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In Re: Commitment of John W. Hepbur

to Warren State Hospital

Versus

WMH-53—Revised—5M—4-57
In accordance with Sections 326, 328, and 329,
Mental Health Act of 1951, as amended.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
DEPARTMENT OF WELFARE
BUREAU OF MENTAL HEALTH

COMMITMENT OF AN INEBRIATE

In the COMMON PLEAS Court of CLEARFIELD County

In the matter of February Term, 1961

JOHN W. HEPBURN No. 303

An Alleged Inebriate

ORDER FOR ISSUANCE OF WARRANT

And now, to wit, the _____ day of _____ 19____, upon the within petition and certificates let warrant issue to bring the alleged inebriate before us for a hearing on the _____ day of _____ 19____

_____ J.

ORDER FOR COMMITMENT

And now, March 13 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 JOHN W. HEPBURN 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 JOHN W. HEPBURN 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 J. Pentz J.

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

5. That attached hereto and marked Exhibit "B" and "C" are the certificates of two physicians to the effect that John W. Hepburn 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 Hogn W. Hepburn to a State or licensed hospital or institution for inebriates or for mental illness.

Wherefore, your Petitioners pray your Honorable Court to commit said John W. Hepburn to said hospital

And they will ever pray, etc.

Helen H. Brown
(Petitioner)

Elmer M. Hepburn
(Petitioner)

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
COUNTY OF Clearfield } ss:

Helen H. Brown (First Petitioner's Name) and Elmer M. Hepburn (Second Petitioner's Name), the Petitioners above-named, having been duly { sworn / ~~affirmed~~ } 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.

Helen H. Brown (Subscriber's Name), the
Elmer M. Hepburn

{ Affirmed / ~~Sworn~~ } to and subscribed before me this 7th day of March 1961

Thos. F. Hagerty
PROTHONOTARY
My Commission Expires
1st Monday Jan. 1962

EXHIBIT "A"
HISTORY OF THE PATIENT

1. Full name of patient John W. Hepburn religion Protestant

2. Sex male Color white Single, married, widowed, divorced, separated single

Date of birth and age June 17, 1920 - 41 years Birthplace Grampian, 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? Clearfield, Pa.

How long has he resided in Pennsylvania? life

If not a resident of Pennsylvania, where is h__ legal residence? ----

Name and birthplace of father Elmer M. Hepburn, Grampian, Pa.

Maiden name and birthplace of mother Mary E. Fallon, Clearfield, Pa.

Legal residence of father if living Clearfield, Pa.

Legal residence of mother if living Clearfield, Pa.

3. Profession, trade or employment of patient Unemployed

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 ----

6. If relatives ever in mental hospitals, state name, relationship and give name and location of institution ----

7. Has patient been considered of normal mental standard? yes

8. Number of previous attacks of mental disorder or inebriety numerous

9. Institution or institutions where cared for in previous attacks none

10. Was recovery complete? ----

11. How long has he shown symptoms of inebriety? excessively over several years, and ~~excessively~~ for five years

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 Recently - drinking excessive

14. Why do you think he is an inebriate? In answering the question, state facts on which your opinion is based Cannot overcome apetite for liquor

15. What was the patient's natural temper or disposition, and has the disease produced any change? disposition varies, has a bad temper, drinking increased this state

16. Has the patient a tendency to sucide? no

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?

no

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? no

20. Has the patient received any medical treatment during this attack? no

If so, who were h__ physicians?

21. Give name and address of relatives to be notified in case of emergency

Elmer M. Hepburn, Clearfield, Pa.

22. Have any criminal charges been preferred against the patient? If so, specify no

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 Clearfield County Institution District

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 Clearfield, Pa. this 7th day of March 19 61

Signed Helen H. Brown
(Signature of Person Giving Above Information)

Residence Clearfield, 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 Prothonotary (Show Office Held) personally appeared Helen H. Brown (Name of Person Shown Above)

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

Helen H. Brown
(Signature of Person Shown Above)

{ Sworn / ~~Affirmed~~ } to before me this 7th

day of March A.D. 19 61

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

Wm T Hagerty
(Subscriber's Signature)

PROTHONOTARY

My Commission Expires
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EXHIBIT "B"

CERITIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I reside at No. 507 Ogden Ave 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 } ~~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 John W. Hepburn of 102 Cemetery Road Clearfield Pa at his home in the County of Clearfield on the 16th day of Feb 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).

Admitted by patient to have been drinking at least 1 pint whiskey a day. Has been vomiting repeatedly – [illegible] & when examined was perspiring profusely & incoherent. State he is unable to give up drinking, & does not care what happens to him. Liver Enlarged & is Emaciated.

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).

Drinks constantly – refuses to eat – frequently falls on floor & is unable to get to his feet. Vomits repeatedly & [illegible] [illegible]. Has had severe drunken [illegible] for weeks. [illegible] [illegible] – [illegible] [illegible] Refuses medical aid – stating that if left alone he will [illegible]

(Signed) J. Haughenbaugh MD M.D.

Dated at Clearfield Pa this 17th day of Feb 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 Prothonotary (Show Office Held) personally appeared J. H. Aughenbaugh M.D. (Examiner's Name) above-named who being duly { sworn / affirmed } according to law doth depose and say that the facts set forth in the foregoing certificate are true to the best of h__ knowledge and belief.

J. Haughenbaugh MD
(Examiner's Signature)

{ Sworn / ~~Affirmed~~ } to before me this 7th day of March 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.

Wm T. Hagerty
(Subscriber's Signature)

PROTHONOTARY
My Commission Expires
1st Monday Jan. 1962

EXHIBIT "C"
CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I reside at No. 115 E. Cherry 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 } 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 John W. Hepburn

of 102 Cemetery Road March 61

in the County of Clearfield on the fourth day of ____ A.D. 19____, 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.)

This man admits excessive drinking. States that at times he is confused, without any ambition. Lives without any purpose. Eats poorly. has been unemployed for a long time because of drunkedness. He appears rather thin, shaky, but fairly well oriented and co-operative.

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.)

Relatives substantiate his statements; They say that he is unable to manage his affairs and they are unable to manage him.

Diagnosis: Chronic alcoholism.

RUSSELL A. BOYKIW, M.D.
115 EAST CHERRY STREET
CLEARFIELD, PA.

(Signed) _____ M.D.

Dated at Clearfield, Pa. this sixth day of March 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 Prothonotary (Show Office Held) personally appeared Russell A. Boykiw (Examiner's Name) above-named who being duly { sworn / affirmed } according to law doth depose and say that the facts set forth in the foregoing certificate are true to the best of h__ knowledge and belief.

RUSSELL A. BOYKIW, M.D.
115 EAST CHERRY STREET
CLEARFIELD, PA.
(Examiner's Signature)

{ Sworn / ~~Affirmed~~ } to before me this 28
day of March 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.

Wm. T. Hagerty
(Subscriber's Signature)

PROTHONOTARY
My Commission Expires
1st Monday Jan. 1962

EXHIBIT "D"

CONSENT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Consent is hereby given to the admission of John W. Hepburn
an alleged inebriate, to the Warren State Hospital

Robert H Israel M.D.
Superintendent or Board of Trustees
by Thos Amadeo

Warren State Hospital
Name of Hospital

Warren, Pennsylvania
Location of Hospital

Dated at Warren this 16 day of February, A.D. 19 61

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

In re: :

: No. 303 February Term 1961

JOHN W. HEPBURN :

O R D E R

NOW, June 23, 1961, subject to the approval of the Superintendent and staff of Warren State Hospital, John W. Hepburn will be allowed leave of absence for the remainder of the period for which he was committed to the Hospital. Upon resumption of alcoholic habits, to be forthwith returned for the remainder of the period for which he was committed.

BY THE COURT

President Judge

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
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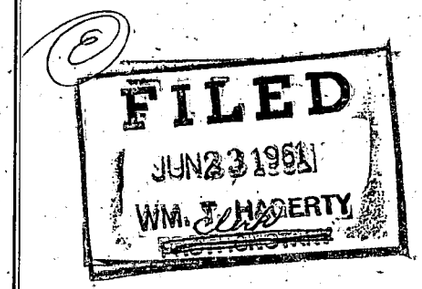
ORDER



JOHN J. PENTZ
PRESIDENT JUDGE
CLEARFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA