

Hewett that a memorial association had been formed here in honor of Col. J. J. Daniel, who had lost his life in the yellow fever epidemic; that the estate of Colonel Daniel owned property against which there was an equity; that this equity could be purchased; that the funds held by Mr. Hewett would help materially in purchasing it; and that if so purchased the property would be transformed into an orphans' home. Mr. Hewett conferred with the \$12,000 donor, whose identity was unknown in Jacksonville (and remains unknown to this day), and notified the association here that that gentleman volunteered if the association would raise by popular subscription \$10,000 of the \$25,000 required to purchase the equity, he would add enough from his own purse to the funds held by Mr. Hewett to supply the balance. The necessary \$10,000 was raised and on May 26, 1890, the association received a check from the Commercial Bank of New York for \$15,000. The home was purchased and the deeds recorded June 3, 1890. The property comprised 70 acres on the St. Johns River (where Cummer's mill is now) and included a large two-story house surrounded by a nice orange grove recovering from the freeze of 1886.

The Daniel Memorial Association now began to negotiate with the Orphanage and Home for the Friendless Association with a view of combining the two and transferring the institution to the old Daniel place on the St. Johns, thus firmly establishing the charity. The two associations finally reached an agreement and on March 28, 1891, they consolidated under the name "Daniel Memorial Orphanage and Home for the Friendless" and were so incorporated on September 20, 1893.

The orphanage was not moved to the Daniel home on the river on account of being too far in the country and too inaccessible at that time, though it was occasionally used for outing purposes for the children. It was finally decided to sell the property and invest the proceeds as an endowment. The sale was accomplished in December, 1896, to the Cummer Lumber Company.

The orphanage at Evergreen (Ionia) and Center (Third) Streets became inadequate and the opportunity arising for the purchase of a more suitable location the Orphanage Association purchased three lots at the northwest corner of Hubbard and Seventh Streets in April, 1905. There was already a small building on this property which could be utilized as a dining room in connection with the plans to build a home