

# APPLICATION FOR INSANITY INQUEST

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

Your informant respectfully represents that one Earl S. Baumgartner 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 Earl S. Baumgartner is in Indiana; that said

from 1906 and became a resident of Adams County, Indiana. 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 wife of said Earl S. Baumgartner; that I am a legal resident of Adams County, Indiana

and that my address is Geneva, Indiana. In case of emergency, notify Vergena Baumgartner

Telephone none Telegraph station yes

## PERSONAL HISTORY

Of Earl Baumgartner

Born (Month) Nov. (Day) 24 (Year) 1910 Place Ohio

Color wh Sex m Married C 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 Linn Grove, Ind. Birthplace of mother Geneva, Ind.

If person is of foreign birth, give date of entry into the United States Part of entry

Steamship line Steamship

If of foreign birth, is person naturalized?

Education: None Reads only Reads and writes X Common school 8th

High school College Religion Church of God Occupation Factory Employee Where last

employed and how long? Nusbaum Novelty, Berne, Ind. 2 or 3 wks. Soc. Number 315-20-6722

Estate: Value Nature

Guardian: Name Address

## HISTORY OF INSANITY

How long have you known this person? 22 years Have you known this person intimately? yes

When was the first sign of insanity observed by you? May 15, 1955

What was the first sign of insanity observed by you? May 15, 1955 Worked constantly but got nothing accomplished

Failed to eat or sleep properly Was the present attack gradual or sudden in its onset? Gradual

State what leads you to believe this person is insane Stated that religious conflict started his difficulty

Does not eat or sleep naturally

What moral deficiencies have been shown?

What was the mental and moral disposition in health?

Number of previous attacks of mental disorder?

Has this person been a patient in any hospital for insane? No Where, when and how long?

Has this person suffered serious physical injury? Not to my knowledge If so, give particulars

Heart attack and Rheumatic

Has this person suffered any serious illness? Rheumatism State when and of what nature Suffered severe heart attack about 10 years ago. Has suffered from Rheumatic Rheumatism for several years

Has this person suffered any great mental shock or strain? not to my knowledge

Has this person required feeding, seclusion or restraint? Explain fully Has required feeding, lately

Is this person an alcoholic, No. restraint necessary of late.

Has this person been addicted to any drugs? No Explain fully

(Answer yes or no.) Is person paralytic? No Violent? somewhat Destructive? no Excited? yes

Depressed? Yes Homicidal? No Suicidal? yes Is there any physical defect or deformity? Back trouble

Has person ever suffered from syphilis? ? Has there been a Wasserman test? ? Positive? ?

Negative? Does person indulge or has person indulged in any venereal excess?

Is person epileptic? No Was person feeble-minded in childhood? not to my knowledge

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	Louis Baumgartner	Geneva, Ind.		
Mother (Maiden Name)	Idessa Campbell	" "		
Father's father	Jacob Baumgartner		Cancer	70
Father's mother	Rosie Baumgartner		Unknown	
Mother's father	Eli Campbell		" "	
Mother's mother	Barbara Baker		Unknown	93
Brother	Logan Baumgartner	R.#1, Geneva		
Sister			Died in Infancy	
Wife	Vergena Baumgartner, age 38			
Children	Barbara Baumgartner, age 18			

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

Insanity	Not to my knowledge	Epilepsy	Not to my knowledge
Spasms	" " " "	Fainting spells	" " " "
Nervous prostration	Not to my knowledge	Hysteria	" " " "
Feeble-mindedness	" " " "	Tuberculosis	" " " "
Syphilis	" " " "		

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

Was either of person's parents or grandparents addicted to the use of opium, cocaine or other narcotics? not to my knowledge

The statement of Jos. V. Schetgen 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.

Vergena Baumgartner

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of September

19 55

Edward F. Jaberg  
Notary Public or County Clerk

STATEMENT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

I, Jos. V. Schetgen, M. D., of Geneva in the County of Adams Indiana, do hereby certify that I am licensed to practice medicine in the State of Indiana; that on the 11 day of Aug. 19 55 I did carefully and personally examine Earl Baumgartner and believe he 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 incoherent, unable to reason with him, religious fanatic, mentally, uncontrollable at times, other times quite moody and depressed.

Jos. V. Schetgen, M. D.

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 day of Sept.

Jos. V. Schetgen, M. D. M. D.  
19 55  
Edward F. Jaberg,  
Clerk Adams Circuit Court

VACCINATION

This is to certify that the said Earl Baumgartner has been vaccinated for smallpox by myself, or by another physician, to my positive knowledge within 60 days of this date.  
Date 9 Sept. 19 55

Jos. V. Schetgen M. D.

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 Earl S. Baumgartner of said County, who is alleged to be insane and whom I have carefully and personally examined this 13th day of Sept. 19 55; 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.) Fixed stare and will not answer questions but bursts into a speech on religion. Keeps repeating ( he lacked faith) In coherent in his talk

I have also received the following information from others relative to the patient's condition: Attempted suicide by hanging. I certify that, in my opinion, said Earl Baumgartner is the probable potential parent of mentally incompetent or socially inadequate offspring likewise afflicted.

G. J. Kohne

M. D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13 day of Sept. 19 55

Edward F. Jaberg  
Clerk Adams Circuit Court

STATEMENT OF MEDICAL EXAMINER

I, John B. Terveer M. D., of Decatur, 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 Earl S. Baumgartner of said County, who is alleged to be insane, and whom I have carefully and personally examined this 13th day of Sept. 19 55 ; 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.) Mute; will not answer questions; stares ahead; no recollection of time or place; mumbles incoherently; repeats ( I lacked faith" will not eat, bursts in loud speech about religion

I have also received the following information from others relative to the patient's condition: Attempted suicide by hanging. I certify that, in my opinion, said Earl Baumgartner is the probable potential parent of mentally incompetent or socially inadequate offspring likewise afflicted.

John B. Terveer

M. D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of Sept. 19 55

Edward F. Jaberg Notary Public  
Clerk Adams Circuit Court

JUDGE'S ORDER OF COMMITMENT

In the matter of the application for the commitment of Earl S. Baumgartner to the Richmond State Hospital: Comes now Vergena Baumgartner who filed application for the commitment of Earl S. Baumgartner to the Richmond State Hospital, alleging therein that said Earl S. Baumgartner is a resident of Adams Co. Wabash Twp 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 Superior Court of the County of Adams Indiana, do hereby find and determine that the said Earl Baumgartner is insane 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 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 Earl S. Baumgartner 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 Earl S. Baumgartner 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 16 day of September 1955

[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 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 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. Clerk P. O. Address of Patient

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 19 , and served by conveying the within named as shown by the Superintendent's receipt hereon endorsed this to the 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 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.

This 19 Sheriff County