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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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February 18, 1964

Honorable J. M. Rankin  
General Counsel  
The President's Commission  
200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast  
Washington, D. C. 20002

Dear Mr. Rankin:

In reply to your letter of February 12, 1964, I am enclosing herewith a letterhead memorandum and a complete set of medical records of Fanny Rubenstein (mother of Jack Ruby) which were obtained from Ernest S. Klein, M.D., Superintendent, Elgin State Hospital, Elgin, Illinois, on February 14, 1964.

You will note that Dr. Klein has requested that these records not be made public without a court order or the written consent of some member of the Rubenstein family.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures (2)

COMMISSION EXHIBIT No. 1281



In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Chicago, Illinois  
February 14, 1964

JACK L. BENT;  
LEE HAROLD BIRDAID - VICTIM  
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On February 14, 1964, Ernest S. Klein, M.D., Superintendent, Elgin State Hospital, Elgin, Illinois, made available to Special Agent Harry A. Walker of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Recordak Microfilm containing a complete record pertaining to Fanny Rubenstein as it appears in the files of the Elgin State Hospital.

Doctor Klein advised that he was happy to cooperate with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the President's Commission investigating this matter. Doctor Klein pointed out, however, that the medical records concerning Mrs. Rubenstein could not be made public without a court order or the written consent of some member of the Rubenstein family. Because of this, Doctor Klein requested that if the situation arose in the future where information contained in these records was considered for publication that one of the two steps outlined above be taken prior to such publication.

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COMMISSION EXHIBIT No. 1281—Continued

No. 139674

County Court of Cook County

IN THE MATTER OF

*Fannie Rubenstein*  
An Insane Person

**WARRANT**  
TO THE

ELGIN STATE HOSPITAL

Served this warrant by delivering the above named person to the

ELGIN STATE HOSPITAL  
at ELGIN, ILLINOIS

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sheriff

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy

Filed \_\_\_\_\_ A. D. 1937

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

COUNTY COURT OF COOK COUNTY, (ELGIN - FEMALE)

Form 11

**WARRANT**

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss.  
Cook County.

The People of the State of Illinois to the Sheriff of Cook County, Greeting:

You ARE HEREBY COMMANDED forthwith to apprehend *Fannie Rubenstein* who has been declared to be insane, and to convey her to the ELGIN STATE HOSPITAL (and you are hereby authorized to take to you aid and assistance, if deemed necessary, from of whom shall be a female of reputable character and mature age), and of this Warrant make due return to this office after its execution.

Witness my hand and the seal of the County Court of Cook County,

this JUL 14 1937 day of \_\_\_\_\_ A. D. 1937

*Michael J. Quinn*  
Clerk of the County Court of Cook County

ELGIN STATE HOSPITAL

RECEIVED, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A. D. 1937

from The Sheriff of Cook County the patient named in the within warrant.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Managing Officer

\*NOTE—Enter the name of patient in Father, Husband, Brother or Son

COMMISSION EXHIBIT No. 1281—Continued

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

State of Illinois, }  
COUNTY OF COOK } ss.

PLEAS before the Honorable Edmund K. Jarecki, Judge of the County Court of Cook County, in the State of Illinois, at a regular term of said County Court of Cook County, begun and holden at the Court House, in the City of Chicago, in said County and State, on the Second Monday being the July day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred

and sixty second

Present—THE HONORABLE EDMUND K. JARECKI, Judge of the County Court of Cook County.  
JOHN TOMAN, Sheriff of Cook County.

Attest: MICHAEL J. FLYNN, Clerk.

JUL 14 1937

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on the July day of July A. D. 1937 the same being one of the days of the July Term, 1937, of the County Court of Cook County, the following, among other proceedings, were by and before said Court had, and entered of record, to-wit:

IN THE MATTER OF THE ALLEGED INSANITY OF

Fannie Rubenstein

And now comes the said Fannie Rubenstein who is alleged to be insane, in custody of the Sheriff of Cook County; also comes Hyman Rubenstein the petitioner herein, and it appearing to the Court that proper notice of this proceedings, as by statute required, has been served on said Fannie Rubenstein and thereupon also come the commissioners heretofore appointed herein, to-wit J. J. Madler M. D. and J. J. Madler M. D., and present to the Court in the presence of said Fannie Rubenstein their report in writing, as follows, to-wit:

We, the undersigned Commission, appointed by an order of this Court to make a personal examination of Fannie Rubenstein of said County, alleged to be insane, would respectfully report that we did, on the July day of July A. D. 1937 make a personal examination of the said Fannie Rubenstein, alleged to be insane and as a result of our inquiries we find that the said Fannie Rubenstein is Insane and is a fit person to be sent to a State Hospital for the Insane. That She is a resident of the County of Cook, in the State of Illinois. That her age is 62 years; that her disease is Senile Deterioration Paranoid state that the disease is not with her hereditary; that she is not subject to epilepsy; that she does not manifest homicidal or suicidal tendencies, and we would respectfully recommend that she be sent to some public or private hospital or asylum for the insane.

J. J. Madler M. D.  
J. J. Madler M. D.

Whereupon, upon the report aforesaid, it is considered and adjudged by the Court that the said Fannie Rubenstein is an insane person, and it is ordered that said Fannie Rubenstein be committed to \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }  
COUNTY OF COOK, } ss.

I, MICHAEL J. FLYNN, Clerk of the County Court of Cook County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the within is a true copy of a certain order entered of record in said Court, in the matter of the alleged insanity of Fannie Rubenstein

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of County Court of Cook County, at Chicago, in said County, this 14 day of July, A. D. 1937

Michael J. Flynn  
Clerk

No. 138073

County Court of Cook County

Fannie Rubenstein

CERTIFIED COPY  
OF  
Proceedings and Order

*1610 Dear Street, Chicago, Ill.*

ELGIN STATE HOSPITAL  
STATISTICAL DATA — ADMISSION

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Name Fannie Rubenstein  
 Idon. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Committed Voluntarily  
 Psychosis Group Paranoid State  
 Type \_\_\_\_\_ Age on admission 62 years  
 Marital condition single married widowed  
divorced separated  
 No. of children 8 living; one dead.  
 Nativity—State or country of patient Russia  
 Of father U  
 Of mother U  
 Year of arrival in U.S. 1905  
 Citizenship of patient U American foreign  
 Of father American foreign  
 Race Hebrew

Education—None "illiterate"  
 years \_\_\_\_\_ reads and writes \_\_\_\_\_ common \_\_\_\_\_  
 Complete \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ age at completion of highest grade \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation Housewife Religion—denomination Jewish  
 Environment—Urban \_\_\_\_\_ rural \_\_\_\_\_ Economic condition dependent marginal comfortable  
 Actual residence County Cook P. O. 624 S. Independence, Chicago, Ill.  
 Place in State Last residence Total time 32 years.

ETIOLOGICAL FACTORS OTHER THAN ILLNESS  
Temperamental, domineering, and self-willed; it wishes not wanted  
she would go into sanatorium.  
 MENTAL MAKE UP Intellectually—low instinctive morose borderline average super average  
 Prior to Onset  Intellectually—low  Instinctive  Morose  Borderline  Average  Super average

FAMILY HISTORY OF MENTAL DISEASE Negative

FAMILY HISTORY OF NERVOUS DISEASE "

FAMILY HISTORY OF MENTAL DEFICIENCY "

FAMILY HISTORY OF EPILEPSY—Acquired or hereditary Negative

ALCOHOLIC HABITS OF PATIENT Abstinence—temperate—Nervous  
Intemperate—Nervous

ACCOMPANYING SOMATIC DISEASES NOT AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE MENTAL DISEASE

DURATION OF PRESENT ATTACK Before Admission 24 years \_\_\_\_\_ months \_\_\_\_\_ days No. of previous attacks NONE

of previous admissions \_\_\_\_\_ Date and duration of each previous hospital residence exclusive of present

None

Date of admission 7/16/ 19 37

Prescribed at Staff Meeting 5/24/37 by Dr. Fishback

Stenographer — H. Lipka

TO BE FILED WITH MEDICAL HISTORY WITH PATIENT

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SUPERVISOR'S REPORT—Admission of Patient

Name of Patient Rubenstein Fannie Admitted 7-16 1937

Sex B. I. No Report received n more after admission \_\_\_\_\_

Height 4-9 1/2 Weight 175 Figure: slim; not stout

Color of eyes: Light; intermediate; hazel; dark

Color of hair: Fair; chestnut; dark brown; black Sandy E. Gray

Brown \_\_\_\_\_

Recent injuries \_\_\_\_\_

Marks of old injuries \_\_\_\_\_

Scrapings \_\_\_\_\_

Colored markings \_\_\_\_\_

Vernix none

Condition of body as to cleanliness clean

Restraint used on patient at time of admission none

Attitude of patient (receptive; passive; violent, etc.) passive

Condition of clothing as to cleanliness and value clean  
Fair value

Edith Smith

ILLINOIS STATE HOSPITAL  
**INITIAL EXAMINATION**

Name Rubenstein, Fannie Case No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date 7/16/37

General appearance as to bodily health

Pulse: 60 Rate \_\_\_\_\_ Quality \_\_\_\_\_

Temperature 100

Respiration 20

Scars, Deformities, etc.

**Brief statement of mental condition**

Patient is an obese, short, Jewish woman. She is well oriented, but speaks broken English, so it is difficult to question her. She is very talkative and talkative and tells of her husband going out with other women. Her conversation is pleasant and she speaks rapidly and continuously with many asserions. Hallucinations are not evident.

Signed Chapman M.D.  
 Dr. Sheehan - R. Connolly

**PSYCHOPATHIC HOSPITAL**  
 OF COOK COUNTY  
 SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Name Rubenstein, Fannie No. 152347-B  
 Cross Reference \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address 624 S. Independence. Old No. \_\_\_\_\_

S M W D Sep. Sex F Age 63 Color Wh Race Russ Admitted 7-9-37

Religion Jewish From Home - Sheriff H. Levroman  
 Occupation Housewife. Disposition 14-37 E S H  
 Financial condition Independent. Years in U. S. 32 in Ill.  
 Previous hospital care Years in Chicago 32  
 Francis Willard in 1909. Place and Date of Birth  
 Michael Reese in 1930. Gaiter opr. and tomb. Russia 1875

Relatives	Kin	Age	Address
<u>Joseph</u>	Spouse	<u>63</u>	<u>Same. (Wed 1717)</u>
	Father		
	Mother		
			<u>S S Exchange</u>
<u>Hyman Rubenstein</u>	Son	<u>35</u>	<u>Home.</u>
<u>Anna Volperto</u>	Dau	<u>23</u>	<u>1510 N. Kedzie.</u>
<u>Marian</u>	"	<u>21</u>	<u>Home.</u>
<u>Eva Grant</u>	"	<u>28</u>	<u>Los Angeles, Calif.</u>
<u>Jack Rubenstein</u>	Son	<u>28</u>	<u>Trav. Salesman.</u>
<u>Sara</u>	"	<u>24</u>	<u>Home</u>
<u>Earl</u>	"	<u>21</u>	<u>Home</u>
<u>Ellen</u>	Dau	<u>20</u>	<u>Home</u>

**Informants' Names and Addresses**

Daur Marian.

**References**

JFS 11-25-32  
JSCB C. 3-32  
Rast Haven 8-11-30  
JFS 7-13-29  
W. L. 6-30-27  
JFS 2-15-26  
MTS Racine 3-25-24  
LJR 43-76 7-8-22

Classification Paranoid state with some deterioration

Resume of Court Hearing 7-14-37. Daughter in court agreed.

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## PSYCHOPATHIC HOSPITAL

SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Rubeinstein, Fannie

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## Reason for admission:

The patient was brought here from home by Sheriff Deverman at the advice of a doctor from the Michael Reese Hospital where the pt. had been attending clinics for many years. The pt. has become unmanageable, and gets into hysterics and screams and shouts day and night.

Information was obtained from the pt's daughter, Marian, a nice-appearing young girl about 20 years of age, who seemed fairly intelligent, but reluctant about giving accurate statements. She said that Michael Reese clinics would have a much more complete history than she could give.

**Social situation.** The family occupies a 7-room flat, which rents for \$10.00 a month. The family consists of the pt., her husband and 7 children. The informant, Marian, and one son, Hyman, is support the family.

## FAMILY HISTORY

Parents died in Russia, from old age.  
The pt. has one brother living; he lives in Denver Colorado.  
The inf. knows nothing else about the pt's family history or background but states that to her knowledge there was no insanity or other nervous disease.

## PERSONAL HISTORY

The pt. was born in Russia, in 1875. She came to the U. S. 32 yrs. ago and has been residing in Chicago all of that time.

**Health.** Many years ago pt. was at the Frances Willard Hospital but the informant does not know the nature of her illness or the operation she had while there. In 1933 she was at Michael Reese Hospital for an operation for goitre.

**Educations.** The pt. is illiterate, and speaks very little English. At about 45 she went to night school, to learn to sign her name but could not even do that.

**Employments.** The pt. has never worked for remuneration. In 1923-24 she worked for a Jewish Manual Training School, where she did some fancy-work.

**Habits.** The pt. never used alcohol, tobacco or drugs.

**Marital.** The pt. and her husband were married 33 years ago in Russia. They have four daughters and four sons. Two daughters are married; the others are all single, living at home. They are apparently all in good health and normal. In 1921 pt's husband left her and lived away for 15 years. This arrangement was made thru J.C.B. because the pt. and her husband would not get along. The husband is a carpenter by

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## PSYCHOPATHIC HOSPITAL

SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Rubeinstein, Fannie

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trade, and worked fairly steadily up to about 1923, since which time he has not worked at all; the children had to support him, too. The two children, only, are working, and have been unable to support pt. any longer, so in April 1933, they asked him to come back to live with them. The first two months at home, he was quiet and peaceful, but after that he started to argue and quarrel with constantly. The pt. nagged at him all the time.

**Personality:** The inf. said that pt. was very temperamental, domineering, self-willed and had to have her own way. If her wishes were not granted, she went into a regular tantrum - became disagreeable and very unfair. The pt. has never been any kind of a housekeeper; was careless with money, and never took much interest in the children's welfare. The inf. said that the pt's parents were quite well-to-do people, and that she had been purposed and spoiled. Her only hobby pt. had was crocheting, and that she could do all day long.

**Child:** Ever since inf. can remember, the pt. was extremely difficult to get along with. She was selfish, jealous, disagreeable, and never cared to do anything in the home but lie around and sleep. She was very particular about her meals. She would not eat - most of the time - what the rest of the family did. She has been accusing her husband of being interested in other women. Some years ago she was claimed that she swallowed a fish-bone, and since then has been complaining constantly about her throat being sensitive. She has been attending Michael Reese Clinic. When pt. did not like anything, or anything was in the way, she cursed in Jewish - "something indescribable". In the last years, since the children have grown up, she has been accusing them of being immoral, and that one of their aunts - Mrs. Mary Rosenfeld has a house of prostitution, and that was where they went, and she tells this to everyone she met - neighbors, and friends, etc. The family can never have company, for fear that she will embarrass the family before the company.

The patient has become increasingly worse, each year, and the family cannot possibly live with her under the same roof - "because we are all nervous wrecks". They are not in position to place her in a private institution, or pay for her keep away from home. The pt. does not imagine seeing visions or hearing voices, and has made no threats to any one, but is always saying that she does not like her children.

**Plan:** Undecided. The informant says they have to talk it over with the rest of the children.

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PSYCHOPATHIC HOSPITAL

SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

RUBENSTEIN, FANNY

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COPY OF LETTER RECEIVED FROM MICHAEL REESE HOSPITAL, CHICAGO,

July 16, 1937

Miss Lera Amlingmeyer, Director,  
Psychopathic Hospital,  
Social Service Dept.,  
Chicago

RE: RUBENSTEIN, Fanny  
NO 236013-A  
624 Independence  
Husband: Joseph (sup)

My dear Miss Amlingmeyer:

At your request we are sending you the following information about Mrs. Fanny Rubenstein, who is now under observation at your hospital.

Mrs. Rubenstein has been known to Mendel Clinic since December, 1927. She was referred to the Psychiatry Clinic in 1928 because of the absence of organic findings to account for her feeling of a sticking sensation in the throat over a period of fifteen years. This she insisted was a fish bone. At the time of the original examination the patient was very garrulous and excited. The diagnosis at that time was psychoneurosis with marked anxiety state. There was also some question of some degree of mental retardation.

Since the time of the original examination, the patient has returned to the Psychiatry Clinic at intervals, sometimes voluntarily, and in the past four years at the request of her sons and daughters, who have found her behavior increasingly difficult in the home. During the past four years the patient has been exceedingly quarrelsome, profane, and markedly suspicious of the motives of her family. She has consistently expressed the idea that her sons are conspiring against her and influencing the other children to be impatient and cruel toward her. Her accusations included the destruction of her clothing by the children and, more recently, their striking her and pouring hot water on her.

At the time of the recent examination on July 6th of this year, she repeated many paranoid ideas, including that of cohabitation of her daughter with her husband. The patient talks incessantly and in anger frequently throws articles at members of the household. Mrs. Rubenstein's children have tried to deal with the situation in various ways, including an arrangement whereby she might live apart from the relatives and thereby be somewhat removed from the immediate sources of her irritation. They have now reached the conclusion, however, that there is no possibility of care for the patient in the community. The psychiatrist made a diagnosis of paranoid condition and strongly recommended commitment to a state hospital.

We have no social information on this family aside from that contained in a brief letter from the Jewish Social Service Bureau in 1925. Mrs. Rubenstein has been separated from her husband over a period of many years, with occasional returns to the household. The support of the family has been carried by the children, all of whom are now grown. Six children range in age from 18 to 23 years; all are unmarried and in the family home.

Sincerely yours,

ORIGINAL WHITE

DUPLICATE GREEN

TRIPlicate-BLUE-PHYSICIAN SERVICE DEPT.

COOK COUNTY HOSPITAL, CHICAGO, ILL.

118 MM 9-28 Form 42

Patient's No. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward No. \_\_\_\_\_ Diagnosis \_\_\_\_\_

Name Fannie Rubenstein Paranoic state, senile deterioration

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Complications \_\_\_\_\_

Civil State married 62 Single Married Widowed Divorced

Husband of \_\_\_\_\_ or Wife of \_\_\_\_\_ File No. \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Place \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ Admitted 7-9-37 Hour \_\_\_\_\_

Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as applicant, \_\_\_\_\_ Discharged \_\_\_\_\_

Industry or business in which work was done, as clerk, mill, etc. \_\_\_\_\_ Operations \_\_\_\_\_

Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year) \_\_\_\_\_ Total time (years) spent in this occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Father \_\_\_\_\_ Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Place of Father \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ House \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name of Mother \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Place of Mother \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ Condition on Discharge \_\_\_\_\_

How Long in Chicago \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_\_

How Long in United States \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_\_

Ever Serve in Military or Naval Service of U. S. \_\_\_\_\_

M.P. 159/104

A rather effuse talkative female. "Yesterday a little lady came with a button and take me, I don't know why, I no do nothing,

J'm 36, no, 32, the father- mother forget what year I born,

In October, I 62, is '38".

ELGIN STATE HOSPITAL  
QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of patient **Rubenstein, Fannie** Date committed **7/16/37**  
 Name of country from which patient was committed **Cook**  
 Name of relative responsible for commitment **Mr. Joseph Rubenstein**  
 Name of relative or conservator responsible for clothing **Above**  
 Address of party responsible for clothing **624 S. Independence Chicago, Ill.**  
 How long has patient resided in Illinois? **32 years**  
 Has State was patient's former home?  
 Name of country and city **32 years**  
 How long has patient resided in U.S.A?  
 Name of foreign country patient came from **Russia**  
 Name of port of embarkation  
 Name of port of debarkation  
 Date of arrival  
 Name of steamship  
 Was patient a world war veteran?  
 Serial No. Division No. Company No.  
 Was patient in Canadian army? Division No. Serial No.  
 Where discharged? Date of discharge

ELGIN STATE HOSPITAL  
PHYSICAL EXAMINATION  
Examiner - Dr. Chapman

NAME Rubenstein, Fannie DATE 7/16/37

GENERAL DATA:

Weight 175 lbs. Height 4'9"  
 Eyes - blue. Hair - red  
 Nourishment - very good.  
 Malformation and deformities - none.  
 Mucous membranes - normal.  
 Skin eruptions - none.  
 Enlargement of the thyroid - none.  
 Apparent age - 32 years.

SPLEEN AND GASTROINTESTINAL:

Dyspepsia evident.

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM:

Impaired resonance and moist rales at posterior base.

CIRCULATORY SYSTEM:

Heart rhythm regular, no murmurs or enlargement.  
 Blood pressure 112/80.

DIGESTIVE SYSTEM AND ABDOMEN:

Umbilical hernia. Very obese.

GENITOURINARY SYSTEM:

Pendulous.

**7/20/37.** Pelvic Examination: Menopause four years ago.  
 Gravida X. Para IX. One spontaneous abortion and eight  
 living children. Third degree cystocele. Second degree  
 rectocele. Cervix lacerated, eroded and stenosed.  
 Cervical polyp. *Dr. Euky. F.R. Buckley*

NERVOUS SYSTEM:

Special Senses:  
 Smell - not tested.  
 Taste - not tested.  
 Vision - unable to test because illiterate.  
 Hearing - Impaired both ears.

Rubenstein, Fannie

7/16/37

**Autonomic Sensibility:**

Pain sense - normal.  
Tactile sense - normal.

**Deep Sensibility:**

Tenderness on pressure - present.  
Coordination - good.  
Roosberg - negative.

**Cranial Nerves:**

pupils react to light and in accommodation;  
size - 4 mm., equal; outline - regular.

**Articulations:**

Good.

**Spinal Nerves:**

Gait - normal. Grips - good.  
Tensors of tongue, none; finger, none;  
eyelids, none.

**Reflexes:**

Superficial - abdominal absent. Pharyngeal present.  
Plantars 2 plus.  
Deep - biceps, 2 plus and equal; others 1 plus and  
equal.  
Urethric - controlled.

**Convulsions:**

Lentid.

**ENTRWAY:**

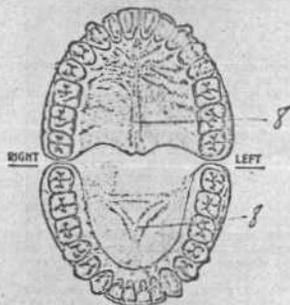
Emphysem.  
wales and inspirid resonance in base of lungs.  
abnormal obesity.  
umbilical hernia.

*Chapman*

Typist - M. Connolly

**DENTAL REPORT**

NAME *Fanny Rubenstein* CASE NO. *Diag 1* DATE *Jan. 15-1938*



**Condition of Teeth  
When Examined**

1. Missing
2. Root remaining
3. Cavity
4. Amalgam filling
5. Gold filling
6. Gold crown
7. Porcelain Crown
8. Edentulous
9. Full Upper Plate
10. Full Lower Plate
11. Partial Plate
12. Fixed Bridge
13. Removable Bridge
14. Synthetic filling
15. Temporary filling

General condition of teeth \_\_\_\_\_

Care of teeth \_\_\_\_\_

Tooth brush habits \_\_\_\_\_

General condition of Gums \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_ Recession \_\_\_\_\_

Gingivitis \_\_\_\_\_ Pyorrhea \_\_\_\_\_ Vincent's \_\_\_\_\_

General condition of restorations present \_\_\_\_\_

Abnormalities \_\_\_\_\_

General physical condition \_\_\_\_\_

X-Ray needed \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks *Patient stated she has teeth  
but not wearing them.*

*W. J. Haft* D.D.S.

ELGIN STATE HOSPITAL  
LABORATORY REPORT

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR  
X-RAY EXAMINATION

NAME Fannie Rubenstein

CASE NO.

## URINE

Date	Amount	Character	Specific Gravity	Reaction	Shade	Albumin	Hematuria	Microscopic Examination	Remarks Special Tests
7/16/37		Straw	1.025 acid	-	-	-	-		
1/17/38		Straw	1.030 acid	-	-	-	-		
4/29/38		Amber	1.022 acid	-	-	-	-		
5/20/38		Straw	1.020 acid	-	-	-	-	Much amorphous sediment.	

## BLOOD

Date	White Cells	Red Cells	Hemoglobin	Hematocrit	Leucocytes	Platelets	Widal	Wassermann	Rubin	Remarks Pathological Cells, Parasites, etc.
7/19/37										Mag. Neg. Elgin
1/17/38										Mag. Neg. Elgin

## CEREBRO-SPINAL FLUID

Date	Pressure	Appearance	Cells per Cc.	Protein	Glucose	Chloride	Microbiological	Other	Bacteria Present	Remarks

## SPUTUM

Date	Character	Bacteria	Cells	Special	Crystals and Spores

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ELGIN STATE HOSPITAL  
MENTAL EXAMINATION

Examiner - Dr. Fishback

Name Fannie Rubenstein

Date

8/12/37

## APPEARANCE AND MANNER:

Patient is a short, obese, red-headed, Jewish woman, of about 60 years, who breathes with difficulty and complains of backache and pains in the knees at night for ten years. She is simple, pleasant, and cooperative, but extremely talkative, in a very rapid stream, so that it is with difficulty that she is kept to the point. She is very friendly and appreciative of anything that is done for her. Is effusive and extremely emotional in a demonstrative way, laughing and crying easily.

She lives on Hamilton Cottage where she cooperates well with the routine. She does no ward work, but crochets assiduously and well, and proudly displays her handiwork.

Her answers are for the most part relevant, but her voice is monotonous even when she tells of her troubles and weeps while doing so. She speaks English poorly and with a marked Jewish accent but a complete history is obtained by the use of both languages.

## RECALL MEMORY:

Patient gives her age as 62, born in Poland, in October but cannot give the year. [She has one younger brother, in Denver, and two sisters in Poland. One sister died in Poland of malnutrition during the World War. Two died in infancy, cause unknown. Father, a physician, died at 95. Mother at 60, of overwork (?). The patient was a sickly child, but grew up to be a healthy young woman, who worked as a housemaid after her parents lost their money. [She was married at 24 to Joseph Rubenstein, 30, the match being made, as customary, through a professional matchmaker. Married life was unhappy, because her husband was never in love with her, but ran around with other women and spent his money on them. She came to the United States at 30 years (1905) at which time she had two children and had had a miscarriage at five months. Seven children were born in this country. She has eight living children, one having died at 20 months of scalding. The youngest is now 20. Says that since 26 years ago, a fishbone has been lodged below her right ear and that sometime is caught near her left tonsil. From the former accident, her vision has become impaired, and her teeth were lost. [She had a thyroidectomy at Michael Reese Hospital, in 1930, because of choking sensations and burning in the throat and chest. These are worse when she has troubles.

Her Max, was so benten by his father when he was 15, that he was placed in a boy's home by the Jewish Aid Society. Her husband drank and beat her and the children. She has been going to the Jewish Aid Society since coming to this country. This son, now 36, she says slept in bed with his two sisters and she implies that that had sexual intercourse. She says that when she reconstituted with him, he beat her and threatened to send her to Dunning.

Accidents and injuries are denied. [Hearing has been

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REMOTE MEMORY: (Cont.)

impaired as long as she remembers.

For the last 26 years, since the fishbone episode, she has been attending Michael's Clinics.

Denies pre or extra-marital relationships. Wanted a divorce 15 years ago, but her husband refused to grant it.

Drinking, smoking, and drug addiction are denied.

Menses began at 13, and ceased in 1935 (at 58 years). For 11 years, her legs had been swelling. She has been nervous since her children grew up, and became mean to her. (She says the children like him better than her because he has an insurance policy.)

MENTAL CONTENT:

Hallucinations are not elicited.

RECENT MEMORY:

Has been in the institution four weeks, of which two weeks have been spent in Hamilton Cottage.

Admission routine well recalled.

ORIENTATION: (Correct)

Time - Thursday, August 12, 1937.

Place - Elgin State Hospital - patients with mental and physical diseases.

Person - Names ward personnel correctly.

REFERENCE: (Good)

White, blue, and black - o.  
Chicago, Detroit, and New York - c.  
13, 19, 21 - o.

JUDGMENT: (Poor)

President vs. King - President is only for four years; the king for life.

Chair and table - ?

Doctor, lawyer, and minister - ?

Suicide Story - Somebody else must have done it. He couldn't.

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CALCULATION: (Fair)

5 x 4 = 20    8 x 4 = 32    8 x 8 = 64  
2 apples for 5¢ = 8 for 20¢ (slow)  
100 - 7 = 93, 84, 73, and 64.

GENERAL INFORMATION: (Good)

Current Events:

President - Roosevelt.  
Mayor - an Irish man.  
Governor of Illinois - Horner.  
Hitler - German ruler.  
Mussolini - Italy.

Geography:

Capitol of the United States - Washington.  
Capitol of Illinois - ?  
Number of states in the United States - 48.  
Direction of New York - ?  
Direction of California - thru Denver.

History:

World War President - Wilson.  
Lincoln - Freed the slaves.  
World War Contestants - United States against Germany.

MOOD:

Wants to go home. Cries very easily, but swings quickly to smiles. Is demonstrative and childishly appreciative of any attention and approbation.

SUMMARY:

The patient is a short, obese, illiterate, Jewish woman, of about 60 years, born in Poland, one of seven siblings, three of whom are living. No nervous or mental disease known in family. Birth and early development not known, except for patient's statement that she was a sickly child. She became a healthy woman, however. Married at 24 to a man of 30, through the services of a professional matchmaker. According to the patient, married life was very unhappy from the first, because her husband philandered and spent his money away from home. She came to the United States in 1905 at thirty years. Had ten pregnancies, including a miscarriage at five months; eight living normal children.

She was always temperamental, domineering, and self-willed, having tantrums, if not indulged. Nagged constantly at husband. Selfish, jealous, and lazy.

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SUMMARY: (Cont.)

In 1927, she began going to Michael Reese clinics because of sticking sensations in the throat, interpreted by her as being due to a fish bone. Patient says a thyroidectomy in 1930 did not relieve it. Says it has impaired her vision. Has been attending their psychiatry clinic ever since. Originally was diagnosed psychoneurosis with marked anxiety state, with possible mental retardation.

In the past four years, she has become increasingly paranoid and suspicious of her family, accusing them of destroying her clothing, and pouring hot water on her. Accuses her daughter and husband of cohabitating. The clinic diagnosed it paranoid condition and recommended commitment.

Upon her admission here, 7/12/37, physical examination revealed dyspnea, impaired resonance, moist rales in both bases, umbilical hernia, impaired hearing, and abnormal obesity. She has a 2nd ° rectocele and 3rd ° cystocele, and an eroded cervix. The blood pressure was 115/60. (At the Psychopathic it was recorded as 158/140.) Menses ceased in 1933.

Here, the patient is cooperative and pleasant, but rather childish, and highly emotional.

The mental examination was done on August 12th. Hallucinations were not elicited. Patient continues to express delusional ideas about the fishbone in her throat, of the meanness of her children, and of her husband's unfaithfulness. She believes her sons and daughters are cohabitating. She has a number of times invoked the aid of the Jewish Charities because of her difficulties with her husband and at one time tried to get a divorce. For an illiterate woman, she performs intellectual tests well. It is felt that her sticking on the judgment stories might have been better if the language handicap had not made it difficult for her to comprehend the questions.

CONCLUSIONS:

The patient is a 62 year old, woman, of simple and emotional makeup, who has never adjusted well in life, and since 1913, has been attending psychiatric clinics because of unfounded somatic complaints and paranoid delusional ideas. The latter have become much worse during the last four years since the menopause.

Diagnosis:

The classification offered is paranoid state with involutional changes.

Prognosis:

The prognosis is poor because of the poor personality of the patient and the long duration (24 years) of her mental abnormality.

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CONCLUSIONS: (cont.)Treatment:

The treatment is custodial care. She has had hydrotherapy and colonic flushings.

Stenographer - H. Lipka

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ELGIN STATE HOSPITAL  
STAFF MEETING RECORD

Name Fannie Rubenstein Age 62 years Date September 25, '37

NAME Fannie Rubenstein DATE September 24, 1937

PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION OF DIAGNOSIS ---by Dr. Fishback

Present: Drs. Shapiro, Fishback, Bucky, Greene, Chapman, Nierenberg  
Interns: Drs. Kepces

Tests Performance Scale

(Patient cannot speak English and is questioned in Jewish by Dr. Shapiro. She stated her son wanted her put out of the house because he was doing wrong with women. Said he had a political drag and for that reason she was put here. Said her husband's people are her enemies and that her husband threatened to poison her. Says she has been separated from him for 17 years. She is correctly oriented. Says this trouble started about a year and a half ago.)

Psychological findings--

Mental Age 16-6  
Intelligence Quotient 103  
Basal 15  
Range 15-18

DR. CHAPMAN:

I agree with the examiner.

DR. GREENE:

I agree.

DR. NIERNBERG:

I agree.

DR. SHAPIRO:

I agree with paranoid state of many years. The definite etiological factors are unknown. Some mental deficiency may be present. Treatment--custodial care.

Reactions During Examination

This patient was demonstratively friendly and cooperative but in such a verbose and effusive manner that she had to be urged to work on the form boards and not to talk so much. She seemed somewhat euphoric in manner and talked considerably of her abilities as a wife, a mother, a house-walker and a character.

Diagnosis: Paranoid State.

Average adult intelligence.

Stenographer: S. Manning

Signed Phyllis Wittman  
Psychologist

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ELGIN STATE HOSPITAL  
STAFF MEETING SUMMARY

Dictated by: Dr. Fishback

Name Fannie Rubenstein Case Number Admitted 7/16/37  
Date 9/24/37 Presented by Dr. Fishback Purpose Diagnosis  
Classification Paranoid State

Outstanding medical facts: Patient is a 62 year old, married white woman. Has eight living children. Was always temperamental, nagging, jealous and lazy. Since 1927 has been attending the Michael Reese Clinic. She started with complaints of a fishbone in her throat for fifteen years. In 1928 went to the Psychiatric Clinic and was diagnosed psychoneurosis with anxiety state. For the past four years has become increasingly quarrelsome and suspicious. She thinks her children are conspiring against her. She thinks her daughter is cohabiting with her husband and son. Physically she shows dyspnea, impaired vision, moist rales at bases of lungs, umbilical hernia, second degree rectocele and third degree cystocele; blood pressure 150/60. Had the menopause in 1935. Here patient is cooperative, childish and highly emotional. Same delusional ideas persist.

Further investigations needed:

- 1 Anamnestic None
- 2 Somatic None
- 3 Psychic None

Treatment recommended:

- 1 General Custodial care.
- 2 Special

Probable outcome: Prognosis is poor. (Dissenting opinions)  
Will require custodial care.

Condition for release: Adequate supervision. (Dissenting opinions)

Special dangers and warnings: None. (Dissenting opinions)  
None.

Stenographer: S. Manning

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT—Admission of Patient

Name of Patient Fannie Rubenstein Admitted 1-14-37

Ward diagnostic Report received \_\_\_\_\_ hours after admission

Height 4'6" Weight 182 Figure Slender

Color of eyes Light intermediate hazel Color of hair Dark brown Color of skin Black

Build Slender

Markings of old injuries None

Scars None

Colored markings None

Verruca None

Condition of body as to cleanliness Clean

Restraints used on patient at time of admission None

Attitude of patient (resistive, passive, violent, etc.) Passive

Condition of clothing as to cleanliness and value Clean Fair value

Abel L. T. P. R. N.  
SUPERVISOR

ELGIN STATE HOSPITAL  
**INITIAL EXAMINATION**

Name Fannie Rubenstein Case No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date 1/14/38

General appearance as to bodily health

Pulse:                      Rate    86                      Quality

Temperature            97

Respiration            18

Scars, Deformities, etc.

Brief statement of mental condition

Patient is a 62 year old, obese, white woman, who escaped from here in October of 1937. She is in good contact and is correctly oriented in all spheres. She shows some pressure of speech, laughs and speaks in a relevant manner. She cries as she says "My children don't want me. The Jewish society knows me. Judge Fisher knows me. I tried mine best for my family".

signed - *J. B. Shapiro*  
 Dr. Shapiro - M. Connolly

M. D.

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ELGIN STATE HOSPITAL  
**PHYSICAL EXAMINATION**  
 Examiner - Dr. Shapiro

NAME Fannie Rubenstein DATE 1/14/38

GENERAL DATA:

Weight 182 lbs. Height 4'6".  
 Best weight not ascertained.  
 Nourishment - good.  
 Malformation and deformities - none.  
 Mucous membranes - good color.  
 Skin eruptions - none.  
 Enlargement of the thyroid - none.  
 Apparent age - 62 years.

SPONTANEOUS COMPLAINTS:

None.

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM:

Lungs clear, resonant, no rales.

CIRCULATORY SYSTEM:

Heart not enlarged, no murmurs or arrhythmias.  
 Blood pressure 160/94. Pulse 76.

*J. B. Shapiro M.D.*

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## Permit for Surgical and Medical Procedures

FORM X-1

Name Fannie Rubenstein Ward \_\_\_\_\_

9/1/37  
 CONSENT TO OPERATION AND TREATMENT AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS  
 TO MEDICAL AND SURGICAL STAFF AND CONSULTANTS OF THE  
 ELOIN STATE HOSPITAL

FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION of the medical treatment, including any and all surgical operations or procedures, which she may receive while a patient in the Elgin State Hospital, Elgin, Ill., from or through the duly appointed members of the medical and surgical staff of the said hospital, or their consultants, either separately or collectively, consent by me voluntarily and knowingly is hereby given to the said members of the said medical and surgical staff, or their consultants, or any of them, severally or collectively, to prescribe and carry out, or cause to be carried out, such medical treatment, including any and all surgical operations or procedures, which they, or any of them, in their best judgment, may deem proper for her best interest; and furthermore, the said members, consultants, or any of them, are hereby released from any and all liability, of whatsoever kind or nature, for any damage which may result from anything done, suffered to be done or omitted, by reason of such treatment, operation or procedure, or any or all of them.

Dated at Elgin, Illinois, this 28th day of August, D. 1937

WITNESS Dr. Bakley BY Mrs. Eva Deank (SEAL)  
 PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR NEXT FRIEND (SEAL)

NOTE: If an adult voluntary patient, sign personally on the first line. For a minor, committed patient, the parent, guardian, or best friend, as the case may be, must sign the name of the minor or incompetent on the first line, and the name of such parent, guardian or best friend on the second line.

FB:EL

Vaginal-Plastic

Stemmed only, per request of daughter  
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ELGIN STATE HOSPITAL  
 PROGRESS NOTES

Name Rubenstein, Fannie Date 7/16/377/16/37 - B-1 North

Patient is a 41 year old, very pleasant, and cooperative, white woman. She is in good contact and is oriented in all spheres. Her speech is relevant and coherent. She says she has many enemies and many judges have been fighting her battles for her. She is unable to explain what the reason is.

J. B. Shapiro  
 Dr. Alpeiro - H. Connolly

7/22/37 - B-1 North

Patient is 62 years of age. Gives name of institution and date correctly. Tells that she has been at Michael Reese Hospital for a colic and they sent her here. Laughs and giggles as she tells that she has trouble at home because her son has sexual congress with his sister, and the family tears her clothes and her husband went out with other women.

M. Westerman  
 Dr. Kistner - H. Lipka

8/28/37 - Hamilton Cottage

Patient has numerous somatic complaints. She is very emotional. Kisses the examiner's hand and cries easily. Talks continuously. Speech is relevant and coherent. Is correctly oriented. Likes it here but wants to go home, and cries as she says it.

Dr. Fishback - G. Ragsdale.

D. Fishback10/17/37

Paroled.

10/27/37 -

At the time of parole Oct. 17, 1937, patient was making a good adjustment on Hamilton Cottage but still had delusional ideas about her children. Physically, she was obese, had a hypertension and some dyspnea.

Dr. Fishback - M. Westerman.

D. Fishback1/14/38

Returned.

1/17/38 - Diagnostic 1

Patient is a return from escape. She is an obese middle aged white woman who has many delusional ideas of a sexual nature. She says her husband and son have intercourse with her daughter. Here, she is quiet, cooperative and makes a fairly good adjustment.

J. B. Shapiro  
 Dr. Shapiro - M. Westerman.

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**PROGRESS NOTES**

File

Name Rubenstein, Fannie Date 7/16/371/19/38

Proctoscopic Examination by Dr. Block  
 Obese. Loss of anal tone. Mucosa exposed negative.

Dr. Greens - M. Connolly

*Greens*2/16/38 -

Patient on Diagnostic-3 had a temperature of 101½ and complained of pain in the hip joint on motion. She has a sore throat with some congestion in the nose. She was sent to the Hospital.

Dr. Shapiro - M. Westerman

*Shapiro*2/21/38

Patient was at the Hospital with an upper respiratory infection, with a laryngitis, from which she has recovered. (See Hospital notes.)

Dr. Wiltrakis - G. Ragsdale

3/3/38 - Diagnostic 3

Patient made a very good adjustment on the hall. Is doing quite a bit of chirocheting. Still complains of physical condition. Has some dyspnea and is allowed to lie down several hours during the day. She does not express any delusional ideas freely but when interviewed still talks about delusions regarding her children and husband.

Dr. Shapiro - B. Lane

*Shapiro*4/15/38 -Pelvic Examination

Third degree perineal relaxation. Third degree cystocele and rectocele. Cervix multiparous and lacerated. Corpus and adnexae essentially negative.

Dr. Buky - H. Lipka

*Lipka*5/18/38 - Loery Cottage

Patient was seen on the cottage last night. She was vomiting and complained of gastric pain. She did not seem acutely ill, and was left on the cottage. Dr. Fishback: She is better this morning but has a temperature of 100.4. She is a very obese woman. Her pain seems to be in both costal margins this morning.

(Staff Report)  
 Dr. Kaffron - M. Connolly

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**PROGRESS NOTES**Name Rubenstein, Fannie Admission Date 7/16/375/10/38

Pelvic Examination  
 Third degree cystocele and rectocele. Cervix lacerated. Permit for surgery requested. The family only agreed to have surgical biopsy. Refused to sign for cystocele and rectocele repair. Patient obese. General condition only fair.

Dr. Buky - G. Ragsdale.

*Ragsdale*5/25/38-Improvement Staff

Patient classified as paranoid state. Is somewhat improved but shows some features of manic depressive. We have no objection to her being paroled to her daughter.

Dr. Wittman-P. Ostroski

5/27/38 -

Patient was paroled to her daughter this morning by authority of a Improvement Staff letter.

(Staff Report)

Dr. Belinson - M. Connolly

6/1/38

When paroled on 5/27/38 patient was pleasant and friendly, emotionally unstable and demonstrative. She cooperated well on the Cottage. Physically she was very obese, had a hypertension and dyspnea.

Dr. Fishback - M. Connolly

*Fishback*7/9/38

Patient states she feels good. Is well oriented. Helps with the work at home. Cooperative, easy to get along with. The daughter is well pleased with adjustment. Patient speaks little English. Smiles blandly and rather fatuously.

Dr. Jacobson - M. Fairfield.

Patient classified as paranoid state. Was improved mentally and physically at the time of her parole. The daughter was at the hospital and stated that the patient is making a good adjustment at home.

Dr. Wittman-P. Ostroski

8/25/38-DISCHARGED IMPROVED.*[Signature]*

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## PAROLE

Department of Public Welfare

ELGIN STATE HOSPITAL Date 10-17 1937

Name of patient Fannie Rubenstein Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name of party to whom patient is paroled Marion Rubenstein

Residence 624 Independence Blvd., Chicago

Relationship to patient daughter

Reason for parole of patient live at home

Where patient is to be taken above

Opinion of relative or friend as to:

1. Physical condition of patient good
2. Mental condition of patient improved
3. Condition of clothing or other personal property of patient all right
4. Any grounds for complaints, especially regarding abuse, etc. none

The undersigned, who bears the relationship of daughter  
Fannie Rubenstein

hereby agrees to take her out on parole. The signer is aware that the patient is, or has been insane and agrees to provide her with a suitable home, to protect her from harm and to see that she does not harm her self or others. The signer further agrees to notify the Managing Officer as to the patient's physical and mental condition every two weeks during parole period and to agree to guarantee the State against any expenses by reason of the granting of this parole.

Witness P. A. Chapman Signature Marion Rubenstein  
 address 624 Independence Blvd.

(Over)

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## PAROLE

Department of Public Welfare

ELGIN STATE HOSPITAL Date 5-27 1938

Name of patient Fannie Rubenstein Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name of party to whom patient is paroled Ann Valpast

Residence 3806 Washington Blvd. Chicago

Relationship to patient daughter

Reason for parole of patient Improved - authority of letter

Where patient is to be taken 3806 W. Washington Blvd.

Opinion of relative or friend as to:

1. Physical condition of patient fair
2. Mental condition of patient fair
3. Condition of clothing or other personal property of patient good
4. Any grounds for complaints, especially regarding abuse, etc. none

The undersigned, who bears the relationship of \_\_\_\_\_  
 to \_\_\_\_\_

hereby agrees to take her out on parole. The signer is aware that the patient is, or has been insane and agrees to provide her with a suitable home, to protect her from harm and to see that she does not harm her self or others. The signer further agrees to notify the Managing Officer as to the patient's physical and mental condition every two weeks during parole period and to agree to guarantee the State against any expenses by reason of the granting of this parole.

Witness L. Belmont Signature Ann Valpast  
 Address 3806 W. Washington Blvd.

(Over)

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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE  
SOCIAL SERVICE IN INSTITUTIONS

REPORT OF PATIENT READY FOR PAROLE

Hospital 644 Zone L Report made by L. F. Cox Date 10/10/37  
 Name of patient Fannie Rubenstein Date of birth 1-75  
 Alias \_\_\_\_\_ Color W Place of birth Ukraine  
 Hosp. No. 4006 Sex F Civil State W Date Committed 7/1/37  
 Home Street 624 S. Independence Ave. From County COOK  
 Address City CHICAGO County COOK Diagnosis Paranoid State  
 To be paroled to Carion Rubenstein Prognosis Favorable  
 Address: Street 624 Independence Ave. City Chicago County COOK  
 Name of nearest relative or guardian Joe M. Rubenstein

Rubenstein, Fannie  
Elgin

Social Impression: Came alone and had a package of fancy work with her. This fancy work consisted of lace and she explained in broken English that she was making this for various friends and wanted to give a present to the doctor and social worker some time. She was garrulous, gesticulated freely and then began expressing paranoid ideas against her husband. She told that he had lived with different women and she does not like to have him around. As she talked she stimulated considerably and it was necessary to put an end to the interview. She has no insight. The prognosis is poor.

Dr. Rea 11-16-37

Warning of sucking sensations in the throat, interpreted by her as being due to a fish bone. In the past four years, she has become increasingly paranoid and suspicious of her family, accusing them of betraying her plotting, and pouring hot water on her. Accused her daughter and husband of cohabitating.

Contributing causes: Paranoid and suspicious of her family, accusing them of betraying her plotting, and pouring hot water on her. Accused her daughter and husband of cohabitating.

Development

Behavior at time of hospitalization: Aggressive and defiant, but rather childish and highly emotional.

Personality makeup: She is always temperamental, conceitful and self-willed, having tantrums, if not indulged. Reared constantly at husband's selfish, jealous and social commitments.

3. Previous commitments None & Social Agencies Interested (and many)

5. Parole or discharge 10/17/37 JFE  
 Reason Care at home. JMB C  
 HES

6. Staff Recommendations

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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
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SOCIAL SERVICE IN INSTITUTIONS

REPORT FROM HOSPITAL AUTHORIZING PAROLE

Hospital H. H. H. Zone H Report made by F. P. Cox Date 10/27/37

Name of patient Fannie Rubenstein Hosp. No. 4006  
 Home address: Street 624 Independence City Chicago County Cook

1. Date Paroled 10/17/37 From Hospital H. H. H. To Zone G  
 Discharged \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Diagnosis at time of parole Paranoid State  
 3. Prognosis Unfavorable  
 4. Parole Period 90 days  
 5. To whom paroled  
 Name Carion Rubenstein Relationship to patient Laughter  
 Address: Street 624 Independence City Chicago County Cook  
 6. Additional Data

STATEMENT OF PHYSICIAN

Cuts or bruises None Recent or old \_\_\_\_\_  
 Skin disease None Nature \_\_\_\_\_ Distribution \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recurrent or old \_\_\_\_\_ Contagious \_\_\_\_\_  
 Duration \_\_\_\_\_  
 Condition of patient at time of parole or discharge Improved  
 Has family been informed of this condition and when? at the time of parole  
 Date of Examination 10/27/37 Made by Dr. Fishback  
 (Signature of examining physician)

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## THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

SOCIAL SERVICE IN INSTITUTIONS

## INITIAL REPORT FROM ZONE OF SUPERVISION

Hospital Chicago Zone Cook Report made by R. N. Rasmussen-R Date 11-16-37

Name of patient Fannie Rubenstein Hosp. No. 46464 Hospital Elgin

Home address: Street 624 Independence City Chicago County Cook

Information secured from (list sources)

 1. Patient  
 2. Son  
 3.

## SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION PREPARATORY TO PAROLE

## 1. Environment

- a. Home The family has a comfortable, well furnished apartment on the third floor of a six flat building. It faces the boulevard, providing a pleasant outlook. The neighborhood is rather good.

The family consists of patient, her husband, two daughters and the young son of one of them, and four sons. A married daughter is living away from the home.

## b. Neighborhood

## c. Recreational opportunities

## d. Church affiliations

## 2. Employment

- a. Definite  
 Nature of Employment

Attitude of Employer

- b. Indefinite  
 Possibilities

## 3. Supervision

There are plenty of persons to give patient supervision but she does not get along with any of them, and continues to prove a problem in the family.

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## THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

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 MONTHLY REPORT FROM SUPERVISORY ZONE  
 PROGRESS OF PATIENT ON PAROLE

Hospital Supervising Chicago Zone Cook Report made by F. Worthington Date 11-16-37

Name of Patient Rubenstein, Fannie Hospital Number 46464

Address: Street 624 Independence Blvd City Chicago County Cook

Paroled } from Hospital Elgin Date 10-17-37 19

To whom paroled Marion Rubenstein, date of parole period 90 days

Address: Street Above City Chicago County Cook

Diagnosis at time of parole Paranoid State Prognosis Unfav.

Progress under parole Social Worker R. N. Rasmussen-RS

## 1. Number visits made

- a. Home ..... One  
 b. Place of employment  
 c. Elsewhere-specific

Worker found patient busy in the living room, crocheting on a tremendous piece of work. She speaks very little English and seems to understand little. However, she talked much of the time anyway.

## 2. Condition of patient

- a. Behavior improved  
 b. Behavior unimproved

Worker talked with patient's youngest son. He is not satisfied with patient's behavior. He is also rather bitter about her past behavior. For the past fifteen years it has been impossible to bring friends into the home because of the patient's behavior. The patient is again having trouble with everyone in the family;

## 3. Number of visits of patient to out-patient clinics

4. Number visits of patient to hospital  
 5. Progress of patient and future plans

It had been planned that patient and her 28 year old daughter would take an apartment together but the daughter's work now appears uncertain. Patient finds fault with this daughter too, but not to the extent that she does with the others.

If patient and her husband got along well, they could easily have a small apartment for themselves. However, they haven't spoken to each other for years. Informant was wondering about the advisability of sending patient to Denver to be with a married brother of hers; she has seemed to get along with him very well. It developed, however, that patient only sees him about once in five years. Worker advised against sending patient so far away as she would probably become restless for her home and family.

The family also wondered if there is an inexpensive home of some type where if it has been necessary to hospitalize patient give date and reasons they could board patient. Everyone in the family is working and they can afford this. Worker suggested that it might be tried, but pointed out that patient could not be much of a problem and be kept in such a home.

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## THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

 SOCIAL SERVICE IN INSTITUTIONS  
 MONTHLY REPORT FROM SUPERVISORY ZONE  
 PROGRESS OF PATIENT ON PAROLE
Hospital Supervising Chicago Zone Cook Report made by F. Worthington Date 12-22-37Name of Patient Rubenstein, Fannie Hos'ptl Number 46464Address: Street 624 Independence City Chicago County CookParoled }  
Discharged } from Hospital Elgin Date 10-17-37 19 37To whom paroled Marion Rubenstein, Parole period 90 daysAddress: Street Above City CountyDiagnosis at time of parole Baranoid State Prognosis UnfavProgress under parole Social Worker R. V. Rasmussen-R3

## 1. Number visits made

- a. Home ..... One
- b. Place of employment
- c. Elsewhere—specify

## 2. Condition of patient

- a. Behavior improved
- b. Behavior unimproved

## 3. Number of visits of patient to out-patient clinic

- 4. Number visits of patient to hospital
- 5. Progress of patient and future plans

she stays in the front part of the house while her husband stays in the back part. Even so, they yell back and forth at each other, using foul language. It is necessary for informant to carry all meals to patient. She eats a great deal. She refuses to do anything - cook, wash dishes, dust, go out, etc. She crochets all the time. If she ever does cook something, she leaves the entire kitchen in such a mess that it takes hours to clean it up. Worker suggested that patient be left alone during the day and that perhaps she would do some of the work. Informant was shocked at this, saying patient would not eat then, until someone came home at seven o'clock to cook it for her.

The family is very ashamed of patient having been sent to a state hospital and told everyone she had taken a trip to Denver. They make patient tell all guests about her Denver trip. They do not wish to return patient to Elgin, though some of the sons are willing to do so. Informant seemed to feel that it was worker's task to find a home for the aged where patient would be perfectly happy and yet the cost would be negligible as there are few members in the family working. Worker again referred the family to the Jewish Social Service Bureau.

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Informant gave some information about the family situation. She stated that her mother had been a very beautiful woman in a wealthy old-country family, but that she never had any intelligence to go with it. She was trained to think only of herself and her appearance. She married a man who never made enough money to suit her, regardless of how much it was. She resented the ten pregnancies which left her with eight children, and she early failed to take such responsibility about her home or children. On the other hand, she felt the children owed her everything. The father began to drink. He left home, and apparently he lived with another woman. The mother placed all the children in homes and supported herself in excellent fashion by doing fine handwork for some shops. As the children grew old enough to work, she took them from their various placements and established a home again, with the children to support it. From then on she did nothing, and has felt it her right to be waited upon; that was about fifteen years ago. Two or three years ago the father became ill and was without employment so he was taken into the family circle too. Since then the home has been a terrible place. The mother and father fight, the mother making up obscene jingles about the relationship between the father and daughters.

Worker talked with patient a little bit. She was again crocheting on a tremendous piece of work. It was a pleasant day, but she insisted it was too cold to walk and that she never wants to go out. Worker suggested she help the daughter with the work in the large apartment. She became very excited, saying that she would not lift a finger so long as her husband is in the home.

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CHICAGO STATE HOSPITAL

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
EDWARD F. DOMBROWSKI, M. D.  
MANAGING OFFICER

January 3, 1933

Mrs. Emma Flinty Cox  
Social Service Department  
Elgin State Hospital  
Elgin, Illinois

My dear Mrs. Cox:

This patient's family have requested a letter from Elgin authorizing them to return her to the hospital through the Psychopathic Hospital. They report that she is uncooperative and causes constant discord in the family. She is very noisy and uses obscene language. The family request that the letter be sent to Miss Eva Rubenstein, 624 Independence Boulevard, Chicago.

Re: Rubenstein, Pannia  
Elgin #46464

Very truly yours,  
*Florence Worthington, MS*  
Chief Social Worker

MFC:RS

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MONTHLY REPORT FROM SUPERVISORY ZONE  
PROGRESS OF PATIENT ON PAROLE

Hospital Supervising Chicago Zone Cook Report made by F. Worthington Date 1/15/33  
Name of Patient Pannia Rubenstein Hospital Number 46464  
Address: Street 624 Independence Blvd. City Chicago County Cook  
Paroled Discharged from Hospital Elgin Date 10-17-32 19  
To whom paroled Marion Rubenstein, dau. Parole period 90 days  
Address: Street above City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_  
Diagnosis at time of parole Paranoid state Prognosis Unfav.

Progress under parole Social Worker R. Rosmusen, SS

1. Number visits made

a. Home Torker visited the family in the evening, Jan. 3rd.

b. Place of employment Five of the six children wish to return patient.

c. Elsewhere-specify The sixth, Marion, grants that objections to

2. Condition of patient

a. Behavior improved

b. Behavior unimproved

patient are justified but she is upset at the idea of patient being returned. She cried during the several hours worker spent with the family. She plans to leave at once for Florida to work, and the others feel she is not in a position to object to patient's return.

3. Number of visits of patient to out-patient clinics

4. Number visits of patient to hospital The plan originally was that patient and Mar-

5. Progress of patient and future plans ios should share an apartment. The latter stated that this plan was not carried out as the ESH physician stated that patient should not be left alone during the day. Also, Marion has not been earning very much.

The children all seem to be wholesome, nice young people. They manage to leave the impression of living rather comfortably, but in visiting with them longer, one learns that they have little income among them and use great ingenuity to make the home comfortable, meet weekly expenses, etc.

Patient eats huge meals and complains of the quality; she would like to return to Elgin State Hospital provided the children would send her \$5.00 weekly for extra food, etc. The children cannot do that and worker advised against it, even if they could. Patient is oriented, etc., but is a disturbing factor in the household. She uses obscene talk to visitors and yells at her husband and the children. She refuses to go out, saying that her children will throw her things out if she goes. When worker suggested that

If it has been necessary to hospitalize patient give date and reasons. she help with dishes, etc., she yelled that she would do nothing so long as her worthless husband is in the house, etc. She has treated a delightful little grandson most unpleasantly while worker was there. She does nothing but eat and crochet, yelling from time to time.

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REPORT FROM HOSPITAL AUTHORIZING PAROLE

Hospital K. S. H. Zone R Report made by R. P. Cox Date 5/23/39

Name of patient Fannie Rubenstein Hosp. No. 4444

Home address: Street 624 Independence City Chicago County Cook

Paroled 5/27/39 From Hospital K. S. H. To Zone G  
 Discharged

2. Diagnosis at time of parole Fernand State

3. Prognosis unfavorable

4. Parole Period 90 days

5. To whom paroled

Name Ann Volners Relationship to patient Daughter

Address: Street 3006 Washington Blvd. City Chicago County Cook

6. Additional Data Patient will reside at 3006 Washington Blvd., Chicago, Ill.  
Patient was previously paroled 10/17/37 and returned 1/14/38.

STATEMENT OF PHYSICIAN

Cuts or bruises scratch on chest Recent or old recent

Skin disease None Nature \_\_\_\_\_ Distribution \_\_\_\_\_

Recent or old \_\_\_\_\_ Contagious \_\_\_\_\_

Duration \_\_\_\_\_

Condition of patient at time of parole or discharge  
Improved

Has family been informed of this condition and when?  
at the time of parole

Date of Examination 5/27/39 Made by Dr. Fishback

Form No. 1 (Signature of examining physician)

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May 25, 1938

Miss Marion Rubenstein,  
 624 Independence Blvd.,  
 Chicago, Illinois.

Re: Fannie Rubenstein *Lobby*

My dear Miss Rubenstein:

Please be informed that your mother has recently been considered by our medical staff with a view to the possibility of parole to you.

It has been decided that this parole may be carried out at once. You may call for her at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,

*Charles F. Reagan*  
 Managing Officer.

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MONTHLY REPORT FROM SUPERVISORY ZONE  
PROGRESS OF PATIENT ON PAROLE

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Hospital Supervising Chicago Zone 009 Report made by F. Northington Date 8/28/38  
 Name of patient Fannie Rubenstein Hospital number 46464  
 Address: Street 118 No. Hamlin Ave. City Chicago County Cook  
 Paroled } from Hospital Elgin Date 5/27/38 19    
 Discharged }  
 To whom paroled Ann Volpert, dau. Parole period 90 days  
 Address: Street Some City    County     
 Diagnosis at time of parole Paranoid state Prognosis Unfav.

## Progress under parole

Social Worker R. Rasmussen, ES

## 1. Number visits made

- Home
- Place of employment
- Elsewhere-specify

## Condition of patient

- Behavior improved
- Behavior unimproved

## 3. Number visits of patient to out-patient clinics

## 4. Number visits of patient to hospital

## 5. Progress of patient and future plans

Worker had tried to visit patient and found she had moved. A clinic notice was sent for June 28. One of the daughters telephoned to give the new address and to say that they were not able to bring patient to clinic because she feared she would be returned to Elgin State Hospital. According to the daughter, patient is doing much better than when last she was paroled. She spends the days alone as her daughter is working, but everything is going well. Worker was invited to make an evening call.

If it has been necessary to hospitalize patient give date and reasons.

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PROGRESS OF PATIENT ON PAROLE

Hospital Supervising Chicago Zone 009 Report made by F. Northington Date 8/23/38  
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 Address: Street 2864 West End Ave. City Chicago County Cook  
 Paroled } from Hospital Elgin Date 5/27/38 19    
 Discharged }  
 To whom paroled Ann Volpert, dau. Parole period 90 days  
 Address: Street Some City    County     
 Diagnosis at time of parole Paranoid state Prognosis Unfavorable

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- Behavior unimproved

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Worker received a telephone call from patient's daughter Marion. They are now living at 3864 West End Ave. the two of them, but wished that no letters from the hospital need be sent to that address. If necessary, worker could consult the family at 624 So. Independence Blvd.

Marion states that she has work for the time being. Patient is even better than when she first came home; she stays alone during the day, goes to the park, etc. She has not gone back to her home where the husband and children live, and thus much trouble has been avoided.

Clinic notices have been sent but patient would not attend clinic.

If it has been necessary to hospitalize patient give date and reasons.

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