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Petition of Jack Kessinger

an Inebriate, Commitment to

Versus Warren

In the
Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace
Of the County of Clearfield

Commonwealth

No. 881

May

Sessions 19 61

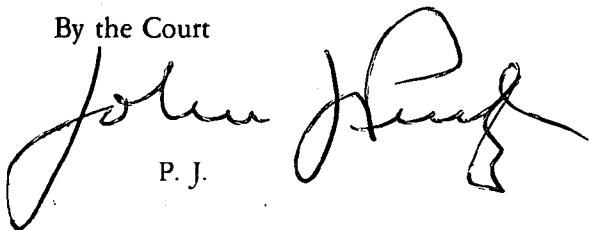
vs.

Jack Kessinger

Charge; Contempt of Court; Failure to
comply with Order of Court.

Now, December 13, 1961 on Motion of Probation Office
Bench warrant awarded for the arrest of the defendant, because of defendant's failure to abide by
order made in this case.

By the Court



John H. King
P. J.

In the Court of Quarter

Sessions of Clearfield County

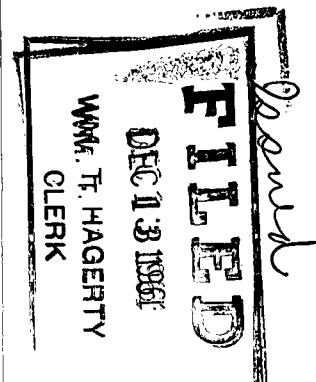
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COMMONWEALTH

vs.

Jack Kessinger

AWARD
BENCH WARRANT



BENCH WARRANT

CLEARFIELD COUNTY, SS:

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said County, Greeting:

YOU are hereby commanded by the Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the said county, to take _____ Jack Kessinger

who stand _____ charged in said Court for Contempt of Court: Failure to comply with Order of Court;

and _____ him forthwith bring before the said Court, or one of the Judges or Justices thereof, to be dealt with according to law.

And have you then and there this precept.

Witness, the HON. JOHN J. PENTZ, President Judge of said Court, the 13th day of December Anno Domini one thousand nine hundred and sixty-one

Wm T. Hagey

, Clerk

To the Honorable the Judges within named, Now, December 12, 1961 as within commanded I, caused the arrest of the within named Jack Kessinger and lodged him in the Clearfield County Jail.

Costs Sheriff Ammerman \$3.75
Constable Walker \$14.00

Charles G. Ammerman, Sheriff.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this

18 th day of Dec
19 61

Wm. J. Flaherty

So answers

Charles G. Ammerman
Sheriff

Charles G. Ammerman

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Versus

Jack Kessinger

BENCH WARRANT

FEES:

Clerk \$ 2.50

Miles, 12cts. direct - - -

Eugene G. Kitko

District Attorney

COMMITMENT OF AN INEBRIATE

In the COMMON PLEAS Court of CLEARFIELD County

In the matter of May Term, 1961

JACK KESSINGER

No. 881

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, August 29, 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 Jack Kessinger 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 Jack Kessinger
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 R. Peay

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

May

Term, 19 61

Jack Kessinger
An Alleged Inebriate

No. *881*

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 Vada Kessinger and

Al Tubbs 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.) mother and uncle Citizens and residents of Kerrmoor, Pa.

2. That Jack Kessinger the person above-named is { a resident of } the County of Clearfield

3. That your Petitioners believe that said Jack Kessinger 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 continuous use of alcohol

We have also received the following information from others relative to the patient None

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 Jack Kessinger

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

Wherefore, your Petitioners pray your Honorable Court to commit said Jack Kessinger to said hospital

And they will ever pray, etc.

✓ Mrs Vada Kessinger
(Petitioner)

✓ Al Tubbs
(Petitioner)

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
COUNTY OF Clearfield } ss:

Vada Kessinger and Al Tubbs, the
(First Petitioner's Name) (Second Petitioner's Name)

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.

✓ Mrs Vada Kessinger, the
(Subscriber's Name)

{ Affirmed
Sworn } to and subscribed before me
this 28 day of August 19 61.

Wm. F. Hagerty

PROTHONOTARY
My Commission Expires
1st Monday Jan. 1962

EXHIBIT "A"
HISTORY OF THE PATIENT

1. Full name of patient **Jack Kessinger** religion **Protestant**

2. Sex **male** Color **white** Single, married, widowed, divorced, separated **married**
Date of birth and age **Feb. 26, 1927 - 34 yrs.** Birthplace **Detroit, Michigan**

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? **Kerrmoor, Pa.**
How long has he resided in Pennsylvania? **30 years**

If not a resident of Pennsylvania, where is his legal residence? _____

Name and birthplace of father **Grover Kessinger, Ohio**

Maiden name and birthplace of mother **Vada Tubbs, Kerrmoor, Pa.**

Legal residence of father if living **Deceased**

Legal residence of mother if living **Kerrmoor, Clearfield County, Pa.**

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 _____

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 **too numerous to mention**

9. Institution or institutions where cared for in previous attacks **Warren State Hospital - January, 1961**

10. Was recovery complete? **yes**

11. How long has he shown symptoms of inebriety? **since June, 1961**

12. Was present attack gradual or sudden in onset? **gradual**

13. Give date of onset of this attack and statement of symptoms manifested at that time **June, 1961 intoxicated all the time.**

14. Why do you think he is an inebriate? In answering the question, state facts on which your opinion is based **By continuous drinking**

15. What was the patient's natural temper or disposition, and has the disease produced any change? **When not drinking very fine disposition, and when intoxicated - attacks of convulsions**

16. Has the patient a tendency to suicide? 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? Appetite for alcohol

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? yes
If so, who were the physicians? Dr. Morton Early, and Dr. Samuel Early, Cambria County at Spangler Hospital

21. Give name and address of relatives to be notified in case of emergency Vada Kessinger, Kerrmoor, 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, Vada Kessinger, Kerrmoor, 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 Clearfield, Pa. this 28th day of August, 1961

Signed Mrs. Vada Kessinger
(Signature of Person Giving Above Information)

Residence Kerrmoor, Pa.

Occupation Housewife

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

AFFIDAVIT

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

COUNTY OF Clearfield

} ss:

Before me the subscriber a Prothonotary personally appeared Vada Kessinger
(Show Office Held) (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 his knowledge and belief.

Mrs. Vada Kessinger
(Signature of Person Shown Above)

Sworn } to before me this 28th

day of August A.D. 1961

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

M. T. Magerty
(Subscriber's Signature)

PROTHONOTARY

My Commission Expires
1st Monday Jan. 1962

EXHIBIT "B"
CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I reside at No. 815 State 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 Jack Kessinger of Arthur Coffey at Clearfield on the 8 day of Aug 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).

Exemplar of nerves, restless
agitated signs of it classic drunken

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).

demands alcohol or else goes into
convulsions -
chronic drunkard

Dated at Clearfield, Pa this 28 day of Aug 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 Notary Public personally appeared W. G. Browne (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 foregoing certificate are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

{ Sworn } to before me this 28 th
 { Affirmed } day of August 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.

Howard R. Mifflin
 (Subscriber's Signature)

Notary Public, Mahaffey, Clearfield County
 My Commission Expires March 7, 1963

EXHIBIT "C"
CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I reside at No. 328 West 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; 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 Jack Kennedy of Fayman Broship in the County of Clearfield on the 21 day of Aug 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.)

drifts in his way - very nervous and jitters
replies - signs of pending DTs - unanswerable
would like to help self but can't
does not have the mental faculties to do so

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.)

John alcoholic - unless he has to alcohol
will end up in unconscious state - has lost
other in attempting to get some - physical
or mentally - just a nervous and irregular
one at that

Dated at Clearfield, Pa this 28 day of Aug A.D. 1961 (Signed) John J. Husted 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 Notary Public personally appeared John J. Husted (Examiner's Name) above-named who being duly sworn according to law doth depose and say that the facts set forth in the foregoing certificate are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

{ Sworn } to before me this 28 day of August A.D. 1961

(Examiner's Signature)

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

Norman R. McEachern
(Subscriber's Signature)

Notary Public, Mahaffey, Clearfield County
My Commission Expires March 7, 1963

EXHIBIT "D"
CONSENT OF SUPERINTENDENT

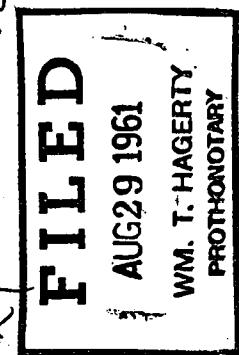
Consent is hereby given to the admission of Jack Kessinger
 an alleged inebriate, to the Warren State Hospital

Robert H. Israel
Superintendent or Board of Trustees
by H. A. Johnson
Warren State Hospital
 Name of Hospital

Warren, Pennsylvania
 Location of Hospital

Dated at Warren, Pa. this 22nd day of August, A.D. 1961

881 May 1961

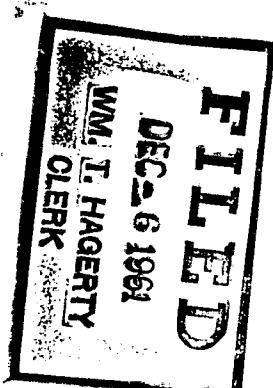


IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY, PENNA.
No. 881 May Term, 1961

In re:

JACK KESSINGER

O R D E R



JOHN J. PENTZ
PRESIDENT JUDGE
CLEARFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA

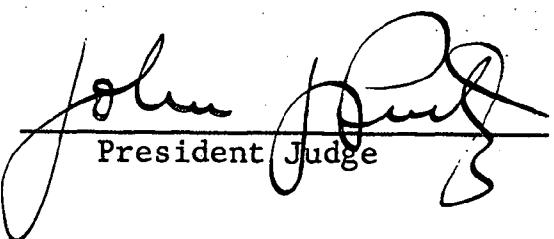
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In re: :
: JACK KESSINGER : No. 881 May Term, 1961.
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O R D E R

NOW, December 6, 1961, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Warren State Hospital, Jack Kessinger, the above individual, is released from custody of the authorities of the Warren State Hospital, to remain on parole during the remainder of the term for which he was placed in the Hospital, to be returned without further order upon resumption of alcoholic habits.

BY THE COURT,



President Judge