

AANP Slide Session 1971 – Case 3

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The brain was submitted for examination as a consult. The clinical history indicated that the patient, a 36-year-old female had been an epileptic and was severely mentally impaired. The gestational and delivery history were not unusual. Physical development was slow, she was reported to have talked at the age of 3 years. She was anti-social in behavior. She was admitted to public school at the age of 9 years but because of inability to learn and retain she did not attend but the first grade. Epilepsy developed about the age of ten and was characterized by severe convulsions preceded by headaches and followed by deep unconsciousness; apparently these attacks occurred monthly. Menstrual history was normal. No other findings are recorded concerning details of a neurological or mental examination. She died because of a severe pneumonia which could possibly have been aspirational subsequent to a convulsion, but such details were not recorded.

Submitted are: 1 stained and 1 unstained section, and 1 black-and-white photograph representative of a coronal section of the brain.

Note: The slides are not all from the same tissue block.