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Name Henrietta Corke , Aged ? , Reg. No. 416 , Admitted Oct 9 1899

Transferred from Isle of Wight C.A In Ward A

Reception Order signed by J. Halliday Dated April 1899

Copy of STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS:

Sex and Age F (Unknown age) Civil State Single Occupation Unknown Religion N.K

First attack N.K Age on first attack N.K When and where previously under treatment ~~I of W County Asylum~~

Duration of present attack Not Known Supposed cause Unknown Epileptic

Suicidal No Dangerous to others and how Yes hit her landlady

Any near relative afflicted with Insanity Unknown Union chargeable to St. George’s W

Previous Place of Abode Prince of Wales Cottage, Sunhill Cowes Name and Address of Person to whom Notice of Death to be sent

Name and Addresses of one or more relatives to the Patient. Emily Sherwood, 15 Lupus Street, Belgrave Rd, London, S.W

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE signed by WM Hoffmeister

1. Facts indicating insanity observed by myself at the time of the examination viz. :-

She is most incoherent in her talk, says a man o ‘war’ has been sent here for the Capt. to protect her, that our Saviour was behind the picture in the wall & that she had been to the Builders to have the wall knocked down to let the Spirit out

1. Facts communicated by others viz. :- W. Young landlady, states that she wanders about the house for hours at a time talking to herself, that she has been visiting several houses in the neighbourhood also the police station to enquire about a gentleman who is starving & she wishes to feed him. She went to the builders to knock down a wall to let the spirit out & that our saviour is up behind the picture on the wall.

HISTORY. Whence obtained

PERSONAL:- Patient is the of a family of of whom are alive. Born at full time Labour protracted or instrumental Cut first tooth when aged months. Commenced to walk at months. Commenced to talk at months. Catamenia first appeared when aged years, regularity ceased Education reached standard at school. Been able to earn own living up to Congenitally mentally deficient Convulsions during infancy . Any fits since, and age at first one . Any injury to head Suffered from Somnambulism, Rickets, Chorea, Rheumatic Fever, Scarlet Fever, Giddiness, Headaches, Asthma, Influenza or Gout (state age and particulars) If contracted Syphilis or Gonorrhoea, when , duration of treatment Other illnesses, with dates If married, when . Number of children, living healthy or otherwise , dead cause any had fit Date of last confinement Patient’s disposition Habits Sexual excess Intemperance in drink, nature amount and duration Criminal history First mental symptoms noticed ago, their nature and subsequent events up to admission

Insomnia Suicidal attempts Violent to others Cause ascribed by friends for present illness Where was patient born Places of abode, abroad or in this Country Occupation engaged in, with dates

FAMILY :- including Parents (Grandparents if possible), Brothers and Sisters, Uncles and Aunts (stating if on maternal or paternal side).

Cause of and age at death of any of the above

 Any suffered from Somnambulism, Rickets, Chorea, Rheumatic Fever, Headaches, Asthma, Gout or Syphilis, stating age

or Epileptic and since when Any Criminal or Vicious Any at all paralysed Any at present or formally insane, weakminded or eccentric, since what age and where treated

 . Phthisis in the family Any, especially the parents, ever addicted to alcoholic excesses and since what age

Age of parents at time of their marriage – father years, mother years; at all related to each other

OTHER FACTS :-

CONDITION ON ADMISSION.

PHYSICAL: General bodily condition thin Nourishment poor Weight st. lbs.

Temp. °F. Height ft. in.

Deformities no Scars, Bruises, or other signs of recent or old injury, Pigmentations, Eruptions, or New Growths no Sweat no Musculature poor Joints nil

HAIR – colour grey texture fine amount on cranium fine on face elsewhere

CRANIUM – General shape Measurements – horiz. circumf. 3 centim. above root of nose between extern. audit. meati, with tape , with calipers , glabella to occip. tuberosity, with tape , with calipers , Index , scalp, &c.,

EARS –

FACE – Shape Symmetry Angle Palpebral fissures

distance between their inner angles Colour of Irides, blue Exopthalmos no

Complexion pale Grimacings no Furrows and lines of expression no Physiognomy pleasant

THYROID – nil

PALATE – nil HANDS and FEET Ratio of length of Limbs

NERVOUS SYSTEM – Motor impairment , Dynamr – right hand lbs., left do. lbs. Tremors ? Coördination and Station ? Gait

Speech Tactile sensation ? Thermic do. Sensory Perversions, &c.

Superficial reflexes Deep do. Knee jerks nil Ankle Clonus no

Deglutition Defœcation Micturition Trophic lesions, wastings, &c.

Electrical reactions Sight fair Strabismus no Movement of Eyes good Nystagmus no Ptosis no Pupils – size equality equal

outline distinct Mobility to light fair to accomm. ? Colour-sense Opthalspc. report

Hearing bad aural discharge no Taste Smell

VASCUALR SYSTEM – Œdema no Flush, Pallor or Cyanosis no

Varicose Veins no Injection of Cutaneous capillaries no Arcus Senilis no

Pulse Vessel-wall Heart (?) harsh Blood

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM – Shape of chest Depth with calipers at level of nipples

Circumf. at same level, at expirn. at inspir. Respirations per min.,

Cough, no Sputum Examn. of Lungs nil

ALIMENTARY SYSTEM – Teeth fair Gums healthy Tongue clean Breath nil Hepatic dullness nil Herniœ (state whether reducible) no

GENERATIVE SYSTEM - Breasts

URINE – Amt. in 24 hours Sp. Gr. React. Album. Sugar Deposit

MENTAL STATE: - As far as possible under such Headings as :-

Attention, Comprehension and Re-action, Cognition of self and surroundings, including mistakes of identity and appreciation of time and place, States of Stupor and Catalepsy, Memory for recent and remote events, Association and flow of ideas, Coherence, Reasoning power, Hallucinations, Illusions, Delusions, Exaltation, Fantasies of dress, Excitement, Depression, Impulses – General, Suicidal, Homicidal, Erotic, Destructive, Obsessions, Resistiveness or Hostility, Restlessness, Self-employment, Attention to personal needs, Religiosity, Sense of propriety, Lewdness of conversation and conduct, Regard for relatives.

Garrulous & delusional. Says she is going to be Queen of the (?) & they are going to send a man-o-war to help her. Says the Queen has just gone to her home & (?) & two angels are coming to fetch her. Resistive to ex (?).

Signed A. Rotherham

DIAGNOSIS – Mania

RESULT - Died Date 2 Nov 1907

After a residence of duration.

CAUSES – Predisposing Exciting

Name Henriette Corke

COPY OF DEATH SENT TO CORONER.

DIED 2 Nov 1907

Name … … … Henrietta Corke

Sex and age … … … Female age about 71 years

Married, single, or widowed … Single

Profession or occupation … … Unknown

Place of abode immediately before Prince of Wales Cottage,

being placed under care and Sunhill, Cowes

treatment (if known) … …

Apparent cause of death … … (1) Senile decay

 (2) Atrophy of Brain

Whether or not ascertained by post

mortem examination … … Yes

Time and any unusual circumstances 1.20 a.m.

attending the death; also a description

of any injuries known to exist at time None

of death or found subsequently on

body of deceased

Duration of disease of which patient (1) Indefinite

died … … … … (2) Many years

Names and description of persons

present at the death … … … Nurse C Law

Whether or not mechanical restraint

was applied to deceased within seven No

days previously to death, with its

character and duration if so applied …

Signed (?) Med. Supt.

PROGRESS OF CASE.

Date.

Jan 14th 1900 A very garrulous woman, rambling & incoherent in conversation & delusional. She has no memory of fair health.

April 15th - - She is weakminded & has no memory. Has no idea of time or place. Fair health.

July 4th - - She shows much enfeeblement of mind & her memory is bad. She is listless, solitary in her habits & now seldom speaks unless addressed. Fair health.

Oct 29th - - Rambling & irrational in conversation with no memory. Has little idea of time or place. Fair health.

Jan 16th 1901 A weakminded old woman with no memory. Sits by herself all day & seldom speaks. Fair health.

April 9th – Is quiet and withdrawn & keeps to herself but shows considerable dementia. Health fair.

July 23rd – This morning she caught her finger in a door & fractured the proximal phalanx of the first finger of left hand. Placed in splints.

Oct 2nd – Her finger is now all right again. She is weakminded, rambling & irrational. Memory much impaired. Was transferred to S. Ward today.

1902

Jan 23 Very irrational, incoherent & delusional with impaired memory. Asserts that she was stolen from home but that the Gods of the Army & the Queen stand up for her.

April 9 Very deluded & incoherent. Asserts that the Queen has been here several times to see her & will send soldiers to bring her away.

Date.

1902

July 29 Rambling, garrulous & much deluded. Thinks that’ the Saviour is ~~going~~ coming to see her. He has married her sister. The Captain of a French man-‘o’-war is protecting her. Health poor.

Oct 21 Simple minded incoherent & forgetful. Talks to herself. Feeble health.

1903

Jan. 19 Demented idle & abusive. Feeble health. Thumping 1st sound in mitral area. No phthisis.

March 18 Special report & Certificate

Mania. Is rambling and incoherent. Says the Saviour may come to see her (?)

that he has married her sister Phoebe. Abusive at times. There is marked mental enfeeblement. In moderate health.

June 22 Incoherent, vacant minded and demented. Is spiteful & quarrelsome at times. Moderate health

Sep 25 Demented, irrational & excited at times cannot converse sensibly but (?) most incoherent nonsense. Moderate health

Dec 22 Simple minded, forgetful & incoherent. Very excited at times. Moderate health

1904

March 19 Memory & intelligence much impaired. Is very simple minded. Incoherent. Moderate health

June 22 Incoherent & rambling in conversation with (?) absurd delusions. Very forgetful. Moderate health.

Sep 26 Vacant minded incoherent & forgetful. Moderate health.

Nov 28 She has a slight bruise on her right arm caused her accidentally falling in the day room underneath patient (?). Mentally she is much demented. Feeble health.

1905

Feb 17 She is very simple minded, incoherent & forgetful. Poor health.

March 17 Removed to Ward G.

Date.

1905

May 25 Noisy incoherent & demented. Says the ‘Prince’ sends her messages. Poor health. Suffers from haemorrhoids, Œdema (?)

17 August Remains in the same dull & demented state in poor health.

Oct 14 She has been suffering from a sharp & (?) influenza since the 5(?) but has now recovered from it but it has left her in a very weak condition. The medial temperature was 104 °F. (?) with M. (?).

Nov 2 She has a bruise on her right hip caused by knocking against (?) whilst getting into bed at 7.36pm yesterday. Witnessed by nurse M. McArdle. Is still very feeble and bedridden.

1906

Feb 26 Is very feeble – remains in bed. mentally is greatly demented.

Special report and Certificate

March 19th Dementia. Vacant & has little memory. Cannot tell how long she has been here, what day this is or her age says she is 21. Delusions she has seen the Saviour & says that her sister Phoebe is married to Jesus. Wet & dirty in habits. In feeble health.

June 4 Demented, restless, incoherent. Feeble health, confined to bed. Has a graze on left knee & contusion on left hip caused by falling onto bed at 12.10 p.m. Witnessed by nurse E. Brophy.

Sep 28 Has hardly a vestige of memory or intelligence. Faulty habits. Feeble health. Is confined to bed.

Dec 21 Has no idea of her surroundings. Cannot converse rationally. Remains in bed – very feeble.

1907

March 15 Is profoundly demented, feeble & bedridden.

June 15 In a state of extreme dementia. Has to have everything done for her. Is quite helpless & bedridden.

18 Sept Remains in the same bedridden condition, is quite lost in her & has to bed fed

Oct 30 Is now in a very feeble condition. Circulation very sluggish. Pulse hardly perceptible. Temperature subnormal.

Nov 2 Died at 1.20 am.