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Record of the Investigation
of
Insane Persons.



Be it remembered that on the twenty third day of November, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty eight, the following proceedings were had before James Macconn and James Green Esquires, Associate Judges of the County of Mendocino in the State of Indiana in the Matter of Rebecca Parker Alias Rebecca Sawyer, on a Charge of Insanity. To-wit

Matter of Rebecca Parker } On a Charge of
Alias Rebecca Sawyer } Insanity.

On the twenty second day of November in the year aforesaid, James Dugan, personally appeared before James Macconn one of the Associate Judges aforesaid, and made an affidavit in these words,

State of Indiana }
Mendocino County } This undersigned, a Citizen of the State of Indiana, hereby states as follows, that Rebecca Parker alias Rebecca Sawyer is insane, her living at large is dangerous to the safety of the Community. She has a legal settlement in Centerville Township in this county, and is resident of the State of Indiana. These facts can be proven by David Matthews, Dr. Bradley Partholomeus, John Johnson, J. D. Parker, A. G. Marx, John Baker & Dr. J. Green. Dated this 22^d day of November 1848. James Dugan

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 22^d day of November 1848. J. Macconn.

On the 23^d day of which was the following order to-wit: The Clerk of the Mendocino Circuit Court will issue a subpoena instantor at the Court House in Cassville to testify of and concerning the insanity of the said Rebecca Parker Nov 23^d 1848. J. Macconn

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and on the day first aforesaid, the judges
aforesaid proceeded to the investigation of the
charge aforesaid, after having visited the
said Rebecca Parker, Alias Rebecca Harper
and examined John Johnson and Doctor
Allen Sumner and Dr. David Todd witnesses
who were duly sworn, according to law, and
from the Certificate of said Physicians, which
is in these words

"We the undersigned medical
witnesses Certify, that we have examined
Rebecca Harper, of Hendricks County, and
believe her to be insensate from infectious
disease or permin, she is probably about
38 or 40 Years of age. And as far as can
be ascertained has manifested insanity
at intervals for the last 5 or 6 years, prior
to which time we were not acquainted
with the patient; nor do we know of In-
saneity being hereditary in her family.

She has no apparent symptoms of Epilepsy
We are informed that she has once taken
herself and made other attempts, also on
a few occasions offered violence to others
She has received an Antiphlogistic course
of treatment Her bowels are very consti-
pated with Catamenial derangement.

We believe there is nothing more of impor-
tance Danville Nov 23rd 1848.

A. Furness

David Todd

are satisfied that the said Rebecca Parker
Alias Rebecca Harper, is insane, that she
is a fit subject to be sent to the Indiana
Hospital for the insane to undergo treat-
ment therein; that the disease of duration;
that her being at large would be dangerous
to the Community; that she is a resident

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of the State of Indiana and has a legal Settlement
in Centro Township in said County, and therefore
said Judge made the following Certificate

State of Indiana 3rd
Hendricks County 3rd

We the undersigned
Associate Judges in and for
said County hereby Certify that we have this day
visited Rebecca Parker Alias Rebecca Harper
of said County, a person alleged to be insane, and
have this day held an inquest in regard to
her according to law; we have satisfied that she
is insane, that she is a fit subject to be sent to the
Indiana Hospital for the Insane to undergo
treatment therein; that her disease is of duration
that we are well satisfied that her being at large
would be dangerous to the Community; that she is
a resident of the State of Indiana, and has a legal
Settlement in Centro Township in said County

Witness our hands this 23rd day of November

1848.

James Green

James Morrison

And afterwards on the 27th day of November
A.D. 1848 the Clerk aforesaid, issued his warrant
to the Sheriff of said County of Hendricks, according
to law, in such case made and provided, which said
warrant was returned by said Sheriff on the

29th day of November, A.D. 1848 with the
following receipt endorsed on the back, to wit:

Indiana Hospital for the Insane 1848.

Received Nov 27th Rebecca Parker the Patient
named in the above warrant

R. J. Patterson Deput.

for Amos Kutz, Ass't.

It is remembered that on the eleventh day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty nine, the following proceedings were had before James Maccorm and James Green Esquires Associate Judges of the County of Hendricks in the State of Indiana, in the matter of Jackson Smith on a charge of Insanity, To wit

Matter of Jackson Smith } On Charge of Insanity

On the 12th day of June in the year aforesaid Milton White, appeared before James Green Esq. and made the following Statement in writing to wit:

State of Indiana }
Hendricks County }
The undersigned a citizen of the State of Indiana, hereby states as follows, that Jackson Smith is insane, his insanity is of duration and his living at large is dangerous to the safety of the community, that he has a legal settlement in Clay Township, in this County and is a resident of the State of Indiana. The facts can be proven by Samuel Coffin and Cyrus Moom. Dated this 9th day of June A.D. 1849
Milton White

Whereupon James Green the associate judge aforesaid ordered the Clerk of the Hendricks Circuit Court to issue a subpoena for Dr. Samuel Coffin, Cyrus Moom, Peter Curtis & J. Deper. Returnable on the 12th day of June A.D. 1849 at 3 O'clock P.M. to testify of and concerning the Insanity of the said Jackson Smith.

And on the twelfth day of June aforesaid the Associate Judge first aforesaid met at the Court house in the town of Danville, and not having had the opportunity to visit said Jackson Smith, on account of his absence, It is thereupon ordered that the matter herein be dismissed.

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It is remembered that on this the thirteenth day of July in the year eighteen hundred and forty nine the following proceedings were had before James Maccorm and James Green Esq. Associate Judges within and for the County of Hendricks, in the State of Indiana, in the matter of Martha Hamblton, on a charge of Insanity

Matter of Martha Hamblton } On a charge of Insanity

On this 13th day of July in the year aforesaid John D. Burks appeared before the Judges aforesaid, and made the following Statement in writing to wit:

State of Indiana }
Hendricks County }

The undersigned, a citizen of the State of Indiana, do hereby state as follows, that Martha Hamblton, wife of Daniel Hamblton, is insane, Her insanity is of but short duration, that is to say for about two months, and that her living at large is dangerous to the safety of the community - that she has a legal settlement in Centre Township in this County, and is a resident of the State of Indiana. These facts can be proven by Dr. Jeremiah Deper, Dr. David Ladd, James G. Hamblton and Samuel Tarver. Dated this 11th day of July A.D. 1849.

John D. Burks. The above named John D. Burks makes oath and says that the facts stated set forth above are true to the best of his knowledge and belief, and further saith, not.

John D. Burks.
Subscribed and sworn to before me July 11, 1849
J. D. Parker Clerk by W. M. Mathewy, D.C.

And on the day first aforesaid, the Judges aforesaid proceeded to the investigation of the charge aforesaid, after having visited the said Martha Hambleton, and examined John D. Burks, Samuel Tarance, James G. Hambleton, and Dr. David Todd, and Jeremiah DePew, witnesses who were duly sworn according to law, and from the certificates of said Physicians which is in these words.

State of Indiana }
Mendicks County } J.

We the undersigned Medical witnesses in the case of Mrs. Hambleton, state that we believe her to be from any infectious disease or venereal that she is about twenty seven years of age and to have been insane for about six months.

We have no knowledge of exciting cause of her disease, unless it be hereditary - she has not been subject to epilepsy nor attempted violence on her self, but has on others - The medical treatment in her case has been of the antiphlogistic kind, and such as was deemed best, to restore the general health, she has lately been confined, and was delivered of a fine healthy child and did well. We believe that she is the mother of four children
David Todd
J. De Pew

are satisfied that the said Martha Hambleton is insane, that she is a fit subject to be sent to the Indiana Hospital for the insane, to undergo treatment therein; that the disease is of duration, that at her living at large would be dangerous to community; that she is a resident of the State of Indiana, and has a legal settlement in Centre township

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And thereupon said judges made the following certificate. To wit:

State of Indiana }
Mendicks County }

We the undersigned Associate Judges in and for said County, hereby certify that we have visited Martha Hambleton, of said County, a person alledged to be insane, and have this day held an inquest in regard to her according to law, we are satisfied that she is insane, that she is a fit subject to be sent to the Indiana Hospital for the Insane to undergo treatment therein; that her disease is of duration and that we are well satisfied that her living at large would be dangerous to the Community, that she has a legal settlement in Centre Township in said County.
AD 1847 Witness our hands this 13th day of July
AD 1847.

James Macoun
James Green.

And on the fourteenth day of July in the year aforesaid the Clerk of Mendicks Circuit Court issued his warrant to John D. Burks, according to law in such case made and provided, which warrant was returned on the 17th day of said month endorsed
" Indiana Hospital for the
Insane Ad. July 16 1847 &
Rec'd this day, the patient
named in the within warrant,

R. Patterson
Superintendent

It is remembered that on this, ~~fourteenth~~ fourteenth day of July, in the year eighteen hundred and forty nine, the following proceedings were had before James Maccoun and James Green Esqrs. Associate Judges within and for the County of Hendricks in the State of Indiana, in the Matter of Jackson W. Smith, on a charge of Insanity, to-wit:

Matter of Jackson W. Smith }
On a charge of Insanity.

On the 13th day of July, in the year aforesaid, Asahel Mann appeared before the said Associate Judges of said County, and made the following statement, in writing, to-wit:

The State of Indiana }
Hendricks County }

The undersigned a citizen of the State of Indiana, hereby states as full and true, that Jackson W. Smith is insane, that his insanity at this time has been of but short duration, say from the 25th of March last past, and that his lying at large is dangerous to the safety of the Community, that he has a legal Settlement in Centre Township in Hendricks County aforesaid, and is a resident of the State of Indiana, these facts can be proven by Dr. James Kelsey, and John Croft. Dated this 13th day of July 1849.
Asahel Mann.

The above Asahel Mann makes oath and says that the facts above set forth are true as he verily believes.
Asahel Mann.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of July 1849.
L. D. Parker Clerk
By N. Madley D.C.

And on the day first aforesaid, the judges aforesaid, proceeded to the investigation of the charge aforesaid, after having visited the said Jackson W. Smith, and examined Asahel Mann, John Croft, J. DePue, John S. Arnold, Stephen Wardenick, ^{Justice of the Peace} John Strang, and Doctor James Kelsey, witnesses who were duly sworn according to Law, and from the certificate of James Kelsey which is in these words.

The State of Indiana }
Hendricks County }

The undersigned medical witness in the case of Jackson W. Smith, states that I believe him to be clear of any infectious disease or vermin. That he is about thirty two or thirty three years of age, and that he has had spells or periods of mental derangement for about fifteen years. I have no certain knowledge of the existing cause of the disease, nor the knowledge of its being hereditary.

The patient has not been subject to epilepsy. He has been very wakeful and disposed to roam during his most unwell periods, but we do not know of any attempt to commit violence on himself - but he has offered violence towards a few others. The medical treatment has, mostly, been evacuation of the bowels, then using mercury and sustaining remedies to restore the nervous strength of the system. Though depletion by the lancet has sometimes proved serviceable, yet his common attacks has been without the appearance of either general or local fever.
6th Mo. 14th 1849.

James Kelsey
am satisfied that the said Jackson W. Smith is insane, that he is a fit subject to be sent to the Indiana Hospital for the insane, to undergo treatment therein; that the disease is of duration, that his lying at large, would be dangerous to the Community, that he is a resident of the State of Indiana, and has a legal Settlement

in Centre Township. And whereas said Judge
made the following Certificate Court.
State of Indiana }
Hendricks County } J. C.

We the undersigned Associate
Judge in and for said County, hereby certify that we
have visited Jackson W. Smith of said County
a person, alleged to be insane and have this
day held an inquest in regard to him
according to law. We are satisfied that he is in-
sane, that he is a white subject to be sent to the
Indiana Hospital for the insane to undergo
treatment therein, that his disease is of dura-
tion and that we are well satisfied that his
living at large would be dangerous to the
community, that he is a resident of the State
of Indiana, and he has a legal settlement
in Centre Township in said County.

Witness our hands this 15th day of July
A.D. 1849

James Green.
James Macconr

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It is remembered that on the twenty eighth
day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and forty nine, the following proceedings
were had before James Macconr and James Green Esqrs
Associate Judges, within and for the County of Hendricks
in the State of Indiana, in the matter of David
Wade on a charge of Insanity, to wit:

Matter of David Wade }
on a charge of Insanity } 3

On the 27th day of November
in the year aforesaid, Levi Sessup appeared before James
Green one of said Associate Judges, and made the following
Statement in writing to wit:

State of Indiana }
Hendricks County } J. C. The undersigned a citizen
of the State of Indiana, hereby

states as follows, that David Wade is insane,
his insanity is of duration, that he has a legal
settlement in Franklin Township in this county
and is a resident of the State of Indiana, these facts
can be proven by Levi Sessup and Doctor Jonathan
A Green a respectable physician

Dated this 26th day of November, A.D. 1849.
Levi Sessup

State of Indiana }
Hendricks County } Court.

Personally appeared before
the undersigned a justice of the peace in the
Township of Franklin, County of Hendricks and
State of Indiana, Levi Sessup and being duly
sworn, faith that the matters and things contained
in the above writing are true in substance and
matter of fact.

Examined and subscribed before me this 27th
day of Nov. 1849. B. Banks J.P. Seal

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And on the day first aforesaid, the judges aforesaid proceeded to the investigation of the charge aforesaid, after having visited the said David Wade and examined Levi Jessup and Doctor Jonathan A. Green, witnesses who are duly sworn according to law, and from the Certificate of Dr. Green which is in these words,

The State of Indiana }
Wendricks County }
The Undersigned Medical Witness in the case of Dr. David Wade of the State and County aforesaid, do certify:

1. That I believe him to be free from any infectious disease or venereal
2. That he is about thirty five years of age and that he has been laboring under derangement of the stomach and liver for some years; but not such as to disqualify him for attending to his practice
- 3^d. He has been insane about six months
- 4th. I believe the principal exciting cause of his disease to have been the intemperate use of ardent Spirits of Opium and other Stimulants
5. I do not think his disease hereditary
6. He has not been subject to epilepsy
7. He has made frequent attempts to destroy his own life, but has shown no disposition to injure others
8. He has not been under any particular medical treatment, owing to his unwillingness to take medicine, except an occasional dose of Blue Pill and other mild preparations to obviate constipation of the bowels from which he has suffered, in the general, during the whole period of his insanity

Nov 28, /49

J. A. Green,

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Am Satisfied that the said David Wade is insane, that he is a fit subject to be sent to the Indiana Hospital for the insane to undergo treatment therein, that his disease is of duration; that he is a resident of the State of Indiana, and has a legal settlement in Franklin Township in said County

And thereupon the said judges made the following Certificate To-wit:
The State of Indiana }
Wendricks County }
We the undersigned

Associate Judges, in and for said County, hereby Certify that we have visited David Wade of said County, a person alledged to be insane, and have this day held an inquest in regard to him according to law; We are Satisfied that he is insane, that he is a fit subject to be sent to the Indiana Hospital for the insane to undergo treatment therein; that his disease is of duration that he is a resident of the State of Indiana and he has a legal settlement in Franklin Township in said County
(Witness our hands this 25th day
November A.D. 1849)

James Marston
James Green

It is remembered that on the nineteenth day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty, the following proceedings were had before James Maccoun and William Tomlinson Esqrs. associate Judges within and for the County of Hendricks and State of Indiana at the Court house in the town of Danville, in the matter of Deborah Pickett on a charge of Insanity, to-wit:

Matter of Deborah Pickett
on a charge of Insanity

On the eighteenth day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty, Samuel Carter appeared before William Tomlinson one of the Associate Judges aforesaid, and made the following statement in writing to-wit:

State of Indiana }
Hendricks County } ss.

The undersigned a citizen of the State of Indiana, hereby states as follows, that Deborah Pickett is insane, her insanity is of short duration, and her living at large is dangerous to herself or the Community she has a legal settlement in Clay Township in this County, and is a resident of the State of Indiana these facts can be proven by James Kersey and John Hadley, dated this the 18th day of Decr 1850
Samuel Carter

And on the day first aforesaid, the Judges aforesaid, proceeded to the investigation of the charge aforesaid, after having visited the said Deborah Pickett, and examined John T. Hadley, Samuel Carter, and Doctor James Kersey, who were duly affirmed according to law, and from the certificate of Dr Kersey who is a respectable physician, which is in these words.

Danville, Hendricks County, Ia.

18th Decr 1850

Richard J. Patterson, Superintendent of Indiana Hospital for the insane,

Agreeably to directions of State
1st That I presume the patient Deborah Pickett,

the same person named in the Certificate of the Associate Judges of said County, is free from infectious diseases or vermin, and that she is a woman of cleanliness and decency. And her age is about thirty six - she has been ailing about fifteen years, at the age of 21. Sun dust and there was a suppression of the menses (which has very nearly continued ever since) followed by spitting of blood and weakness of the back - Hemoptoe continued more or less for three or four years then ceased - Back worse - pain in the top of the head and in a few years appearance of spinal affection which latterly seems to increase with more head ache.

3rd Symptoms of mental derangement has appeared by spells or for a short time, for 5 or six years but in an aggravated and more continuous form, for about two months last Existing Cause supposed to be spinal irritation
5th Not hereditary

6th Latterly premonitory symptoms of Epilepsy have appeared (as bright lights before the eyes)

7th Attempts have been made to commit violence on others, and signs manifested to injure herself

8th Medical treatment not thoroughly known informant say that in the early stages of her weakness remedial were employed to counteract progress of Pulmonary affection for the last 3 or 6 years (till the past year) Blistered & Liniments have been much used on the back. And I understand that during the past year little remedial means have been used. The Countenance assumes a flid & rather purple appearance - Habit full &c.

Respectfully
James Kersey

Am satisfied that the said Deborah Pickett is insane that she is a fit subject to be sent to the Indiana Hospital for the insane, to undergo treatment therein that her disease is of duration, that she is a resident of the State of Indiana and has a legal settlement in Clay Township in said County and therefore said judges made the following Certificate to-wit:
State of Indiana Hendricks County ss.

And the undersigned associate judges in and for said County, hereby certify that we have visited Deborah Pickett of said County, a person alleged to be insane, and have this day held an inquest in regard to her according to law; we are satisfied that she is insane, that she is a fit subject to be sent to the Indiana Hospital for the insane to undergo treatment therein; that her disease is of duration, and that we are well satisfied that her living at large would be dangerous to the community; that she is a resident of the State of Indiana, and she has a legal settlement in delay Township in said County.

Witness our hands this 19th day of December A.D. 1858

James Maccoun
William Tomlinson

And on the thirty first day of March 1857 the Clerk of the Hendricks Circuit Court issued his warrant directed to Benjamin Pickett, according to law in such case made and provided, which warrant was returned on the fourth day of April in said year endorsed

Indiana Hospital for the Insane April 2 A.D. 1857
Read on this day the patient named in the within warrant
Richd. Watterson
Superintendent

Be it remembered that on the fourth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty one the following proceedings were had before James Maccoun and James William Tomlinson Esqrs. associate judges within and for the County of Hendricks in the State of Indiana, at the Court House in the town of Danville, in the matter of Henry Row, upon a charge of Insanity to wit:
Matter of Henry Row
on a charge Insanity

Be it remembered that on the 3rd day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty one Asa Caywood appeared before James Maccoun one of the associate judges of said County and made the following statement, to wit:

State of Indiana ss.
Hendricks County ss. The undersigned a citizen of the State of Indiana, hereby states as follows that Henry Row is insane that his living at large is dangerous to the safety of community he has a legal settlement in Middle Township in this County and is a resident of the State of Indiana. These facts can be proven by Henry Hughes, Eldred Huff and Dr. Allen Sumas

Dated this 3rd day of February A.D. 1851
Asa Caywood

And on the fourth day of February in the year aforesaid, the judges aforesaid proceeded to the investigation of the charge aforesaid, after having visited the said Henry Row, and examined Asa Caywood, Henry Hughes, Eldred Huff and Dr. Allen Sumas, who were fully qualified according to law, and from the Certificate of Dr. Allen Sumas, who is a respectable physician, which is in these words,

State of Indiana ss.
Hendricks County ss. I Allen Sumas a Medical Witness in the investigation of Henry Row, upon a charge of Insanity, state that the said Henry Row appears to be free from either infectious disease or venery. He says that he is about twenty eight years of age, It has been the arise of three years since

the first symptoms of insanity appeared,
The supposed cause is Epilepsy which was manifest
but a short period before the appearance of the disease
It is not probable that insanity or Epilepsy is hereditary
in his case. He has made some attempt to do violence
to others at different times

He has not received any medical attendance for the afore-
said disease. He is a German and we have no other avail-
able history of his case except his own account.

His paroxysms are of irregular intervals
Danville second month A.D. 1851 A. Furnas

Are Satisfied that the said Henry Row is insane
that he is a fit subject to be sent to the Indiana Hospital
for the insane to undergo treatment therein, that his
disease is of duration that he is a resident of the State of
Indiana, and has a legal settlement in Middle townships
and therefore said judges made the following Certificate to wit:

State of Indiana }
Hendricks County } We the undersigned associate
judges in and for said County hereby
Certify that we have visited Henry Row of said County a
person alleged to be insane, that he is a fit subject to
be sent to the Indiana Hospital for the insane to undergo
treatment therein, that his disease is of duration, that we
are well satisfied that his living at large would be dan-
gerous to the community, that he is a resident of
the State of Indiana, and has a legal settlement in
Middle townships in said County.

Witness our hands this 4th day of February
A.D. 1851 James Maccom
Wm. Tomlinson

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Be it remembered that on the third day of April in the year
of our Lord One thousand, eight hundred and fifty one, the following
proceedings were had before William Tomlinson Esq. Associate Judge
And Abraham Bland Esq. Probate judge, within and for the
County of Hendricks, in the State of Indiana, at the Court house in
the town of Danville, in the matter of America Jane Ruggles
upon a charge of Insanity, to wit:
Matter of America Jane Ruggles }
upon a charge of Insanity }

On the third day of April
in the year of our Lord One thousand, eight hundred and
fifty one, George C. Ruggles appeared before William Tomlinson
Associate Judge of said County, and made the following
Statement in writing, to wit:

State of Indiana }
Hendricks County } The undersigned a citizen of the State
of Indiana, hereby states as follows, that America Jane Ruggles
is insane, her insanity is of duration she has a legal settle-
ment in Brown Township, in this County, and is a resident
of the State of Indiana, these facts can be proven by Dr William
McLout and James Ruggles, this 17th day of March 1851
George C. Ruggles

And on the day first aforesaid the judges aforesaid pro-
ceeded to the investigations of the charge aforesaid,
first having visited the said America Jane Ruggles,
and examined Eli Ferris James Ruggles and Dr Wm
McLout, who were duly sworn, and from the Certificate of
Dr William McLout, who is a respectable physician, which is in these
words,
Danville, April 3rd, 1851.

This is to certify that; America Jane Ruggles is free from
any infectious disease or vermin. She is two years and
nine months old. In giving a concise history of this case
I would just say that the disease has been of eighteen months
standing. I would also say that previous to the time above
named, that she possessed her right mind as far as I could
tell from observation, what the existing cause was I am
not able to tell, the first symptoms of the disease were such
as generally characterize the disease called St Vitus dance

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I believe the case to be one of insanity, likely caused from some functional derangement, and therefore the brain may suffer from sympathy. We do not consider the case to be hereditary, nor have we ever heard of her being subject to epilepsy. There has been no medical treatment or none that would have any tendency to throw any light upon the subject.
Dr. W. H. Felt.

We are satisfied that America Jane Ruggles is insane, that she is a fit subject to be sent to the Indiana Hospital for the insane to undergo treatment therein, that her disease is of duration, that she is a resident of the State of Indiana, and has a legal settlement in Brown township, and thereupon said judges made the following Certificate, To-wit:

The State of Indiana }
Hendricks County } ss.

We the undersigned Associate and Probate judges in and for said County, hereby certify that we have visited America Jane Ruggles of said County & a person alleged to be insane, and have this day held an inquest in regard to her according to law, we are satisfied that she is insane, that she is a fit subject to be sent to the Indiana Hospital for the insane to undergo treatment therein, that her disease is of duration, that she is a resident of the State of Indiana

and she has a legal settlement in Brown township in said County.
Witness our hands this 3rd day of April A.D. 1857
William Tomlinson Associate Judge
At Hand Probate Judge

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Be it remembered that on the 27th day of November, in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and fifty two, the following proceedings were had in the case of William Jones of Brown township, on a charge of Insanity,
Matter of William Jones }
on a charge of Insanity }.

On the 21st day of October One thousand eight hundred and fifty two Henry H. Moore made the following statement, to the Clerk of the Hendricks Circuit court in writing;

State of Indiana }
Hendricks County } ss.

The undersigned a citizen of the State of Indiana, states that William Jones is insane, his insanity is of eight weeks duration, and his living at large is dangerous to community, he is a resident of Brown township in this county, and has a legal settlement in the State of Indiana, these facts can be proven by H. H. Moore and Jackson Herrin, dated this 20th day of October A.D. 1852,
Henry H. Moore.

And on the 26th of said month in said year, said Clerk, per his deputy James Burgess, visited the said William Jones, accompanied with Dr Bradley Bartholomew and Dr Henry H. Moore.

And on the day first above written, said Clerk proceeded to hold an inquest in said case, when the following certificates were filed,

State of Indiana }
Hendricks County }

We the undersigned Justices of the Peace, in and for said county, hereby certify that we have visited William Jones of said County, a person alleged to be insane, and have this day held an inquest ~~over~~ in regard to him according to law; we are satisfied that he is

insane and a proper patient to be sent to the
Indiana Hospital for the Insane, for treatment,
that his disease is of six weeks duration; that his
being at large would be dangerous to community,
that he is a resident of Brown Township in said
county, and has a legal settlement within the State
of Indiana. Witness our hands, this 23rd day
of October 1852

Daniel B South.
Whitson Nelson
Justices of the peace.

State of Indiana }
Hendricks County } Ss.

We the Undersigned practicing
Physicians, in Hendricks County and State of Indiana,
hereby Certify that William Jones, whom we judge
to be insane, is free from any infectious disease, or
vermin; that he is in the twenty first year of his
age; that up to a late period, his general health has
been good; — but of late he seems to suffer and
really does suffer, though, of the true cause, or region
of suffering, we are unable to say, unless it proceeds
from a general derangement of the Liver; — his tongue
being considerably coated and the pupils of his eyes
considerably dilated; that his derangement is of
some eight weeks duration, dating from the first
discoverable symptoms; that we know of no particular
exciting cause; that so far as we know, his disease is
not hereditary, that he has not been afflicted with
epilepsy, to our knowledge; that he has twice offered
violence to unoffending members of his family — once
by running after a small brother, with a club
and at another time by drawing a chair on his Grand
father; that with the exception of two doses of Cook's
Pills, there has been no medical treatment in his
case, owing to his not submitting to it, and that
further than this we can give no statement calculated

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to throw light upon his case,
Given under our hands this 27th day of October 1852,

H. H. Moore

To which before signing, Dr Bartholomew made
the following

Adenda.

I visited William Jones yesterday accompanied
with Dr Moore, and found him laboring under consid-
erable melancholy, answering questions with a good
deal of hesitancy — tongue coated, pulse irreg-
ular and full, eyes rather wild and red, which I con-
sider is owing to the general derangement of the system
caused by torpid secretions and which under proper
treatment might be relieved. B. Bartholomew.

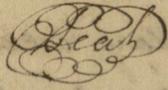
Jackson Herrin was then examined,
who stated that about eight weeks ago, the said Jones
being one of his family at the time, commenced mani-
festing symptoms of derangement, by breaking out
into fits of loud and convulsed laughter, while at the
table eating, and when questioned about it, would
stare wildly and deny laughing at any time altogether,
and while asleep would moan and groan and on
awaking in or during the night would laugh in a
sardonic manner, for a while and then commence
whistling or singing as the fancy took him. —

Whereupon it was thought just and proper
to give the following certificate,

The State of Indiana }
Hendricks County } Ss.

I, John A. Jones Clerk of the
Hendricks Court, hereby certify that I have, by
deputy, visited William Jones, of said County, a
person alleged to be insane and have this day held
an inquest in regard to his case according to law,
and am satisfied that he is insane and a fit
subject to be sent to the Indiana Hospital for the
insane to undergo treatment therein; that his disease,

is of duration, that I am well satisfied, his being at large is dangerous to the community, and that he is a resident of the State of Indiana and has a legal settlement in Brown Township, in said county.



In Witness Whereof I hereto subscribe my name and affix the seal of said Court at Danville on the 27th day of October A.D. 1852.

John Irons Clerk

And afterwards, to-wit: on the 14th day of November 1852, a warrant was issued, directed to Benjamin Jones commanding him forthwith to arrest said William Jones and convey him to said hospital, and also authorizing said Benjamin Jones to take to his aid one assistant,

And afterwards, to-wit: on the 24th day of Nov. 1852, said warrant was returned, with the following receipt endorsed thereon, to-wit:

Inl Hospital for the Insane, Nov. 22, 1852.

Recd this day the patient named in the within warrant
R. J. Patterson. Supt.

Elizabeth Page

Be it remembered that on the 27th day of July in the year 1855, Absalom Snoddy Esquire, filed in the Clerk's office of the Hendricks Circuit Court, the ~~entire~~ affidavit of Preston L. Page subscribed and sworn to, in due form before him the said Snoddy, as to the insanity of the above named Elizabeth Page, which is in these words,

State of Indiana Hendricks County set

The Undersigned a citizen of Indiana states that Elizabeth Page is insane, her insanity is of duration (eleven years) and her being at large is dangerous to ^{the} community. She is a resident of Franklin Township in this County and has a legal settlement in the State of Indiana these facts can be proven by J. N. Green, William Brantley and George M. Cloud, dated this 27th July 1855

Preston L. Page
mk.

The said Absalom Snoddy then ordered the Clerk to issue a subpoena for the persons named in said affidavit which order is in these words

State of Indiana. To the Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Hendricks County. You are hereby authorized to issue a subpoena for Jonathan N. Green, William Brantley, George M. Cloud and John Bryan, commanding them to appear before you on the 2nd day of August 1855 to testify as to the insanity of Elizabeth Page, of the duration of the same, of her legal settlement and as to the danger of her being allowed to run at large.

Given under my hand this 27th July, 1855,

Absalom Snoddy Esq.

And thereupon said Clerk issued his subpoena in these words. The State of Indiana to the Sheriff of Hendricks County. You are hereby commanded to summon Jonathan N. Green, George M. Cloud, William Brantley and John Bryan, to be

personally before the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County, at his Office in Danville on Thursday the 2nd day of August next, then and there to testify as to the insanity of Elizabeth Page, and other matters and things thereunto pertaining, and return the with your doings hereon. Witness my name 27 July 1855
John Irons Clerk,

Which said writ was returned to the Office in these words. Came to hand July 27 1855; served on the within named Jonathan A Green, John Bryan and John Bryan on the 2nd August 1855 and not served as to William Brantley, C. Chavin. Sheriff By A Snoddy, subscribed and sworn to before me Aug 2, 1855 John Irons.

And Be it further remembered that on the day set for examination, to wit, the 2nd day of August 1855, came the above named Abraham Snoddy and with him David Scott Esqrs, Justices of the Peace in Hendricks County before said clerk and filed their certificate of the examination by them had of the above named Elizabeth Page which certificate is in these words.

State of Indiana Hendricks County,

We the undersigned Justices of the Peace in for said county hereby certify that we have visited Elizabeth Page of said county, a person alleged to be insane and have this day held an inquest in regard to her according to law, we are satisfied that she is insane and a proper patient to be sent to the Hospital for the insane for treatment, that her disease is of ten years duration, that her being at large would be dangerous to community, that she is a resident of Franklin Township in said county and has a legal settlement within the State of Indiana,

Witness our hands this 31 day of July 1855

Abraham Snoddy
David Scott,

And also came Dr. Jonathan A. Green and filed his Certificate as examining Physician

of the said insane person Elizabeth Page which said certificate is in these words

State of Indiana Hendricks County etc.

J. N. Green, having examined Elizabeth Page do certify

1. That she is free from any infectious disease or venereal.
2. She is thirty three years old.
3. She has been insane at intervals for about ten years.
4. Exciting cause not known.
5. The disease is not supposed to be hereditary.
6. She has not been subject to Epilepsy.
7. She has made attempts to commit violence on herself and others.
8. She is married.
9. She is a professor of religion and a member of the Baptist Church.
10. Her business is house wifery.
11. There has been no particular treatment in the case. She has generally been insane during gestation, but is not supposed to be pregnant at present.

J. N. Green,

Subscribed and sworn to before me Aug 2, 1855,
John Irons, Clerk,

And the said George McCloud and John Bryan, on being by said Clerk duly sworn according to law gave oral testimony as to the insanity of the said Elizabeth Page, the duration thereof, the danger of allowing her to be at large, since she has frequently tried to make way with the lives of her children and threatened that of her husband, of her residence and lawful settlement in the State of Indiana. All of which was in accordance with the statement set forth in the affidavit of Preston S. Page, the certificate of the Justice who held the inquest and that of the examining Physician,

Matter of Mary Newman
upon a charge of Insanity

Be it remembered that
on the twenty fifth day of April A.D. 1855.
John Newman Jr a respectable Citizen
of the County of Hendricks in said State filed
with Amiel Hunt a Justice of the Peace
of said County, a statement in writing which
is as follows.

State of Indiana }
Hendricks County } J.P.

The undersigned a Citizen
of Indiana States that Mary Newman is insane
her insanity is of four months duration
with previous indications she is a resident
of Lelay Township in this County and has a
legal settlement in the State of Indiana
These facts can be proven by John
Bishop J. A.M. Adair M.D.

Dated this 25th of 4th Mo. (April) A.D. 1855.

John Newman Jr

Whereupon, on said 25th day of said month
in said year the said Justice of the Peace, ordered
the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County, to issue
a subpoena for Dr. A.M. Adair and John Bishop
commanding them to be and appear at the Court
house in said County on the 4th day of May 1855
then and there to testify concerning the facts set
forth in said statement

And afterwards to wit: on the 4th day of
May in the year aforesaid the said Amiel Hunt
Justice as aforesaid, together with Alfred V. Coffin
an other Justice of the Peace of said County,
visited the said Mary Newman the person
alleged to be insane, accompanied by A.M.
Adair, a respectable physician of said County,
best acquainted with the said Mary Newman

And afterwards to wit: on the said 4th day of May
1855 the said Justice at said Court House proceeded
to examine the witnesses in attendance, to wit: Dr. A.M.
Adair and John Bishop one of whom was a physician
and said Justice after said visit and inquest was
satisfied of the facts set forth in said statement
required the said Dr. A.M. Adair to make out a
Certificate, which said Certificate is as follows

Coatesville Hendricks Co Ind
May 4th 1855.

After a somewhat thorough examination
of the Case of Mary Newman I declare the following
1st That the patient is free from any infectious
disease or venereal and will be forty six next September
(46 years of age) The first appearance of insanity
was in the month of September 1853. Coming on
by degrees until quite deranged, which however
was counteracted by appropriate means, in the
course of some few or six months, from which time she
resumed her place in the domestic circle, and was not
observed to be unbalanced until the middle of Decem-
ber 1854, when she again showed signs of insanity
which rapidly increased on her mental she at
times was quite troubled requiring one or two
stout persons to control her, After the second attack
it assumed a decided intermittent character, every
other day being worse and also appearing much worse
at periods of 28 days. Some days quite stupid
other much exasperated.

Dating from first symptoms up to the present
time it has been about 20 months. The supposed
exciting Cause of the first attack was from debility
consequent upon lactation. In the last attack the
cause in my view is very doubtful at least not obvious
Not likely to be hereditary nor caused from Epilepsy
for such she has not had at any time. There has been
strong dispositions to do violence to her most intimate

relations of friends
The Patient is married and also
a professor of religion belonging to the Society
of Friends Her occupation is the ordinary
duties of a farmer's wife.

The Medical treatment in this case, was
in the first attack Alteratives, Tonics & nervines
&c. &c. in the second case or attack first put upon
Antiphlogistics with alteratives & specifics &c.
Also Tonics with Sedatives

This above is a concise statement of
my knowledge of the Case in question having had
the medical care and cognition of the Case from
its origin to the present time

A. W. Adair

And said examining officers also made out a
Certificate, which is in these words.

The State of Indiana
Hendricks County

We the undersigned,
Justices of the Peace in and for said County, hereby Certify
that we have visited Mary Newman of said County
a person alleged to be insane, and have this day
held an inquest in regard to her according to law
we are satisfied that she is insane, and a proper
patient to be sent to the Hospital for the insane for treat-
ment, that her disease is of four months duration
with previous indications, that her being at large would
be dangerous to Community; that she is a resident
of Clay township in said County, and has a
legal settlement within the State of Indiana

Witness our hands this 14th day of
May A.D. 1855.

Amiel Hunt Justice
Alfred V. Coffey Justice

In the matter of the insanity
of Jacob Mann.

Be it remembered that on

the 18th day of May in the year of Our Lord One thousand
and eight hundred and fifty five, Dr. A. W. Adair, a
a citizen of Hendricks County, filed in the Clerk's Office
of the Hendricks Circuit Court, his certificate of the
Insanity of the above named Jacob Mann which is
in these words.

Danville May 18, 1855.

This is to certify that Jacob Mann is attacked
with a return of insanity, after having been restored
from a previous attack, something over two years, at
Insane Hospital of Indiana.

The recurrence of the present attack made
its appearance about four weeks since. From the best
information that I could obtain of the precursive sym-
ptoms and judging from the present condition, the dif-
ficulty seems to be the nervous system confined to the
spinal region. He has been laboring (as the friends
term it) under a rheumatic affection of the extremities
which has passed up into the back & neck and he also
complains of pain in the head. This "rheumatism" he has
been complaining the greater part of the past winter. He
has received no medical treatment from my hands. The
friends say he has taken none, but domestic treatment
as external applications for his limbs.

Given under my hand the date above.

A. W. Adair,

Sworn to and subscribed before me John Irons Clerk
of the Circuit Court in and for said County.

Witness my name & the seal of said
Court at Danville this 18th day 1855

John Irons Clerk

Matter of William R. Arbuckle. — Insanity.

Be it remembered that on the 9th day of February in the year of Our Lord the following Record of the proceedings had by William S. Nelson and Asa White, two Justices of Brown Township, in the above entitled cause, in the above entitled cause was filed in the Clerk's Office of Hendricks Circuit Court to wit
State of Indiana Hendricks County ss.

The undersigned, a citizen of Hendricks county and State of Indiana states that William Riley Arbuckle, is insane — His insanity is of at least eight days duration, and his living at large is dangerous to Community, he is a resident of Brown Township in this county and has a legal settlement therein in the State of Indiana. These facts can be proven by Do J. A. Graham and Greenup Eaton. This 8th day of February 1858.

George B. Adams
mark

Statement of Physician

J. J. Abraham do hereby certify that I have this day Examined William Riley Arbuckle do find that he has free from any infectious disease or venereal. That the patient is eighteen years old last January.

I examined him on the 2nd Feb 1858, that being the first I knew of his insanity. I gave him but little treatment, as a little cathartic medicine and a little to act as a sedative. He has taken but two doses of medicine, there has been no other medicines used.

The patient has been diseased since January 31, 1858.

He went to Methodist meeting on the 31 January, evening, and came home, and appeared to be much excited, He came forward and gave the minister his hand on said night. I suppose religious excitement to be the prominent exciting cause of his present insanity

It is not hereditary with the patient
Never has been known to have symptoms of Epilepsy
No attempt at violence either with himself or others.
Single. No professor of Religion
Farmer. Nothing to give further of advantage

Thomas A. Graham, Attending Physician

State of Indiana Hendricks County ss

We the Undersigned Justices of the Peace in and for said County hereby Certify that we have visited William Riley Arbuckle of said County, a person alleged to be insane, and have this day held an inquest in regard to him, according to law. We are satisfied that he is insane and a proper person for medical treatment at the insane Hospital. That his disease is of eight days duration that his being at large would be dangerous to Community

That he is a resident of Brownstownship in said County, and has a legal settlement in the State of Indiana.

Witness our hands and seal this 8th day of February 1858.

William C. Nelson, Seal
Asa White, Seal
Justices of the Peace.

State of Indiana Hendricks County ss.

Before me John Irons, clerk of the Hendricks Circuit Court. On the 13th day of February 1858 personally appeared Greenup Eaton of said County and State, who on being by me duly sworn upon his oath says that he is acquainted with William R. Arbuckle, that about the first of this month he showed alienation of mind, that such alienation rapidly grew worse, until it was thought dangerous to others to leave him at large, that he knows of no precise posing cause for such insanity of the said William. That to the best of his information and belief he came to this County from the County of Jennings in this State about the last of March or first of April 1857, and further saith not

Greenup Eaton
Subscribed and sworn to before me this the date above
John Irons Clerk

The above proceeding was irregular but the authorities at the Hospital over looked them and received the patient as I have been verbally informed

Matter of Jacob Mann an Insane person

State of Indiana Hendricks County ss.

This is to Certify that Jacob Mann is again attacked with insanity and is justly entitled to the ^{Medical} Care of the Hospital for the insane of this State.

The recurrence of the disease or insanity is of some five weeks standing, making its appearance gradually, until the patient became turbulent and almost unmanageable. He can not be allowed to go unrestrained lest he do violence to himself or others.

There is no obvious cause for the return of disease, the symptoms complained of were much of the nature of his previous attack. dull aching pains in the extremities & back. Cold feet, impaired appetite disturbed sleep &c.

The Patient has been recently attending a religious revival in the village (Coatesville) which may have had something to do with the difficulty, hastening it, as excitement usually increases the difficulty in his case.

The patient has taken no Medical Treatment except a few suggestions of a domestic character

The above is my observation in examination of the Case Feb 11. 1858.

A. W. Addair M.D.

Return made on Warrant.

Indiana Hosp. for the insane AD 1858.
Received Feb 12th. the Patient named in the within Warrant

James S. Athow
Superintendent

I do hereby Certify that the above Statement was filed in, and the warrant issued from my Office on the 11th February 1858

John Irons Clerk

Matter of Sally Mills an Insane person

Be it Remembered that on this the 28th day of March 1861 the following proceedings

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Sarah Curry
Be it Remembered that on this the 22nd day of
April 1861 the following record of the proceedings
of Orion Singer and William Astley two justices
of the Peace within and for Hendrick County and
State of Indiana, had at the clerks office in said
county and State, to wit

Insanity of Sarah Curry State of Indiana
Hendricks County, The undersigned a citizen of
Indiana states that Sarah Curry is insane Her Insan-
ity is of about eight years duration, at times is dangerous to
the family. She is a resident of Center Township in this
County & has a legal settlement in the State of Indiana
These facts can be proven by Calvin Crawford and
Henry G Todd Dated this 22nd day of April 1861
R. Curry

To the clerk of the Hendricks Circuit Court You are
duly required to issue a subpoena for Calvin Craw-
ford and Henry G Todd to appear at 11 o'clock A.M. this
day to Testify concerning the facts set forth in the
above complaint April 22nd 1861 E. Singer J.P.

April 22th 1861: Eleven
o'clock A.M. Present E. Singer and Wm Astley
Justices, and judges constituting this court of inq-
uisit, Calvin Crawford being duly sworn
upon his oath sustains the allegations set forth in
the above complaint, Dr H. G. Todd, being duly
sworn swis that he is a practicing Physician in
said county, That he has visited Sarah Curry and
files the following statement as medical witness
as required by Law. To wit: "H. G. Todd being duly
sworn deposes and says, Question 1st What is your
profession and where do you reside: Ans I am a
practicing Physician and reside in Danville Ind"
Question 2nd Have you visited Sarah Curry, if
so state her condition, with a history of her case

as well as you can? Ans: I the undersigned physician do hereby certify that I have examined Mrs Sarah Curry touching her insanity and here with submit the following answers as required by law the statute (see the statute)

- 1st Answer affirmatively
- 2 age 40 years. For the first year, her derangement was only partial, generally expensing herself correctly, since which time she has been entirely deranged
- 3rd Has been deranged about nine years
- 4th Cause not known
- 5. Is not hereditary
- 6th She has not been subject to Epilepsy
- 7th Has attempted violence both to herself and others
- 8th Married
- 9th Is not a professor of Religion in any Church
- 10th The usual domestic cares of housekeeping
- 11 has had no medical treatment for several years
Former treatment not known

Henry G Todd

State of Indiana
Hendricks County

I the undersigned Justice of the Peace in and for said County and State, certify that we have visited Sarah Curry of said County, a person alledged to be insane, and have this day held an inquest in regard to her according to law. We are satisfied that she is insane and a proper patient for the Hospital for the insane for treatment that her disease is of nine years duration and that her being at large would be dangerous to community. That she is a resident of Center Township, in Hendrick County and has a legal settlement within the State of Indiana. Witness our hands this 22nd day of April 1861

E Singer, Wm Astley, J P

Whereupon the clerk issued his warrant directed to the superintendent of the Insane Asylum as required by law, which was returned accepted, and on the 25th day of April 1861 said Sarah Curry was taken to said Hospital and received upon a writ, issued by me and directed to R Curry and commanding him so to do.

Attest Levi Ritter clerk

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Matter of David H. Johnson. — Insanity

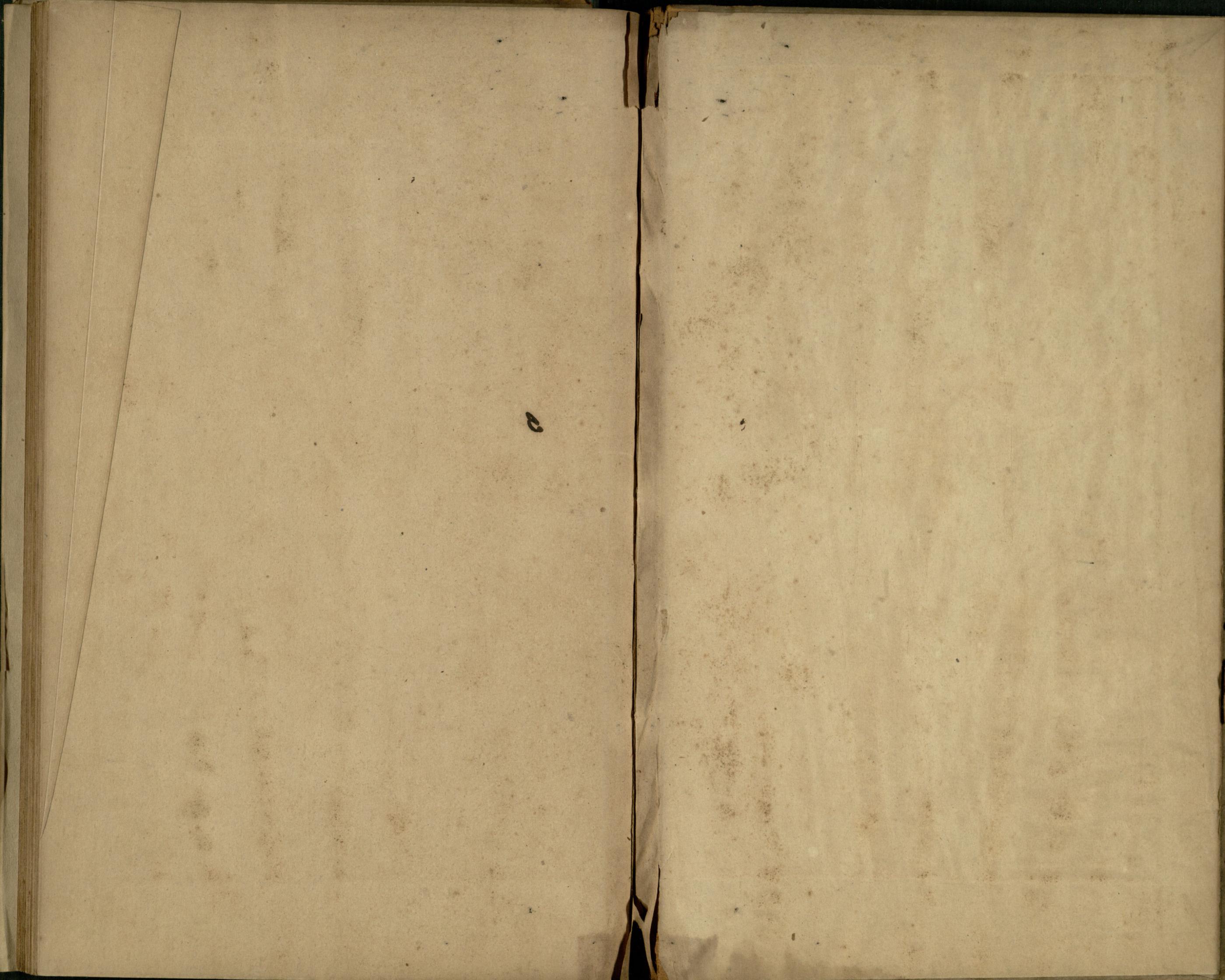
Be it remembered that on the 27th day of December A. D. 1861. the following Record of the proceedings had by Eli Johnson and Isaac M. Shidler two Justices of Guilford Township in the above entitled cause was made Tmit.

The following statement in writing was filed under Sec 10. & 11 of R S 1852. Vol 1. was filed Tmit. (Here insert)

The following Certificate of Dr. Thos B. Mearns the medical witness was made and filed under Sec 14. R S. 1852. Vol 1 Page 325 Tmit. (Here insert)

The following Certificate of the Examining Officers was made and filed under Sec last aforesaid Tmit (Here insert)

Test Levi Ritter clk.



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