

APPLICATION FOR INSANITY INQUEST

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

Your informant respectfully represents that one AMOS DANIEL MEYER 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 Amos Daniel Meyer is in Indiana; that said Amos Daniel Meyer came to Indiana 1898 (Date) from Birth Adams County and became a resident of Adams County. This person's places of residence for three years prior to coming to Indiana were November 29, 1898

In making this petition, I do hereby certify that I am the father (Relative or Friend) of said Amos Daniel Meyer; that I am a legal resident of Adams County,

and that my address is Monroe, Indiana R. R. #1
In case of emergency, notify Fred H. Meyer Monroe, Indiana R. R. #1 (Name and Address of relative or friend)
Telephone Telegraph station Decatur, Indiana

PERSONAL HISTORY

Of Amos Daniel Meyer
Born (Month) November (Day) 29 (Year) 1898 Place Adams County, Indiana
Color White Sex Male Married Single Yes Widowed Divorced Separated
IF A WOMAN: Is she pregnant? Number of children borne Present age of youngest
Has she passed menopause?
Birthplace of father Switzerland Birthplace of mother Wells County, Indiana
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 Brethern Occupation Farm Hand Where last
employed and how long? At Father's home--since March, 1940
Estate: Value None Nature
Guardian: Name Address

HISTORY OF INSANITY

How long have you known this person? From birth Have you known this person intimately? Yes
When was the first sign of insanity observed by you? 1925
What was the first sign of insanity observed by you? By his actions. Gets angry, Swears. Very stubborn. (Shows same signs as when was committed in 1935).
Was the present attack gradual or sudden in its onset? Gradual
State what leads you to believe this person is insane For the above reasons.
What moral deficiencies have been shown? None--except for the use of profanity 1935 Hospital in
What was the mental and moral disposition in health? Poor.
Number of previous attacks of mental disorder? Has had many previous attacks--committed to Richmond State/
Has this person been a patient in any hospital for insane? Yes Where, when and how long? Richmond State
Hospital From 1935--June 10, 1941 (Date of Discharge)
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 1914--Pneumonia
Has this person suffered any great mental shock or strain? No.
Has this person required feeding, seclusion or restraint? No. Explain fully
Has this person been addicted to any drugs? No. Explain fully
(Answer yes or no.) Is person paralytic? No. Violent? Yes Destructive? Yes Excited? Yes
Depressed? No. Homicidal? No. Suicidal? No. 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? 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	Fred H. Meyer	Monroe, Indiana		
Mother (Maiden Name)	Dina Gilden	Deceased	Appendicitis	38
Father's father	Henry Meyer	"	Cancer	65
Father's mother	Lydia Meyer	"	Heart Attack	75
Mother's father	Louis Gilden	"	Not Known	
Mother's mother	-----Gilden	"	Not Known	
Brother	Clarence Meyer	Monroe, Indiana		
	Wm. Meyer	Geneva, Indiana		
	Sylvan Meyer	Bloomington, Indiana		
Sister	Viola Hanger	Crew, Va.		

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

Insanity Aunt Emma Snyder 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 Amos Reusser 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 his knowledge and belief.

Fred H. Meyer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of June 1942

(SEAL)

Clyde O. Troutner

Notary Public or County Clerk

STATEMENT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

I, Amos Reusser M. D., of Berne in the County of Adams Indiana, do hereby certify that I am licensed to practice medicine in the State of Indiana; that on the 30 day of June 1942 I did carefully and personally examine Amos Daniel Meyer 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: He is very irritable and obstinate. His thinking seems to be clear on my examination. Mr. Amos Daniel is reported to me by his father as having attacks of violence, cursing, and swearing, but did not manifest any of those propensities upon my examination.

I further certify that patient is free from any contagious disease and from vermin.

Amos Reusser

M. D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of June 19 42

(SEAL)

Clyde O. Troutner

Clerk

~~Notary Public~~

VACCINATION

This is to certify that the said Amos Daniel Meyer has been vaccinated for smallpox by myself, or by another physician, to my positive knowledge within 60 days of this date. I vaccinated the patient on 6-30-42
 Date 6-30 19 42 M. D.

Amos Reusser

STATEMENT OF MEDICAL EXAMINER

I, D. D. Jones 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 Amos Daniel Meyer of said County, who is alleged to be insane and whom I have carefully and personally examined this 2 day of July 19 42 : that I am of the opinion that he is not mentally ill and is not a proper person for detention, care and treatment in a State Hospital; and that I have formed my opinion that he is not mentally ill from the following facts observed by me. (Describe physical and mental conditions, appearance and behavior of patient.) Called at home of patient, found him cleaning a milk separator. Was able to discuss the separator parts--how they were put together, etc. Spoke and talked about the work he did at Easthaven, etc. About his mother--cause of her death, etc. Spent about one half hour with him while he was doing up the evening house work but saw no move nor did he make a single statement that was not proper.

I have also received the following information from others relative to the patient's condition: Rather high-tempered
Curses and swears, pound tables, furniture, etc.

D. D. Jones

M. D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6 day of July 1942

(SEAL)

Clyde O. Troutner Clerk Notary Public

STATEMENT OF MEDICAL EXAMINER

I, Myron L. Habegger 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 Amos Daniel Meyer of said County, who is alleged to be insane, and whom I have carefully and personally examined this 3 day of July 19 42 ; 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.) Patient was examined at his home. Seems easily excited. Showed no evidence of violence but admitted getting in severe arguments with father. To me he appears as a feeble-minded case rather than insane. He does the chores about the house with moderate efficiency. Was home by himself this forenoon when I was there to examine him.

I have also received the following information from others relative to the patient's condition: Father claims he is hard to get along with. Gets angry easy.

I certify that, in my opinion, said Amos Daniel Meyer is the probable potential parent of mentally incompetent or socially inadequate offspring likewise afflicted.

Myron L. Habegger

M. D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6 day of July 1942

(SEAL)

Clyde O. Troutner Clerk Notary Public

JUDGE'S ORDER OF COMMITMENT

In the matter of the application for the commitment of Amos Daniel Meyer to the Richmond State Hospital:

Comes now Fred H. Meyer who filed application for the commitment of Amos Daniel Meyer to the Richmond State Hospital, alleging therein that said Amos Daniel Meyer 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 Amos Daniel Meyer 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

Amos Daniel Meyer 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. This court finds that the best interest of society and of said Amos Daniel Meyer will be served by his sexual sterilization. It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the court that the superintendent of said Richmond State Hospital,

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 Amos Daniel Meyer 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 9 day of July 1942

[SEAL]

Clyde O. Troutner

Clerk

be and he is hereby authorized to have performed upon said Amos Daniel Meyer the operation of vasectomy or any other more suitable operation or treatment having sure sterilizing results.

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 Richmond 4th day of August 1942, an answer was received as follows:

STATE HOSPITAL August 3rd 1942.

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 Amos Daniel Meyer 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 Accepted.

Paul D. Williams M. D.
Medical Superintendent

ORDER OF COURT

The receipt of the acceptance of the application for the admission of Amos Daniel Meyer to the Richmond Adams Circuit Court of Adams County, Indiana, and being fully advised he made an order directing that 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 Adams Circuit Court, Adams County, this 4th day of August 1942.
P. O. Address of Patient R. # 1 St. Monroe Indiana. Clyde O. Troutner Clerk

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECEIPT

RECEIVED, this 5th day of August 1942, the patient named in the above order of court

RICHMOND STATE HOSPITAL
PAUL D. WILLIAMS M. D.
Medical Superintendent

RETURN ON COMMITMENT

CAME TO HAND August 4th and committing him to the Richmond State Hospital, 1942, and served by conveying the within named as shown by the Superintendent's receipt hereon endorsed this 5th day of August 1942

ED. P. MILLER, SHERIFF

SHERIFF'S FEES
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ORDER OF DISCHARGE

To the Clerk of the Adams Circuit Court, Adams County, Indiana: STATE HOSPITAL
Indiana 19
According to the provisions of an Act Concerning Insanity Inquests, etc., approved March 4th, 1927, the proper authority has this day discharged Amos Daniel Meyer of Adams 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 Amos Daniel Meyer 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 Adams 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 19, and duly served same by removing said patient to Adams Township, in said County.

This 19 Sheriff Adams County