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THE  
PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTION  
FOR THE  
**DEAF AND DUMB**

Corner Broad and Pine Streets,  
PHILADELPHIA.

PRINCIPAL, *A. L. E. Croviter*

~~JOSHUA FOSTER, A. M.~~

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 relatives 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 of Philadelphia.*"

QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
<p>1. What is the name of the child?—(Mention the whole of its name.)</p>	<p><i>Catharine Henrietta Ambs</i></p>
<p>2. What is its age?—(Mention the year, month, day and place of birth.)</p>	<p><i>11 Yrs old born november 26<sup>th</sup> 1875 Dushore Sullivan Co Pa</i></p>
<p>3. What are the names of its parents, and where do they reside?—(Mention county, township, and nearest Post Office.)</p>	<p><i>Joseph Ambs Catharine Ambs Dushore Sullivan, Co. Pa</i></p>
<p>4. Is it totally Deaf and Dumb? Does it evince any sensation from loud noises? Does it distinguish the sound 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?</p>	<p><i>To first question, Not totally deaf or dumb but 2<sup>nd</sup> yes she does evince sensation from loud noises 3<sup>rd</sup> No 4<sup>th</sup> Yes Can utter pa &amp; ma plainly but no more but guttural &amp; probably possess some power of speech</i></p>
<p>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?</p>	<p><i>Not born deaf but lost its hearing at about 8 mos of age by being left in the hot sun on a July day for a quite while and from that day it was sickly for about a year &amp; never showed any signs of hearing from that date</i></p>

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.?

To 1<sup>st</sup> question - It is not idiotic.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Yes she shows every evidence of being intelligent & is capable of understanding natural signs & making others understand her wants &c

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

Good but a little quick tempered

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

Generally good

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

She is free from all these

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

Had neither small or cow Pox  
Had the whooping cough & had a kind of rash resembling the measles some but can not be sure about it.

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

A little, is capable of forming letters & writing her name legibly & correctly & also some words such as cat dog, pen stool &c.

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

Yes such as Knitting sewing washing dishes &c

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

She lives at home with her parents always

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

No

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

Mary, George Francis, (Susanna, dead) Anna, Amelia.

QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
<p>16. What are the pecuniary circumstances of the parents, relatives, or friends? and how much could they engage to pay annually toward the maintenance and education of the child?</p>	<p>The parents are in middling circumstances yet burdened with debts. Their relatives &amp; friends are fairly settled but are not willing to appropriate anything towards the maintenance &amp; education of the child. The parents would willingly appropriate anything within their means towards the maintenance &amp; education of the child - only for being burdened with <u>debts</u>.</p>
<p>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?</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> Farming 2<sup>nd</sup> Cherry Twp Sullivan Co Pa 3<sup>d</sup> 6 - 15 living 4<sup>th</sup> No 5<sup>th</sup> No</p>

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 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 18 87

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	OCCUPATION.
Peter Gilmore	Bushore Pa	Farmer
Emma K. Gilmore	" "	
M. E. Herrmann M.D.	" "	Physician
Bryan S. Collins	" "	Atty at Law.
J. A. Kaiser	" "	Catholic Priest

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 Catharine Henrietta Ambts 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 her before the commencement of the vacation, or to detain her after the expiration thereof, without the permission of the Committee of Instruction, or of the Board.

FATHER'S NAME.

<sup>his</sup> Joseph X Ambts  
mark

Witness to his mark } Mrs. Wm. Dunn

Miss A. P.

Miss A. P.

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Catharine H. Amb's

Born, Nov. 26, 1875

Sullivan County

Recd. Jan. 24, 1887.

to be admitted in his  
time in the State  
Foundation

Feb. 2/87