

African-American ENTREPRENEURS (PART 6)

Pickford Tuberculosis Sanitarium

The Pickford Tuberculosis Sanitarium was opened in 1896 in Southern Pines, North Carolina. It was donated in memory of Charles J. Pickford. The Sanitarium's mission was to treat African Americans with tuberculosis. Tuberculosis is an infection that mainly affects the lungs. It causes coughing, chest pain, and fever. The sickness is treatable with medicine, but can cause great harm if left untreated. The Sanitarium opened from the start of December to the start of May each year. Treatment cost \$15 per month. The Sanitarium remained open because of the generous donations from both blacks and whites.

1. What was the purpose of the Pickford Tuberculosis Sanitarium?
2. How much did treatment at the Sanitarium cost?
3. Where was the sanitarium located?



George Henry White

George Henry White was an African American politician, lawyer, and businessman. He was born in 1852. He is most famous for being the last African American member of the United States House of Representatives from North Carolina. He served during the late 1800s and early 1900s. He was elected to Congress in 1896. He served two terms, from 1897 to 1901. He fought for civil rights, voting rights, and economic opportunities for African Americans. Not until 1972 did another African American from the South serve in Congress. White returned to his law practice and business ventures. He eventually moved to Philadelphia. He passed away in 1918.

1. Why is George Henry White famous?
2. While in Congress, what did George Henry White promote?
3. Why is White an important historical figure?