, speeding 21-25 MPH above the limit.

Larry M. Little, 85, Tuscola, driving with an electronic communication device.

Richard E. Gregory, 51, Windsor, speeding 21-25 MPH above the limit.

Ethan W. Oliver, 21, Chicago, speeding 15-20 MPH above the limit.

Gregory Tyler Dickey, Homer, 25, expired registration.

Real Estate

Jack W. Thompson and Mary M. Thompson granted a warranty deed to The Village of Camargo for parcels 04-03-34-409-001 and 04-03-34-409-006, Lots 3, 4, 19 and 20 in James Plowman Addn., Ca-

margo.

Caroly N. Eckerty granted a transfer on death instrument to Barry N. Eckerty, Mark R. Eckerty, and Robert H. Eckerty at 1 Paul St., Villa Grove.

Delores A. Myers granted and affidavit to Patricia McMahon and Richard E. Myers at 106 N. Iowa, Atwood.

Duane Frichtl, trustee, granted an affidavit to Dennis A. Frichtl, trustee, Donald A. Frichtl, trustee, and the Frichtl Family Trust at 57 Poplar Dr., Tuscola.

Farm Credit Illinois FLCA and Farm Credit Services of Illinois FLCA granted a mortgage release to Dennis Joines and Eugene Joines for parcels 06-10-02-400-007 and 08-12-32-300-006.

Christopher M. Robinson granted a quit claim deed to Robinson Estates LLC at 503 N. Niles Ave., Tuscola.

Christopher M. Robinson granted a quit claim deed to Jarman Plaza LLC at 704 N. Main St., Tuscola.

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granted a quit claim deed to Robinson Estates LLC at 204 S. Sheldon St., Arcola.

Christopher M. Robinson granted a quit claim deed to Robinson Estates LLC at 478 E. Washington St., Arcola.

Christopher M. Robinson granted a quit claim deed to Robinson Estates LLC for lots 7, 8, 9, 10, Bartel's Subdivision and lot 2 of Bartel's Subdivision of Chandler & Balees 2nd Addn., Arcola.

Christopher M. Robinson granted a quit claim deed to Robinson Estates LLC at 219 S. Missouri in Atwood, 1007 Eastview Dr. in Tuscola and 208 N. Ohio St. in Tuscola.

Donato Solar Villa Grove LLC granted a subordinate agreement to Midland States Bank for parcel 04-03-10-234-006.

Deborah J. Hall and Steven M. Hall granted a transfer on death instrument to Haley R. Buono and Leslie A. Karcher at 2 Country Club Rd., Arcola.

Ruth Harris granted an affidavit to Sandy Eiben, Vicki

Hamilton, Debbie Rich and Christopher Schweighart.

Ruth Harris granted an affidavit to Steve Harris.

Ruth Harris granted a power of attorney to Stephen R. Harris.

Sandra Eiben, Gregory Harris, Kevin Harris, Ruth Harris, Steve Harris, Brandon Likens, Matthew Likens, Darin Scott Rich, Gary Travis Rich, Justin Alan Rich and Joseph Schweighart granted a warranty deed to Brett Adkisson at 909 E. Newkirk St., Tuscola.

Brett I. Adkisson granted a mortgage to Longview Bank at 909 E. Newkirk St., Tuscola.

Brett I. Adkisson granted an assignment to Longview Bank at 909 E. Newkirk St., Tuscola.

Penny Lynn Cissell and Anita M. Gilliland granted a warranty deed to Veronica Salinas and Jose Garza Silva at 315 N. Pine St., Arcola.

Veronica Salinas and Jose Garza Silva granted a mortgage to First Mid Bank & Trust National Association at 315 N. Pine St., Arcola.

Deon D. Chester and Katrina R. Chester granted a loan modification and ex. Agreement to Arcola First Bank, First Federal Bank of Tuscola and Tuscola First Bank at 809 Pheasant Run, Tuscola.

JHM Declaration of Trust and John H. Mast granted a trustee's deed to Barbara J. Ensz and Ribert L. Ensz at 8 S. Walnut, Villa Grove.

Farm Credit Illinois FLCA granted a mortgage release to Betty Yoder, Betty D. Yoder, Nathan Yoder and Nathan L. Yoder for parcels 03-10-32-200-003, 03-10-32-200-004, 03-10-32-400-001 and 03-10-32-400-002.

First State Bank granted a mortgage release to Todd W. Edmundson at 591 E. County Rd. 1250N, Tuscola.

Iroquois Federal Savings & Loan Association granted a release to Michael A. Lindenmeyer at 571 E. County Rd. 300N, Arcola.

First Mid Bank & Trust NA granted a mortgage release to Arcola Chamber of Commerce

at 110 E. Main St., Arcola.

Viola C. Schrock Jess, Eldon V. Schrock and Loretta Fern Schrock granted an easement to Ameren Illinois Company for parcel 02-13-06-100-007.

Embrace Home Loans, Freedom Mortgage Corporation and Mortgage Electronic Regis. Systems granted a mortgage release to Delores A. Myers at 106 N. Iowa St., Atwood.

Michael P. Christy and Vicki L. Christy granted a warranty deed to Elizabeth Ashley Henningsen and Jonathan Andrew Henningsen for parcel 05-01-002-200-010.

Elizabeth L. Fox and Stephen W. Fox granted a quit claim deed to Cory K. Fox and Stephen T. Fox at 306 N. Indiana St., Tuscola.

Greg Izard granted a warranty deed to Exell Excavating Inc. at 405 N. Third St., Villa Grove.

Roy Rentals LLC granted a mortgage to Villa Grove State Bank at 903 Front St., Villa Grove.

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