

Herman Chaykin

Herman Chaykin was admitted to Ward 3 of Friends Hospital on February 28, 1920.¹ For his first two weeks at the hospital, he was sick in bed and received medicine. After March 15, his condition improved enough to take walks with an attendant, and spend his days reading. Beginning in April, Herman took part in industrial class, which seems to have been his favorite activity at the hospital. Some months, Herman attended industrial class every or almost every day. Outside of reading and industrial class, Herman also attended entertainment, and gymnastics class.

The daily record book shows that Herman received frequent visitors throughout his time at the hospital.² In the record book, visitors are marked by a 'V' in each patient's daily record. In the key, 'V' means "Visited by Friends." While the Quaker history of Friends Hospital may suggest that the word "Friends" refers to members of the Quaker community, it actually refers to any visitors the patient may have received, regardless of religious affiliation.

In the 11 months that Herman spent at Friends Hospital, his records show little change in his condition and routine, besides his initial illness. Despite a brief illness at the beginning of the month, Herman was discharged from the hospital on January 29, 1921.

February 1920

- Admitted to hospital on Feb 28, 1920 in **Ward 3**
- Feb 28 and 29 sick in bed and medicine

March 1920

- Either sick or no records (- could mean repeat of the day before??? Therefore meaning sick) March 1-9 and 12-14
- On March 11 visited by grandfather (according to the medical book). Grandfather also visits on March 29, sister visits on March 21
- March 15 onwards reading every day, add in walk w attendant March 22 onwards

April 1920

- Daily reading + walks
- Industrial class (frequent), entertainment, gymnastics class
- 4 visits

May 1920

- Daily walks, almost daily reading
- 6 visits
- Industrial class, occupied in ward
- Medicine on May 31

¹ All following information, unless otherwise noted, is from Daily Record Book, 1918-1921, MC-1261, Item 116, Friends Hospital Records, Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections, Haverford, Pennsylvania.

² Medical Journal Men, 10/5/1918-3/31/1920, MC-1261, Item 171, Friends Hospital Records, Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections, Haverford, Pennsylvania.

June 1920

- Medicine June 1
- Daily reading, occupied in ward, walks
- Industrial class
- Visitors occasionally

July 1920

- Daily walk and occupied in ward or reading (mostly reading)
- No industrial class
- 5 visits

August 1920

- Daily reading and walk
- 9 visits
- No other activities

September 1920

- Starting September 2 medicine
- Reading and walks daily
- 4 visits
- Outdoor games on September 14 and 21

October 1920

- Stops medicine by October 1
- Only 1 visit in October
- Walks, reading or occupied in ward sometimes both
- Industrial class resumes at end of October

November 1920

- Daily walk and reading
- Two visits
- Industrial class

December 1920

- Daily walk, reading
- Occasional visits
- 3 times industrial class
- Sick in bed December 30 and 31

January 1921

- Sick in bed January 1
- Reading, walks
- Some days only reading
- 3 visits
- "Gone home" January 29 1921