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Mary J. Lewis (Sergent/Sargent) was committed to a mental hospital after being held as a lunatic by the courts and a jury of her "peers" (the jury were all well-to-do men who were landowners).

It was determined that her first "lunatic" action was on 15 March 1788. This was approximately 21 days or 3 weeks after giving birth to her last child, Lula "Lou" Cordela Lewis.

Mary was only 27, and Lula was her 5th child she had given birth to in a total of 8 years.

I believe she was suffering from postpartum depression.

She would stay in the asylum from the age of 27, until her death in 1923 at the age of 69 years old.

Name: Lewis; Mary J.

County: Morgan

Admitted: July 9, 1879

Died: January 15, 1923

Number: 4384

A Copy of Inquisition of Mary J. Lewis of Morgan Co, Ky.

Admitted: July 9, 1879

Dile Lewis (husband)
West Liberty, Ky

Mother insane (Sarah Ann "Sallie" Blair)

Ordered: \$36.54

3 Guards

6-4384
TO BE RETAINED BY SEXTON

Permit No. _____ Registration Dist. No. _____

Name of Deceased Mary J. Lewis

Cause of Death Cerebral Hemorrhage

Date of issue 1-18 1923

Local Registrar.

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John McKenzie G, H, Dyre James M Bays
W F Caskey W J Caskey W M Caskey
J F Elam J D Caskey Gardner Perry
Who being sworn according to Law
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to support her, her father is dead and her mother lives in Morgan County Ky but has no estate, and the said Mary J Lewis is incapable to labor for her support in whole or in part.

Given under our hands and seal this 10th day of June 1879

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Caskey John McKenzie GH Dyer Gardner
Perry James M Bays WF Caskey WM
Caskey JF Elam JD Caskey

A copy att Amos Davis Presiding Judge of Morgan County Court

Statement
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State of Kentucky
Morgan County Court
June Term 1879

Ordered by the Court
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to take Mary J Lewis and
deliver her to the Superintendent
of the Eastern Lunatic Asylum
at Lexington Ky and that he
take with him two sober
discreet men as a guard
Given under my hand this
10 June 1879

Amos Davis P. M. C. C.
A Copy Atty

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