

EUGENICS BOARD OF NORTH CAROLINA

P. O. Box No. 2599
Raleigh, N. C.

Re: Feebleminded Negro Children

Dr. Winston has referred to the Eugenics Board carbon copies of all letters written to the State Hospital at Goldsboro regarding Negro children who might be eligible for admission to a training school for feebleminded, if such an institution can be established. The names of all children over 12 years of age have been checked against the files of the Eugenics Board. We find that some of them have already been sterilized. Some have had referrals made to the Division of Psychiatric and Psychological Services for examination, and there is general correspondence on some others. Many of the persons included in the list are unknown to the Eugenics Board.

Attached to this letter are the names of feebleminded Negroes in your county, over 12 years of age, for whom a petition has not yet been filed with the Eugenics Board.

Since it is thought that these children are feebleminded, it indicates that many services are doubtless needed by them. If referrals have not already been made to the Division of Psychiatric and Psychological Services, this should doubtless be done as soon as possible. An exact determination of mental ability would be helpful to your office in working with the family and in planning for the children. Likewise, if feebleminded, you doubtless will wish to discuss with the next of kin the advantages of sterilization in many of these cases.

Will you please let us know for each case:

1. Whether sterilization should be considered, or
2. Reasons why sterilization should not be considered.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

(Miss) Elsie L. Parker
Executive Secretary

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Attachment