

TO THE JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

Adams County, Indiana:

Your informant respectfully represents that one Chester Rediger 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 Chester Rediger

is in Indiana; that said Chester Rediger came to Indiana from Illinois in 1915 and became a resident of Adams County. This person's places of residence for three years prior to coming to Indiana were Kansas, Missouri, and Illinois.

In making this petition, I do hereby certify that I am a wife of said Chester Rediger; that I am a legal resident of Adams County, and that my address is 516 Mercer Ave. Decatur

In case of emergency, notify Mrs. Edward J. H. Gerbers R#2 Monroeville, Indiana Telephone Monroville, Indiana 5557 Telegraph station

PERSONAL HISTORY

Of Chester Rediger
Born (Month) February (Day) 11 (Year) 1892 Place
Color white 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 Illinois Birthplace of mother Illinois
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 6
High school College Religion Protestant Occupation Where last employed and how long?
Estate: Value House trailer \$800 Nature
Guardian: Name Address

HISTORY OF INSANITY

How long have you known this person? (wife) 43 years Have you known this person intimately? marriage
When was the first sign of insanity observed by you? 25 yrs.
What was the first sign of insanity observed by you? Far fetched immaginations saying people made fun of him and laughed at him. Kept himself hid and away from people.
Was the present attack gradual or sudden in its onset? A gradual condition.
State what leads you to believe this person is insane He thought people were talking about him, and making fun of him seems to have a hidden guilt. very depressed, violent temper at times.
What moral deficiencies have been shown?
What was the mental and moral disposition in health? none
Number of previous attacks of mental disorder?
Has this person been a patient in any hospital for insane? Where, when and how long?
Has this person suffered serious physical injury? If so, give particulars
Has this person suffered any serious illness? State when and of what nature
Has this person suffered any great mental shock or strain?
Has this person required feeding, seclusion or restraint? Explain fully
Has this person been addicted to any drugs? Explain fully
(Answer yes or no.) Is person paralytic? Violent? Destructive? Excited?
Depressed? Homicidal? Suicidal? Is there any physical defect or deformity? yes, Crossed
Has person ever suffered from syphilis? eye sun stroke when 23 yellow jaundice
Negative? Does person indulge or has person indulged in any venereal excess? Has there been a Wasserman test. convulsions when very young.
Is person epileptic? 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.)

	NAME	ADDRESS	IF DEAD	
			Cause	Age at Death
Father	John Rediger	Woodburn Indiana	heart attack	78
Mother (Maiden Name)	Mary Rich Rediger	Woodburn, Indiana	heart attack	90
Father's father	John Rediger	Illinois	T. B.	59
Father's mother	Anna Rediger	Illinois	?	60
Mother's father	Joseph Rich	Illinois	old age	97
Mother's mother	Mary Elizebeth Rich	Illinois	heart attack	50
Brother	Emanuel Rediger Chester Rediger(patient)	Woodburn, Indiana 518 Mercer Ave.		
Sister	Arthur Rediger	Decatur, Indiana		
	Samuel Rediger	Woodburn, Indiana Meadows, Illinois		
	Emma Kees Elsie Shaneberk	Ft. Wayne, Indiana Woodburn, Ind.		

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

Insanity	none	Epilepsy	none
Spasms	"	Fainting spells	none
Nervous prostration	"	Hysteria	"
Feeble-mindedness	"	Tuberculosis	Grandfather died with T.B.
Syphilis	"		

Was either of the person's parents or grandparents intemperate in the use of alcohol? none

Was either of person's parents or grandparents addicted to the use of opium, cocaine or other narcotics? none

STATEMENT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

The statement of John C. Carroll

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. Very Nervous Auditory Hallucinations
Paranoid Ideas Inability to work Talks disjointedly Diag - Schizoplisenia (Paronoid)
Generally physically healthy. s/ John C. Carroll M/D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of January 19 60

s/ Richard D. Lewton
County Clerk Adams Circuit Court

STATEMENT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN MEDICAL EXAMINER

I, John B. Terveer M. D., of Decatur in the County of Adams Indiana, do hereby certify that I am licensed to practice medicine in the State of Indiana; that on the 22nd day of January 19 60 I did carefully and personally examine Chester Rediger 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:

Believes there is conspiracy against him by "underground." Appeared cooperative to questions and was oriented as to time, place and current events - Sits alone in trailer all day, dwells on his nervous symptoms

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of January 19 60 s/ John B. Terveer M.D.

s/ Richard D. Lewton
Clerk Adams Circuit Court

VACCINATION

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

has been vaccinated for smallpox

M. D.

STATEMENT OF MEDICAL EXAMINER

I, Gerald 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 Chester Rediger of said County, who is alleged to be insane and whom I have carefully and personally examined this 22 day of January 19 60; 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.)
Nervous disposition - has moderate paranoid recations (refers to underground movement to harm him). Stays in his trailer most of time has mild guilt complex about not going to church.

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

When he awakes at night and hears cars go by he feels they are coming for him.

(SEAL)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

27

day of January

s/ Gerald J. Kohne

M. D.

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s/ Richard D. Lewton

Clerk of Adams Circuit Court

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STATEMENT OF MEDICAL EXAMINER

I, _____ M. D., of _____ in the County of _____, Indiana, do hereby certify that I am duly licensed to practice medicine in Indiana; that I am not related, by consanguinity or marriage, to _____ of said County, who is alleged to be insane, and whom I have carefully and personally examined this _____ day of _____ 19 _____; 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.)

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

day of

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M. D.

Notary Public

JUDGE'S ORDER OF COMMITMENT

In the matter of the application for the commitment of Chester Rediger to the Richmond State Hospital: Comes now Minnie Rediger who filed application for the commitment of Chester Rediger to the Richmond State Hospital, alleging therein that said Chester Rediger 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 Chester Rediger is insane and is in need of hospital care, and do hereby order he is 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 Chester Rediger 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.

s/ Myles F. Parrish
Judge of the Adams

Circuit Court
Clerk

STATE OF INDIANA

Adams COUNTY } SS:

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 Chester Rediger 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

3rd day of February

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[SEAL]

s/ 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 and afterwards, to wit: On the 5th day of February 19 60, an answer was received as follows:

STATE HOSPITAL 19

To the Clerk of the Adams County Circuit Court, Adams County, Indiana:

The receipt of a transcript of the proceedings in the matter of the inquest as to the insanity of Chester Rediger 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 Accepted

s/ J. Klepfer M. D. Medical Superintendent

ORDER OF COURT

The receipt of the acceptance of the application for the admission of Chester Rediger to the Richmond State Hospital, as a patient was referred to the Judge of Adams Circuit Court of Adams County, Indiana, and being fully advised he made an order directing that Chester Rediger 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 4th day of February 9 60 St. Adams County Indiana. Clerk P. O. Address of Patient

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECEIPT

Richmond STATE HOSPITAL RECEIVED, this 10th day of February A. D. 19 60 the patient named in the above order of court s/ J. Klepfer M. D. Medical Superintendent

RETURN ON COMMITMENT

CAME TO HAND February 10 1960, and served by conveying the within named Chester Rediger and committing him to the Richmond State Hospital, as shown by the Superintendent's receipt hereon endorsed this 10th day of February 19 60 s/ Merle Affolder Sheriff C. Arnold, Deputy

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.

19, and duly served same by removing said patient to

This

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Sheriff

County