

Dr. J. Elmer Harp, a witness of lawful age, produced on behalf of the Plaintiff, being duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

Q. Doctor, will you state your full name and address, please?

A. J Elmer Harp, Middletown, Maryland.

Q. What is your age, Doctor?

A. Sixty-seven.

Q. You are a licensed physician of the State of Maryland?

A. Yes.

Q. How long have you been admitted to practice?

A. Over forty years.

Q. Was Mrs. Lillian G. Smith, the Defendant in this case, a patient of yours?

A. Yes.

Q. Where is Mrs. Smith now?

A. She is in Springfield State Hospital, at Sykesville, Maryland.

Q. When was she admitted to this Hospital?

A. March 1, 1963.

Q. Do you recall whether or not you signed commitment papers for Mrs. Smith?

A. Yes, I did.

Q. Will you describe generally, Doctor, Mrs. Smith's physical and mental condition?

A. I have known Mrs. Smith for over twenty years. She has always been an evasive person, isolating herself from others. Might term her queer, possibly verging on mental retardation. The progress was slow until approximately 1963, after which she deteriorated rapidly as follows: Lack of interest