

Papers relating to Sarah Ann Lawrence

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By Virtue of Her Majesty's General Commission under the Great Seal of Great Britain bearing date at Westminster the Twenty-sixth day of February One thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine directed to FRANCIS BARLOW and SAMUEL WARREN Esquires the Commissioners therein named and an Order of THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE LORD

Justice Sir George Mellish _____
made on the thirty first day of July 1874 _____
_____ to inquire whether Sarah Ann Lawrence

Widow who is now an inmate of an Asylum called the Retreat situate near York in the County of York _____

be a Lunatic or not THESE ARE TO WILL AND REQUIRE YOU that you personally be and appear before the said Commissioners or one of them on Wednesday the 23rd day of September 1874 _____ at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon of that day precisely at the ~~house of~~ said Asylum _____ commonly called and known by the name or sign of The Retreat _____ situate at as aforesaid _____

then and there upon your oath to testify the truth according to your knowledge touching the Lunacy of the said Sarah Ann Lawrence _____ and of all such matters as shall be demanded of you by virtue of the said Commission and order Hereof fail not at your peril.

Given under the hand and seal of me Francis Barlow Esquire one of the said Commissioners this Fourth day of September One thousand eight hundred and seventy four.

To Robert Baker Esquire
of The Retreat aforesaid
Doctor of Medicine

Francis Barlow Seal

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249 Broad Street

In Lunacy

In the Matter of Sarah Ann Lawrence a supposed Lunatic -

I Robert Baker of "The Retreat"
near York in the County of York ^{District of Medicine} Surgeon do make oath
and say as follows:—

1. I am and have been for ^{Superintendent of} years past and upwards the resident medical attendant in The Retreat which is an Establishment for the reception and care of Lunatics ^{has been since the 15th} 1865.
2. Sarah Ann Lawrence formerly the Wife and now the Widow of the Reverend George Guerard Lawrence late of N^o 6 York Place Huddersfield in the County of York Clerk was on the 15th day of July 1865 placed by her Husband in "The Retreat" aforesaid and she has continued ever since and still is a Patient in the said Institution.
3. I have constantly during the period while she was an inmate of the said Institution and whilst I was such medical attendant as aforesaid visited the said Sarah Ann Lawrence and I have seen and conversed with her today and according to the best of my judgment opinion and belief the said Sarah Ann Lawrence has been during the aforesaid period and is now decidedly of unsound mind and unfit for the management of herself and her affairs -
4. The unsoundness of mind of the said Sarah Ann Lawrence arises from disease of the Brain consequent on Child birth.

and shows itself in her being unable to
converse coherently on any subject - in her wailing about in a
circle rubbing her hands and in her frequently screaming &
shouting all night under the influence of the delusions that
the Devil visits her & that people are looking through the
keyhole at her

- 5 To the best of my belief the said
Sarah Ann Lawrence will never
become of sound mind again

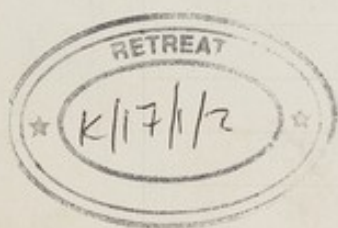
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this 24th day of July
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In the matter of
Sarah Ann Lawrence, Widow
an alleged Lunatic

By Virtue of Her Majesty's General
Commission under the Great Seal of Great Britain
bearing date at Westminster the twenty sixth day
of February One thousand eight hundred and fifty
nine directed to Francis Barlow and
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therein named and an Order of The Right
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George Mellish made on the thirty first
day of July 1854 to inquire whether Sarah Ann
Lawrence, Widow, who is now an inmate of an
asylum called The Retreat situate near York in the
County of York, be a Lunatic or not I, Francis
Barlow one of the said Commissioners do hereby
appoint to proceed on such inquiry at eleven o'clock
in the forenoon precisely of Wednesday the
twenty third day of September 1854 at the house
called the Retreat aforesaid, situate near York as aforesaid.

Given under my hand and seal this fourth
day of September One thousand eight hundred and
seventy four.

To Messrs Robinson Pearce &
Son, 59 Lincoln Inn Fields &
Agents for Messrs Newbould & Gould
of Sheffield in the County of York
the Solicitors for the Petitioners
in the above matter

Francis Barlow ES

