

APPLICATION FOR INSANITY INQUEST

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

Your informant respectfully represents that one Elmer F. Smith 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 Elmer F. Smith is in Indiana; that said Elmer F. Smith came to Indiana Sept. 1946 from Illinois and became a resident of Adams County Sept 1946 (Date)

This person's places of residence for three years prior to coming to Indiana were Carroll, Ill. Andrews, Ind. Granger, Ind.

In making this petition, I do hereby certify that I am a wife of said Elmer F. Smith; that I am a legal resident of Adams County,

and that my address is Linn Grove, Ind.

In case of emergency, notify Mrs. Edith V. Smith

Telephone 5-6445 Telegraph station Berne, Indiana (Name and Address of relative or friend)

PERSONAL HISTORY

Of Elmer F. Smith

Born (Month) Sept. (Day) 26 (Year) 1892 Place Mercer Co., Ohio
Color Wh. Sex M Married Yes Single Widowed Divorced Separated

IF A WOMAN: Is she pregnant? Number of children borne Present age of youngest

Has she passed menopause?

Birthplace of father Mercer Co., Ohio Birthplace of mother Mercer Co., Ohio

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 Common school

High school yes College yes Religion Protestant Occupation Minister of the gospel Where last employed and how long? Linn Grove - E.U.P. Church

Estate: Value None Nature one car & furniture

Guardian: Name None Address

HISTORY OF INSANITY

How long have you known this person? 50 yrs. Have you known this person intimately? Yes
When was the first sign of insanity observed by you? Jan. 1, 1951

What was the first sign of insanity observed by you? nervous - dependant - sleepless, restless

Was the present attack gradual or sudden in its onset? gradual
State what leads you to believe this person is insane despondency - impulse to commit suicide

What moral deficiencies have been shown? No

What was the mental and moral disposition in health? good - tempermental at intervals

Number of previous attacks of mental disorder? One
Has this person been a patient in any hospital for insane? yes Where, when and how long? Anna State Hospital Ill.

Has this person suffered serious physical injury? No If so, give particulars

Has this person suffered any serious illness? Typhoid fever State when and of what nature 1927

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? no Destructive? no Excited? yes
Depressed? yes Homicidal? no Suicidal? yes Is there any physical defect or deformity? no
Has person ever suffered from syphilis? no Has there been a Wasserman test? yes Positive?
Negative? yes 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. H. Smith		Apoplexy	63
Mother (Maiden Name)	Josephine Stedake		Neuralgia	33
Father's father	Henry Smith		apoplexy	89
Father's mother	Smith		Typhoid	40
Mother's father	Fred Stedake		apoplexy	75
Mother's mother	Mrs. Stedake		Childbirth	35
Brother	Ervin Smith Carl Smith Nelson Smith	Celina, Ohio Detroit, Mich. Mansville, Ohio		
Sister	Bessie Edwards	Vienne, W. Virginia		

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

Insanity	one sister, one uncle	Epilepsy	no
Spasms	No	Fainting spells	no
Nervous prostration	yes	Hysteria	yes
Fecble-mindedness	no	Tuberculosis	yes, two
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.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of June 1951
 Notary Seal _____
 MRS. EDITH V. SMITH
 CHARLOTTA B. STENGEL
 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 27 day of June 1951 I did carefully and personally examine Elmer F. Smith 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:
 Very nervous - fear despondant and sleepless - blood pressure syst. 200

I further certify that patient is free from any contagious disease and from vermin.
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of June 1951
 AMOS REUSSER M. D.
 CHARLOTTA B. STENGEL
 Notary Public

VACCINATION

This is to certify that the said Elmer F. Smith has been vaccinated for smallpox by myself, or by another physician, to my positive knowledge within 60 days of this date.
 Date June 27 1951
 AMOS REUSSER M. D.

STATEMENT OF MEDICAL EXAMINER

I, G. J. Kehna M. D., of Wesatur 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 Elmer F. Smith of said County, who is alleged to be insane and whom I have carefully and personally examined this 29 day of June 1951; 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.)
 Feeble nervous and inadequate in mornings - cannot concentrate on the daily work ahead of him. Has threatened to commit suicide.

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

Has felt nervous and depressed since January 1951 - symptoms have been gradual and have increased in severity

G. J. KORNE M. D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of June 1951

Notary Public

STATEMENT OF MEDICAL EXAMINER

I, H.P. 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 Elmer F. Smith of said County, who is alleged to be insane, and whom I have carefully and personally examined this 29th day of June 19 51 ; 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.)

Shows no physical abnormalities. Well oriented - talks coherently. States that he has been unable to concentrate on his work since Jan. Feels inadequate for the job now. His greatest fear is a compulsive suicidal tendency especially in the morning. Several members of his family have committed suicide and he is afraid that he will do the same and does not wish to disgrace his family. He desires admission to a mental hospital. His wife was present and agrees with his desires. Attempted suicide in 1948 by overdose of sedatives.

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

H. P. ZWICK M. D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of 19

Notary Public

JUDGE'S ORDER OF COMMITMENT

In the matter of the application for the commitment of Elmer F. Smith to the Richmond State Hospital: Comes now Edith V. Smith who filed application for the commitment of Elmer F. Smith to the Richmond State Hospital, alleging therein that said Elmer F. Smith 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 Myles F. Parrish Judge of the Circuit Superior Court of the County of Adams Indiana, do hereby find and determine that the said Elmer F. Smith is mentally ill and is in need of hospital care, and do hereby order h committed to the Richmond State Hospital; and this shall be sufficient warrant and authority for h 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 Elmer F. Smith 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 Adams Circuit Superior Court Judge of the

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 Elmer F. Smith 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 herunto set my hand and fix the seal of said court, this 30 day of June 19 51 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
 Richmond State Hospital together with application for his admission as a patient in said hospital
 and afterwards, to wit: On the 6th day of July 1951, an answer was received as follows:

RICHMOND STATE HOSPITAL July 6, 1951

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 Elmer F. Smith 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 State Hospital, as a patient was referred to the Judge of to the 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 Court, County, this day of 19 St. Indiana. P. O. Address of Patient Clerk

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECEIPT

RECEIVED, this 10 day of July A. D. 19 51 the patient named in the above order of court

PAUL D. WILLIAMS M. D. Medical Superintendent

RETURN ON COMMITMENT

CAME TO HAND July 10, 1951 Elmer F. Smith and committing him to the 19 day of July 1951, and served by conveying the within named Richmond State Hospital, as shown by the Superintendent's receipt hereon endorsed this 10th day of July 1951

Fees \$14.80

ROBERT W. SHERALUKA, SHERIFF

ORDER OF DISCHARGE

To the Clerk of the Court, 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 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 Township, in said County.

19, and duly served same by removing said patient to

This 19 Sheriff County