

APPLICATION FOR INSANITY INQUEST

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

Your informant respectfully represents that one Milton E. Scherry 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 Milton E. Scherry

is in Indiana; that said Milton E. Scherry came to Indiana Feb. 17, 1900 from Adams County and became a resident of Adams County. This person's places of residence for three years prior to coming to Indiana were Adams County.

In making this petition, I do hereby certify that I am a Wife of said Milton E. Scherry; that I am a legal resident of Adams County,

and that my address is R. # 2, Decatur, Ind.

In case of emergency, notify Ella Scherry

Telephone Decatur, Ind. (Name and Address of relative or friend)

PERSONAL HISTORY

Of Milton E. Scherry
 Born (Month) February (Day) 17 (Year) 1900 Place Adams Co.
 Color Wh. 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 Adams Co. Birthplace of mother Adams Co.
 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 Yes Common school Yes
 High school -- College -- Religion Reformed Occupation Farmer Where last employed and how long? ----
 Estate: Value \$6,000.00 Nature Farm 90 Acres.
 Guardian: Name ----- Address -----

HISTORY OF INSANITY

How long have you known this person? Life Have you known this person intimately? Yes
 When was the first sign of insanity observed by you? 1929
 What was the first sign of insanity observed by you? Curses people who aren't present. Curses everyone.
 Was the present attack gradual or sudden in its onset? Most attacks come on suddenly
 State what leads you to believe this person is insane Curses everyone--Melancholy--Thinks everyone down on him
 Wants freedom from something--Beats & cruel to animals.
 What moral deficiencies have been shown? None
 What was the mental and moral disposition in health? Good
 Number of previous attacks of mental disorder? Several--almost daily now.
 Has this person been a patient in any hospital for insane? No Where, when and how long? ----
 Has this person suffered serious physical injury? None If so, give particulars ----
 Has this person suffered any serious illness? None State when and of what nature ---
 Has this person suffered any great mental shock or strain? Death of his Mother
 Has this person required feeding, seclusion or restraint? Restraint Explain fully
 Has this person been addicted to any drugs? No Explain fully ---
 (Answer yes or no.) Is person paralytic? No Violent? Yes Destructive? Yes Excited? Yes
 Depressed? Yes Homicidal? No Suicidal? No Is there any physical defect or deformity? None
 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

I have also received the following information from others relative to the patient's condition: that he has spells when he becomes violent, curses and throws things about breaking furniture and glassware. He has accused people of putting poison into his soup.

I certify that, in my opinion, said Milton E. Scherry is the probable potential parent of mentally incompetent or socially inadequate offspring likewise afflicted.

BENJAMIN CHAVINSON M. D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of February 19 42.

(SEAL)

CLYDE O. TROUTNER, CLERK
Notary Public

STATEMENT OF MEDICAL EXAMINER

I, Floyd L. Grandstaff 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 Milton E. Scherry of said County, who is alleged to be insane, and whom I have carefully and personally examined this 24 day of February 19 42 ; 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.)

General physical condition fair & Has ideas of persecution and is unable to converse clearly on any one subject & Knows there is something wrong but believes it due to bad water and because he has a weak back.

I have also received the following information from others relative to the patient's condition: Becomes violent at times, curses great deal and treats his farm animals badly.

I certify that, in my opinion, said Milton F. Scherry is the probable potential parent of mentally incompetent or socially inadequate offspring likewise afflicted.

FLOYD L. GRANDSTAFF M. D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of February 19 42.

(SEAL)

CLYDE O. TROUTNER, CLERK
Notary Public

JUDGE'S ORDER OF COMMITMENT

In the matter of the application for the commitment of Milton E. Scherry to the Richmond State Hospital: Comes now Ella M. Scherry who filed application for the commitment of Milton E. Scherry to the Richmond State Hospital, alleging therein that said Milton E. Scherry 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 J. Fred Fruchte Judge of the Circuit Superior Court of the County of Adams Indiana, do hereby find and determine that the said Milton E. Scherry 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

Milton E. Scherry 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.

J. FRED FRUCHTE
Judge of the Adams Circuit Court

STATE OF INDIANA

Adams COUNTY } SS: I, Clyde O. Troutner 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 Milton E. Scherry 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 28th day of February 1942.

[SEAL]

CLYDE O. TROUTNER 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 and afterwards, to wit: On the Richmond 24th day of April 1942, an answer was received as follows:

RICHMOND STATE HOSPITAL April 23, 1942.

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 Milton E. Sherry 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 hereby accepted, provided a full supply of clothing as listed on the accompanying clothing requisition is brought with the patient, and a person who is able to give a complete history accompanies the patient. The patient will be admitted April 24, 25, 28, 29, or 30, 1942. PAUL D. WILLIAMS M. D. Medical Superintendent

ORDER OF COURT

The receipt of the acceptance of the application for the admission of Milton E. Scherry to the Richmond Adams Circuit Court of Adams County, Indiana, as a patient was referred to the Judge of Adams County, Indiana, and being fully advised he made an order directing that Milton E. Scherry 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 Adams Circuit Court, Adams County, this 24th day of April 1942. P. O. Address of Patient R. # 2. St. Decatur Indiana. CLYDE O. TROUTNER Clerk

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECEIPT

RICHMOND STATE HOSPITAL

RECEIVED, this 25th day of April A. D. 1942. the patient named in the above order of court

PAUL D. WILLIAMS M. D. Medical Superintendent

RETURN ON COMMITMENT

CAME TO HAND April 24, 1942, and served by conveying the within named Milton E. Sherry and committing him to the Richmond State Hospital, as shown by the Superintendent's receipt hereon endorsed this 25th day of April 1942

Ed P. Miller, Sheriff.

163 miles
Shy. Fees \$12.96

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