

November 5, 1946

Hon. Cecil Story
Attorney at Law
Suite 305-307
First National Bank Building
Longview, Texas.

Dear Mr. Story:

I have your letter of November 2nd., glad to hear from you again.

I remember our friend, Mr. John R. Williams, colored, very well. If he is sent to this institution which is, as you probably know, out on West 6th., Street I shall be glad to check his condition and send you my report.

I am away but little, occasionally on a week end, and so it is likely I would be found in the office any time John should report.

I am well acquainted with John R. Williams, have made a number of examinations and reports in his case. Do not care for my report to you but would like to have the date of same. My file is in Terrell.

Trusting you are well and enjoying prosperity, I am

Yours very truly,

Wm. Thomas, M. D.
Chief Physician-Assistant

WMT:br

REPORT
EXAMINATION OF JOHN R. WILLIAMS (COLORED)
NOVEMBER 15, 1946

This man reported to me, this date, unaccompanied, having traveled alone from his home near Longview, Texas. He reported for examination at the request of Hon. Cecil Story of Longview.

This is a colored man, whose home is on Route 4, out from Longview, Texas. He presents himself, in a courteous, polite manner; is neatly dressed and possesses good address,

Personal History discloses little variance from that expected and found among the general run of East Texas Colored families up to about the age of maturity when he began for himself and on his own. After which time he is shown to have been ambitious and more thrifty than the average man of his race.

He was born in Gregg County on February 18, 1888. He is the third child of a family of ten children. Along in better years of his adolescence he seems to have suffered a short period of mental confusion and is shown to have been Hospitalized in the Austin State Hospital, Austin, Texas. Following his restoration and return home, he promptly returned to work as a common laborer. He married in 1919 at the age of about 28 years. His wife is now dead and has five children. He was a hard worker and saved his meager earnings, applying a good portion of same to a farm and the providing of a home together with necessary equipment for general farming. In this avocation he has been more successful than the average colored farmer.

Physically, he represents a well developed and nourished man of about five feet-five inches in height and weighing 160. Symmetrically built and framed with no stigma of body. No organic disease noted. He appears to be in splendid state of health.

Neuralogical examination reveals no significant findings.

(More detailed report of physical and neuralogical findings shown in report of examination made of this man about August 7, 1944, at which time his condition in these respects were essentially same as at present.)

Mentally, this man shows every evidence of being fully in touch with himself and surroundings. Shows no breach of courtesy, strikingly bears appearance of and conveys impression of an humble hard working respectable darky. No evidence of delusions, hallucinations or morbid abcessions could be elicited. His memory quite adequate and satisfactory for both remote and recent incidents. His answers to questions normally prompt and reasonable. He carries well the train of thought and climaxes with good rational.

His judgement is good, logically based with resultant deductions well founded for a colored man of his environment and opportunities.

His store of native and acquired knowledge, likewise, considered above that of the average Texas darky. He relates, in an understanding manner, activities, observations and deals of various kinds during the past. So acquainted with monetary considerations and appreciative of values.

I have known this man since 1933, having observed him and since that date several times examined him.

In my opinion, he is competent and fully capable and mentally able to handle his own personal business affairs.

Wm. Thomas, M. D.
Former superintendent of Terrell
and Rusk State Hospitals.

November 18, 1946

Hon. Cecil Story
305-307 First National Bank Building
Longview, Texas.

Dear Mr. Story:

Herewith I am enclosing a report on my recent check up and examination in the case of our friend, John R. Williams, colored.

John reported to me last Friday morning. He is looking well and certainly he is as intelligent and capable as the average run of East Texas men. *colored*

Thanking you and with continued personal good wishes, I am

Yours very truly,

Wm. Thomas, M. D.
Chief Physician

WMT:br

P. S. The fee in this preparation of deposition, in the event ~~including~~ ^{including} desired. I would be glad to prepare the deposition if and when sent in. ~~(\$25.00)~~

The fee in this case is 25⁰⁰, including a deposition which is to be made later.