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APPLICATION FOR INSANITY INQUEST

TO THE JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Adams County, Indiana:
SUPERIOR

Your informant respectfully represents that one Ida C. Meshberger
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 in-
formant further states that to his best knowledge and belief, the legal settlement of said Ida C. Meshberger
is in Indiana; that said Ida C. Meshberger was born in Indiana March 13, 1880
from March 13, 1880 and became a resident of Adams County
(Date) This person's places of residence for three years prior to coming to Indiana were

In making this petition, I do hereby certify that I am a husband of said
Ida C. Meshberger; that I am a legal resident of Adams County,
and that my address is R. R. 2 Geneva, Indiana
In case of emergency, notify John F. Meshberger
Telephone 138-13 Telegraph station Geneva, Indiana
(Name and Address of relative or friend)

PERSONAL HISTORY

Of Ida C. Meshberger
Born (Month) March (Day) 13 (Year) 1880 Place Adams County
Color White Sex Female Married yes Single Widowed Divorced Separated
IF A WOMAN: Is she pregnant? No Number of children borne None Present age of youngest
Has she passed menopause? Yes
Birthplace of father Ohio 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 Reads only Reads and writes yes Common school yes
High school College Religion Occupation housewife Where last
employed and how long?
Estate: Value None Nature
Guardian: Name None Address

HISTORY OF INSANITY

How long have you known this person? 50 years Have you known this person intimately? yes
When was the first sign of insanity observed by you? 20 years ago
What was the first sign of insanity observed by you? Suspicious of visitors
Was the present attack gradual or sudden in its onset? Gradual
State what leads you to believe this person is insane Peculiar ideas, also becomes violent.
What moral deficiencies have been shown? None
What was the mental and moral disposition in health? None
Number of previous attacks of mental disorder? Frequent through the years.
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? Yes Destructive? No 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	Wm. Speicher			1918
Mother (Maiden Name)	Rosetta Gerber			1941
Father's father				
Father's mother				
Mother's father				
Mother's mother				
Brother	Robert Speicher	Berne, Indiana		
	Edwin Speicher	R.R. 2 Geneva, Indiana		
Sister	William Speicher	Berne, Indiana		
	Martha Stahly	R.R. 2 Geneva, Indiana		
	Esther Tonner	Bluffton, Indiana		

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

Insanity	None	Epilepsy	None
Spasms	None	Fainting spells	None
Nervous prostration	None	Hysteria	None
Feeble-mindedness	None	Tuberculosis	None
Syphilis	None		

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. C. P. Hinchman 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 h knowledge and belief.

JOHN F. MESHBERGER

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of October 19 48
My commission expires January 1, 1952

G. Remy Bierly
Notary Public or County Clerk

STATEMENT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

I, C. P. Hinchman M. D., of Geneva, Indiana in the County of Adams, Indiana, do hereby certify that I am licensed to practice medicine in the State of Indiana; that on the 16 day of October 1948 I did carefully and personally examine Ida G. Meshberger and believe h 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 h mental and physical condition: Constant desire to be on move and away from home, vague and unfounded complaints of physical disability, ideas of persecution (relatives of not paying her) unfaithfulness of husband, depression and tantrums of madness. Threatens to do violence to neighbors and relatives. I further certify that patient is free from any contagious disease and from vermin.

C. P. HINGHMAN

M. D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of October 1948
My commission expires Jan. 1, 1952

G. Remy Bierly
Notary Public

VACCINATION

This is to certify that the said by myself, or by another physician, to my positive knowledge within 60 days of this date.
Date 19

has been vaccinated for smallpox

M. D.

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 Ida G. Meshberger of said County, who is alleged to be insane and whom I have carefully and personally examined this 22 day of October 1948; 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 he is mentally ill from the following facts observed by me. (Describe physical and mental conditions, appearance and behavior of patient.) Ideas of persecution, especially about her husband and older sister. Imaginary ailments, spells of depressed feeling. Thinks husband is mentally unbalanced. Extremely talkative on a wide variety of unrelated subjects, but does not discuss one subject very long.

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

Patient very nervous. Thinks people have enjoyment in persecuting her.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of October 19 48 MYRON L. HABEGGER M. D.

EDWARD F. JABERG Clerk Adams C.C.

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 Ida C. Meshberger of said County, who is alleged to be insane, and whom I have carefully and personally examined this 21 day of October 1948; 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 he is mentally ill from the following facts observed by me. (Describe physical and mental conditions, appearance and behavior of patient.) Well nourished, active and talkative. She leaves her home without telling her husband, goes to neighbors and demands money, gets very angry and strikes when told that they owe her nothing. Accuses husband of associating with other women. Neighbors say she exposes her body.

I have also received the following information from others relative to the patient's condition: She visits two or three doctors all the time, says she is not sick, but does this to keep well. Neighbors say that she curses them and strikes at them. When they see her come, they lock their doors, she claims they are crazy.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of October 19 48 AMOS REUSSER M. D.

EDWARD F. JABERG, CLERK

JUDGE'S ORDER OF COMMITMENT

In the matter of the application for the commitment of Ida C. Meshberger to the Richmond State Hospital:

Comes now John T. Meshberger who filed application for the commitment of Ida C. Meshberger to the Richmond State Hospital, alleging therein that said Ida C. Meshberger 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 Earl B. Adams Judge of the Circuit Court of the County of Adams Indiana, do hereby find and determine that the said Ida C. Meshberger 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

Ida C. Meshberger 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.

EARL B. ADAMS Judge of the Adams Circuit Court

STATE OF INDIANA

ADAMS COUNTY } SS: I, Edward F. Jaberg 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 Ida C. Meshberger 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 4th day of November 19 48 EDWARD F. JABERG Clerk

[SEAL]

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 her admission as a patient in said hospital and afterwards, to wit: On the 7 day of June 19 49, an answer was received as follows:

RICHMOND STATE HOSPITAL June 6 1949

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 Ida Meshberger 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

ALFRED W. SNEDEKER M. D.
Medical Superintendent

ORDER OF COURT

The receipt of the acceptance of the application for the admission of Ida Meshberger to the Richmond Adams County, Indiana, State Hospital, as a patient was referred to the Judge of Adams County, Indiana, 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 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 7 day of June 19 49 St. EDWARD F. JABERG Clerk Indiana.

P. O. Address of Patient

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECEIPT

RICHMOND STATE HOSPITAL

RECEIVED, this 7 day of June A. D. 19 49 the patient named in the above order of court

ALFRED W. SNEDEKER M. D.
Medical Superintendent

RETURN ON COMMITMENT

CAME TO HAND June 7 19 49, and served by conveying the within named Ida Meshberger and committing her to the Richmond State Hospital, as shown by the Superintendent's receipt hereon endorsed this 7 day of June 19 49

HERMAN BOWMAN, SHERIFF

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 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 19, and duly served same by removing said patient to Township, in said County.

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Sheriff

County