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# APPLICATION FOR INSANITY INQUEST

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

Your informant respectfully represents that one Bertha Amacher 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 Bertha Amacher is in Indiana; that said Bertha Amacher came to Indiana April 27, 1900 from birth and became a resident of Adams County. This person's places of residence for three years prior to coming to Indiana were Adams County.

In making this petition, I do hereby certify that I am a husband of said Bertha Amacher; that I am a legal resident of Adams County, and that my address is 823 1/2 Mercer Ave., Decatur, Indiana

In case of emergency, notify Victor Amacher Telephone 502 Decatur Telegraph station Decatur, Ind.

## PERSONAL HISTORY

Of Bertha Amacher  
Born (Month) April (Day) 27 (Year) 1900 Place Adams County, Ind.  
Color wh Sex f Married yes Single Single Widowed Widowed Divorced Divorced Separated Separated  
IF A WOMAN: Is she pregnant? no Number of children borne none Present age of youngest Present age of youngest  
Has she passed menopause? no  
Birthplace of father Switzerland Birthplace of mother Switzerland  
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 7 yrs. Reads only Reads and writes yes yes Common school \_\_\_\_\_  
High school \_\_\_\_\_ College \_\_\_\_\_ Religion Reform Occupation Housewife Where last employed and how long? \_\_\_\_\_  
Estate: Value \_\_\_\_\_ Nature \_\_\_\_\_  
Guardian: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

## HISTORY OF INSANITY

How long have you known this person? 30 years Have you known this person intimately? yes  
When was the first sign of insanity observed by you? 1945  
What was the first sign of insanity observed by you? histerical spells, loss of memory, confusion mentally, suicidal.  
Was the present attack gradual or sudden in its onset? gradual  
State what leads you to believe this person is insane Statements as of above, Drs. Diagnosis  
What moral deficiencies have been shown? none  
What was the mental and moral disposition in health? worried about health  
Number of previous attacks of mental disorder? none before 1945  
Has this person been a patient in any hospital for insane? no Where, when and how long? \_\_\_\_\_  
Has this person suffered serious physical injury? none If so, give particulars \_\_\_\_\_  
Has this person suffered any serious illness? pneumonia State when and of what nature Calitis  
Has this person suffered any great mental shock or strain? Mothers Death - 1945  
Has this person required feeding, seclusion or restraint? yes Explain fully Restraint. - She will not Eat. Must be watched continually  
Has this person been addicted to any drugs? no Explain fully \_\_\_\_\_  
(Answer yes or no.) Is person paralytic? Violent? yes Destructive? yes Excited? yes  
Depressed? yes Homicidal? Suicidal? yes 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



I have also received the following information from others relative to the patient's condition:  
Athumps to drocca herself extreme talkiness.

C. C. RAYL M. D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of August 19 46

(SEAL)

MAXINE TROUTNER  
Notary Public

STATEMENT OF MEDICAL EXAMINER

I, H. F. Zwick M. D., of Decatur, Ind. 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 Bertha Amacher of said County, who is alleged to be insane, and whom I have carefully and personally  
examined this 19 day of Aug. 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.) Emanceated - apathetic - confused - disoriented as to time - questionable  
as to place. No haluccinations or delusions noted but patient was to apathetic to talk much.

I have also received the following information from others relative to the patient's condition:  
Threatened suicide - thought that she had committed a crime and that she would be sent to the  
penitentiary. Listless especially at night & is fearful that someone will get her - has eaten  
very little for two days.

H. F. Zwick M. D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of August, 19 46

(SEAL)  
My Comm. exp.: 5/23/50

MAXINE TROUTNER  
Notary Public

JUDGE'S ORDER OF COMMITMENT

In the matter of the application for the commitment of Bertha Amacher

to the Richmond State Hospital:

Comes now Victor Amacher who filed application for the commitment of Bertha Amacher  
to the Richmond State Hospital, alleging therein that said Bertha Amacher 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 Superior Court of the County of Adams, Indiana,  
do hereby find and determine that the said Bertha Amacher is insane and is  
in need of hospital care, and do hereby order h er committed to the Richmond State Hospital; and  
this shall be sufficient warrant and authority for h er 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  
Bertha Amacher 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 Bertha Amacher 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 21 day of August 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  
 State Hospital together with application for h admission as a patient in said hospital  
 and afterwards, to wit: On the day of 19 , an answer was received as follows:

STATE HOSPITAL 19

To the Clerk of the Court, 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

M. D.  
 Medical Superintendent

ORDER OF COURT

The receipt of the acceptance of the application for the admission of  
 to the Court of State Hospital, as a patient was referred to the Judge of  
 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 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 Court, County, this  
 day of 19 Clerk  
 P. O. Address of Patient St. Indiana.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECEIPT

STATE HOSPITAL

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

M. D.  
 Medical Superintendent

RETURN ON COMMITMENT

CAME TO HAND and committing to the 19 , and served by conveying the within named  
 as shown by the Superintendent's receipt hereon endorsed this day of State Hospital, 19

ORDER OF DISCHARGE

STATE HOSPITAL

Indiana 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 dis-  
 charged 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 19 , and duly served same by removing said patient to  
 Township, in said County.

This 19 Sheriff County