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Item 1
Sheet 1

Joseph Glenn now in the Custody of the Sheriff of Spartanburgh having been tried at the present Term of the Court of Sessions for the offence of Murder and acquitted by the Verdict of the Jury the only matter of defence set up involving the Soundness of his mind and the Testimony adduced having satisfied me that the safety of the Community and humanity to the said Glenn require some further proceedings

It is ordered that the said Joseph Glenn do continue in the Custody of the Sheriff of this District until such examination may be made as is herein ordered directed and the further order had Competant authority

It is further ordered that John H. Walker Esquire or some other magistrate of the District do inquire as to the lunacy of the Said Joseph Glenn and for that purpose he call to his assistance two licensed practicing physicians and examine the said Joseph Glenn and the evidence of his lunacy and after such examination they shall fins the Said Joseph Glenn a lunatic they Shall Certify to myself or some other Judge or Chancellor of said State whether in their opinion the Said Jospheh Glenn is curable or incurable and whether his enlargement would be harmless or dangerous or annoying to the Community

D. L. Wardlaw

Sheet 2

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assistance two licensed practicing Physicians and examine the said Joseph Glenn and the evidence of his lunacy and after such examination they shall find the Said Joseph Glenn a lunatic they shall certify to myself or Some other Judge or Chancellor of Said State whither in their opinion the Said Joseph Glenn is cureable or incurable and whither his enlargement would be harmless, or dangerous or annoying to the Community

D L Wardlaw

I certify that the above is a true copy of the original Order made in this case

9 March 1849

J B Tolleson

Clk

Item 2
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Spartanburgh

Report of Magistrate and Physicians in the case of Simpson Wingo a Lunatic

G W H Legg

Magt

State of South
Carolina)

Spartanburgh
District)

To His Honor J. N. Whitner

In obedience to an order issued to me from the Court of [General] Sessions Spring term 1859 to enquire into the Idiocy Lunacy Epilepsy of Simpson Wingo a person now confined in Jail upon a charge of an assault with a pistol I have this day called to my assistance D^r A. W. Bivings & D^r W^m T Russell two Regular Licensed practising physicians who have duly made the examination, Required in said order their Report of the same is herewith submitted

Given under my hand & seal
Geo W H Legg (Seal)
Magistrate

We the undersigned beg leave to state to the Honorable Court that we have this day examined Simpson Wingo a prisoner now confined in Jail upon a charge of an assault with a pistol,

From the examination that we have made of the said Simpson Wingo we are fully satisfied that he is a Lunatic that we believe that it is wholly unsafe for the community for him to be at liberty That he is unquestionably a fit and proper subject for the Lunatic Asylum

with regard to his curability we are unable to determine all of which is most Respectfully submitted to
His Honorable Court

This 6th day of April AD 1859--
Given under our hands
William T. Russell. M. D.
A. W. Bivings M D

I fully concur in the opinion & Report of D^r Bivings & Russell in the case of Simpson Wingo as above stated

April 6th 1856
Given under my hand & seal
Geo W H Legg (Seal)
Mgt

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In the matter) Order
of) of
Simpson Wingo) Court

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In the matter of) In the Court of Sessions
Simpson Wingo) Spartanburg District
a Lunatic) Spring Term 1859.

Simpson Wingo who is now confined within the Walls of the Jail for Spartanburg District, upon a charge of Assault with a Pistol, having been found by the Inquisition of a magistrate and two Physicians, held under the Order of this Court, a Lunatic, and that it would be unsafe to the community to set him at liberty:

It is Ordered, that Alexander Wingo, Sheriff of Spartanburg District, do transport the Said Simpson Wingo to the Lunatic Asylum in Columbia, and deliver him to the Regants or Superintendant of the Same, and the said Regants, or Superintendant, as the case may be, are hereby authorised and required to receive the Said Simpson Wingo into the Asylum, and to Keep as a pauper

Lunatic from Spartanburg District, until other liability or means for his Support
Shall be ascertained ~~extra~~ [illegible word; marked through], or until he Shall be
discharged according to the laws and regulations of the Institution.

April 9th 1859

J. N. Whitner