

## APPLICATION FOR INSANITY INQUEST

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

Your informant respectfully represents that one Wilhelmina Koenemann 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 her condition, as the law provides in such cases. Your informant further states that to his best knowledge and belief, the legal settlement of said Wilhelmina Koenemann is in Indiana; that said Wilhelmina Koenemann came to Indiana from birth and became a resident of Adams County from birth. This person's places of residence for three years prior to coming to Indiana were

That his present address is R#2, Decatur, Indiana  
In making this petition, I do hereby certify that I am a Husband of said  
Wilhelmina Kornemann; that I am a legal resident of Adams County,  
and that my address is R#2, Decatur, Indiana  
In case of emergency, notify Fred H. Koenemann- R#2, Decatur, Indiana  
Telephone Preble 4-22 Telegraph station

## PERSONAL HISTORY

Of Wilhelmina Koenemann  
Born (Month) Nov. (Day) 19 (Year) 1892 Place Adams Co., Indiana  
Color White Sex Female Married Yes Single Widowed Divorced Separated  
IF A WOMAN: Is she pregnant? No. Number of children borne 3 Present age of youngest 17  
Has she passed menopause? Not completely  
Birthplace of father Adams Co., Ind. Birthplace of mother Adams Co., Ind.  
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 Lutheran Occupation Housewife Where last  
employed and how long?  
Estate: Value None Nature  
Guardian: Name None Address

## HISTORY OF INSANITY

How long have you known this person? 45 years Have you known this person intimately? Yes  
When was the first sign of insanity observed by you? About 2 years ago.  
What was the first sign of insanity observed by you? Isn't able to carry on an intelligent conversation.  
Doesn't want to stay at home. Writes letters to people whom she has no connections with.  
Was the present attack gradual or sudden in its onset? Gradual  
State what leads you to believe this person is insane Above reasons. She also calls people over the telephone for no purpose or reason.  
What moral deficiencies have been shown? None  
What was the mental and moral disposition in health? Good disposition  
Number of previous attacks of mental disorder? None  
Has this person been a patient in any hospital for insane? No Where, when and how long?  
Has this person suffered serious physical injury? Yes If so, give particulars Was in Automobile accident broken collar bone and several broken ribs.  
Has this person suffered any serious illness? No. State when and of what nature  
Has this person suffered any great mental shock or strain? No.  
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? No Destructive? No Excited? Yes  
Depressed? No 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? 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: Does not do household duties as well as formerly. Calls up neighbors and talks to them about subjects of no interest to them. Left her seat in Church and told girl to remove gum she was chewing. I certify that, in my opinion, said Wilhelmina Koenemann is not the probable potential parent of mentally incompetent or socially inadequate offspring likewise afflicted.

G. J. Kohne M. D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 1944

(Seal)

Clyde O. Troutner  
Clerk Notary Public

STATEMENT OF MEDICAL EXAMINER

I, W. E. Smith 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 Wilhelmina Koenemann of said County, who is alleged to be insane, and whom I have carefully and personally examined this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 1944; 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.) Is very restless and nervous. Irrational in her conversation. Has poor memory of any details concerning her common activities and some delusions of persecution.

I have also received the following information from others relative to the patient's condition: Is very careless about her household duties. Uses abusive language to her family and friends and is generally depressed and unstable. I certify that, in my opinion, said Wilhelmina Kornemann is the probable potential parent of mentally incompetent or socially inadequate offspring likewise afflicted.

W. E. Smith M. D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 1944

(Seal)

Clyde O. Troutner  
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JUDGE'S ORDER OF COMMITMENT

In the matter of the application for the commitment of Wilhelmina Koenemann to the Richmond State Hospital: Comes now Fred H. Koenemann who filed application for the commitment of Wilhelmina Koenemann to the Richmond State Hospital, alleging therein that said Wilhelmina Koenemann is a resident of Adams County and has her 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 Wilhelmina Koenemann 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 Wilhelmina Koenemann 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 Wilhelmina Koenemann 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 10 day of March 1944

[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 17 day of September 19 44, an answer was received as follows:

To the Clerk of the Adams Circuit Court, Adams County, Indiana: STATE HOSPITAL September 16 1944

The receipt of a transcript of the proceedings in the matter of the inquest as to the insanity of Wilhelmina Koenemann 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, provided a full supply of clothing as listed on the accompanying clothing requisition is brought with the patient, etc.

Paul D. Williams M. D. Medical Superintendent

ORDER OF COURT

The receipt of the acceptance of the application for the admission of Wilhelmina Koenemann to the Adams Circuit Court of Adams County, Indiana, as a patient was referred to the Judge of the Adams Circuit Court of Adams County, Indiana, and being fully advised he made an order directing that she 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 one 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 18 day of September 19 44. Clyde O. Troutner Clerk P. O. Address of Patient St. Indiana.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECEIPT

RECEIVED, this 20th day of September A. D. 19 44 the patient named in the above order of court

Paul D. Williams M. D. Medical Superintendent

RETURN ON COMMITMENT

CAME TO HAND September 18th 19 44, and served by conveying the within named Wilhelmina Koenemann and committing her to the Richmond State Hospital, as shown by the Superintendent's receipt hereon endorsed this 20th day of September 19 44.

Mileage--\$14.08 Assistant 5.00 \$19.08

Leo T. Gillig, Sheriff

ORDER OF DISCHARGE

To the Clerk of the Adams Circuit Court, Adams County, Indiana: STATE HOSPITAL Richmond, Indiana February 29, 1952

According to the provisions of an Act Concerning Insanity Inquests, etc., approved March 4th, 1927, the proper authority has this day discharged Wilhelmina Koenemann of Adams County, Indiana, heretofore an inmate of this Hospital; and you are hereby respectfully requested to cause her removal to said County, agreeable to said Act.

PROVIDED, That said removal has not otherwise been accomplished, as herein noted. Feb. 29, 1952

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Very respectfully,

Paul D. Williams, 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

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