

APPLICATION FOR INSANITY INQUEST

TO THE JUDGE OF THE ~~SEVENTH~~ ^{CIRCUIT} COURT OF ADAMS County, Indiana:

No. 20385

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 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 Blackburn is in Indiana; that said Earl Blackburn ^{born in} Indiana Feb. 3, 1897 ^(Date) and became a resident of Washington Wp. Adams County 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 and legal guardian of said Earl Blackburn; that I am a legal resident of Adams County, and that my address is 512 Marshall Street, Decatur, Ind. In case of emergency, notify Mrs. Edna Blackburn, wife Telephone 34028 Telegraph station

PERSONAL HISTORY

Of Earl Blackburn
 Born (Month) February (Day) 3 (Year) 1897 Place Decatur, Indiana
 Color W Sex Male 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 Indiana Birthplace of mother Indiana
 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 4 yrs. Grad College Religion Protestant Occupation Plant Protection General E. Where last employed and how long? General Electric, Plant Protection, also tool maker, last work December, 1955.
 Estate: Value Nature
 Guardian: Name Mrs. Edna Blackburn Address 512 Marshall St. Decatur, Indiana

HISTORY OF INSANITY

How long have you known this person? 28 years Have you known this person intimately? yes, 24 years
 When was the first sign of insanity observed by you? Nov. 1954
 What was the first sign of insanity observed by you? Became very agitated, following tooth extraction, was slipping 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 Where, when and how long? See line 44 and page 7
 Has this person suffered serious physical injury? No If so, give particulars
 Has this person suffered any serious illness? No State when and of what nature Lots of colds, Hemorrhoid 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
 Has this person required feeding, seclusion or restraint? No Explain fully
 Has this person been addicted to any drugs? No Explain fully
 Is this person an alcoholic? No
 (Answer yes or no.) Is person paralytic? No Violent? No Destructive? No Excited? Yes
 Depressed? Yes Homicidal? No Suicidal? No 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

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 Circuit Court

STATEMENT OF MEDICAL EXAMINER

I, Howard A. Stellner 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 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 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.) Emphysema by check X-Ray and physical findings. Agitation. Much self pre-occupation, unworthiness-Genital preoccupation. Paranoid ideation, Blittling of wife, staring into space, self deprecation.

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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 2 day of April

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SEAL My commission expires August 20, 1957

Ralph M. Hunfort (not legible) Notary Public

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 Superior Court of the County of Adams Indiana, do hereby find and determine that the said Earl Blackburn 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 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.

MYLES F. PARRISH

Judge of the ADAMS Circuit Court

STATE OF INDIANA

SS:

Adams Circuit COUNTY I, Richard D. Lewton 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 Blackburn 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 5th day of April

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[SEAL]

Richard D. Lewton

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:

To the Clerk of the Court, STATE HOSPITAL 19 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 Clerk P. O. Address of Patient St. Indiana.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECEIPT

RECEIVED, this 20 day of April A. D. 19 56 the patient named in the above order of court STATE HOSPITAL J. Klepfer M. D. Medical Superintendent

RETURN ON COMMITMENT

CAME TO HAND 17th Day of April and committing him to the 19-56, and served by conveying the within named as shown by the Superintendent's receipt hereon endorsed this 20th day of April Richmond State Hospital, 19-56

Sheriff fees \$1. 19. 50

Merle A. Alder Sheriff Adams County - Indiana

ORDER OF DISCHARGE

To the Clerk of the Court, Indiana 19 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