

# APPLICATION FOR INSANITY INQUEST

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

Your informant respectfully represents that one Lewis Curtis Miller 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 Lewis Curtis Miller is in Indiana; that said Lewis Curtis Miller came to Indiana Mar. 11, 1891 from (born here) Adams County and became a resident of Adams County. This person's places of residence for three years prior to coming to Indiana were Mar. 11, 1891 (Date)

In making this petition, I do hereby certify that I am a Son of said Lewis Curtis Miller; that I am a legal resident of Adams County, and that my address is R. R # 5, Decatur, Indiana.

In case of emergency, notify Laun R. Miller R. R # 5 Decatur, Indiana. Telephone 3-8195 Telegraph station

### PERSONAL HISTORY

Of Lewis Curtis Miller  
 Born (Month) March (Day) 11 (Year) 1891 Place Adams County, Indiana  
 Color Wh Sex Male Married X 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 Pennsylvania Birthplace of mother Unknown  
 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 X Common school X  
 High school College Religion Protestant Occupation Farmer & Janitor Where last employed and how long? Employed as a janitor at the Adams County Memorial Hospital for 1 year  
 Estate: Value \$7,000.00 Nature Real Estate & Personal  
 Guardian: Name None 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? November 25, 1952  
 What was the first sign of insanity observed by you? Ceased talking, although usually talkative, seemed depressed at all times after that.  
 Was the present attack gradual or sudden in its onset? Gradual  
 State what leads you to believe this person is insane thing in a confused state. Very depressed, fails to talk or remember, every-  
 What moral deficiencies have been shown? None  
 What was the mental and moral disposition in health? Very good, normal in every respect  
 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? No If so, give particulars  
 Has this person suffered any serious illness? Yes State when and of what nature Has suffered several heart attacks since 1938  
 Has this person suffered any great mental shock or strain? Yes Brothers committed suicide, another brother killed instantly.  
 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? No  
 Depressed? Yes Homicidal? No Suicidal? Yes Is there any physical defect or deformity? No Hernia  
 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	Charles Milaer		Hardening of Arteries	74
Mother (Maiden Name)	Treheesa (Springer) Miller		Cancer	58
Father's father	Unknown		Unknown	
Father's mother	Unknown		Unknown	
Mother's father	Samuel Springer		Unknown	
Mother's mother	Springer		Unknown	
Brother	Clarence Miller		Accident	51
	Francis Miller		Suicide	50
Sister	Myla Schnepf		Died following rectal operation	56

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

Insanity	None to my knowledge	Epilepsy	None to my knowledge
Spasms	"	Fainting spells	"
Nervous prostration	"	Hysteria	"
Feeble-mindedness	"	Tuberculosis	"
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 Carl F. Stallbaum 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.

Laun R. Miller

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of January 1953

Notary Public or County Clerk

STATEMENT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

I, Carl F. Stallbaum M. D., of Kendalville in the County of Noble Indiana, do hereby certify that I am licensed to practice medicine in the State of Indiana; that on the 14th day of December 1952 I did carefully and personally examine Curtis Miller 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: Extremely depressed and has thoughts of suicide. Sometimes groans and wrings hands. Will not listen to reason and will not cooperate

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of January 1953

CARL F. STALLBAUM M. D.

My. comm. expires 8/8/55

ESTHER L. HOSIER

Notary Public

VACCINATION

This is to certify that the said Curtis Miller by myself, or by another physician, to my positive knowledge within 60 days of this date. Date December 30, 1952

has been vaccinated for smallpox  
William C. Lyon M. D.

STATEMENT OF MEDICAL EXAMINER

I, William C. Lyon M. D., of Ft. Wayne, Indiana in the County of Allen Indiana, do hereby certify that I am duly licensed to practice medicine in Indiana; that I am not related by consanguinity or marriage to Curtis Miller of said County, who is alleged to be insane and whom I have carefully and personally examined this 29th day of December 1952; 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.) Depressed in mental functions; mute a great deal of the time. At best, will answer specific questions, but with difficulty. Also physical retardation to the extent of pressure sores. Minimum care in personal hygiene. B. P. 110/80 E. K. G. severe coronary disease B. U. N. 25 origin

I have also received the following information from others relative to the patient's condition: Patient has been mildly depressed for over a year. In past year changed job to hospital janitor but when told by Doctor what B. P meant, no work, he became progressively more depressed and threatened suicide if given opportunity. Had to be restrained by force.

I certify that, in my opinion, said Curtis Miller is not the probable potential parent of mentally incompetent or socially inadequate offspring likewise afflicted.

WILLIAM C. LYON M. D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of December 1953

My comm. exp. May 5, 1953

Clara M. Huser Notary Public

STATEMENT OF MEDICAL EXAMINER

I, A. H. Williams M.D., of Ft. Wayne in the County of Allen Indiana, do hereby certify that I am duly licensed to practice medicine in Indiana; that I am not related, by consanguinity or marriage, to Curtis Miller of said County, who is alleged to be insane, and whom I have carefully and personally examined this 31 day of December 19 52 ; 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.) Suffering from marked depression, Will not answer questions, dishevelled in appearance, lax in personal care. Has marked coronary heart disease with some mild anemia.

I have also received the following information from others relative to the patient's condition: Patient has been somewhat depressed for over a year. but became markedly so upon learning of his extreme blood pressure and informed he had to quit working; then threatened suicide.

I certify that, in my opinion, Curtis Miller is not the probable potential parent of mentally incompetent or socially inadequate offspring likewise afflicted.

A. W. WILLIAMS M. D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of December 19 53

My comm. exp. May 5, 1955

CLARA M. HUSER Notary Public

JUDGE'S ORDER OF COMMITMENT

In the matter of the application for the commitment of Lewis Curtis Miller

to the Richmond State Hospital:

Comes now Laun R. Miller who filed application for the commitment of Lewis Curtis Miller to the Richmond State Hospital, alleging therein that said Lewis Curtis Miller is a resident of Adams County and has 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 Lewis Curtis Miller is insane and is in need of hospital care, and do hereby order him committed to the Richmond State Hospital; and this shall be sufficient warrant and authority for his 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 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: Clerk of the Superior Court of said county,

I, Edward F. Jaberg Clerk of the Circuit Court, and ex-officio of the attending physician, for the commitment of Lewis Curtis Miller 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 15th day of January 1953 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 h admission as a patient in said hospital and afterwards, to wit: On the day of Jan 1902, 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 St. Indiana. P. O. Address of Patient Clerk

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECEIPT

RECEIVED, this day of A. D. 19 the patient named in the above order of court STATE HOSPITAL M. D. Medical Superintendent

RETURN ON COMMITMENT

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

ORDER OF DISCHARGE

To the Clerk of the Adams Court, Adams County, Indiana: Richard Adams - Richard Indiana May - 23 1916 STATE HOSPITAL According to the provisions of an Act Concerning Insanity Inquests, etc., approved March 4th, 1927, the proper authority has this day discharged Lewis C. Miller of Adams 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,

J. Stepper

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