

Children in the Asylum - Sources for Worksheet 2 – Character Profile

Case Book Transcription

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No. Of Admission 11.421

Name, *Edith Annie Craven*

Occupation, *None*

Chargeable to *Halifax*

Admitted on the 24th day of July 1896

Age *5 years*

Married, Single or Widowed "*Single*"

Religious persuasion "*Church of England*"

Previous place of abode *58 Skircoat Green, Halifax*

Whether first attack *Yes*

Duration *3 ½ years*

Age on first attack *18 months*

Previous care *Mother*

Supposed cause *Epilepsy*

Epilepsy *Yes*

Suicidal *No*

Dangerous *Yes, she pinches any other children*

Name and residence of } *John Crown St, Skircoat*

Re-admission for a year *None*

Nearest known relative } *Green, Halifax*

Facts observed by *E H Hachete Siddal Halifax. She is now in a most restless state and if her mother lets her go rushes wildly about the room shouting in an incoherent manner when asked a question she makes no answer, but dances up and down staring fixedly at the questioner.*

Other facts communicated: *John Craven her father states that three and a half years ago she started with epilepsy and gradually lost her reason. She is now unable to speak and has to be constantly watched, or she runs away and cannot find her way back. She has to be tied into bed to keep her there.*

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History - *patient began to have fits when she was 18 months old. At first the fits were only light faints: they gradually have become stronger and her mind has deteriorated. She never could be taught anything. Lately has been very restless especially at night. Has had no fits since last Easter.*

Family History – *Has intemperance, insanity and fits. Patient has 2 sisters younger than herself, both are healthy. L.Birt.*

Physical Condition: *Patient shows no deformity of the head, trunk and limbs; no stiffness or degeneracy found. She looks bright and pretty. Has a fresh clean complexion. Expression is not epileptic or unduly idiotic. Features regular. Irises dark brown. Reactions cannot be made with precision because of patients' restlessness and resistance: pupils constantly large. Good bodily condition: height – 3 foot 6 inches. Weight 43 lbs. Skin normal*

Diagnosis – *idiocy*

Causation -

Prognosis – *Hopeless*

Treatment – *Non medicinal at present*

L. Birt