APPLICATION FOR INSANITY INQUEST

TO THE JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

ADAMS

No. 20385

County, Indiana:

Your informant respectfully represents that one Earl Blackburn 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 13

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 Earl Blackburn

in Indiana; that said Earl Blackburn

bana Feb. 3,1897

from

and became a resident of Washingto Wp. Adams This person's places of residence for three years prior to coming to Indiana were

(Date)

In making this petition, I do hereby certify that I am a wife and legal guardian

Earl Blackburn

; that I am a legal resident of

(Relative or Friend) Adams

County.

of said

512 Marshall Street, Decatur, Ind. and that my address is

In case of emergency, notify Mrs. Edna Blackburn, wife

(Name and Address of relative or friend)

34028 Telephone

Telegraph station

PERSONAL HISTORY

Of Earl Blackburn

Born (Month) February

(Day)

Married

(Year) 1897

Single

Place Decatur, Indiana

Widowed

Divorced

Separated

IF A WOMAN: Is she pregnant?

Sex Male

Number of children borne

Present age of youngest

Has she passed menopause?

Birthplace of father Indiana

Birthplace of mother Indiana

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

Port of entry

Steamship line

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Steamship

If of foreign birth, is person naturalized?

Education: None

Estate: Value

Color W

Reads only

Reads and writes

Common school

High school 4 yrs. GradCollege

employed and how long? General Electric, Plant Protection, also tool maker, last work December, 1955.

Nature

Guardian: Name Mrs. Edna Blackburn

Address 512 Marshall St. Decatur, Indiana

Religion Protestant Occupation Plant Protection General E. Where last

HISTORY OF INSANITY

Have you known this person intimately? yes, 24 years How long have you known this person? 28 years

When was the first sign of insanity observed by you? Nov. 1954

Became very agitated, following tooth extraction, was slipping What was the first sign of insanity observed by you? before this, hard to get along with, depressed

Was the present attack gradual or sudden in its onset? Gradual

State what leads you to believe this person is insane Had to be hospitalized for Mental Condition, Jan 12,1956 at Fort Wayne Parkview Hosp. Psychiatric section

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? Yes page 7

See line 44 and Where, when and how long?

If so, give particulars

Has this person suffered serious physical injury? No

State when and of what natureLots of colds, Hemerhhoid Has this person suffered any serious illness? No Operation, 1945, Flu, attacks frequent, nothing serious

Has this person suffered any great mental shock or strain? Much excited over loss of blood from tooth extraction 1954 Explain fully Has this person required feeding, seclusion or restraint? No

Has this person been addicted to any drugs? Is this person an alcoholic? No No

(Answer yes or no.) Is person paralytic?

No

Depressed? Yes

Is person epileptic?

Explain fully

Violent?

Suicidal?

No No

Destructive? No Is there any physical defect or deformity? No

No

Excited? Yes Positive?

Homicidal? Has there been a Wasserman test? Yes Has person ever suffered from syphilis? No Does person indulge or has person indulged in any venereal excess? Negative? Yes

No

No

No Was person feeble-minded in childhood?

FAMILY HISTORY

Give name and address of following relatives.	(If dead, state cause of death and age at death.)
	and age at again.

	NAME	ADDRESS	IF DEAD	
		Cause	Age at Death	
Father	Page Blackburn		Senility	75
Mother (Maiden Name)	Olive Rushton		Cancer	68
Father's father	William Blackburn		Senility	80
Father's mother	Rachel Dutcher		Senility	94
Mother's father	Unknown			
fother's mother	Unknown			
rother	Paul Blackburn, twin to pati	ent, same address		
ter	Esther Blackburn		Dysentery	4 yea
fe	Edna Fetters Blackburn, see	page 14		
ildren	Paul David Blackburn, Pusan	Korea, 22 years R. #1, Decatur 20 years		

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

Maternal Aunt, suicide, No details

Insanity None Epilepsy None 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 L. P. Harshman

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 er knowledge and belief.

Edna Blackburn

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

31

day of March

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SEAL

Richard D. Lewton,

STATEMENT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

L. P. Harshman M. D., of Fort Wayne in the County of Allen Indiana, do hereby certify that I am licensed to practice medicine in the State of Indiana; that on day of March 19 56 I did carefully and personally examine Earl Blackburn 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 is mental and physical condition: Many signes of involutional status, depressive reactions, persecutory delusions, transitory self deprecation. Has pulmonary emphysema which has caused us to defer any shock therapy.

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

L. P. Harshman

M.D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

day of

March

SEAL My commission expires Aug 12,1956

James, Bonic McMatt

VACCINATION

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

has been vaccinated for smallpox

Pt. came to Vererans Hosp. 3-13-56, from Parkview Memorial Hosp. Review indicates need for industrial program for therapy. Summary of ease available STATEMENT OF MEDICAL EXAMINER

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 consanquinity or marriage Earl Blackburn of said County, who is alleged to be insane and whom I have carefully and personally examined this 10th day of January 1:56 : that I am of the opinion that ill and is a proper person for detention, care and treatment in a State Hospital; and that I have formed my opinion that mentally ill from the following facts observed by me. (Describe physical and mental conditions, appearance and behavior of patient.) Agitated, depressed, much concerned with pain extending from testicle which he is sure results from his part in conception of child 5 years ago. Paranoid feelings relating to wife and mother-in-law. Reports from wife and psychiatrists show increasing severity of above symptoms with no response to treatment.

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

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

H. F. Zwick

M.D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31

day of March

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Richard D. Lewton Clerk, Adams Cimountie Court

STATEMENT OF MEDICAL EXAMINER

Howard A. Stellner M.D., of Ft. Wayne Indiana, do hereby certify that I am duly licensed to practice medicine in Indiana; that I am not related, by consanguinity or marriage, in the County of Allen

to Earl Blackburn

of said County, who is alleged to be insane, and whom I have carefully and personally

examined this 13

day of March

1956

; that I am of the opinion that

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a proper person for detention, care and treatment in a State Hospital; and that I have formed my opinion that

mentally ill from the following facts observed by me. (Describe physical and mental conditions, appearance and Emphysema by check X-Ray and physical findings. Agitation. Much self pre-

occupation, unworthiness-Genital preoccupation. Paranoid ideation, Belittling of wife, staring into space, self deprecation.

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

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

> Howard A. Stellner M, D,

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

day of April

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My commission expires August 20,1957 SEAL

Ralph M. Hunfort (not legible)

JUDGE'S ORDER OF COMMITMENT

In the matter of the application for the commitment of Earl Blackburn

to the Richmond

State Hospital:

Comes now Edna Blackburn

who filed application for the commitment of Earl Blackburn

to the Richmond

State Hospital, alleging therein that said

Earl Blackburn

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 Court of the County of

Richmond

Indiana,

do hereby find and determine that the said

Earl Blackburn in need of hospital care, and do hereby order h im

committed to the

insane and is State Hospital; and

this shall be sufficient warrant and authority for h is 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 Blackburn 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. MYIES F. PARRISH

Judge of the ADAMS

Circuit Court

STATE OF INDIANA

Clerk of the Circuit Court, and ex-officio Adams COUNTY] I, Richard D. Lewton Clerk of the Circuit Court, and ex-officion Court of said county, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the application, including statement

State Hospital: of the attending physician, for the commitment of Earl Blackburn to the Richmond 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

day of

April

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Clerk

[SEAL]

5th

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 , an answer was received as follows: STATE HOSPITAL 19 Court, To the Clerk of the 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 State Hospital, as a patient was referred to the Judge of to the County, Indiana, and being fully advised he made an order directing that Court of 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 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 19 day of Clerk St. P.O. Address of Patient Indiana. SUPERINTENDENT'S RECEIPT STATE HOSPITAL A. D. 19 56 the patient named in the above order of court RECEIVED, this 20 day of April J. Klepfer M. D. Medical Superintendent RETURN ON COMMITMENT as shown by the Superintendent's receipt hereon endorsed this Sheriffi fees St. 19.80 Skriffy adams County - Sudiana 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 Township, in said County.

, and duly served same by removing said patient to

Sheriff

County

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