

THE ENSOR RESEARCH FOUNDATION

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The Research Laboratory Building on the grounds of the South Carolina State Hospital, Columbia, was provided by an Act of the 1938 South Carolina General Assembly.

Construction was authorized by the Board of Regents, South Carolina State Hospital - with acceptance by the Board of Regents in April 1939.

Activities were actually begun in this Research Laboratory Building on May 27, 1939.

In 1942, the name was changed to the Ensor Research Laboratory Building in deference to the provisions of the WILL of Mrs. W. S. (Grace Ensor) Brown of Columbia.

The WILL of Mrs. Brown, who died on July 20, 1942, was duly recorded in the Richland County, South Carolina, Probate Court, on July 27, 1942, and among other items contained these provisions:

Mrs. Grace Ensor Brown did will, bequeath, devise and appoint to the three member self-perpetuating Board of Trustees - and to their successors in office - ALL of her estate, real, personal or mixed, for the following purposes:

The income from her fortune, largely inherited from her father, to be turned over by the trustees to the Board of Regents, South Carolina State Hospital, at such time or times as the trustees deem wise -

This income to be used by the Board of Regents, South Carolina State Hospital, for the establishment and operation of a research laboratory to be known and designated as the ENSOR RESEARCH FOUNDATION, established by Mrs. Grace Ensor Brown and Miss Annie J. L. Ensor as a memorial to their parents, Dr. Joshua Fulton Ensor and Mrs. Henrietta Kemp Ensor.

The WILL further stipulated that the Board of Regents suitably mark their research department as a memorial to Dr. Joshua Fulton Ensor and his wife, Mrs. Henrietta Kemp Ensor.

Provision was made for the trust fund to be supplemented by bequests, devises or gifts from any other person or source for the purpose of furthering research authorized by the Board of Regents, South Carolina State Hospital.

Designated by Mrs. Brown as the original self-perpetuating Board of Trustees were her long time friends - Dr. C. Fred Williams, Superintendent, S. C. State Hospital; Gus. J. Sylvan, Columbia business man and Hon. Christie Benet of Columbia, Chairman, Board of Regents, S. C. State Hospital.

The WILL provided that the Board of Trustees would have the power to select a corporate trustee to be responsible for the funds of the Ensor Research Foundation should that be considered by the trustees to be for the best interests of the trust.

Included in Mrs. Brown's property was the beautiful ante bellum Ensor mansion at the summit of Ensor Avenue, facing Wildwood Avenue, in the northern section of Columbia. Filled with fine antique furniture, the home is located in exceptionally lovely wooded grounds of several acres.

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As a matter of interest and record it may be well to set forth the financial status of the Ensor Research Foundation. As was stated in the Regents' report last year the litigation which was found necessary to make valid the will of the late Mrs. Brown was passed on by the Court and the entire estate valued at \$60,000. was turned over to the trustees named in the Will. Namely, C. F. Williams, Gustaf J. Sylvan and Christie Benet.

The trustees immediately sold a good portion of the real estate and invested all the money received therefrom in 2½% interest bearing government bonds.

It is gratifying to report that the General Assembly at its last session matched the amount in the foundation by directing the State Treasurer to set aside government bonds in the sum of \$60,000. and to pay over to the Board of Regents annually the interest therefrom to supplement funds of the research foundation.

The following is the financial status of the foundation at present:

In the hands of the trustees:

Government Bonds -----	\$31,000.00
Stocks -----	4,600.00
Loans on Real Estate -----	12,850.00
Real Estate -----	10,000.00
Cash on Hand -----	1,671.41
Set aside in office of State Treasurer, bonds in the amount of -----	60,000.00

TOTAL ----- 120,121.41

The income from the funds now invested will amount to for the year 1945-1946 the sum of \$3,608.00. It is our hope that the foundation will soon be built up to \$1,000,000.00.

The revenue from this amount will enable us to keep constantly and continuously at work well trained scientific workers irrespective of financial reverses or political changes and without expense to the tax payers.

Now that the opportunity is at hand for the building of a research foundation, the income from which will be sufficient to guarantee research for all times, it is hoped that it will meet with liberal support from the public at large.

C. F. Williams, M.D.
Director of Research.

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