

APPLICATION FOR INSANITY INQUEST

TO THE JUDGE OF THE ^{CIRCUIT} ~~SUPERIOR~~ COURT OF Adams County, Indiana:

Your informant respectfully represents that one Sarah Beitler now residing in said county, is insane and a fit subject for custody and treatment in a State Hospital for Insane, as he verily believes, and he therefore asks that necessary steps be taken to examine into her condition, as the law provides in such cases. Your informant further states that to his best knowledge and belief, the legal settlement of said Sarah Beitler

is in Indiana; that said Sarah Beitler came to Indiana lifetime from lifetime. and became a resident of Adams County. This person's places of residence for three years prior to coming to Indiana were

Has always lived in Indiana. In making this petition, I do hereby certify that I am a husband of said Sarah Beitler; that I am a legal resident of Adams County, and that my address is Geneva, Ind. R. #1.

In case of emergency, notify Ed Beitler Telephone Berne 535-M. Dan Studler. Telegraph station Berne, Ind.

PERSONAL HISTORY

Of Sarah Beitler Born (Month) July (Day) 23 (Year) 1879 Place Indiana Color wh. Sex F. Married x Single Widowed Divorced Separated IF A WOMAN: Is she pregnant? no Number of children borne 3 Present age of youngest 22 Has she passed menopause? yes Birthplace of father Germany Birthplace of mother Indiana If person is of foreign birth, give date of entry into the United States Not foreign Port of entry Steamship line Steamship If of foreign birth, is person naturalized? Education: None Reads only Reads and writes Common school X High school X College Religion Def. Mennonite Occupation Housewife. Where last employed and how long? Own home. Estate: Value Nature Guardian: Name Ed Beitler Address R. 1 Geneva, Ind.

HISTORY OF INSANITY

How long have you known this person? lifetime Have you known this person intimately? yes When was the first sign of insanity observed by you? 3 years ago What was the first sign of insanity observed by you? Talks very irrational. Must be kept under sedatives. Was the present attack gradual or sudden in its onset? Has gradually been getting worse since February, 1942. State what leads you to believe this person is insane Will not talk rational and screams. Will not feed herself. What moral deficiencies have been shown? None What was the mental and moral disposition in health? Had similiar attack 3 years ago. Number of previous attacks of mental disorder? Has this person been a patient in any hospital for insane? no Where, when and how long? Has this person suffered serious physical injury? no If so, give particulars Auto accident. Injury to body and head. Has this person suffered any serious illness? no State when and of what nature Has this person suffered any great mental shock or strain? Worries about her boys being in the army. Has this person required feeding, seclusion or restraint? Yes all 3 Explain fully Has to be kept in a room with someone with her constantly-will not feed herself-At times has to be held in bed. Has this person been addicted to any drugs? no Explain fully (Answer yes or no.) Is person paralytic? no Violent? X Destructive? Excited? X Depressed? Homicidal? Suicidal? Is there any physical defect or deformity? No Has person ever suffered from syphilis? no Has there been a Wasserman test? no Positive? Negative? Does person indulge or has person indulged in any venereal excess? no Is person epileptic? no Was person feeble-minded in childhood?

I have also received the following information from others relative to the patient's condition:
Sometimes has religious delusions.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8 day of April 19 42. D. W. Jones M. D.

(Seal) Clyde O. Troutner, Clerk

STATEMENT OF MEDICAL EXAMINER

I, Amos Reusser M. D., of Berne in the County of Adams Indiana, do hereby certify that I am duly licensed to practice medicine in Indiana; that I am not related, by consanguinity or marriage, to Mrs. Sarah Beitler of said County, who is alleged to be insane, and whom I have carefully and personally examined this 7 day of April 19 42 ; that I am of the opinion that she is mentally ill and is a proper person for detention, care and treatment in a State Hospital; and that I have formed my opinion that she is mentally ill from the following facts observed by me. (Describe physical and mental conditions, appearance and behavior of patient.) Very restless, talks incoherently, incessantly- was unable to attract her attention. Uncovers her person- does not feed herself-takes very little food when forced- does not sleep, except under narcosis.

I have also received the following information from others relative to the patient's condition:
Very restless- loud and has a religious mania.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8 day of April 19 42. Amos Reusser M. D.

(Seal) Clyde O. Troutner, Clerk

JUDGE'S ORDER OF COMMITMENT

In the matter of the application for the commitment of Sarah Beitler to the Richmond State Hospital:
Comes now Edward Beitler who filed application for the commitment of Sarah Beitler to the Richmond State Hospital, alleging therein that said Sarah Beitler is a resident of Adams County and has her legal settlement in the State of Indiana, and is insane. And having read such application and heard such other evidence as was deemed necessary to a full investigation of the facts stated in such application, I J. Fred Fruchte, Judge of the Circuit Court of the County of Adams Indiana, do hereby find and determine that the said Sarah Beitler is insane and is in need of hospital care, and do hereby order her committed to the Richmond State Hospital; and this shall be sufficient warrant and authority for her admission, confinement and detention for care and treatment in said hospital until she shall be restored to health, or removed or discharged according to law. And the clerk of this court is hereby directed to apply forthwith to the superintendent of the Richmond State Hospital for the admission of the said Sarah Beitler and to transmit with said application to said superintendent for his information, copies of all statements and certificates submitted, and to certify thereto under seal of this court.

J. Fred Fruchte, Judge of the Adams Circuit Court

STATE OF INDIANA

Adams COUNTY } SS: I, Clyde O. Troutner Clerk of the Circuit Court, and ex-officio Clerk of the Superior Court of said county, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the application, including statement of the attending physician, for the commitment of Sarah Beitler to the Richmond State Hospital; and the statements of the two medical examiners appointed by the court to examine said person, and the court's order of commitment in said matter.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and fix the seal of said court, this 8th day of April 1942. [SEAL] Clyde O. Troutner. Clerk

ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION

Transcripts of all the foregoing statements and certificates duly certified under the seal of the court were transmitted to the Superintendent and afterwards, to wit: On the 13th day of April 1942, an answer was received as follows:

To the Clerk of the Adams Circuit Court, Adams County, Indiana: STATE HOSPITAL April 10 19 42

The receipt of a transcript of the proceedings in the matter of the inquest as to the insanity of Sarah Beitler with application for the admission of said person into this Hospital, is hereby respectfully acknowledged. According to the provisions of an Act Concerning Insanity Inquests, etc., approved March 4th, 1927, the application is

ORDER OF COURT

M. D. Medical Superintendent

The receipt of the acceptance of the application for the admission of Sarah Beitler to the Richmond Circuit Court of Adams County, Indiana, as a patient was referred to the Judge of the Court, and being fully advised he made an order directing that she be conveyed to said hospital, either by a relative or relatives, or a friend or friends, if they so desire; and if they, or any of them, do not so desire, by a suitable attendant, or by the County Sheriff, together with a female attendant, if the patient be a female, as required by law and that due return be made of the complete execution of this order. Witness my hand and the seal of the Court, Adams County, this 13th day of April 19 42. Clyde O. Troutner Clerk

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECEIPT

RECEIVED, this 17th day of April A. D. 19 42 the patient named in the above order of court Paul D. Williams M. D. Medical Superintendent

RETURN ON COMMITMENT

CAME TO HAND Sarah Beitler April 17th and committing her to the Richmond State Hospital, as shown by the Superintendent's receipt hereon endorsed this 17th day of April 19 42., and served by conveying the within named Lady Attendant \$16.84 Mileage \$11.84 L. L. YAGER & SONS

ORDER OF DISCHARGE

STATE HOSPITAL Indiana 19

Form No. STATE OF INDIANA RICHMOND STATE HOSPITAL RICHMOND, IND. Sept. 30 1943 TO THE CLERK OF Adams CIRCUIT COURT: THIS IS TO CERTIFY, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SEC. 2, CHAP. 263, ACTS 1933 THAT Sarah Beitler A PATIENT OF THIS HOSPITAL, HAS BEEN DISCHARGED THIS 30th DAY OF September 1943 IN MY OPINION, SAID PATIENT IS SUFFICIENTLY RECOVERED TO BE RELEASED. SAID PATIENT WAS COMMITTED TO THIS HOSPITAL April 8 19 42 BY THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Adams COUNTY, INDIANA AS Geneva, Ind. R. R. #1 1. SAID PATIENT WAS RELEASED FROM THIS HOSPITAL September 21 19 43 TO Ed Beitler Geneva, Ind. AND IS NOW RESIDING AT Above address

authority has this day discharged before an inmate of this

M. D. Medical Superintendent

above said patient and return day of Clerk

Paul D. Williams M. D. SUPERINTENDENT

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 30th DAY OF September 19 43

Notary Public signature

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES March 19 19 47 MW:BS 10,157