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To William J. Ricker, President, Trustees of Leavitt Institute
Re: "Annex"

. . . Chapter 178 of the Resolves of 1951 provides for a \$15,000 appropriation toward constructing and equipping an annex on the main building of the Leavitt Institute. You state in your letter that the lot on which it was contemplated that the annex would be built, attached to the building, has been found to contain a bad drainage problem, and you ask if it is legal to build the annex at a distance of 100 or 150 feet from the main building. You state that this separation of the buildings would be safer in case of fire and that the annex could be built on a dry knoll without drainage problems.

It is the opinion of this office that under proper circumstances an annex may be constructed separate from the main building. While "annex" implies physical connection or physically joined to, yet the word need not necessarily be confined to a narrow and strict sense. Physical connection may be dispensed with and things may be annexed without being in actual contact, when reasonably practicable.

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