**CASEBOOK**

Name Louisa Sarah Fox Oliver Age 67 Reg. No 335 Admitted Sept 8th 1899

Reception Order signed by M. Davis Dated January 13th 1899

Copy of STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS:

Sex and Age F 66 Civil State Widow Occupation Mantle Finisher Religion Church of England First attack ~~yes~~ Age on first attack 66 When and where previously under treatment ~~Fisherton House~~ Duration of present attack ~~18 months~~ a week Supposed cause not known Epileptic no Suicidal no Dangerous to others yes Any near relative afflicted with insanity no Union chargeable to St Pancras Previous Place of Abode 3 Rochester place, Camden Town Name and Address of Person to who Notice of Death to be Sent Brother (as below) Name and Addresses of one or more relatives of the Patient [?] Fox. 9 College Place, Camden Town NW

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE signed by Smith

1. Facts indicating insanity observed by myself at the time of examination viz: - She says the yard was full of policemen last night they wanted to come into my room but I would not let them. I hear voices here they tell me things that transpire. She and them say the Landlord allowed them to come in for immoral purposes with me.
2. Facts communicated by others viz: - Adelaide Fox (sister) says that her sister Louisa declared people were on the roof of the house annoying her. B. M Kemgie (landlady) states that Louisa Oliver declares she is a relation of mine (which is not a fact) that she is related to the Queen and at times she is the Queen yesterday she lost her key and because I could not let her in she smashed the windows.

HISTORY Whence obtained

Personal**:** patient is the of a family of of who are alive. Born at full time labour, protracted, or instrumental cut first tooth, one aged months commence to walk at months. Commenced to talk at months. Catamenia first, appeared when years, regularity ceased ago, education reached standard at school when aged Been able to earn a living up to Congenitally mentally deficient convulsions during infancy Any fit since, and age at first one Any injury to head suffered from somnambulism, Ricketts, Currier, rheumatic, fever, scarlet, fever, giddiness, headaches, asthma, influenza, or gout if contracted, syphilis, or gonorrhoea, when duration of treatment other illnesses with dates if married, when . Number of children, living, healthy, or otherwise dead calls any had fit date of last confinement Patient’s disposition habits sexual access 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 patient was born places of abode, abroad, or in this country occupation, engaged in, with dates

Family: including parents, ( grandparents if possible), brother, 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, Ricketts, Corriere, 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, weak-minded, or eccentric, since what age, and where treated Phithisis in the family any, especially the parents ever addicted to alcohol excess, and since what age. Ages of parents, at time of their marriage, father years, mother years; at all related to each other

Other Facts:

Transferred from Fisherton House In Ward Ea

CONDITION ON ADMISSION

PHYSICAL: General bodily condition fair Nourishment fair Weight st. lbs. Temp Height ft. in. Deformities no Scars, Bruises, or other signs of recent or old injury, Pigmentations, Eruptions or New growths no Sweat nil Musculature fair Joints nil. HAIR- colour grey texture fine. Amount on cranium short on face no 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.

FACE – Shape Symmetry Angle Palpebral fissures distance between their inner angles Colour of Irides brown Exophthalmos no. Complextion fresh Grimacings no. Furrows and lines of expression fairly marked. Physiognomy pleasant THYROID – nil PALATE – broad HANDS and FEET Ratio of length of Limbs

NERVOUS SYSTEM – Motor impairment no, Dynamr – right hand lbs., left do. Lbs. Tremors no. Coordination and Station good. Gait Speech distinct Tactile sensation good. Thermic do. Sensory Perversions &c Superficial reflexes Deep do, Knee Jerks diminished Ankle Clonus absent Deglutition nil Defoecation reg. Micturition nil Trophic lesions, wastings no Electrical reactions Sight good Strabismus no Mobility to light good to accomm. Good Colour-sense Opthalspc report. Hearing good. Aural discharge no. Taste Smell

VASCULAR SYSTEM – (Edema no. Flush, Pallor or Cyanosis no Varicose Veins yes Injection of Cutaneous capillaries no Arcus Senelis no Pulse irreg. Vessel-wall slight rigid. Heart irregular [?]

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM – Shape of Chest Depth with callipers 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 none. Gums healthy Tongue clean Breath no Hepatic dullness normal Hernia (state whether reducible) no.

GENERATIVE SYSTEM - Breasts nil.

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

MENTAL STATE- As far as possible under Headings such 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 property, Lewdness of conversation and conduct, regardless of relatives

Has aural hallucinations of voices calling her the most diabolical names and abusing her though she has done everything she could for them and has now no more to give them. Is exalted and self satisfied

Diagnosis – Mania

Result – [?] Date 5 April 1901 CAUSES – Predisposing Exciting

After a residence of duration

Name Louisa Sarah Fox Oliver

COPY OF STATEMENT OF DEATH SENT TO CORONER

DIED 5TH April 1908

Name Louisa Sarah For Oliver

Sex and age Female 76 years

Married, single, or widowed Widow

Profession or Occupation Mantle Finisher

Place of abode 3 Rochester Place, Camden Town NW

Apparent cause of death Senile Decay

Whether or not ascertained by post mortem examination yes

Time and any unusual circumstances attending the death; also a description of any injuries known to exist at the time of death or found subsequently on body of deceased none

Duration of disease which patient died (1) Some years (2) 10 years

Names and description of persons present at death nurse G.L Abbott

Whether or not mechanical restrained was applied to deceased within seven days previously to death, with its character and duration if so applied no

Signed Med. Supt.

PROGRESS OF CASE

Date

Dec 4th 1899 A garrulous patient extremely irrational in conversation. She has avid hallucinations. Does not work. Fair health.

March 14th A [?] woman. She shows no signs of mental impairment. Fair health.

June 19th A somewhat noisy woman who hears and talks with imaginary voices. She is irritable and easily upset

Sept 20th Retains her aural hallucinations and shows no signs of mental impairment. [?] health fair

Dec 29th She remains in the [? Ward name] . Is irritable [?] to be quarrelsome and has aural hallucinations. Does no work. Fair health

March 17th 1901 She does not [?] in any way. Is irritable [?] will often only answer questions with [?]. Has aural hallucinations. Fair health

June 10th A garrulous excitable woman with aural hallucinations. At times noisy and abusive. Health fair

Sept 10th She remains mentally the same and keeps in fair health

Dec 13 Has delusion of persecution and auditory hallucination. Voices call her [?] names and accuse her of being immoral. Is [?]

1902 [?] and abusive at times

Mar 17 Still heats “voice”. Refuses to work

June 20 Remains the same – aural hallucinations continue. Memory impaired and irrational. Health fair

Sept 15 [?] that people have a spite against her and [?]. Voices insult and abuse her. Fair health

1902 Dec 20 Auditory hallucinations and very pronounced

Name Louisa S.F Oliver

[?] August vacant and childish, unable to converse rationally. Memory defective, in moderate health

Nov 14 She presents with delusions of persecution and hallucinations and hearing abuse and noisy at times. Moderate health

1906

Feb 22 Very noisy [?] at imaginary enemies. Memory impaired. Moderate health.

28 Feb Very [?] removed from ward

Mar 26 She is still very vacant-minded and forgetful. But is in much better health at present

Aug 25 Simple minded incoherent with impairment of memory. Still hears voices of imaginary people. Poor health

Nov 27 Simple minded and forgetful abusive at times under the influence of auditory hallucinations. Poor health

1907

Feb 19 Hears the voice of a Mr Read [?] her to do things. Memory much impaired. Very feeble health. Has been bed ridden since Dec 28

May 27 Memory, intelligence very defective is still subject to auditory hallucinations. Feeble health. Sits up in a chair in the dormitory

August 9 Dull, vacant, demented, talks and mutters to herself in feeble health, has to have everything done for her

Nov 16 Insanity with the [?] is finally demented. No idea of time or place. So extremely feeble

1908

Feb 15 She is much demented and in very weak health. Is quite unable to leave her bed. Gradually getting weaker

March 15 Is much demented and quite bedridden. Getting very feeble

Apr 1 She is not in an extremely feeble condition. Scarcely able to swallow.

Apr 4 Is much worse today, and appears to be in moribund condition

Apr 5 She died at 6.35pm

 Certified Cause of Death (1) Senile Decay

 (2) Atrophy of brain