

# APPLICATION FOR INSANITY INQUEST

TO THE JUDGE OF THE ~~CIRCUIT~~ COURT OF **Adams** County, Indiana:

Your informant respectfully represents that one **Ruth Augsburger** 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 **is** in Indiana; that said **came to Indiana**

from **June 12, 1946.** and became a resident of **Adams** County **This person's places of residence for three years prior to coming to Indiana were**

**That his present address is 617 E. Water St. Berne, Indiana**

In making this petition, I do hereby certify that I am a **Father** of said **Ruth Augsburger**; that I am a legal resident of **Berne, Indiana,** County,

and that my address is **617 E. Water St. Berne, Indiana**

In case of emergency, notify **Joel Augsburger**

Telephone **4973** **Berne** (Name and Address of relative or friend) Telegraph station

## PERSONAL HISTORY

Of **Ruth Augsburger**

Born (Month) **June** (Day) **12** (Year) **1926** Place **French Twp. Adams Co.**  
Color **white** Sex **Female** Married **no** Single **yes** Widowed **no** Divorced **no** Separated **no**  
IF A WOMAN: Is she pregnant? **no** Number of children borne **no** Present age of youngest **X**  
Has she passed menopause? **no**

Birthplace of father **Indiana** Birthplace of mother **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 **no** College **no** Religion **Protestant** Occupation **Where last**  
employed and how long? **Not able to work**

Estate: Value **Nature**  
Guardian: Name **Address**

## HISTORY OF INSANITY

How long have you known this person? **Three years** Have you known this person intimately? **Family Physician**  
When was the first sign of insanity observed by you? **About June 18th., 1945** **ian**  
What was the first sign of insanity observed by you? **Talking foolishly. Unable to get intelligent answers**

Was the present attack gradual or sudden in its onset? **gradual**  
State what leads you to believe this person is insane **Wanting to leave home**

What moral deficiencies have been shown? **Wanting to leave home**  
What was the mental and moral disposition in health? **Mentally below the average**  
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

Has this person suffered any serious illness? **no** State when and of what nature

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? **at times** Destructive? **no** Excited? **yes**  
Depressed? **yes** 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? **not up to average**



I have also received the following information from others relative to the patient's condition: She Cooperates for the most part but is determined & obstinate & was never able to keep up in school. Her actions are as described above.

R. G. ZIMMERMAN M. D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of June (Seal)

19 46  
CARL H. MUSELMAN

My commission expires: January 28, 1950

Notary Public

STATEMENT OF MEDICAL EXAMINER

I, Myron L. Habegger M. D., of Berne, Indiana 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 Ruth Augsberger of said County, who is alleged to be insane, and whom I have carefully and personally examined this 15 day of June 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.) Constantly wants to go away from home - very talkative - much of it imaginary - is very self centered - many times ignoring presence of others.

I have also received the following information from others relative to the patient's condition: Cooperates with parents some - but gets very obstinate if she can not have her own way.. Low mentality but has put thro the different grades because of her age.

MYRON L. HABEGGER M. D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of June (Seal)

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JUDGE'S ORDER OF COMMITMENT

In the matter of the application for the commitment of Ruth Augsberger to the Richmond State Hospital: Comes now Joel Augsberger who filed application for the commitment of Ruth Augsberger to the Richmond State Hospital, alleging therein that said Ruth Augsberger 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 Ruth Augsberger 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 Ruth Augsberger 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 Adams Court  
Judge of the

STATE OF INDIANA

Adams COUNTY } SS: I, Glyde 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 Ruth Augsberger 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 19 day of June 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 June 19 46, an answer was received as follows:

Richmond STATE HOSPITAL Judge 27 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 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.

O. R. LYNCH, M. D. O. R. Lynch Medical Superintendent

ORDER OF COURT

The receipt of the acceptance of the application for the admission of Ruth Augsberger to the Richmond 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 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 Court, Adams County, this 28 day of June 19 46 St. CLYDE O. TROUTNER, Clerk P. O. Address of Patient

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECEIPT

RECEIVED, this 2nd. day of July A. D. 19 46 the patient named in the above order of court

O. R. LYNCH, M. D. Per: E. B. S. Medical Superintendent

RETURN ON COMMITMENT

CAME TO HAND June 28 and committing her to the Richmond State Hospital, 19 46, and served by conveying the within named Ruth Augsberger as shown by the Superintendent's receipt hereon endorsed this 2nd. day of July 19 46 Sheriff Fees \$17.64

Mileage \$12.64 Lady assistant 5.00 \$17.64

LEO T. GILLIG Sheriff of Adams County, Ind.

ORDER OF DISCHARGE

Form No. STATE OF INDIANA RICHMOND STATE HOSPITAL RICHMOND, IND., July 2, 19 48 TO THE CLERK OF Adams County CIRCUIT COURT: THIS IS TO CERTIFY, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SEC. 2, CHAP. 263, ACTS 1933 THAT Ruth Augsberger, A PATIENT OF THIS HOSPITAL, HAS BEEN DISCHARGED THIS 2nd DAY OF July 19 48. IN MY OPINION, SAID PATIENT (STRIKE OUT LINES THAT DO NOT APPLY) IS SUFFICIENTLY RECOVERED TO BE RELEASED. SAID PATIENT WAS COMMITTED TO THIS HOSPITAL June 19, 19 46 BY THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Adams COUNTY, HER ADDRESS AT THAT TIME BEING GIVEN AS 617 East Water Street, Berne, Indiana

1. SAID PATIENT WAS RELEASED FROM THIS HOSPITAL September 27, 19 47 TO Joel Augsburger 617 East Water St., Berne, Indiana AND IS NOW RESIDING AT 617 East Water St., Berne, Indiana

SEAL OF HOSPITAL Alfred W. Snedeker, M. D., SUPERINTENDENT July 2nd DAY OF July 19 48 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 2nd DAY OF July 19 48 Herman C. Stuck NOTARY PUBLIC MY COMMISSION EXPIRES November 20, 19 49

HOSPITAL 19 vis day dis- ate of this M. D. rintendent and return day of Clerk County