

Records of Eugenical Sterilization in North Carolina ^[1]

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Table 1

Number of cases presented at each meeting of the *Eugenics* ^[2] Board and number of operations ordered under the 1933 law

| | New cases | Cases carried over from previous meeting | Operations ordered |
|------------------|-----------|--|--------------------|
| October 21, 1933 | 3 | | 3 |
| November 15 | 1 | | 1 |
| December 13 | 9 | | 9 |
| January 19, 1934 | 6 | | 5 |
| February 21 | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| March 21 | 4 | | 4 |
| April 20 | 5 | | 5 |
| May 23 | 6 | | 6 |
| June 27 | 1 | | 1 |
| July 20 | 6 | | 6 |
| August 29 | 7 | | 4 |
| September 19 | 6 | | 6 |
| October 19 | 18 | 3 | 21 |
| November 21 | 22 | | 21 |
| December 19 | 12 | | 12 |
| January 18, 1935 | 14 | | 13 |
| February 20 | 12 | 1 | 12 |
| March 20 | 19 | | 19 |
| April 19 | 34 | | 34 |
| May 22 | 22 | | 20 |
| June 19 | 25 | | 24 |
| | 236 | | 231 |

Table 2

Distribution of *sterilization* ^[3] cases with reference to mental defect, origin of petition and marital status to June 30, 1935

| Mental defect as shown in petition for sterilization | Origin of petition | | | Total | Marital status | | |
|---|--------------------|-----------|-------------|-------|----------------|--------|---------------------|
| | Non-inst. | Co. Inst. | State Inst. | | Married | Single | Widowed or divorced |
| 1. <i>Cerebral syphilis</i> ^[4] with mental deficiency | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | |
| 2. <i>Congenital cerebral syphilis</i> | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | |
| 3. <i>Dementia praecox</i> | | | 22 | 22 | 13 | 9 | |

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| | Non-inst. | Co. Inst. | State Inst. | | Married | Single | Widowed or divorced |
| 4. Manic depressive psychosis ^[5] | | | 12 | 12 | 8 | 4 | |
| 5. Psychosis with cerebral syphilis | | | | | 1 | | |
| 6. Psychosis with constitutional inferiority | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | |
| 7. Psychosis with epidemic encephalitis | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | |
| 8. Psychosis with hereditary syphilis | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | |
| 9. Psychosis with mental deficiency | 1 | | 16 | 17 | 4 | 13 | |
| 10. Psychosis with syphilis | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | |
| 11. Psychosis undiagnosed | | | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | |
| 12. Epilepsy ^[6] | | | 40 | 40 | 7 | 32 | 1 |
| 13. Epilepsy with mental deficiency | 1 | 2 | 13 | 16 | 3 | 12 | 1 |
| 14. Epilepsy with psychosis | | | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | |
| 15. Feeble-mindedness | 66 | 13 | 26 | 105 | 13 | 90 | 2 |
| Total | 68 | 15 | 140 | 223 | 53 | 166 | 4 |

Table 3

Sterilization operations with reference to type of operation and race, June 30, 1935

| Type of operation | White Negro Total | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|----|-----|
| Vasectomy ^[7] | 10 | 8 | 18 |
| Castration ^[8] | 6 | 20 | 26 |
| Salpingectomy ^[9] | 157 | 10 | 167 |
| Overiectomy ^[10] | 11 | 1 | 122 |
| Total | 184 | 39 | 223 |

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