

Minutes of the Meeting
October 25, 1950

The Eugenics Board met in Room 526 of the Education Building at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 25. The following persons were present: Dr. E. N. Pleasants, Superintendent, State Hospital at Raleigh; Dr. Ira C. Long, Superintendent, State Hospital Goldsboro; Dr. John H. Hamilton, representing Dr. J. W. R. Norton, State Health Officer; Mr. Clifton Beckwith, representing Harry McMullan, Attorney General; and R. Eugene Brown, representing Dr. Ellen Winston, Commissioner of Public Welfare.

In the absence of Dr. Winston, Chairman, Dr. E. N. Pleasants was designated acting chairman.

Minutes of the meeting of September 27 were read and approved. The Executive Secretary gave a report of activities of the past month. (See copy attached).

An article written by Professor Bradway, Legal Aid Clinic, Duke University, was printed in the Medical Journal of the North Carolina State Medical Association. Reprints have been made by Human Betterment League. One of these reprints was given to Mr. Beckwith. The article indicated that there was nothing in the North Carolina law which prevented doctors from performing sterilization operations when consents were given. It implied that the only cases which needed to be referred to the Eugenics Board would be contested cases. Mr. Beckwith pointed out that the thing which Prof. Bradway failed to take into consideration was the common law relating to mayhem. It was the opinion of the board that no action should be taken regarding the article which is being circulated in the state.

Since no one appeared for the hearing in the case of [REDACTED], the following action was taken on this hearing case. (See agenda for summarization of information considered by the Eugenics Board).

1. [REDACTED]

It was the decision of the board that this person is feeble-minded, and upon motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Beckwith, sterilization was ordered in accordance with the petition.

The following action was taken on consent cases. (See agenda for summarization of information considered by the Eugenics Board in each case):

1. [REDACTED]

It was the decision of the board that this person is feeble-

minded, and upon motion by Mr. Beckwith, seconded by Dr. Long, sterilization was ordered in accordance with the petition.

2. [REDACTED]

It was the decision of the board that this person is feeble-minded, and upon motion by Dr. Long, seconded by Dr. Hamilton, sterilization was ordered in accordance with the petition.

3. [REDACTED]

It was the decision of the board that this person is mentally ill, and upon motion by Dr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Brown, sterilization was ordered in accordance with the petition.

4. [REDACTED]

It was the decision of the board that this person is feeble-minded, and upon motion by Mr. Beckwith, seconded by Mr. Brown, sterilization was ordered in accordance with the petition.

5. [REDACTED]

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6. [REDACTED]

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7. [REDACTED]

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8. [REDACTED].

It was the decision of the board that this person is mentally ill, and upon motion by Dr. Hamilton, seconded by Dr. Long, sterilization was ordered in accordance with the petition.

9. [REDACTED].

It was the decision of the board that this person is feeble-minded, and upon motion by Dr. Long, seconded by Dr. Hamilton, sterilization was ordered in accordance with the petition.

10. [REDACTED].

It was the decision of the board that this person is feeble-minded, and upon motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Dr. Hamilton, sterilization was ordered in accordance with the petition.

11. [REDACTED].

It was the decision of the board that this person is feeble-minded, and upon motion by Dr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Brown, sterilization was ordered in accordance with the petition.

12. [REDACTED].

It was the decision of the board that this person is mentally ill, and upon motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Beckwith, sterilization was ordered in accordance with the petition.

13. [REDACTED].

It was the decision of the board that this person is mentally ill, and upon motion by Dr. Long, seconded by Dr. Hamilton, sterilization was ordered in accordance with the petition.

14. [REDACTED].

It was the decision of the board that this person is mentally ill, and upon motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Dr. Long, sterili-

zation was ordered in accordance with the petition.

15. [REDACTED]

It was the decision of the board that this person is mentally ill, and upon motion by Mr. Beckwith, seconded by Dr. Long, sterilization was ordered in accordance with the petition.

16. [REDACTED]

It was the decision of the board that this person is mentally ill, and upon motion by Dr. Long, seconded by Dr. Hamilton, sterilization was ordered in accordance with the petition.

17. [REDACTED]

It was the decision of the board that this person is mentally ill, and upon motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Dr. Long, sterilization was ordered in accordance with the petition.


There being no further business, the board adjourned following the signing of the orders in all of the authorized cases.


Executive Secretary, Eugenics Board

Proceedings of Eugenics Board
Report of Executive Secretary
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1. Five conditional approvals are still being held:
 - A. [REDACTED] - (Caswell Training School) Caswell has not yet submitted the written consent of the father.
 - B. [REDACTED] - (Harnett County) The written consent of the father has not been received.
 - C. [REDACTED] - (Dare County) The psychological examination has not been given.
 - D. [REDACTED] - (State Hospital at Morganton) State Hospital has not submitted additional information regarding the husband.
 - E. [REDACTED] - (Davidson County) The written consent of the father has not been secured.
2. Five conditional approvals were released:
 - A. [REDACTED] - (New Hanover County) A letter was received from the Prison Department stating that if the father had asked to come to Raleigh for the hearing he would have been brought by a guard.
 - B. [REDACTED] - (State Hospital at Morganton) State Hospital sent the written consent of the husband.
 - C. [REDACTED] - (State Hospital at Raleigh) The hospital arranged for a surgeon on the staff of that institution to perform the operation.
 - D. [REDACTED] - (State Hospital at Raleigh) The hospital sent the written consent of the father.
 - E. [REDACTED] - (State Hospital at Raleigh) The hospital sent forms showing that the foster mother had been appointed guardian ad litem.
3. Reports have been received showing the performance of 25 operations. (see attached list).
4. An extension of time for the performance of one operation was given. (see attached list).
5. Authorization for change of surgeon was given in 3 cases. (see attached list).

6. Dr. Stevick and the Executive Secretary consulted with Dr. Nash Herndon, Bowman Gray School of Medicine. He agreed to review the replies received from the ophthalmologists and write the Eugenics Board regarding his thinking of legislation for sterilization of persons having inherited blindness.
7. A visit was made to Broadoaks Sanatorium to discuss the Eugenics program with Dr. Vernon.


Executive Secretary, Eugenics Board

Operations performed since September 27 meeting:

1. [REDACTED] - Resident Pitt County
Salpingectomy performed September 6, 1950
2. [REDACTED] - Inmate State Hospital at Raleigh
Resident Person County
Vasectomy performed September 29, 1950
3. [REDACTED] - Inmate State Hospital at Raleigh
Resident Franklin County
Salpingectomy performed September 26, 1950
4. [REDACTED] - Inmate State Hospital at Morganton
Resident Burke County
Salpingectomy performed September 7, 1950
5. [REDACTED] - Inmate State Hospital at Morganton
Resident Wilkes County
Vasectomy performed September 7, 1950
6. [REDACTED] - Inmate State Hospital at Morganton
Resident Buncombe County
Salpingectomy performed September 7, 1950
7. [REDACTED] - Inmate State Hospital at Morganton
Resident Madison County
Salpingectomy performed September 5, 1950
8. [REDACTED] - Inmate State Hospital at Morganton
Resident Surry County
Vasectomy performed September 5, 1950
9. [REDACTED] - Inmate State Hospital at Morganton
Resident Madison County
Salpingectomy performed August 30, 1950
10. [REDACTED] - Inmate State Hospital at Morganton
Resident Iredell County
Salpingectomy performed September 12, 1950
11. [REDACTED] - Inmate State Hospital at Morganton
Resident Jackson County
Salpingectomy performed September 12, 1950
12. [REDACTED] - Inmate State Hospital at Morganton
Resident Iredell County
Vasectomy performed September 12, 1950
13. [REDACTED] - Inmate State Hospital at Morganton
Resident Mecklenburg County
Salpingectomy performed September 14, 1950

14. [REDACTED] - Inmate State Hospital at Morganton
Resident Gaston County
Salpingectomy performed September 14, 1950
15. [REDACTED] - Inmate State Hospital at Morganton
Resident Caldwell County
Salpingectomy performed September 21, 1950
16. [REDACTED] - Inmate State Hospital at Morganton
Resident Cleveland County
Salpingectomy performed September 21, 1950
17. [REDACTED] - Inmate State Hospital at Morganton
Resident Cleveland County
Vasectomy performed September 21, 1950
18. [REDACTED] - Resident Buncombe County
Salpingectomy performed September 14, 1950
19. [REDACTED] - Resident Wilkes County
Salpingectomy performed ~~October 4, 1950~~ *May 16, 1950*
20. [REDACTED] - Inmate State Hospital at Raleigh
Resident Forsyth County
Salpingectomy performed October 7, 1950
21. [REDACTED] - Inmate State Hospital at Raleigh
Resident Dare County
Vasectomy performed October 13, 1950
22. [REDACTED] - Inmate State Hospital at Raleigh
Resident Wake County
Vasectomy performed October 13, 1950
23. [REDACTED] - Resident Duplin County
Salpingectomy performed October 7, 1950
24. [REDACTED] - Resident Pitt County
Salpingectomy performed October 6, 1950
25. [REDACTED] - Inmate State Hospital at Raleigh
Resident Johnston County
Vasectomy performed October 17, 1950

Extension of time since the September meeting:

1. [REDACTED] - Resident Johnston County
Time extended to July 16, 1950

Change of surgeon since the September meeting:

1. [REDACTED] - Resident Sampson County
Surgeon changed to Dr. W. W. Kitchin
2. [REDACTED] - Resident Sampson County
Surgeon changed to Dr. W. W. Kitchin
3. [REDACTED] - Inmate Caswell Training School
Resident Polk County
Surgeon changed to surgeon on staff of Parrott Memorial Hospital,
Kinston, N. C.

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Hearing Cases

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1. [REDACTED] - (N) - Resident Pitt County

Proceedings instituted by K. T. Futrell, SPW

Medical history by Thomas G. Basnight

Sterilization recommended by Thomas G. Basnight

Social history:

Eighteen year old girl who has separated from her husband. They were married in 19[REDACTED] but lived together only a few months. One child was born to this union. In March 19[REDACTED] she returned to the home of her mother. She has since manifested anti-social behavior. A psychological examination given by Harry Dorsett resulted in an
Diagnosis: Feeble-mindedness I. Q. of 34.

Operation will be performed by Dr. J. L. Winstead, Pitt General Hospital, Greenville, N. C.

Consents: [REDACTED], husband of patient, has been consulted several times regarding sterilization for his wife. He has refused to sign consent, stating that he hopes that they can eventually live together again. Her mother and step-father, with whom she lives, have assumed most of the responsibility for the support of the child, the husband contributed only a small amount for some milk. The mother and step-father are anxious for the operation to be performed, the mother having requested it. Patient is willing for the operation. Notice of hearing was served by the Sheriff of Pitt county upon [REDACTED] on September 9, 19[REDACTED] and upon her husband, [REDACTED] on September 12, 19[REDACTED]. Consent for the operation has been signed by [REDACTED], mother and by [REDACTED], as patient.

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Consent Cases

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1. [REDACTED] - (N) - Resident Pitt County

Proceedings instituted by K. T. Futrell, SPW

Medical history by Dr. T. G. Basnight, Greenville, N. C.

Sterilization recommended by Dr. Basnight

Social history:

Single girl, 18 years of age, who on a mental test given by Dorothy Hamilton, psychologist, was found to be feebleminded. She is expecting delivery of a baby in November, but doctors fear that the child will be born prematurely. Her I. Q. is 23.

Diagnosis: Feeblemindedness

Operation will be performed by Dr. J. L. Winstead, Greenville, N.C.

Consents: [REDACTED] was born illegitimately. Consent is signed by the mother, [REDACTED], and by [REDACTED].

2. [REDACTED] - (N) - Resident Nash County

Proceedings instituted by James A. Glover, SPW

Medical history by Dr. P. W. Burnette, Rocky Mount, N. C.

Sterilization recommended by Dr. Burnette

Social history:

Single girl, 25 years of age, who on a mental test given by Harry K. Dorsett was found to have an I. Q. of 35. A rape charge was brought in [REDACTED]. She shows abnormal sexual tendencies.

Diagnosis: Feeblemindedness

Operation will be performed by Dr. Bob Kornegay, Rocky Mount Sanitarium, Rocky Mount, N. C.

Consents: [REDACTED] was born illegitimately. Consent is signed by the mother, [REDACTED].

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3. [REDACTED] - (W) - Inmate State Hospital at Raleigh
Resident Vance County

Proceedings instituted by Dr. E. N. Pleasants, Supt.

Medical history by Dr. F. A. Irmen

Sterilization recommended by Dr. Irmen

Social history:

Single man, 24 years of age, who was admitted to State Hospital at Raleigh on [REDACTED] 1950. On a mental test given at the hospital he was found to have an I. Q. of 48.

Diagnosis: Psychosis with mental deficiency

Operation will be performed by member of staff of State Hospital at Raleigh.

Consents: Consent is signed by [REDACTED], father.

4. [REDACTED] - (N) - Resident Johnston County

Proceedings instituted by W. T. Woodard, Jr., Supt. of Pub. Welfare

Medical history by Sam C. Lemore, M. D.

Sterilization recommended by Dr. Lemore

Social history:

Single girl, 16 years of age, who was committed by the Juvenile Court to the State Training School in [REDACTED] 1946 because of sexual delinquency. She was discharged [REDACTED] 1950. On a mental test given by Marion Stanland she received an I. Q. of 57. Since her return home she admits relations with a number of men.

Diagnosis: Feeble-mindedness

Operation will be performed by Dr. Harry, Highsmith Hospital, Fayetteville, N. C.

Consents: Mother is deceased; whereabouts of father unknown. [REDACTED], aunt with whom she lives, has been appointed guardian ad litem and has signed consent.

5. [REDACTED] - (W) - Inmate State Hospital at Morganton
Resident Surry County

Proceedings instituted by Dr. John S. McKee, Jr., Supt.

Medical history by Dr. T. Eugene Andes

Sterilization recommended by Dr. Andes

Social history:

Married woman, [redacted] years of age, who was admitted to State Hospital at Morganton [redacted] 19[redacted]. A sister was a patient at State Hospital at Morganton from 19[redacted] to 19[redacted] with a diagnosis of psychosis with mental deficiency. A maternal aunt died at State Hospital at Morganton in 19[redacted] having been diagnosed as psychosis with pellagra. A brother committed suicide in 19[redacted]. Patient has made suicidal threats. She is the mother of 3 living children and has had an additional stillborn child.

Diagnosis: Manic Depressive - Depressed

Operation will be performed by Dr. Yates S. Palmer, Valdese, N. C.

Consents: Consent is signed by [redacted], husband.

6. [redacted] - (W) - Resident Buncombe County

Proceedings instituted by George H. Lawrence, SPW

Medical history by H. C. Whems, M. D.

Sterilization recommended by Dr. Whems

Social history:

Married woman, [redacted] years of age, who is the mother of 3 children ranging in ages from [redacted] to [redacted] years. On a psychological examination given by Dorothy Hamilton she was found to have an I. Q. of 56. The family has been financially dependent for many years and there is a history of inter-marriage with Indian and Negro.

Diagnosis: Feeble-mindedness

Operation will be performed by surgeon on staff of Biltmore Hospital at time of delivery.

Consents: Consent is signed by [redacted], patient, and by [redacted], husband.

7. [redacted] - (W) - Resident Orange County

Proceedings instituted by Mrs. Jean M. Heer, SPW

Medical history by Jewett Goldsmith, Durham, N. C.

Sterilization recommended by Dr. Goldsmith

Social history:

Woman, [redacted] years of age, who is separated from her husband. She is the mother of 5 children ranging in ages from [redacted] to [redacted] years. Due to the length of separation, it is assumed that her husband is not the father of the last child. On a mental test given by Sue Little, Duke Hospital psychologist, she was found to have an I. Q. of 68. The psychologist states that this places her just within the lower limits of borderline mental deficiency, but for all practical purposes she is feeble-minded.

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Diagnosis: Feeble-mindedness

Operation will be performed by surgeon on staff of Duke Hospital.

Consents: Consent is signed by [REDACTED], patient, and by [REDACTED], husband.

8. [REDACTED] - (W) - Inmate State Hospital at Raleigh
Resident Lee County
Proceedings instituted by Dr. C. W. Taylor, Ass't. Supt.

Medical history by Dr. F. A. Irmen.

Sterilization recommended by Dr. Irmen.

Social history:

Married man, [REDACTED] years of age, who is the father of 2 children [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] years of age. From [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] 1946 he was a patient at Duke Hospital due to a mental disorder. He was admitted to State Hospital at Raleigh [REDACTED], 1950. [REDACTED] sisters have been treated in the Psychiatric Division of Duke Hospital. A paternal [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] all committed suicide.

Diagnosis: Schizophrenia - paranoid.

Operation will be performed by surgeon on staff of State Hospital at Raleigh.

Consents: Consent is signed [REDACTED], wife.

9. [REDACTED] - (W) - Resident Mecklenburg County

Proceedings instituted by Wallace Kuralt, SPW

Medical history by Edward R. Hipp, Charlotte, N. C.

Sterilization recommended by Edward R. Hipp.

Social history:

Single girl, 15 years of age, who on a mental test given by Dr. Vernon Kinross-Wright was found to have an I. Q. of 42. She has been a student in the ungraded classes of the public school.

Diagnosis: Feeble-mindedness

Operation will be performed by Edward R. Hipp, 412 N. Church St. Charlotte, N. C.

Consents: Consent is signed by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], parents.

10. [REDACTED] - (W) - Resident Guilford County

Proceedings instituted by Mrs. Blanche Carr Sterne, SPW

Medical history by James E. Best, M. D.

Sterilization recommended by Dr. Best

Social history:

Single girl, [REDACTED] years of age, who on a mental test given by Dorothy Hamilton, psychologist, received an I. Q. of 37. The mother and [REDACTED] children are living in a tent. The father is serving a prison sentence for non-support. [REDACTED] does not speak distinctly and, although she is in the [REDACTED] grade in school, is unable to read, write or spell.

Diagnosis: Feeble-mindedness

Operation will be performed by surgeon on staff of Sternberger Hospital, Greensboro, N. C.

Consents: Consent is signed by [REDACTED], father, and by [REDACTED], mother.

11. [REDACTED] - (N) - Resident Alamance County

Proceedings instituted by Gerard J. Anderson, SPW

Medical history by Dr. John R. Kernodle

Sterilization recommended by Dr. Kernodle

Social history:

Single girl, [REDACTED] years of age, who on a mental test given by Harry Dorsett, psychologist, received an I. Q. of less than 30. In addition to being feeble-minded she exhibited unhealth emotional tendencies and institutional care is considered imperative.

Diagnosis: Feeble-mindedness

Operation will be performed by Dr. John R. Kernodle.

Consents: Consent is signed by both the father and the mother, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

12. [REDACTED] - (W) - Inmate State Hospital at Morg.
Resident Richmond County

Proceedings instituted by Dr. John S. McKee, Jr., Supt.

Medical history by Dr. T. Eugene Andes

Sterilization recommended by Dr. Andes

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Social history:

Divorced woman, 36 years of age, who was admitted to State Hospital at Morganton on [REDACTED], 1950. She formerly was a patient at Graylyn where shock therapy had been used. Her paternal grandmother had epilepsy.

Diagnosis: Schizophrenia - catatonic

Operation will be performed by Dr. Yates S. Palmer, Valdese, N.C.

Consents: Both parents are deceased. She is divorced from her husband. The marriage was found to be [REDACTED], the husband having previously married two or three other women. Consent is signed by [REDACTED], sister, who is next of kin.

13. [REDACTED] - (W) - Inmate State Hospital at Morganton
Resident Avery County

Proceedings instituted by Dr. John S. McKee, Jr., Supt.

Medical history by Dr. T. Eugene Andes

Sterilization recommended by Dr. Andes

Social history:

Married woman, [REDACTED] years of age, who was admitted to State Hospital at Morganton, [REDACTED] 1950, with a history of psychosis developing sometime prior to 19[REDACTED]. Since then she has been treated at [REDACTED] Hospital, New York and [REDACTED] Hospital, [REDACTED], N. Y. A maternal [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have both been patients at State Hospital at Morganton having had diagnosis of Dementia Praecox. She is the mother of two children, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] years of age, and there is a history of an induced abortion during the time of her first marriage.

Diagnosis: Schizophrenia - mixed type

Operation will be performed by Dr. Yates S. Palmer, Valdese, N.C.

Consents: Consent has been signed by her husband, [REDACTED]. The first marriage [REDACTED].

14. [REDACTED] - (W) - Inmate State Hospital at Morganton
Resident Watauga County

Proceedings instituted by Dr. John S. McKee, Jr., Supt.

Medical history by Dr. T. Eugene Andes

Sterilization recommended by Dr. Andes

Social history:

Married woman, [redacted] years of age, who is the mother of 5 children ranging in ages from [redacted] to [redacted] years. She was admitted to State Hospital at Morganton on [redacted], 1950 following threats against her husband and children. A cousin is a patient at State Hospital at Morganton having a diagnosis of Dementia Praecox.

Diagnosis: Schizoaffective

Operation will be performed by Dr. Yates S. Palmer, Valdese, N.C.

Consents: Consent is signed by the husband, [redacted].

15. [redacted] - (W) - Inmate State Hospital at Morganton
Resident Gaston County

Proceedings instituted by Dr. John S. McKee, Jr., Supt.

Medical history by Dr. T. Eugene Andes

Sterilization recommended by Dr. Andes

Social history:

Married woman, [redacted] years of age, who is the mother of one child. She had received electroshock treatments at Charlotte Memorial Hospital before being admitted to State Hospital at Morganton on [redacted], 1949. A [redacted] has since been performed. Her paternal [redacted] died at State Hospital at Morganton in 19[redacted]. He had senile psychosis. A maternal [redacted] is now a patient there having a diagnosis of psychosis with syphilitic meningo encephalitis.

Diagnosis: Schizophrenia - catatonic

Operation will be performed by Dr. Yates S. Palmer, Valdese, N.C.

Consents: Consent has been signed by her husband, [redacted].

16. [redacted] - (W) - Inmate State Hospital at Raleigh
Resident Lee County

Proceedings instituted by Dr. Edward N. Pleasants, Supt.

Medical history by Dr. Sarah E. Glass

Sterilization recommended by Dr. Glass

Social history:

Married woman, [redacted] years of age, who is the mother of 5 children ranging in ages from [redacted] to [redacted] years. She was admitted to State Hospital at Raleigh [redacted], 1950 following psychosis developing about 5 days post partum.

Diagnosis: Manic depressive psychosis - mixed type

Operation will be performed by surgeon on staff of State Hospital at Raleigh.

Consents: Consent is signed by [REDACTED], husband.

17. [REDACTED] - (W) - Inmate State Hospital at Raleigh
Resident Moore County

Proceedings instituted by Dr. Edward N. Pleasants, Supt.

Medical history by Dr. Sarah E. Glass

Sterilization recommended by Dr. Glass

Social history:

Married woman, [REDACTED] years of age, who is the mother of 3 children ranging in ages from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] years. She has been a patient at State Hospital at Raleigh on four different occasions: [REDACTED] 1938 to [REDACTED] 1940, [REDACTED], 1943 to [REDACTED], 1946, [REDACTED] 1947 to [REDACTED], 1948. She was re-admitted again [REDACTED] 1950.

Diagnosis: Manic depressive psychosis - manic phase

Operation will be performed by surgeon on staff of State Hospital at Raleigh.

Consents: Consent is signed by mother [REDACTED]. The whereabouts of father, [REDACTED], are unknown. In 1944 while [REDACTED] was previously in State Hospital at Raleigh, the husband signed consent for sterilization. A petition, however, was not filed with the Eugenics Board at that time and the patient was discharged. The husband now refuses to sign another consent, stating he has already done so. If the operation was needed, it should have been done while she was previously there.