

# APPLICATION FOR INSANITY INQUEST

#21082

TO THE JUDGE OF THE <sup>CIRCUIT</sup>~~SUPERIOR~~ COURT OF ADAMS County, Indiana:

Your informant respectfully represents that one David Eckelbarger 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 David Eckelbarger is in Indiana; that said David Eckelbarger came to Indiana from at Birth 1957 (Date) and became a resident of Washington Twp. 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 Wife & Father of said David Eckelbarger; that I am a legal resident of Adams County, Indiana and that my address is R#1 Monroe, Indiana

In case of emergency, notify Larila Eckelbarger R#1 Monroe, Indiana Telephone 6-6061 (Name and Address of relative or friend) Telegraph station

## PERSONAL HISTORY

Of David Dee Eckelbarger  
Born (Month) Dec. (Day) 28 (Year) 1929 Place Huntington Co. Indiana  
Color White 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 Wabash Co. Indiana Birthplace of mother Grant Co. 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 12th  
High school College Religion Occupation Bomar Instrument Where last employed and how long?  
Estate: Value Nature  
Guardian: Name Address

## HISTORY OF INSANITY

How long have you known this person? Have you known this person intimately?  
When was the first sign of insanity observed by you? gradually for 2 years  
What was the first sign of insanity observed by you? unreasonable. He was unreasonable & imagined outlandish things.  
Was the present attack gradual or sudden in its onset? Coming on for a few weeks-gradually  
State what leads you to believe this person is insane  
What moral deficiencies have been shown? Does not sleep or eat at all. has preparation to deliver baby at home. Will not take medicine or call a doctor  
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? Where, when and how long?  
Has this person suffered serious physical injury? Has several hard falls & has been a very hard worker. If so, give particulars  
Has this person suffered any serious illness? as far as we know, none, but childhood disease. State when and of what nature  
Has this person suffered any great mental shock or strain? No Explain fully  
Has this person required feeding, seclusion or restraint? No Explain fully  
Has this person been addicted to any drugs? No Explain fully  
(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? No Has there been a Wasserman test? Positive?  
Negative? Does person indulge or has person indulged in any venereal excess? No  
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	Lawrence Eckelbarger	Markle Ind.		
Mother (Maiden Name)	Mary Eckelbarger	Markle Ind.		
Father's father	C. W. Eckelbarger	Markle Ind.		
Father's mother	Minnie Eckelbarger	Markle Ind.		
Mother's father	H. E. Carter		Heart	59
Mother's mother	Bell Carter		Lung trouble	
Brother	William Eckelbarger		Appendicitis	7
Sister	Anne Belle McCarty	114 Union, Bluffton		
	Barbara Darson	Uniondale Ind.		
	Marilyn Lehr	Huntington RR 5		
	Nancy Adams	Bedford Ind.		
	Joyce Eckelbarger	Markle 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 None  
 Fainting spells None  
 Nervous prostration None  
 Hysteria None  
 Feeble-mindedness None  
 Tuberculosis Aunt died years ago  
 Syphilis No

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 C. William Freeby 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 23rd day of April 19 61 s/ Mrs. David (Larita) Eckelbarger

s/ Richard D. Lewton  
 Clerk-Adams Circuit Court

STATEMENT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

I, C. William Freeby M. D., of Decatur in the County of Adams

the 23 day of April 19 61 I did carefully and personally examine David Eckelbarger 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: Preoccupation with religious matters; unreal concern over his unborn child being born "deformed" & "without blood" & "negro"; inability to rest; dissociation of thought; unable to work at his job because of nervousness & "paralyzed arms"; fear of losing "Power of his loins" desire to deliver his child personally at home; wife has been forced to submit to I further certify that patient is free from any contagious disease and from vermin. his preparations for delivery. Generally good physical condition. M. D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of April 19 61 s/ C. William Freeby

s/ Richard D. Lewton

Clerk-Adams Circuit Court

VACCINATION

has been vaccinated for smallpox

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

STATEMENT OF MEDICAL EXAMINER

I, H. F. Zuick 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 David Eckelbarger of said County, who is alleged to be insane and whom I have carefully and personally examined this 25 day of April 19 61 : 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.) Physical condition essentially normal. Apparently abnormal religious compulsion-Feels that he has direct contact with God & that a message from above suggested abnormality of child & that it must be delivered forthwith. Thinking is rather confused but he denies hallucinations or delusions. Cooperative-Shook hands & kissed examiner on cheek as the latter was leaving the room after the interview.

I have also received the following information from others relative to the patient's condition: Unable to work because of his preoccupation with impending delivery of 6th child; Constant concern over religious matters. Was preparing to deliver child at home-no good reason given but later rationalizes as being do to frequent precipitation of children.

(SEAL)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of April

s/ H. F. Zuick M. D. 19 61

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 David Eckelbarger of said County, who is alleged to be insane, and whom I have carefully and personally examined this 25 day of April 1961; 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.) Preoccupied with a strong religious fervor that overshadows other commitments in his life. Apparently no illusions or hallucinations. and very pleasant & mild mannered person. Talks incessantly on religious matters.

I have also received the following information from others relative to the patient's condition: Feels he must prepare his wife for the delivery of her baby at home.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of April

s/ G. J. Kohne M. D. 19 61

s/ Richard D. Lewton Clerk-Adams Circuit Court

JUDGE'S ORDER OF COMMITMENT

In the matter of the application for the commitment of David Eckelbarger

to the Richmond State Hospital:

Comes now Larita & Lawrence Eckelbarger who filed application for the commitment of David Eckelbarger to the Richmond State Hospital, alleging therein that said David Eckelbarger 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 Superior Court of the County of Adams Indiana, do hereby find and determine that the said David Eckelbarger 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 David Eckelbarger 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 Adams Circuit Superior 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 David Eckelbarger 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 27 day of April 19 61

[SEAL]

s/ Richard D. Lewton Clerk Adams Circuit Court

ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION

Transcripts of all the foregoing statements and certificates duly certified under the seal of the court were transmitted to the Superintendent Richmond State Hospital together with application for his admission as a patient in said hospital and afterwards, to wit: On the 28th day of April 19 61, an answer was received as follows:

To the Clerk of the Adams Circuit Court, Adams County, Indiana: RICHMOND STATE HOSPITAL 19 61

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

s/J. Klepfer M. D. Medical Superintendent

ORDER OF COURT

The receipt of the acceptance of the application for the admission of David Eckelbayer to the 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 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 Adams Circuit Court, Adams County, this 3rd day of May 19 61. P. O. Address of Patient St. Monroe Indiana. s/ Richard H. Lewton Clerk

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECEIPT

RECEIVED, this 4 day of May A. D. 19 61 the patient named in the above order of court s/J. Klepfer M. D. Medical Superintendent Richmond STATE HOSPITAL

RETURN ON COMMITMENT

CAME TO HAND 3rd of May and committing him to the Richmond State Hospital, as shown by the Superintendent's receipt hereon endorsed this 4th day of May 19 61. s/ Mule Affalded

ORDER OF DISCHARGE

To the Clerk of the Court, Indiana County, Indiana: STATE HOSPITAL 19 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