

Marcus Laughton

April 17<sup>th</sup> 1789

No. of Register 1804	Age 55	Occupation Physicist	Education Cambridge	Religion Christian	Residence Indeterminate
Disposition Frantic, distressed	Habits At times, addicted to drink	Previous Bodily Health Good	If Hereditary	Relations Insane	First Attack
Age on first Attack	When previously treated.	Duration of existing attack. Indeterminate	Epiletic No	Suicidal No	Dangerous No
Form of Insanity. Paranoid Delusion gp?			Supposed Cause. Stress, heredity		

Delusions or other Symptoms.

Believes that the city of Brichester is, in his words, a lie. Has constructed a vivid hallucination regarding a meteor (or possibly comet) which supposed fell on the outskirts of town, carrying the lie with it.

If the delusion is questioned, Laughton becomes sullen and hostile, referring to those interacting with him as either masks of the lie, false puppets, or the lie. Any direct contradiction of his delusional state results in a strong psychological negation of the source of contradiction.

Conditions on Admission.

In good health. Heart and lung sounds are normal. He is very disinterested and irritable, but is not excited at present, nor does he express any any so far and can be controlled. He has a healing suppuration in his left arm, and his right arm seems oddly bent at the wrist. Bruises on the back. Scratches on face, possibly self-inflicted.

Height 5 ft. 7 1/2 inches.

Weight 10 st. 7 lbs.

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State of Discharge.

Death. Natural Causes.  
August 11<sup>th</sup>, 1806.

According to patient's written instructions, belongings were burned with exception of his diary, which is to be remanded to the custody of the Royal Society of London.

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