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THE  
**Pennsylvania Institution**  
 FOR THE  
**DEAF AND DUMB**

Corner of Broad and Pine Streets,  
**PHILADELPHIA.**

PRINCIPAL.

*Joshua Foster.*

MATRON.

*Gertrude A. Kirby.*

Applicants for the bounty of the Commonwealth, must be between the ages of ten and twenty years, and before they can be admitted, satisfactory evidence must be furnished, from respectable persons of their neighborhood, of the pecuniary inability of the parents, and of the good natural intellect of the child; and its freedom from any constitutional malady that might incapacitate it for instruction.

Answers to the following questions are to be made in writing; to which must be subjoined the attestation of some respectable physician and clergyman or school-master, or of any other two respectable individuals personally acquainted with the applicant.

If this paper, or a written one of like form be returned to the Institution, the relative or friends of the child will be informed whether it can be admitted; and if so, at what time and on what terms.

Applications may be addressed, "Deaf and Dumb Institution, Philadelphia."

**QUESTIONS.**

**ANSWERS.**

1.  
 What is the name of the child?—(Mention the whole of its name.)

*Joseph Tafe*

2.  
 What is its age?—(Mention the year, month, day and place of birth.)

*Ten years of age was born  
 in <sup>17th</sup> November 1870 place of birth  
 Philadelphia*

3.  
 What are the names of its parents, and where do they reside?—Mention county, township, and nearest Post Office.)

*John Tafe Johana Tafe  
 No 9 Shakers court  
 Phila*

4.  
 Is it totally Deaf and Dumb? Does it evince any sensation from loud noises? Does it distinguish the sounds of the voice when articulated with ordinary distinctness? Can it utter any intelligible words? or does it in any way possess the power of speech?

*Yes he make a effort to speak  
 he can say Mama and papa plain  
 and several other thing plain  
 but we dont think he hears any thing*

5.  
 Was it born Deaf, or did it lose its hearing through accident or disease? If so, how, and at what age did it lose its hearing?

*was not born deaf, but hearing & speech  
 after an attack of cerebro-spinal  
 meningitis when 3 1/2 years old.*

QUESTIONS.

ANSWERS.

6. Is it certainly not idiotic? Does it discover a good natural intellect by making signs intelligible to those with whom it has constant intercourse? and do they evince memory, judgment, etc.?

Yes he has a good intellect and every one that ~~sees~~ is used to him can understand him he has a good memory

7. What has been the general moral conduct and disposition of the child?

he is got a very good disposition to those who are kind to him his conduct is good towards strangers

8. What is the state of its health in general?

He is a healthy child

9. Is it free from fits, from scrofulous ulcerations, and from every symptom of acute, chronic, or cutaneous disease?

He has no disease of any kind

10. Has it had the small pox or the cow pox, and the measles, and whooping cough?

He had none of them but he was vaccinated

11. Has it received any education, or is it capable of forming and joining letters with a pen, legibly and correctly?

He has not received no education but by setting him a copy he can make figures & the alphabet

12. Has it learned to perform any manual labor, or ever been usefully employed? If so, in what?

No

13. Does it live with its parents? If not, with whom, and where? State also how maintained.

Yes he lives with his parents the parents was keeping him the best way they could

14. Were its parents related in any degree before marriage?

No

15. What are the names of its brothers and sisters?

Mary Tafe Thomas Tafe

QUESTIONS.

ANSWERS.

16.  
What are the pecuniary circumstances of the parents, relatives, or friends? and how much could they engage to pay annually towards its maintenance and education?

The circumstances of the parents are poor They could not ~~pay~~ afford to pay anything towards his maintenance or education his father has <sup>had</sup> no work for a long time

17.  
What is the occupation of the parents? Where do they reside? What is the number of their children? Are any more of them Deaf and Dumb? Are any of their connections Deaf and Dumb?

His father is a ~~laborer~~ laborer No. 9 Shakers Court the number of children is three No. any of their connections are Deaf ~~and~~ dumb

We the undersigned do hereby certify, from actual personal knowledge of the above child, and the circumstances of its relatives or friends, that the answers to the foregoing questions are true.

WITNESS our hands, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 18

name residence occupation

A. D. Hall

1623 Spruce St

Physician

N. B.—The subscribing parties are requested to add their abodes and occupations, and the parent or guardian of the child, will subscribe the following engagement: viz.

I hereby agree to remove the above named from the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, when I may be required to do so by the Board of Directors, and not to remove h before the commencement of the vacation, or to detain h after the expiration thereof, without the permission of the Committee of Instruction, or of the Board.

name Johanna Tafe

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Joseph Tafe  
Born Nov. 7, 1870.  
Philadelphia.  
Res. Apr. 5, 1880.

To be deposited in the  
State Foundation  
Dec 1/80

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