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**Interrogatories and Papers of Commitment for a Feeble-Minded Person to the Virginia Colony for the Feeble-Minded, at Madison Heights, Va.**

Commonwealth of Virginia, County or City of Richmond to-wit:  
 Inquisition this 28 day of Sept, by Jas. L. Thompson, Judge or Justice,  
 and W. H. Higgins, Medical Doctor, and Frank R. Lord  
 Medical Doctor, Licensed Physicians, now sitting upon the examination of Jesse May Mallory  
 suspected of being a feeble-minded person.  
 The depositions of the above physicians and Miss Sarah B. Miller

witnesses, being first duly sworn, in answer to the following interrogatories, say:  
 (Witnesses will answer every question as minutely as possible and the relation of each witness to patient must be stated.)

**QUESTIONS.**

**ANSWERS.**

1. What is the patient's name?
2. If a married female, what was her maiden name?
3. When was the patient born?
4. What sex?
5. Where born?
6. Was patient born at the full period of gestation?
7. Were there any extraordinary circumstances attendant on the delivery, if so describe them? and was instrumental delivery practiced?
8. What has been the general health and bodily condition of the patient?
9. What is the present residence of patient?
10. How long resident there?
11. If of foreign birth how long resident of United States?
12. Port of landing?
13. Date of landing?
14. Birthplace of father?
15. Of mother?
16. If foreign born, port of landing of each?
17. Married or single?
18. If an adult, is the patient the parent of any children? And if so, how many?
19. Are any of them feeble-minded, epileptic or insane?
20. If so, give particulars.
21. What is now the general health of the patient?
22. At what age did he begin to walk?
23. At what age was any peculiarity first noticed?
24. In what manner did peculiarity first manifest itself?
25. Is there any peculiarity in the form or size of head? If so, describe.
26. Is there any infirmity of body or limbs, any paralysis, or any striking peculiarity? If so, describe fully.
27. Is he now subject, or has he ever been subject to epilepsy, convulsions, or fits of any kind? If so, describe fully.
28. Is he of average size for his age?
29. Is he active and vigorous? Does he run about and notice things, or is he indolent?
30. Is he nervous?
31. How is his appetite? Is he gluttonous?

1. Jesse May Mallory
2. Single
3. April 15 1901
4. Female
5. Hamroes Co. Va
6. Yes
7. No
8. Good
9. 3825 - 4th St. Richmond Va
10. 3 months
11. ✓
12. ✓
13. ✓
14. Hamroes Co Va
15. Hamroes Co Va
16. ✓
17. Single
18. No
19. Single
20. ✓
21. Good
22. 13 months
23. Unknown
24. Unknown
25. Normal
26. No
27. No
28. Average
29. Yes
30. No
31. Normal

QUESTIONS.

ANSWERS.

32. What is the state of the sense of taste? Is he particular about what he eats, or will he swallow things without regard to taste?

32. Good

33. Are sight and hearing good?

33. Yes

34. Is he fond of music?

34. Yes

35. Does he recognise color?

35. Yes  
Blue

36. What color does he know by name?

36. Blue

37. Does he recognize form?

37. Yes

38. Does he notice pictures to distinguish them?

38. Yes

39. Does he understand language?

39. Yes

40. Does he understand a command?

40. Yes

41. Can he do an errand?

41. Yes

42. Does he talk?

42. Yes

43. At what age did he commence to talk?

43. 3 months old

44. Is there any peculiarity or defect of speech? If so, describe.

44. No

45. Does he use understandingly such words as Oll and If?

45. No

46. Please give several specimens of his mode of talking and be careful to put down the words exactly as he uses them.

46. Suspicious questions in simple language

47. Does he know the alphabet?

47. Yes

48. Does he read? How much?

48. No

49. Does he count? How many?

49. Yes 200 ten statement

50. What are his habits with regard to personal cleanliness?

50. Untidy

51. Does he soil or wet the bed?

51. No

52. Does he soil or wet day clothing?

52. No

53. Can he dress and undress himself?

53. Yes

54. Can he feed himself?

54. Yes

55. Does he use a spoon, or knife and fork?

55. Yes

56. Can he tie his shoestrings in a regular knot?

56. Yes

57. Can he do any work? And what kind?

57. Yes factory hand housework

58. Does he hide, break, or destroy things?

58. No

59. Does he sleep well and quietly?

59. Yes

60. Is he obedient?

60. Yes

61. Is he passionate or of good temper?

61. Good

62. Has he any other unfortunate habits?

62. Yes

63. How does he amuse himself?

63. Carrying on baby and books

64. What cause has been ascribed for his mental deficiency?

64. Heredity

65. Has he had the usual diseases of childhood—measles, scarlatina, whooping cough, etc.?

65. No

66. Has he been vaccinated?

66. No

67. Where was the father born?

67. Medway Co. Va

68. What was the general bodily condition and health of the father? Was he vigorous and healthy or the contrary?

68. Good

69. Was the father of the patient scrofulous, or was he subject to fits, insanity or alcoholism?

69. Alcoholic

QUESTIONS.

ANSWERS.

70. Were all his senses perfect?
71. Was he always a temperate man?
72. Occupation of father?
73. About how old was he when patient was born?
74. Was there any known peculiarity in the family of the father of the patient? That is, were any of the grandparents, parents, uncles, aunts, brothers, sisters, or cousins, blind, deaf, insane, alcoholic, syphilitic, or epileptic, or afflicted with any infirmity of body or mind?
75. If dead, at what age did the father die, and of what disorder?
76. Where was the mother of the patient born?
77. What was the general bodily condition of the mother of patient? Strong and healthy, or the contrary?
78. Was she scrupulous or over subject to fits, insanity, alcoholism or syphilis, or mentally defective?
79. Were all her senses perfect?
80. Was she always a temperate woman?
81. About how old was she when the patient was born?
82. How many children had she before the patient was born?
83. How many since?
84. How many have died, and of what disease?
85. Was there, or is there, any deformity of body or mental deficiency in the other children? if so, describe fully.
86. What was the state of the mother's health during the time she was pregnant with the patient?
87. Was she subject to any bodily injury or severe sickness or to any extraordinary mental emotion or fright, great sorrow, or the like?
88. Was she related by blood to her husband? If so, in what degree, first, second or third cousin?
89. If dead, at what age did she die and of what disorder?
90. Was there any known peculiarity in her family—that is, were any of her grandparents, parents, uncles, aunts, sisters, brothers, children, or cousins, either blind, deaf, or insane, epileptic or afflicted with any infirmity of body or mind?
91. Please state any other facts that may have a bearing on the case.
92. Name of father?
93. Maiden name of mother?
94. Residence. Postoffice address.
95. What educational advantages has the patient had?
96. How long was he in school?
97. What success attended his schooling?
98. Is the patient able to support himself, and if so, in what way has he been employed? If unable to support himself what work if any, is he capable of doing under the direction of some other person?
99. If the patient is unable to support himself how and by whom has he been supported?
100. Has the patient ever committed or attempted to commit any crime or has he or she ever been guilty of any notorious misconduct, sexual immorality, or any thing of the kind?

70. Yes
71. Alcoholic.
72. Sawyer
73. 26
74. Community 2 months, Leamy father insane.
75. Springfield.
76. Lambert Co. Va
77. Good
78. Mentally defective
79. Yes
80. No known infirmity when married
81. 20
82. 2
83. 2
84. Syphilis & miscarriages
85. Yes. See records of State Board for Charities.
86. 2
87. No
88. Second cousin (mother's side)
89. Living
90. Unknown.
91. Member family of eight children, 2 in mother's & 6 in father's if records could be made
92. George Marshall
93. Millie Hall
94. 325 - 17th St. Richmond Va
95. 3rd Grade
96. 2 years
97. Frattation
98. None
99. County
100. None

Name and Address of Custodian.

**IMPORTANT.**

The Family Physician, of the one best acquainted with the family and the patient, is requested to fill out and sign the following certificate:

I, Frank Bond, citizen of Virginia, physician and practitioner in the town of \_\_\_\_\_ hereby certify that I have examined Jesse May Malloy and find that she is not insane, but is mentally deficient and is a suitable subject for the Virginia Colony for Feeble-Minded. The patient's bodily health is Good, and \_\_\_\_\_ has no contagious disorder.  
Signed: Frank Bond M. D.  
Sarah Keller Seal Frank Bond Medical doctor, Seal  
Seal Wm. H. Leggett Medical doctor, Seal  
Seal  
Witnesses

FORM OF COMMITMENT

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, County or city of Richmond to-wit:  
Whereas, Jesse May Malloy who is suspected of being feeble-minded, was this day brought before us Frank Bond Judge or Justice of said county and Wm. H. Leggett and \_\_\_\_\_ two physicians (said Frank Bond being the physician of said suspected person), constituting a commission to inquire whether the said Jesse May Malloy be feeble-minded and a suitable subject for an institution for the care, training and treatment of feeble-minded persons; and whereas, we the said physicians, have, in the presence (as far as practicable) of the said judge, or justice, by personal examination of said Jesse May Malloy suspected of being feeble-minded, and by inquiry and examination of witnesses satisfied ourselves as to the mental condition of the said Jesse May Malloy we the said judge, or justice, and physicians constituting the commission aforesaid, do decide that the said Jesse May Malloy is feeble-minded, and ought to be confined in an institution for the feeble-minded.  
Given under our hands this 28 day of Sept \_\_\_\_\_ nineteen hundred and 6.  
Commission Frank Bond Medical doctor.  
Wm. H. Leggett Medical doctor.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, County or city of Richmond to-wit:  
To a superintendent of the poor of the City of Richmond of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the superintendent of the Virginia Colony for the feeble-minded, greetings:  
Whereas, I, Frank Bond Judge or Justice of said county of \_\_\_\_\_ and Wm. H. Leggett two physicians, the said \_\_\_\_\_ being the physician to the said Jesse May Malloy, have this day adjudged the said Jesse May Malloy to be feeble-minded and a suitable subject for an institution for the care and treatment of feeble-minded persons, and a citizen of the State, and without means of support; and no person appearing before me to give bond with sufficient security to be approved by me payable to the Commonwealth, with condition to restrain and take proper care of the said feeble-minded person, without cost to the said Commonwealth, until the order of confinement shall cease for the said feeble-minded person, is delivered to the superintendent of the colony for the feeble-minded, Jesse May Malloy and I do herewith transmit to you, the said superintendent of the poor, to make provisions for the suitable and proper care and custody of the said feeble-minded person; provided that all is not used for such purpose; and you, the said superintendent of the colony for the feeble-minded, are hereby required to receive into the said colony, and into your own and charge, if there be a vacancy in the said colony, the said Jesse May Malloy to be treated and cared for as a feeble-minded person; and taken by said commission, touching the mental condition of said Jesse May Malloy, and also the adjudication of the mental condition of the said Jesse May Malloy, a copy of each of which has this day been delivered by me to the clerk of the court of the said county or city.  
Given under my hand this 28 day of Sept \_\_\_\_\_ 1916.

This blank form is the only official and valid one on which a patient can be committed to the Virginia Colony for the Feeble-Minded. Copies can be obtained on application to the undersigned Superintendents of the Virginia Colony for the Feeble-Minded, Madison Heights, Va., or to Rev. J. T. Mastin, Secretary, State Board of Charities and Corrections, Richmond, Va. When this blank is filled out and signed by the commission sitting in any case of feeble-mindedness one copy must be promptly mailed to the superintendent of the Colony and another to the clerk of the Circuit or Corporation Court of the County or City in which such examination is held.  
A. S. Patzer, M. D., Superintendent, Virginia Colony for Feeble-Minded, Madison Heights, Virginia. (Near Lynchburg, Va.)

Virginia Colony for Feeble Minded  
No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Interrogatories and Papers of Commitment of \_\_\_\_\_  
County or City Richmond  
Date of Commitment \_\_\_\_\_  
Railroad Station at which patient is to be delivered \_\_\_\_\_  
Patient under the charge of Jessie May Malloy  
Post office Domestic Station  
Date of Admission \_\_\_\_\_