

DOCKET NO. 173

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425	November	1960

In Re: Commitment of George Wm.

Eckberg to Warren State Hospital

Versus

COMMITMENT OF AN INEBRIATE

In the Common Pleas Court of Clearfield County
In the matter of November Term, 1960
George Wm. Eckberg No. 425
An Alleged Inebriate

ORDER FOR ISSUANCE OF WARRANT

And now, to wit, the 17 day of Jan 1961, upon the
within petition and certificates let warrant issue to bring the alleged inebriate before us for a hearing on
the 17 day of Jan 1961
John H. Ring
J.

ORDER FOR COMMITMENT

And now, Jan. 17 1961, upon consideration of the within petition and the
exhibits and certificates thereto attached, and after hearing duly held as required by law, the Court is
satisfied that George Wm. Eckberg is an inebriate and a proper subject for
detention, care and treatment in a hospital or institution for inebriates or for mental illness.

It is therefore, ordered, adjudged and Decreed that said George Wm. Eckberg
is an inebriate and that he be and hereby is committed to the Warren State
Hospital there to remain for one year unless sooner discharged as provided by law.

John H. Ring
J.

NOTE: No order shall authorize the Commitment unless admission is secured within thirty days from its date.

In the Common Pleas Court of Clearfield County

In the matter of

George William Eckberg No. 425 Term, 1968
November
 An Alleged Inebriate

PETITION FOR COMMITMENT

NOTE: The Court will not entertain Petition or Certificate executed more than two weeks prior to its presentation.

To the Honorable the Judges of the said Court:

The petition of Mrs. Agnes Newman, and

Usula Jackson

respectfully represents:

1. That they are (Here state either that the petitioners are the wife, husband, parent, child, committee of estate or next friends of the person alleged to be an inebriate, stating they are citizens and designating place of residence.) Sister of Patient., a citizen who lives in Penfield., Pa. and who maintains a home for patient.

2. That Mrs. Agnes Newman, the person above-named
 is { a resident of } the County of Clearfield
 in }

3. That your Petitioners believe that said George William Eckberg,
 is an inebriate and a proper subject for detention, care and treatment in a hospital or institution for inebriates or for mental illness, forming our opinion from the following facts observed by us -----
 Goes complete off when drinking and does know what he is doing.
~~Makes threats to kill his relatives and friends.~~

We have also received the following information from others relative to the patient -----

They are all of the same opinion that he must be committed.

4. That attached hereto and marked Exhibit "A" are a "History of the Patient" and "Financial Statement" showing the age, legal residence and financial status of and other material facts with regard to, the said George William Eckberg.

5. That attached hereto and marked Exhibit "B" and "C" are the certificates of two physicians to the effect that George William Eckberg, is, in the opinion of the said physicians, an inebriate and in need of treatment and care in a hospital or institution for inebriates or for mental illness:

6. That attached hereto and marked Exhibit "D" is the statement of the superintendent of the Hospital consenting to the admission of the patient:

7. That Section 328 of the Act approved the 12th day of June, A.D. 1951, P.L. 533, No. 141, as amended, "An Act Relating to mental health, including mental illness, mental defect, epilepsy and inebriety; and amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto" empowers your Honorable Court to commit said George William Eckberg to a State or licensed hospital or institution for inebriates or for mental illness.

Wherefore, your Petitioners pray your Honorable Court to commit said _____

George William Eckberg, to said hospital

And they will ever pray, etc.

x Mrs. Agnes Newman
(Petitioner)

x Usula Jackson
(Petitioner)
Pastor Free Methodist Church

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

COUNTY OF Clearfield

ss:

Mrs. Agnes Newman

(First Petitioner's Name)

and Usula Jackson

(Second Petitioner's Name)

, the

Petitioners above-named, having been duly { sworn } according to law, depose and say that the facts set

forth in the foregoing petition are true to the best of their knowledge, information and belief.

Mrs. Agnes Newman
Usula Jackson

{ Affirmed }
{ Sworn } to and subscribed before me
this 16 day of January 19 61

Merritt I. Edner, the
(Subscriber's Name)

MERRITT I. EDNER, Alderman
Third Ward of City of D. B. Co., Pa.
My Commission expires January 6, 1964

EXHIBIT "A"
HISTORY OF THE PATIENT

1. Full name of patient George William Eckberg, religion _____
2. Sex Male Color White Single, married, widowed, divorced, separated _____
- Date of birth and age 51 Born 3-27-1909 Birthplace Medix Run, Pa.
- If foreign, how long in U.S.? _____ Is he a citizen of U.S.? _____
- Is he a legal resident of Pennsylvania? yes If so, of what county, city or town? Penfield, Pa.
- _____ How long has he resided in Pennsylvania? Entire life.
- _____ If not a resident of Pennsylvania, where is his legal residence? Penfield, Pa.
- _____
- Name and birthplace of father John Eckberg., Sweden.
- Maiden name and birthplace of mother Christiana Wallin.
- Legal residence of father if living Deceased
- Legal residence of mother if living Deceased
3. Profession, trade or employment of patient Laborer
- If a female, that of husband or father _____
4. Has patient had mentally ill relatives? no
5. If so, state relationship, and whether paternal or maternal none
6. If relatives ever in mental hospitals, state name, relationship and give name and location of institution none
- _____
7. Has patient been considered of normal mental standard? yes
8. Number of previous attacks of mental disorder or inebriety None- This one has lasted for past ye
9. Institution or institutions where cared for in previous attacks none
- _____
10. Was recovery complete? none
11. How long has he shown symptoms of inebriety? bad for over one year
12. Was present attack gradual or sudden in onset? Gradual
13. Give date of onset of this attack and statment of symptoms manifested at that time _____
- Graudally getting worse form past year.
14. Why do you think he is an inebriate? In answering the question, state facts on which your opinion is based Action are thos of a mantall ill person when he get drink aprox. every 2 weeks.
- _____
15. What was the patient's natural temper or disposition, and has the disease produced any change? Very good disposition before becoming an inebriate,

16. Has the patient a tendency to suicide? He has mentioned it on several occasions.
 Has the patient ever made an attempt, if so in what manner? no

17. Has the patient manifested a tendency to injure others, or destroy clothing, furniture and so on?
Yes to injure person and property.

18. What is supposed cause of the present attack? Excessive drinking.

19. Has any restraint been resorted to? If so, of what kind and for how long? none

20. Has the patient received any medical treatment during this attack? no
 If so, who were his physicians?

21. Give name and address of relatives to be notified in case of emergency
Mrs. Agnes Newman, Penfield, Pa.

22. Have any criminal charges been preferred against the patient? If so, specify
None.

23. In case of recovery, or sufficient improvement for consideration of discharge, should he be returned to court? yes

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

24. A. Who is legally liable and able to pay for commitment expenses?
 Answer: Name and address Isula Jackson, Penfield, Pa

B. Who is legally liable and able to pay for support and maintenance?
 Answer: Name and address Clearfield County

(If the facts called for, or any of them, are unknown to the applicant, it should be so stated.)

Dated at Penfield., Pa. this 16 day of Jan. 19 61

Signed Mrs Agnes Newman
 (Signature of Person Giving Above Information)

Residence Penfield., Pa.

Occupation Housewife.

Degree of relationship if any, or other circumstances of connection with patient Sister

AFFIDAVIT

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

COUNTY OF Clearfield

ss:

Before me the subscriber a Alderman personally appeared Mrs. Agnes Newman
 (Show Office Held) (Name of Person Shown Above)

above-named who being duly { sworn } according to law doth depose and say that the facts set forth in the
 { affirmed } above history of patient and financial statement are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Mrs Agnes Newman
 (Signature of Person Shown Above)

Sworn }
~~affirmed~~ } to before me this 16
 day of Jan. A.D. 19 61

I certify that the signature to the foregoing petition is genuine.

Meritt J. Edner
 (Subscriber's Signature)

EXHIBIT "B"
CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I reside at No. Force Penn Street, in Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; that I have resided in this Commonwealth for more than one year; that I have been licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy in this Commonwealth and have had at least one year's experience as physician in a hospital for mental patients: or have been in the actual practice of medicine or osteopathy for at least three years; that I am not related by blood or marriage to the patient hereinafter named, or to the applicants for the admission of said patient to a mental hospital, or any of them; that I am not connected in any way as medical attendant or otherwise with the said hospital; that I have examined the said patient with care and diligence within one week prior to the date of this certificate; and that in my opinion the said patient is an inebriate and is in need of treatment and care in a hospital or an institution for inebriates or for mental illness.

I further certify that I examined George Eckberg of Pennfield Pa at Clearfield in the County of Clearfield on the 14 day of Jan A.D. 1961, and that I have formed my opinion that he is an inebriate from the following facts indicating inebriety observed by me. (Describe physical and mental conditions, appearance and behavior of the patient and record what patient said).

Patients' long-standing consistency of panic in chest has been anticipated for the past week - Keep withdrawing when he has any money. Today his eyes are partly closed - he unable to walk without staggering. Keep running to himself.

I have also received the following information from others relative to the patient. (Here state especially any change in the patient's behavior and bodily health with date of same as furnished you by other persons).

Sister states he drinks constantly as long as he has any money. If he doesn't have money he will sell any household object in order to obtain money to buy drink. Also drinks boy Rum or drinks of ammonia or ammonia extract

Dated at Allegheny Pa this 14 day of Jan A.D. 1961 (Signed) Paul H. Wagner M.D.

AFFIDAVIT

(This affidavit must be taken before a Judge, Magistrate or other person authorized to administer oaths in the Commonwealth.)

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA }
COUNTY OF Clearfield } ss:

Before me the subscriber a M. Alderman personally appeared Paul H. Wagner M.D. (Show Office Held) (Examiner's Name)
above-named who being duly { sworn } according to law doth depose and say that the facts set forth in the { affirmed }
foregoing certificate are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

{ Sworn } to before me this 14
{ affirmed } day of Jan A.D. 1961

I certify that the signature to the foregoing certificate is genuine and that the Affiant is a physician of good standing and repute.

Merritt I. Edner
(Subscriber's Signature)

MERRITT I. EDNER, Alderman
Third Ward of City of D. Bate, Ctbl. Co., Pa.
My Commission expires January 6, 1964

EXHIBIT "C"
CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I reside at No. 2400 19th St Street, in Clearfield County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; that I have resided in this Commonwealth for more than one year; that I have been licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy in this Commonwealth and or have had at least one year's experience as physician in a hospital for mental patients; or have been in the actual practice of medicine or osteopathy for at least three years; that I am not related by blood or marriage to the patient hereinafter named, or to the applicants for the admission of said patient to a mental hospital, or any of them; that I am not connected in any way as medical attendant or otherwise with the said hospital; that I have examined the said patient with care and diligence within one week prior to the date of this certificate; and that in my opinion the said patient is an inebriate and is in need of treatment and care in a hospital or an institution for inebriates or for mental illness.

I further certify that I examined Mr. George E. Shoberg of Pennfield Pa in the County of Clearfield on the 16 day of Jan A.D. 1961, and that I have formed my opinion that he is an inebriate from the following facts indicating inebriety observed by me. (Describe physical and mental conditions, appearance and behavior of the patient and record what patient said.)

Has pain in his chest. Numbness
throughout whole body

I have also received the following information from others relative to the patient. (Here state especially any change in the patient's behavior and bodily health with date of same as furnished you by other persons.)

Has been drinking constantly since
for some time. He is often
drunk. His behavior is very
bad.

(Signed) W. H. Houch M.D.
Dated at Clearfield Pa this 16 day of Jan A.D. 1961

AFFIDAVIT

(This affidavit must be taken before a Judge, Magistrate
or other person authorized to administer oaths in the Commonwealth.)

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

COUNTY OF Clearfield } SS:

Before me the subscriber a n Alderman personally appeared W. H. Houch M.D.
(Show Office Held) (Examiner's Name)
above-named who being duly { sworn } according to law doth depose and say that the facts set forth in the
{ affirmed }
foregoing certificate are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

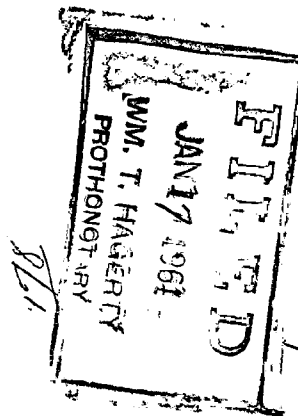
{ Sworn } to before me this 16
{ Affirmed } day of Jan A.D. 1961

I certify that the signature to the foregoing certificate is genuine and that Affiant is a physician of good standing and repute.

Herbert L. Edger
(Subscriber's Signature)

HERBERT L. EDGER, Alderman
Third Ward of City of Du Bois, Cld. Co., Pa.
My Commission expires January 6, 1965

EXHIBIT "D"
CONSENT OF SUPERINTENDENT



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H. S. By Agnes Newman

Consent is hereby given to the admission of George William Eckberg
an alleged inebriate, to the Warren State Hospital

Robert H. Brail, M.D.
Superintendent or Board of Trustees

Warren State Hospital
Name of Hospital

Warren, Pennsylvania
Location of Hospital

Dated at Warren, Pa. this 13th day of January, A.D. 1961

