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# APPLICATION FOR INSANITY INQUEST

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

Your informant respectfully represents that one **Betty Jean Leath** 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 h 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 **Betty Jean Death** is in Indiana; that said came to Indiana at birth from at birth and became a resident of Adams County This person's places of residence for three years prior to coming to Indiana were

(Date) was born in Indiana In making this petition, I do hereby certify that I am a father of said Betty Jean Death ; that I am a legal resident of Adams County,

and that my address is R. R. 3 Decatur, Indiana In case of emergency, notify Clinton Death, R. R. 3, Decatur, Indiana Telephone Telegraph station

## PERSONAL HISTORY

Of Betty Jean Death Born (Month) (Day) (Year) Place Adams Co. Color White Sex Female Married Single x Widowed Divorced Separated IF A WOMAN: Is she pregnant? No Number of children borne Present age of youngest Has she passed menopause? No Birthplace of father Adams Co. Birthplace of mother Adams Co. 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 High school College Religion Prot. Occupation None Where last employed and how long? Estate: Value \$700 or \$800 Nature Real estate Guardian: Name Address

## HISTORY OF INSANITY

How long have you known this person? 23 years Have you known this person intimately? 23 years When was the first sign of insanity observed by you? 5 weeks What was the first sign of insanity observed by you? worrying Was the present attack gradual or sudden in its onset? gradual State what leads you to believe this person is insane her actions aren't normal What moral deficiencies have been shown? None What was the mental and moral disposition in health? Good Number of previous attacks of mental disorder? None 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? Scarlet fever State when and of what nature Has this person suffered any great mental shock or strain? None Has this person required feeding, seclusion or restraint? No feeding Explain fully Watch to keep her inside Has this person been addicted to any drugs? No Explain fully (Answer yes or no.) Is person paralytic? No Violent? No Destructive? No Excited? Yes Depressed? Yes Homicidal? No Suicidal? Possibly 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	Clinton Death	R. R. 3 Decatur, Ind.		
Mother (Maiden Name)	Elsie Harmon	R. R. 3 Decatur, Ind.		
Father's father	Clifford Death		Stroke	7-7-36
Father's mother	Lettie Death		Stroke	3-23-28
Mother's father	James Harmon		Stroke	1926
Mother's mother	Neva Harmon			1901
Brother	Edward Hueh Death	Gov. Hospital, Marion, Ind.		
Sister	Bertha Daniels	R. R. 6 Decatur, Ind.		
	Myrtle Julia Death	R. R. 3 Decatur, Ind.		

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

Insanity	No	Epilepsy	No
Spasms	No	Fainting spells	No
Nervous prostration	No	Hysteria	No
Feeble-mindedness	No	Tuberculosis	No
Syphilis	No		

Was either of the person's parents or grandparents intemperate in the use of alcohol? Yes

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

The statement of Dr. Parrish 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.

CLINTON DEATH

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of June 19 49

EDWARD F. JABERG  
CLERK ADAMS Notary Public or County Clerk

## STATEMENT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

I, Richard K. Parrish M. D., of R.R. 3 Decatur, 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 11th day of June 19 49 I did carefully and personally examine Betty Jean Death and believe her to be suffering from mental disease, and I am of the opinion that she is a proper person for admission to a State Hospital. I have observed the following facts regarding her mental and physical condition:

Delusions, hallucinations, suicidal threats, belief that she is being changed from a girl to a boy.

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of June 19 49

RICHARD K. PARRISH M. D.  
EDWARD F. JABERG  
Clerk Adams Circuit Court

## VACCINATION

This is to certify that the said Betty Jean Death has been vaccinated for smallpox by myself, or by another physician, to my positive knowledge within 60 days of this date.

Date June 27, 19 49 R. K. PARRISH M. D.

## 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 Betty Jean Death of said County, who is alleged to be insane and whom I have carefully and personally examined this 24th day of June 19 49; 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.) Well developed and well nourished. Poorly oriented as to time. Withdrawn but fairly cooperative, very slow in reacting and answering question. Delusional, Hallucinated - mainly religious associations and the question of marriage to her present boy friend. A conflict is present there.



I have also received the following information from others relative to the patient's condition:  
Has gone out with other people very little since loss of job at creamery about 2 years ago. Her present love affair began about 2 months ago and has presented several problems. She has gotten worse in this time.

H. F. ZWICK M. D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of June 19 49

EDWARD F. JABERG  
CLERK ADAMS C.C. Notary Public

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 Betty Jean Death of said County, who is alleged to be insane, and whom I have carefully and personally examined this 24th day of June 19 49; 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.) Apparently good physical health. Has illusions, hallucinations usually in the form of hearing voices from her boy friend and God commanding her to do certain things (as burning down house), does not concentrate well and has poor insight.

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

Noticed a withdrawn personality last few months - stares into space and believes she is in commune with boy-friend.

G. J. KOHNE M. D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of June 19 49

EDWARD F. JABERG  
Clerk Adams C.C. Notary Public

JUDGE'S ORDER OF COMMITMENT

In the matter of the application for the commitment of Betty Jean Death

to the Richmond State Hospital:

Comes now Clinton Death who filed application for the commitment of Betty Jean Death

to the Richmond State Hospital, alleging therein that said Betty Jean Death 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 Myles F. Parrish Judge of the Circuit Court of the County of Adams Indiana,

do hereby find and determine that the said Betty Jean Death 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

Betty Jean Death 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.

MYLES F. PARRISH  
Judge of the Adams Circuit Court

STATE OF INDIANA

ADAMS

COUNTY

SS:

I, Edward F. Jaberg 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 Betty Jean Death 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 27 day of June 19 49

[SEAL]

EDWARD F. JABERG 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 her admission as a patient in said hospital and afterwards, to wit: On the Richmond 29 day of June 19 49, an answer was received as follows: RICHMOND STATE HOSPITAL June 28 1949

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

The receipt of a transcript of the proceedings in the matter of the inquest as to the insanity of Betty Jean Death 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

L.A. LAIRD M. D. Medical Superintendent

ORDER OF COURT

The receipt of the acceptance of the application for the admission of Betty Jean Death to the Richmond Adams County, Indiana, State Hospital, as a patient was referred to the Judge of 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 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 29 day of June 19 49 St. EDWARD F. JABERG Clerk P. O. Address of Patient Indiana.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECEIPT

RICHMOND STATE HOSPITAL RECEIVED, this 5 day of July A. D. 19 49 the patient named in the above order of court

L.A. LAIRD M. D. Medical Superintendent

RETURN ON COMMITMENT

CAME TO HAND July 1 19 49, and served by conveying the within named Betty Jean Death and committing her to the Richmond State Hospital, as shown by the Superintendent's receipt hereon endorsed this 5th day of July 1949

STATE OF INDIANA RICHMOND STATE HOSPITAL RICHMOND, INDIANA August 31, 19 51 TO THE CLERK OF Adams CIRCUIT COURT: THIS IS TO CERTIFY, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SEC. 2, CHAP. 263, ACTS 1933 THAT Betty Jean Death A PATIENT AT THIS HOSPITAL, HAS BEEN DISCHARGED THIS 31 DAY OF August, 19 51. IN MY OPINION, SAID PATIENT IS SUFFICIENTLY RECOVERED TO BE RELEASED. SAID PATIENT WAS COMMITTED TO THIS HOSPITAL June 21, 19 49. BY THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Adams COUNTY, HER ADDRESS AT THAT TIME BEING GIVEN AS R.R. # 3, Decatur, Indiana 1. SAID PATIENT WAS RELEASED FROM THIS HOSPITAL January 13, 19 51. TO Mrs. George Daniels AND NOW IS RESIDING AT Pleasant Mills, Indiana 2. YOU ARE RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED TO CAUSE SAID PATIENT TO BE REMOVED FROM THE HOSPITAL TO YOUR COUNTY, AS PROVIDED IN SEC 19, CHAP. 69, ACTS 1927. SEAL OF HOSPITAL Paul D. Williams M. D. SUPERINTENDENT SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 31 DAY OF August, 19 51. NOTARY PUBLIC MY COMMISSION EXPIRES November 9th, 19 53.

To the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Adams County, Indiana, State Hospital, as shown by the Superintendent's receipt hereon endorsed this 5th day of July 1949

WHE State Hospital to WITN

CAME TO HAND Township, in said County. This 19

, and duly served same by removing said patient to Sheriff County

HOSPITAL 19 day dis- e of this M. D. tendent d return day of Clerk