

Hilington.

Incompliance with an act past at 1824

Requesting and directing the overseers of the poor
to make returns of the number of paupers in their respective
towns I give the following statement

on the town of Arlington. April 1829 there is sixteen
paupers the town pays forty dollars each year for the
supporting of two old persons the remainder of paupers
are supported at a poorhouse with a small farm attached
to it the interest of money paid for a farm amounting
to \$47.16 cents

\$47.16
40.00

Keeping the two old persons
Clothing, food, bills and other expenses the last year 121.69
Exclusive the value of the farm was 248.45
The causes are as follows which reduced those persons to pauperism
Four old persons one male and three females helpless

And no means of support
one female has been crazy for the most part of the time
for fifteen years

Three women and seven children born in town
no other means of support

one foolish girl

I will here take the liberty to remark that according to
my short experience since I took charge of the
poorhouse I think it would be much cheaper for the
country and much better for the poor if there was a poor
poorhouse in each county with a farm sufficient for the support of
public worship that the poor might those that were
able attend on public worship every Sabbath
and a good school kept in or near a poorhouse
that each child which was not able to work could attend
school and let each pauper have such work as they
could best do under the direction of an overseer say the old
men to work in the garden old woman mending and mending clothes
those females that are able spinning and weaving
such persons as are able to work on the farm let there be a sufficient
quantity of things kept on the farm for clothing the poor

Enos Campbell overseer of the poor
Arlington