

PARENTS and ANCESTERS of Omer R. Woods.

Father of english decent. Great-Grandfather, pioneer and minister, Grandfather, farmer and teacher, Father, farmer and some part in politics. Father, had one brother, a minister and eight sisters, All were normal, None were successful in finance. None criminals.

Mother of Scotch and Scotch-Irish decent. Most of them were farmers Some professional and prosperous. Mother had four brothers and four sisters. One sister feeble-minded. One cousin blind from birth and one deaf. No criminals on this side.

Omer R. Woods has two sisters and six brothers. Three brothers are mechanics, two clerks, and one brother insane.

This brother contracted syphilis about eighteen years ago, Took a treatment for some time and thought himself cured. He married and one child was born normal. About 1916 he showed signs of a mental trouble at intervals. This was discovered by his close friends. He some times complained of peculiar sensations in the head. His memory became faulty, and had a tendency to be untruthful. Some times expressed fear that financial trouble would overtake him and family. Made a few unnecessary debts. Tried to buy real estate and secure loans for building purposes. Tried to get insurance on all his property. His family physician talked with him but could not locate the trouble. At first he denied ever having syphilis, but later admitted it to the authorities at the hospital for the insane for the State of Tennessee. Here he was examined, blood test showed that he had syphilis. He was given a treatment and the trouble was arrested. He now talks sane on most subjects, declares that he is normal and expresses his desire to be at his trade. He often writes his friends that he thinks are in sympathy with him that he needs a certain medicine which the authorities will not furnish him. that he will suffer if he does not it. He has schemes to get out. Those that worked with him say that he had little to say, some times sometimes suspected them as enemies.

Omer contracted this disease about the same time. He has kept it a secret. Omer came to Tennessee for his wife in 1918. Among his friends he showed a tendency to evade the truth at times. His memory was faulty. Complained to that he had some peculiar pains in the head at times. He secretly sought treatment. His wife ask me if I had noticed any peculiar conduct of him.

On one occasion at my house I introduced a friend that had in the evening to Omer. We talked for thirty minutes or more. A week later he met this same friend and could not call his name or where he met with him.

On another occasion Omer came into my house with some papers that he said were important concerning a mining company in Idaho. He ask me if I was acquainted with any lawyer or notary in Maryland. I replied that I did not. He said that these papers should be fixed at once and he wanted a notary that had a county seal. I replied that there were several notaries in the District. (That is the District of Columbia, Washington,) He replied that they had no county seal. Later I ask him if he had his papers all fixed. He said yes, but refused to talk more about them.

I will say in addition to the above statement that I am a brother of Omer R. Woods referred to above, that I made this statement upon request of my attorney, that at this time I not able financially to make a trip to Salt Lake City I am now and have been for several years an employee of the Bureau of the Census at Washington, D.C. I was a teacher in the public schools of Knox County, Tennessee before I came to this position.

Henry Woods

Subscribed and sworn to before me
a notary Public in and for the District of
Columbia this 31st day of Dec, 1923

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MAY 9, 1926

Howard F. Breese
Notary Public.