Joseph (John) Merrick

Develop =

Condition =

Lumpy =

Reject =

Cure =

John (Joseph) Merrick was born in Leicester, England on August 5th, 1862. He was a normal when he was born and for the first few years of his life.

When he was a child, Joseph started to develop a strange condition. Joseph’s skin was thick and lumpy. He developed a lump on his head. His lips also became quite large.

When he was 11, his mother died. His father remarried when he was 13. His father and step mother rejected him.

He started working when he was 13 years old! When Joseph was 21 years old, he tried to make money from his condition. He toured England with the name, “elephant man”

While he was on tour, he met Dr. Treves. Dr. Treves told Joseph that he could not cure the disease, but he could stay at the hospital for the rest of his life.

Dr. Treves and Joseph met every day and became friends. Joseph Merrick died on April 11, 1890.

1. Where was Joseph Merrick Born?
2. When did he start working?
3. What was his nickname?
4. Who was Joseph Merrick’s Best Friend?