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## APPLICATION FOR INSANITY INQUEST

TO THE JUDGE OF THE ~~SUPERIOR~~ <sup>CIRCUIT</sup> COURT OF Adams County, Indiana:

Your informant respectfully represents that one Roy Rickord 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 his condition, as the law provides in such cases. Your informant further states that to his best knowledge and belief, the legal settlement of said Roy Rickord

is in Indiana; that said Roy Rickord came to Indiana May 17, 1890 (Date) from Adams County and became a resident of Adams County. This person's places of residence for three years prior to coming to Indiana were

Birth - May 17, 1890 (Date)

In making this petition, I do hereby certify that I am a wife of said Roy Rickord; that I am a legal resident of Adams County,

and that my address is R#2, Decatur, Indiana

In case of emergency, notify Cora Rickord

Telephone 1135 Decatur, Indiana (Name and Address of relative or friend) Telegraph station Decatur, Indiana

### PERSONAL HISTORY

Of Roy Rickord

Born (Month) May (Day) 17 (Year) 1890 Place Adams Co., Indiana  
 Color white Sex male Married yes Single Widowed Divorced Separated

IF A WOMAN: Is she pregnant? Number of children borne Present age of youngest

Has she passed menopause?

Birthplace of father Ohio Birthplace of mother Ohio

If person is of foreign birth, give date of entry into the United States Port of entry

Steamship line Steamship

If of foreign birth, is person naturalized?

Education: None Reads only Reads and writes yes Common school yes

High school College Religion protestant Occupation Farming Where last

employed and how long? On farm owned and operated by himself

Estate: Value Farm - \$14,000.00 Nature Farm and Savings Account.  
 Savings - \$4400.00

Guardian: Name Address

### HISTORY OF INSANITY

How long have you known this person? 17 yrs. Have you known this person intimately? 14 years.

When was the first sign of insanity observed by you? 2 years ago -

What was the first sign of insanity observed by you? Turned against wife and was very unreasonable, also accused wife of doing thing which were not true.

Was the present attack gradual or sudden in its onset? gradual

State what leads you to believe this person is insane Imagining things happen to him every night. Such as wrecks and that the doctors put him down in holes full of muddy water.

What moral deficiencies have been shown? no

What was the mental and moral disposition in health? good

Number of previous attacks of mental disorder? yes - several

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

Has this person suffered any serious illness? yes State when and of what nature at the present time and has had an enlarged heart for a period of nine years or more.

Has this person suffered any great mental shock or strain? no

Has this person required feeding, seclusion or restraint? restraint, at Adams County Memorial Hospital and has to be kept under the influence of drugs. Explain fully He has required restraint at the

Has this person been addicted to any drugs? some Explain fully Doctors have been giving sedatives in last nine years and have been gradually increasing the doses in time.

(Answer yes or no.) Is person paralytic? no

Violent? some

Destructive? no

Excited? at times

Depressed? yes Homicidal? no

Suicidal? no

Is there any physical defect or deformity? heart, tub

Positive?

Has person ever suffered from syphilis? no

Has there been a Wasserman test? no

Negative?

Does person indulge or has person indulged in any venereal excess? no

Is person epileptic? no

Was person feeble-minded in childhood? no

FAMILY HISTORY

Give name and address of following relatives. (If dead, state cause of death and age at death.)

	NAME	ADDRESS	IF DEAD	
			Cause	Age at Death
Father	John Rickord		Senility	84
Mother (Maiden Name)	Mary Ellen Marker		Hodgens Dis.	80
Father's father				
Father's mother				
Mother's father				
Mother's mother				
Brother	Charles Rickord Albert Rickord		Diphtheria Diphtheria	2 years 8 mo.
Sister	Laura Toule Clara Rayl Cecile Bowers	510 W. Main, Richmond, Ind. 334 S. 1 <sup>st</sup> st. Decatur, Ind. 115 W. Washington St. Bradford, Pa.		

Which of person's parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, uncles or aunts, if any (give name) ever had the following diseases:

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| Insanity            | Epilepsy        |
| Spasms              | Fainting spells |
| Nervous prostration | Hysteria        |
| Feeble-mindedness   | Tuberculosis    |
| Syphilis            |                 |

Was either of the person's parents or grandparents intemperate in the use of alcohol? no

Was either of person's parents or grandparents addicted to the use of opium, cocaine or other narcotics? no

The statement of Dr. John Carroll M. D., the attending physician, is filed herewith and made a part hereof.

The undersigned citizen of said county, upon oath, declares that the foregoing allegation, personal history, family history and history of persons's insanity, are true to the best of her knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1 day of March 19 46  
(Seal) CLYDE O. TROUTNER, Clerk ~~Notary Public~~ County Clerk

STATEMENT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

I, John C. Carroll M. D., of Decatur in the County of Adams Indiana, do hereby certify that I am licensed to practice medicine in the State of Indiana; that on the 1 day of March 19 46 I did carefully and personally examine Roy Rickord and believe him to be suffering from mental disease, and I am of the opinion that he is a proper person for admission to a State Hospital. I have observed the following facts regarding his mental and physical condition: Irrational, Delusions of persecution, hallucinations. I certify that, in my opinion, said Roy Rickord is not the probable potential parent of mentally incompetent or socially inadequate offspring likewise afflicted. I further certify that patient is free from any contagious disease and from vermin.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1 day of March 19 46 JOHN C. CARROLL M. D.  
Comm. exp.: 1-4-48. ELNORA L. MORRISON (Seal) Notary Public

VACCINATION

This is to certify that the said Roy Rickord has been vaccinated for smallpox by myself, or by another physician, to my positive knowledge within 60 days of this date. Date 3/1 19 46 JOHN C. CARROLL M. D.

STATEMENT OF MEDICAL EXAMINER

I, G. J. Kohne M. D., of Decatur 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 Roy Rickord of said County, who is alleged to be insane and whom I have carefully and personally examined this 2 day of March 19 46 : that I am of the opinion that he 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 he is mentally ill from the following facts observed by me. (Describe physical and mental conditions, appearance and behavior of patient.)  
1- Paranoid complex- believes wife trying to persecute him.  
2- Delusions and Hallucinations- hears voices coming through walls.  
3- Requires restraint nearly all the time.

I have also received the following information from others relative to the patient's condition:  
Very unreasonable with wife and quarrels frequently.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2 day of March  
(Seal)

G. J. KOHNE M. D.  
19 46.

CLYDE O. TROUTNER, County Clerk

STATEMENT OF MEDICAL EXAMINER

I, H. F. Zwick M. D., of Decatur 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 Roy Rickord of said County, who is alleged to be insane, and whom I have carefully and personally  
examined this 2 day of March 19 46 ; that I am of the opinion that he 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  
he is mentally ill from the following facts observed by me. (Describe physical and mental conditions, appearance and

behavior of patient.) Delusional - paranoid in type- Hallucinated- hears voices coming through  
walls- Disoriented as to place - most of his delusions relate to his wife and her plans to  
frame him and take his property. Requires much narcotics and is frequently noisy- wanders about  
hospital if not restrained. Has initial steeosis & marked enlargement of heart.

I have also received the following information from others relative to the patient's condition:

Patient is of rather a suspicious nature - has taken increasing amounts of sedative for the  
past 5 or 6 years because of increasing nervousness - present attack followed an acute urticaria.  
Has attacked his wife at least once during this attack.  
I certify that, in my opinion, said Roy Rickord is not the probable potential parent of mentally  
incompetent or socially inadequate offspring likewise afflicted.

H. F. ZWICK M. D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2 day of March  
(Seal)

19 46

CLYDE O. TROUTNER, County Clerk

JUDGE'S ORDER OF COMMITMENT

In the matter of the application for the commitment of Roy Rickord

to the Richmond State Hospital:

Comes now Cora Rickord who filed application for the commitment of Roy Rickord

to the Richmond State Hospital, alleging therein that said Roy Rickord is a  
resident of Adams County and has his 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 Roy Rickord is insane and is  
in need of hospital care, and do hereby order him committed to the Richmond State Hospital; and

this shall be sufficient warrant and authority for his admission, confinement and detention for care and treatment in said hospital  
until he 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

Roy Rickord 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 FRUCHE  
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 Roy Rickord 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 commit-  
ment in said matter.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and fix the seal of said court, this 2 day of March 19 46

[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 Richmond State Hospital together with application for her admission as a patient in said hospital and afterwards, to wit: On the day of 19 , an answer was received as follows:

Richmond STATE HOSPITAL March 4 19 46

To the Clerk of the Adams Circuit Court, Adams County, Indiana:

The receipt of a transcript of the proceedings in the matter of the inquest as to the insanity of Roy Rickard 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 hereby Accepted

O. R. LYNCH M. D. Medical Superintendent

ORDER OF COURT

The receipt of the acceptance of the application for the admission of to the Richmond Adams Circuit Court of Adams County, Indiana, State Hospital, as a patient was referred to the Judge of Adams Circuit Court of Adams County, Indiana, and being fully advised he made an order directing that Roy Rickard 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 1 assistants and 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 Adams Circuit Court, Adams County, this 6 day of March 19 46 St. CLYDE O. TROUTNER Clerk P. O. Address of Patient Indiana.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECEIPT

STATE HOSPITAL

RECEIVED, this 6TH. day of March A. D. 19 46 the patient named in the above order of court

O. R. LYNCH M. D. Medical Superintendent PAULINE KLEPFER, Supt's Sec'y.

RETURN ON COMMITMENT

CAME TO HAND March 6th., 1946 Roy Rickard and committing him to the Richmond State Hospital, as shown by the Superintendent's receipt hereon endorsed this 6th. day of March 19 46 , and served by conveying the within named

Sheriff's Fees \$11.84

LEO T. GILLIG Sheriff of Adams County, Ind.

ORDER OF DISCHARGE

Mr. Herman M. [unclear] died at hospital Jan. 18 - 1967 Indiana STATE HOSPITAL 19

To the Clerk of the Court, County, Indiana:

According to the provisions of an Act Concerning Insanity Inquests, etc., approved March 4th, 1927, the proper authority has this day discharged of County, Indiana, heretofore an inmate of this Hospital; and you are hereby respectfully requested to cause removal to said County, agreeable to said Act.

PROVIDED, That said removal has not otherwise been accomplished, as herein noted.

N. B.

Very respectfully,

M. D. Medical Superintendent

ORDER FOR PATIENT'S RETURN

STATE OF INDIANA, COUNTY, ss:

To the Sheriff of County, Greeting:

WHEREAS, the proper authority has directed that a patient in the State Hospital, from this County, be removed from said Hospital. You are therefore hereby commanded forthwith to remove said patient and return to Township, in this County.

WITNESS, my hand and the seal of the Court, this day of A. D. 19 Clerk

SHERIFF'S RETURN ON ORDER FOR PATIENT'S RETURN

CAME TO HAND Township, in said County, 19 , and duly served same by removing said patient to

This 19 Sheriff County