

Papers relating to Isabella Jane Taylor

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In Lunacy.

In the matter of Isabella
Jane Taylor a supposed lunatic.

I Robert Barker of the York
Retreat Hospital for the Insane in
the City of York Doctor of Medicine
of the University of Edinburgh being
one of the people called Quakers
do solemnly sincerely and truly
declare and affirm as follows:-

1. I am now and for the past fifteen
years have been physician Superintendent
of the York Retreat Hospital for the
Insane situated in the City of York.
2. On my appointment as physician
Superintendent of the York Retreat
I found the said Isabella Jane
Taylor an inmate of the Institution
and that the records of the Hospital
stated that she had been confined
there as a person of unsound mind
since the twenty fifth day of August
one thousand eight hundred and
fifty three.
3. Since my appointment as Superintendent
of the York Retreat Hospital for the
Insane I have almost daily visited
the said Isabella Jane Taylor and

have thus during the past fifteen years had ample opportunities of coming to a conclusion respecting the mental condition of the said Isabella Jane Taylor and I am ~~to~~ decidedly of the opinion that she is of unsound mind and wholly incapable of the management of herself or her affairs.

4. I have formed this opinion on the following grounds namely she is in a condition of partial Dementia with recurrent attacks of mental excitement during which she is destructive to clothing and furniture. She is dirty in her habits and is not able without assistance to dress herself or to keep herself clean. She does not know the name of the place where she is residing and where she has lived for the past thirty six years. She states that the name of the present Queen of England is Charlotte and she does not know what year it is or what is her own age.

Affirmed at

this day of }
 1889. }
 Before me

a Commissioner to administer
Oaths in the Supreme Court of Judicature.

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re Isabella Jane Taylor
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Affirmation by
Robt. Baker Esq.

