

Pasted into the Case Book is a letter dated **22 July 1891** from WT brother-in-law giving a history of the patient's insanity.

"I beg to thank you for your kind letter concerning my brother in law WRT. Concerning his past history, the first attack was 17 or 18 years ago, it was soon after the outbreak of Yellow Fever in Buenos Ayres. The worrying of business at the time affected him very much, he had partners but they did not take much of the responsibility and soon after he came over to this country, he appeared to me rather unhinged in his ideas, very excitable, high notions of himself. He travelled over Europe and again returned to South America and after his return there, his friends noticed symptoms of mental derangement. They sent him over to this country and I took him to my house under the care of a man, we got him to do everything in a regular manner, early to bed and early rising with cold baths and regular meals and in about 5 or 6 weeks he apparently got better and retired from business by mutual arrangement with his partners.

"He stayed at home for some time, but again got anxious for business and returned to London where he commenced a Commission Agency between this country and Buenos Ayres, believing that would be less worrying, but he had to travel between the two countries very frequently. He succeeded very well although there was a peculiarity in him at times, but he continued business for some years.

"I am not quite sure how long he has suffered from the present attack, possibly 4 or 5 years although he has lucid intervals. I may state that he was engaged to a lady before the first attack in Buenos Ayres. I believe she was a Roman Catholic which may have something to do with it. He has been a most moderate man as regards drink but on other points I am not prepared to answer - he was always a most ambitious young man, a proud and very jovial man. He is not now connected in any business and the yarn he speaks about it is a delusion.

"Latterly he had a tendency to wander at large, to be cruel and very jealous and his talk very rough and unkind, hinting that he would do something worse. During the lucid intervals he knew all that had passed and appeared very depressed and sorry for what he had said and done. The hereditary taint is very slight, I believe a brother of his grandfather became an Imbecile due to some misfortune in connection with marriage.

"Thanking you again for taking such interest in his case, and hope you will be able to give a good report in due time.

With very kind regards, I am, Dear Sir, Yours Truly,

E.P.E."