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Adams County Poorhouse (Almshouse)

Ledger of the Adams County Poorhouse, 1827 – 1875, recording all residents. One column lists the names of residents and their dates of arrival, and the second column records the date when that individual left the poorhouse, died, or was “bound” to another person. The ledger also includes statistics at the end of most years, noting the number of “paupers” that entered or left the institution that year as well as the total occupants at the year’s close.

The Adams County Almshouse was built around 1818 and usually housed 90 or more residents.

Source: Bloom, Robert L. *A history of Adams County, Pennsylvania 1700-1990*. Gettysburg, Pa. : Adams County Historical Society, 1992.

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