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Dr. H. Clinton Thompson was commanded by General George McClelland to take charge of the Eastern Lunatic Asylum (Eastern State Hospital) in Williamsburg, Virginia in 1862. Further information about this individual or organization may be available in the Special Collections Research Center Wiki:

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Scope and Contents

Manuscript affidavit of Dr. H. Clinton Thomson, MD, on the conditions of Eastern Lunatic Asylum (the present day Easter State Hospital) in Williamsburg, Virginia dated March 3, 1866. The affidavit describes the patients and the buildings when Thomson arrived in 1862 to take charge of the hospital. He indicated patients were in need of food and clothing, the sewage system of the buildings had been confiscated for the war, and bedding and other items used when the "rebels" were in Williamsburg. Dr. Thomson enlisted the help of Henry M. Bowden and wife who had been officers of the institution before the war. Per a request to the Governor of Western Virginia, Doctor Gillet Watson soon arrived to take over management of the asylum.

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