

woman stranger aforesaid, who, in the opinion of your petitioners, is wholly incompetent for the purpose, the money of the said Dorothea Geiger are being squandered and her physical needs neglected, so that all of her property will likely be dissipated and she become a charge upon the City aforesaid and your petitioners, therefore, pray that a commission in the nature of a writ de lunaticis inquirendo may issue out of this Honorable Court to inquire of the lunacy of the said Dorothea Geiger, directed to such persons as your Honor shall think fit.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

Charles Babcock Counsel with and Solr for Petitioner.

State of New Jersey, } ss
County of Atlantic }

Jacob Stahl of full age being duly sworn according to law deposes and says that he is one of the petitioners named in the foregoing petition; that he has carefully read the same and that all of the matters and things therein set forth as far as they relate to his own acts are true and as far as they relate to the acts of others he verily believes them to be true.

Deponent further says that he has been personally acquainted with the said Dorothea Geiger for the last ten years and knows from personal knowledge that she became insane about one year ago, since which time her insanity has been so pronounced that she has been and still is incapable of taking care of herself or of exercising proper control over her property.

Deponent further says that the insanity of the said Dorothea Geiger has manifested itself in an entire absence of rationality; that she appears to have no regard for the cleanliness of her body, talks incoherently and never answers any questions put to her responsively. That on several occasions when deponent has endeavored to talk with her she has persisted in saying over and over many times; as for example, on one occasion when she was being addressed by one of the ministers of Egg Harbor she constantly interrupted by saying to him "Is your appetite good? I hope you eat well." And on another occasion when she was addressed she persisted in saying the words above quoted.

Deponent further says that he believes the woman who is pretending to take charge of the said Dorothea Geiger and her money is incompetent and that the money of the said Dorothea Geiger will be dissipated and that she will likely become a charge upon the City.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this second day of May, 1908.

Charles Coast
(L.S.) Notary Public

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County of Atlantic }

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Deponent further says that he has had a personal acquaintance with the said Dorothea Geiger for about twenty years that about one year ago she became insane and since that time has been of unsound mind, that her insanity expresses itself in a total disregard by her for the cleanliness of her body and an apparent oblivion to her personal things. Her mind at times seems to be concentrated upon a single thought and no matter upon what subject she may be addressed she will keep constantly repeating something over and over again - oftentimes incoherently and sometimes some thought entirely foreign to anything that has been mentioned. She never answers responsively and sometimes when deponent has seen her almost at the first word she will interrupt by asking "How is your appetite? I hope you sleep well?" and the like and keep constantly repeating the same irrespective of what is said to her.

That as far as deponent has been able to learn the said Dorothea Geiger has neither relatives nor friends to take care of her and look after her interests, and that it is his belief that if she is allowed to remain in the custody of the strange woman who is pretending to take care of her that her money will not only be squandered but that she will suffer for the lack of proper care and attention.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 2 day of June, 1908.
Albert L. Stephany
Notary Public of N.J. } George F. Preder.

State of New Jersey, } ss
County of Atlantic }

Theophilus H. Byson and Myrtle Frank of full age, being respectively sworn according to law, depose and say that they are practicing physicians, now residing and practicing in Egg Harbor City, Atlantic County, New Jersey, that they are acquainted with Dorothea Geiger, the person named in the aforesaid petition.

Deponents further say that they made an examination into the mental condition of the said Dorothea Geiger, on the sixteenth day of March, nineteen hundred and eight, and found that she was suffering from senile dementia; she has an indistinct memory of things that have happened many years ago but her mind is blank concerning recent events. She lacks continuity of thought and in her conversation will mix subjects having no natural or logical connection; during a conversation she will repeat the same sentence a number of times, and has no recollection for names, being unable to remember persons' names while she is talking with them. She answers simple direct questions concerning herself with fair responsiveness but is very easily misled and has no knowledge what ever of the quantity, quality and location of her property.

Deponents further say that to their personal knowledge the said Dorothea Geiger has been in the mental condition aforesaid for about one year, that there is little hope for her recovery but she is now in the hands of the