

[REDACTED] - 201 South 4th Street - Madison, Kansas.

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Age: 37

C.C. "Loss of use of my hands and my nerves".

P.I. Last felt well a little over 2 years ago. 1st symptom noticed was difficulty in writing. This activity became increasingly difficult the longer the period of writing and aching would develop in writing forearm. Felt as tho "elbow were in vise". Next noticed "extreme nervousness" manifested principally as irritability. Appetite at this time was almost completely lost for all meals. There was at this time no other symptom. There was no indigestion, insomnia or disturbance of sleep, pain or noticeable loss of strength. Has always been chronically constipated but this was not worse at this time. Loss of weight started at about the onset of symptoms and there was a loss of about 50 lbs. in 4-5 months. A few months after the illness started due to an advanced purulent gingivitis, all teeth were extracted. About a year after onset appetite had returned and gain in weight started, and weight is back to normal now. At the present time irritability is no longer present and the only symptom which is complained of is the inability to write and some aching of forearm while attempting to do so.

P.H. Measles and Pertussis only known childhood. Remembers of no other illness until present. Hemorrhoidectomy November 1934. No injuries.

F.H. Father and mother and 1 sister living and well. Uncles and aunts thought to be in good health excepting one who died of TB. Wife living and well. No nervous diseases.

Systems negative excepting for chronic constipation and present difficulty.

Industrial School until 1916. Farming 1916-1920. RR Fireman 1920-23. Since then work with gasoline, working at bulk plant and filling stations. There has been no unusual exposure to gasolines. No known lead exposure excepting leaded gasoline.

Physical

Appearance - Large, well developed male who appears to be very well. The color is good. Hair is healthy and skin is clear, not dry, elastic.

Height: 6' - Weight: 192 - T: 100.0 P: 88 B.I.P: 124/74

Dynamometer reading - Right: 120 - Left: 95

No loss of wrist or finger strength as judged by resistance.

Particularly well developed and nourished.

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Ears Canals clear - drums thickened

Eyes P. equal, regular, react to L and A. EOM Ok.

Nose Not remarkable.

Mouth All teeth out - gums not remarkable - no pigmentation excepting a little negroid pigmentation.

Throat Tonsils soft palate and pharynx swollen and moderately inflamed.

Thyroid No enlargement.

Chest Equal conformity and expansion - no change in PN or BS - no rales

Heart Regular rate and rythm good quality - no murmurs - RSD 5.5
RCD 4 x 11

Abd. No tenderness - no masses - or palpable viscera - no rigidity.

Ing. Rings Not enlarged - no hernia

Extrem. Negative - fingers large and well developed - no atrophy.

Reflexes *Pat + Biceps + Triceps + Abd + Crem. +*
Equal and normally active - no ataxia - no tremor excepting intermittent tremor of tongue when hyperextended.

There is no change in sensation - touch - temperature and muscle sense entirely normal.

There is some tenderness over both forearms. This does not follow the nerve trunks - is present on fairly deep palpation anywhere on forearms.

There is no ataxia - The gait is not remarkable and there is definite absence of intention tremor. Exclusive of writing, fine movements of the hand are carried out in an entirely normal fashion. Pins can be picked up. The fingers can be manipulated normally on request and eating and drinking are done with no discomfort, difficulty or tremor. A sample of writing is attached. *No spasticity excepting of hands and forearms during act of writing.*

Impression

1. Early influenza
2. Writers cramp of largely psychogenic origin which may have originated 2 years ago when 3 existed.
3. Low grade toxemia at start of P.I. due to absorption from gums.

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