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The following items are accounts of Mrs. B. F. Jones donating her cottage at Cresson for use as a TB facility.

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It is also a pleasure to be able to announce that Mrs. B. F. Jones, of Pittsburg, has expressed her interest in the sanatorium scheme by offering the department a commodious dwelling house and lot close by the tract given by Mr. Carnegie. This will enable us to commence the reception of patients at Cresson during the present summer without waiting for the completion of the larger buildings.

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As an expression of her interest in the State's work for the tuberculosis poor, Mrs. B.F. Jones, widow of the Pittsburg Steel Manufacturer, has offered Health Commissioner Dixon her magnificent cottage and grounds at Cresson. It lies close by the tract of land given the Commonwealth by Andrew Carnegie for the Western Sanatorium for Tuberculosis.

The cottage is large enough to accommodate at least 20 tuberculosis patients and no time will be lost in getting it ready for occupancy so that the benefits of the high altitude and healthy climate of Cresson will soon be enjoyed by a number of poor sufferers.

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Mrs. B. F. Jones, widow of the late Pittsburg steel manufacturer, has given to the state department of health her handsome cottage at Cresson. The cottage adjoins the tract given by Andrew Carnegie for a tuberculosis sanitarium. The property cost \$18,000 and is well adapted for state uses. Commissioner of Health Samuel G. Dixon, to whom the offer was made, will accept it for the state.

NOTE

Benjamin F. Jones owned the cottage up until the time of his death in 1903, and willed the Cresson property to his wife, Mary McM. Jones. She, in turn, assigned the property to the State of Pennsylvania in 1910 for reasons that are unclear but which may have had to do with the dissolution of the Cresson Springs Company (see Section 8). The state returned the property to private hands in 1923, selling the cottage to DeLloyd Thompson for \$2101.00.