

## APPLICATION FOR INSANITY INQUEST

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TO THE JUDGE OF THE ~~SUPERIOR~~ CIRCUIT COURT OF Adams County, Indiana:

Your informant respectfully represents that one Myrtle Viola Kahn 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 condition, as the law provides in such cases. Your informant further states that to his best knowledge and belief, the legal settlement of said Myrtle Viola Kahn

is in Indiana; that said Myrtle Viola Kahn came to Indiana 1906 (Date)  
 from at Birth and became a resident of Adams County  
 (Date) 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 daughter of said  
 ; that I am a legal resident of Adams County,

and that my address is R#5 Decatur, Indiana

In case of emergency, notify Mrs. Carl Lichtenberger (Name and Address of relative or friend)  
 Telephone 3-8668 Telegraph station

## PERSONAL HISTORY

Of Myrtle Viola Kahn

Born (Month) Sept (Day) 23 (Year) 1906 Place Decatur, Ind.

Color white Sex Female Married Single Widowed Divorced  Separated

IF A WOMAN: Is she pregnant? bi Number of children borne four Present age of youngest 31

Has she passed menopause? yes

Birthplace of father Decatur, Ind. Birthplace of mother Decatur, Ind. is

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 Nature

Guardian: Name Address

## HISTORY OF INSANITY

How long have you known this person? all my life Have you known this person intimately? my mother

When was the first sign of insanity observed by you?

What was the first sign of insanity observed by you? not wanting to face reality

Was the present attack gradual or sudden in its onset? sudden  
 State what leads you to believe this person is insane She more or less lives in ah childs word

What moral deficiencies have been shown?

What was the mental and moral disposition in health? gets violent when talking about her husband.

Number of previous attacks of mental disorder?

Has this person been a patient in any hospital for insane? yes Where, when and how long? State Hospital Richmond  
 9-29-49 to 2-13-54

Has this person suffered serious physical injury? If so, give particulars

Has this person suffered any serious illness? State when and of what nature Gall stone operation (1945)

Has this person suffered any great mental shock or strain? yes Death of her son (1948) auto accident  
 Has this person required feeding, seclusion or restraint? no Explain fully

Has this person been addicted to any drugs? no Explain fully only when needed.

(Answer yes or no.) Is person paralytic? no Violent? Destructive? Excited?  
 Depressed? Homicidal? Suicidal? Is there any physical defect or deformity?  
 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? 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	Jasper Bailer			
Mother (Maiden Name)	Jenny Huston		1952	
Father's father	John Bailer			
Father's mother	Harriet Parcher			
Mother's father	Wallis Huston			
Mother's mother	Luella McConnhey			
Brother	Lawrence Brandeberry Donald Bailer Adams Bailer Fred Bailer			
Sister	Videbelle Hawton			
Husband	Doris Leonard			
son	Jesse Shaffer			
daughter	Mary Jane Reinhart		Auto. Acc.	24
daughter	Annabelle Lichtenberger			

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

- Insanity 1 aunt and 1 uncle
- Spasms
- Nervous prostration
- Feeble-mindedness
- Syphilis
- Epilepsy
- Fainting spells
- Hysteria
- Tuberculosis

Was either of the person's parents or grandparents intemperate in the use of alcohol?  
 Was either of person's parents or grandparents addicted to the use of opium, cocaine or other narcotics?

The statement of Mrs. Carl Lichtenberger 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.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of March 19 61  
 (SEAL) s/ Richard D. Lewton  
 - Notary Public or County Clerk

STATEMENT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

I, Norval S. Rich 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 11th day of March 19 61 I did carefully and personally examine Myrtle Kahn and believe her to be suffering from mental disease, and I am of the opinion that she is a proper person for admission to a State Hospital. I have observed the following facts regarding her mental and physical condition: She seems to have a persecution complex from my observance. Many times she is w/out of touch with reality. She rambles or changes the course of conversation very abruptly thereby having difficulty in following her trend of thought. Her judgement at times is poor in that in cold weather she will not dress adequately. She is somewhat obese and her nutrition is poor. Teeth need attention. Cardiovascular system is fair good.

I further certify that patient is free from any contagious disease and from venereal disease.  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of March 19 61  
 (SEAL) s/ Norval S. Rich M.D.  
 s/ Richard D. Lewton  
 Notary Public or County Clerk Adams Circuit Court

VACCINATION

This is to certify that the said Myrtle Viola Kahn has been vaccinated for smallpox  
 by myself, or by another physician, to my positive knowledge within 60 days of this date.  
 Date 19 M. D.

STATEMENT OF MEDICAL EXAMINER

I, J. M. Burk 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 Myrtle Viola Kahn of said County, who is alleged to be insane and whom I have carefully and personally examined this 18 day of March 19 61; that I am of the opinion that she 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 she is mentally ill from the following facts observed by me. (Describe physical and mental conditions, appearance and behavior of patient.) pt. talks in a rambling disconnected way at times. She realizes she is not well and wants to be admitted to the State Hospital where she had been a patient.



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

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of March 19 61  
(SEAL) s/ J. M. Burk M. D.

s/ Richard D. Lewton  
Clerk Adams Circuit Court

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 Myrtle Viola Kahn of said County, who is alleged to be insane, and whom I have carefully and personally examined this 18 day of March 19 61 ; that I am of the opinion that she 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 she is mentally ill from the following facts observed by me. (Describe physical and mental conditions, appearance and behavior of patient.) Very talkative. Mild persecution complex but does not seem to have a paranoid personality however. Fees she has a lump in her side where she was struck by her former husband.

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

none

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of March 19 61 s/ G. J. Kohne M. D.

s/ Richard D. Lewton, Clerk  
Adams Circuit Court

JUDGE'S ORDER OF COMMITMENT

In the matter of the application for the commitment of Myrtle Viola Kahn to the Richmond State Hospital:  
Comes now Annabelle Lichtenberger who filed application for the commitment to the Richmond State Hospital, alleging therein that said Myrtle Viola Kahn 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 Myrtle Viola Kahn is insane and is in need of hospital care, and do hereby order her committed to the Richmond State Hospital; and this shall be sufficient warrant and authority for her admission, confinement and detention for care and treatment in said hospital until she 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 Myrtle Viola Kahn 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.

(SEAL)

s/ Myles F. Parrish  
Judge of the Adams Circuit Court

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 Myrtle Viola Kahn 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 23 day of March 19 61

[SEAL]

(SEAL)

s/ Richard D. Lewton  
Adams Circuit Court 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 State Hospital together with application for h admission as a patient in said hospital 25th day of March 19 61, an answer was received as follows:

Richmond STATE HOSPITAL March 19 61

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

The receipt of a transcript of the proceedings in the matter of the inquest as to the insanity of Myrtle Viola Kahn 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

s/ J. Klepfer M. D. Medical Superintendent

ORDER OF COURT

The receipt of the acceptance of the application for the admission of Myrtle Viola Kahn to the Adams Richmond State Hospital, as a patient was referred to the Judge of Adams County, Indiana, and being fully advised he made an order directing that Myrtle Viola Kahn 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 City of Adams, 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 25th day of March 19 61 (SEAL) s/ Richard D. Lewton Clerk P. O. Address of Patient Decatur, Indiana

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECEIPT

RECEIVED, this 27 day of March A. D. 19 61 the patient named in the above order of court (SEAL) s/ J. Klepfer M. D. Medical Superintendent

RETURN ON COMMITMENT

CAME TO HAND and committing to the 19, and served by conveying the within named State Hospital, as shown by the Superintendent's receipt hereon endorsed this day of 19

ORDER OF DISCHARGE

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 This 19 Sheriff County