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Document Summary:

The university was established in Fayetteville accordance with an Act of Congress as a land grant institution. With the receipt of this grant, the university promised to teach students science “and its application to the arts of life,” have students perform manual labor, conduct experiments for the promotion of agriculture and horticulture, teach military science, and to provide a thorough education.

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CIRCULAR

Arkansas Industrial University,

FOR 1872-73.

ESTABLISHMENT AND AIMS OF THE
UNIVERSITY.

This institution is established in accordance with an Act of Congress, making a grant of land as an endowment for its benefit, and in accordance with an Act of the General Assembly of this State, carrying out the object of said grant. According to the language of the grant, "the leading object shall be, without excluding other scientific and classical studies, and including military tactics, to teach such branches of learning as are related to Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts, in order to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions of life;" or, changing the order of statement, the chief aim of the University is, "the *liberal and practical education of the industrial classes* in the several pursuits and professions of life;" and in order to this end, the University is "to teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanic arts, without excluding other scientific and classical studies, and including military tactics." The military tactics are required and the scientific and classical studies are permitted. Such, at least, we believe, is the common construction of those clauses, though the language may not unreasonably be understood to imply that the latter studies *shall not* be excluded from the course. The aim of the University is to comply strictly with the Acts of Congress and the General Assembly of this State in providing for and establishing it.

It proposes therefore—

1st. To impart a knowledge of science and its application to the arts of life.

2d. To afford to students, such as may desire it, the benefits of daily manual labor. This labor is to some degree remunerative. But its remunerative character is not so much intended to lessen the expenses of students as for educational uses, as it is planned and varied for the illustration of the principles of science. The preservation of health, and of a taste for the pursuits of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts, are two other important objects.

3d. To prosecute experiments for the promotion of Agriculture and Horticulture.

4th. To provide the means of instruction in military science ; and to this end skilled instructors and suitable military implements will be secured and obtained as soon as practicable.

5th. To afford the means of a general and thorough education not inferior to those afforded to all classes in the best of colleges.

LOCATION.

The Arkansas Industrial University is pleasantly located within the corporate limits of the town of Fayetteville, in Washington county. This location is thought to be unsurpassed by any other locality in the State in salubrity of climate, beauty of surrounding scenery, fertility of soil, variety and perfection of agricultural and horticultural productions and the morality and intelligence of its people.

All necessary buildings, including school, study and recitation rooms, are provided for the accommodation of all students who may apply for admission.

It is thought by the opening of the academic year, 1873-74, large and commodious buildings will be constructed with dormitories and other improvements, looking to the comfort of students.

PROPERTY AND FUNDS.

Besides the munificent grant of land made by Congress, amounting to one hundred and fifty thousand acres, the Legislature of the State has appropriated fifty thousand dollars for the benefit of the Institution. The donation of one hundred and thirty thousand dollars proposed by the county of Washington and town of Fayetteville, upon condition of the location of the Institution in the latter place, has been secured and made available by its location at Fayetteville. In addition to the above, several hundred acres of valuable lands have been donated by private individuals.

EXPERIMENTAL FARM.

An experimental farm, of excellent character, has been provided, immediately contiguous to the University, for agricultural and horticultural purposes. The labor system will be voluntary, and students will not labor exceeding three hours per day, Saturdays excepted. Compensation for labor will be from five to fifteen cents per hour, according to ability.

TERMS and VACATIONS.

The Academical Year of the University with its several departments is divided into three terms, which are denominated Autuma, Winter and Spring ; and the year will begin with the opening of the Autumn term. The Autumn term will continue fourteen weeks, the Winter and Spring terms will continue thir-

teen weeks each, and there will be one long vacation commencing at the close of the Spring term and continuing to the opening of the Autumn term, including the whole of August and the greater parts of July and September ; and two short vacations of one week each, one at the close of the Autumn term and the other at the close of the Winter term.

CALENDAR FOR ACADEMICAL YEAR 1872-73.

The Autumn term will commence on the 23d of September, 1872, and close on the 20th December, 1872.

The Winter Term will commence on the 30th December, 1872, and close on the 28th of March, 1873.

The Spring Term will commence on the 7th of April, 1873, and close on the 3d of July, 1873.

BENEFICIARIES.

It is provided in Section 18, of the Act of the General Assembly establishing the University, that the Board of Trustees shall have power to "prescribe the grade and number of honorary scholarships, and prescribe the rules by which scholars who are to be admitted free shall be elected equally from the various parts of the State." They have, therefore, made provisions for two hundred and nineteen beneficiaries, who will be entitled to four years free tuition, and who are apportioned among the several counties according to their respective populations by the United States census of 1870, which apportionment is as follows :

| COUNTIES. | NO. OF STUDENTS | COUNTIES. | NO. OF STUDENTS | COUNTIES. | NO. OF STUDENTS |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Arkansas..... | 2 | Hempstead..... | 6 | Poinsett..... | 1 |
| Ashley..... | 3 | Hot Springs..... | 3 | Polk..... | 2 |
| Benton..... | 6 | Independence..... | 6 | Pope..... | 4 |
| Boone..... | 2 | Izard..... | 3 | Prairie..... | 4 |
| Bradley..... | 3 | Jackson..... | 3 | Pulaski..... | 14 |
| Calhoun..... | 2 | Jefferson..... | 7 | Randolph..... | 3 |
| Carroll..... | 2 | Johnson..... | 4 | Sarber..... | 2 |
| Chicot..... | 4 | Lafayette..... | 4 | St. Francis..... | 3 |
| Clark..... | 5 | Lawrence..... | 3 | Saline..... | 2 |
| Columbia..... | 4 | Lincoln..... | 3 | Scott..... | 3 |
| Conway..... | 3 | Little River..... | 2 | Searcy..... | 2 |
| Crawford..... | 4 | Madison..... | 3 | Sebastian..... | 6 |
| Crittenden..... | 2 | Marion..... | 2 | Sevier..... | 2 |
| Craighead..... | 2 | Mississippi..... | 2 | Sharp..... | 3 |
| Cross..... | 2 | Monroe..... | 4 | Union..... | 5 |
| Dallas..... | 2 | Montgomery..... | 1 | Van Buren..... | 2 |
| Desha..... | 3 | Nevada..... | 2 | Washington..... | 8 |
| Drew..... | 4 | Newton..... | 2 | White..... | 5 |
| Franklin..... | 4 | Ouachita..... | 6 | Woodruff..... | 3 |
| Fulton..... | 2 | Perry..... | 1 | Yell..... | 4 |
| Grant..... | 2 | Phillips..... | 6 | | |
| Greene..... | 3 | Pike..... | 2 | | |

The beneficiaries will be appointed as follows: By the Governor of the State, ten, not to exceed two in any one county ; by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, five, not to exceed one in any one county, provided, he shall not be entitled to make any appointments by virtue of his being ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees ; by each member of the Board of