

APPLICATION FOR INSANITY INQUEST

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

Your informant respectfully represents that one Joseph Daniel Musser 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 Joseph Daniel Musser is in Indiana; that said Joseph Daniel Musser came to Indiana born here from March 11, 1923. and became a resident of Adams County. This person's places of residence for three years prior to coming to Indiana were

That his present address is 618 W. Franklin St., Berne, Indiana. In making this petition, I do hereby certify that I am a half-brother of said Joseph Daniel Musser; that I am a legal resident of Adams County,

and that my address is 618 W. Franklin St., Berne, Indiana

In case of emergency, notify Mr. and Mrs. Peter Musser, Berne, Indiana.

Telephone none Telegraph station Berne, Indiana

PERSONAL HISTORY

Of Joseph Daniel Musser
 Born (Month) March (Day) 11 (Year) 1923 Place Berne, Indiana
 Color White Sex Male Married Single yes 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., Indiana Birthplace of mother near Lafayette, 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 yes
 High school College Religion protestant Occupation Where last
 employed and how long? Formerly a service station attendant.
 At Sinclair Service Station in Berne, Indiana. For around 3 yrs.
 Estate: Value x Nature
 Guardian: Name Address

HISTORY OF INSANITY

How long have you known this person? All my life Have you known this person intimately? Yes.
 When was the first sign of insanity observed by you? Aug. 29, 1944. from Texas
 What was the first sign of insanity observed by you? The first sign I observed was on Aug. 29 when I came home/ for my vacation. All his reaction were abnormal to practically all circumstances.
 Was the present attack gradual or sudden in its onset? I am told the first notations were sudden but mild but grew
 State what leads you to believe this person is insane grew in intensity.
 His reactions to almost all circumstances, friends and neighbors are very abnormal. Also he
 What moral deficiencies have been shown? has not been at work since Aug. 14 and although he used to enjoy work he is now insensitive to not working.
 He has lost most all respect for his father and mother and sister, and demonstrates a bad temper
 What was the mental and moral disposition in health? His mental disposition was normal. at times.
 Number of previous attacks of mental disorder? none (There was always a temper but controlled.
 Has this person been a patient in any hospital for insane? No. Where, when and how long?
 Has this person suffered serious physical injury? Ft. operation 4 yrs. ago. His arches, being flat footed
 footed already, brike in and the only remedy was an operation which kept his foot in a cast
 for 8 weeks, I believe. State when and of what nature He did have pneumonia
 Has this person suffered any serious illness? No. when he was one year old but not to the point of despair.
 Has this person suffered any great mental shock or strain? I think he has when he was converted to Chirst
 this summer (July) the pressure from several angles became very great.
 Has this person required feeding, seclusion or restraint? very strong restraint I have at times feared at
 what he might do to mother or father if left alone. I have several times been called to their aid
 when he was out of control in his dealings with them. He die use liquor a little and tobacco
 Has this person been addicted to any drugs? No.
 quite freely but no other drugs as far as I know. Destructive? Yes. Excited? Yes.
 (Answer yes or no.) Is person paralytic? No. Violent? No. Is there any physical defect or deformity? a slight
 Depressed? Yes. Homicidal? Possible Suicidal? Possibly Positive? return
 Has person ever suffered from syphilis? no. Has there been a Wasserman test? Yes
 Negative? Does person indulge or has person indulged in any venereal excess? possibly, but I'M not cer-
 Is person epileptic? No. Was person feeble-minded in childhood? No. tain.

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	Peter Musser	Berne, Indiana		
Mother (Maiden Name)	Rebekah Hirschey	" "		
Father's father	Jacob Musser		Diabetes	67
Father's mother	Catherine Musser		Cancer	74
Mother's father	Lewis Hirschey		old age.	
Mother's mother	Fanny "		Paralysis	
Brother	Arthur Isbell	Dallas, Texas		
	S/Sgt. Jacob Musser	Army		
Sister	Catherine Mary Musser	Berne, Indiana		

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

Insanity Miss Sarah Hirschey, an aunt who died. Epilepsy
 Spasms Fainting spells
 Nervous prostration his mother has been very nervous in the past. Hysteria
 Feeble-mindedness Tuberculosis
 Syphilis

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 R. G. Zimmerman 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 9th day of September

ARTHUR ISBELL

1944.

CHARLOTTA B. STENGEL
Notary Public of Adams County, Indiana

(Seal)

My comm. ex.: 2/13/48.

STATEMENT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN

I, R. G. Zimmerman M. D., of Berne in the County of Adams Indiana, do hereby certify that I am licensed to practice medicine in the State of Indiana; that on the 7th day of Sept. 1944 I did carefully and personally examine Joseph Daniel Musser 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: Seems normal physically, but is mentally incompetent. Has periods of depression, is morose at times, has periods of restlessness and is sometimes violent. I certify that, in my opinion, said Joseph Daniel Musser is the probable potential parent of mentally incompetent or socially inadequate offspring likewise afflicted. I further certify that patient is free from any contagious disease and from vermin.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of Sept.

R. G. ZIMMERMAN

M. D.

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CHARLOTTA B. STENGEL
Notary Public

(Seal) My comm. expires 2/13/48.

VACCINATION

This is to certify that the said _____ 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, D. D. Jones M. D., of Berne 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 Joseph Daniel Musser of said County, who is alleged to be insane and whom I have carefully and personally examined this 9th day of Sept. 1944: 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.) Non communicative-normally very sociable. Religious mania. Talks incoherent at times. Ideas of religious persecution.

I have also received the following information from others relative to the patient's condition: Violent and destructive at intervals. Wants to run away. Threatens violence to family. Refuses to cooperate with other members of family.

I certify, that, in my opinion, said Joseph Daniel Musser is the probable potential parent of mentally incompetent or socially inadequate offspring likewise afflicted.

D. D. JONES M. D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11" day of Sept. 19 44.

CLYDE O. TROUTNER, Clerk

(Seal)

STATEMENT OF MEDICAL EXAMINER

I, Myron L. Habegger M. D., of Berne 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 Joseph Daniel Musser of said County, who is alleged to be insane, and whom I have carefully and personally examined this 11" day of Sept. 19 44 ; 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.) Refuses to answer questions and gets very angry when spoken to. Seems to fear persecution. Seems to be a maniac-depressive type.

I have also received the following information from others relative to the patient's condition: Gets very violent. Threatens suicide, destroys furniture. Has severe hallucinations. I certify that, in my opinion, said Joseph Daniel Musser is the probable potential parent of mentally incompetent or socially inadequate offspring likewise afflicted.

MYRON L. HABEGGER M. D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11" day of Sept. 19 44.

CLYDE O. TROUTNER, Clerk

(Seal)

JUDGE'S ORDER OF COMMITMENT

In the matter of the application for the commitment of Joseph Daniel Musser to the Richmond State Hospital: Comes now Arthur Isbell who filed application for the commitment of Joseph Daniel Musser to the Richmond State Hospital, alleging therein that said Joseph Daniel Musser 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 Court of the County of Adams Indiana, do hereby find and determine that the said Joseph Daniel Musser 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 Joseph Daniel Musser 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 Joseph Daniel Musser 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 12th day of Sept. 19 44/ CLYDE O. TROUTNER, Clerk

[SEAL]

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 14th day of September 19 44, an answer was received as follows:

Richmond STATE HOSPITAL September 13 19 44.

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 Joseph Daniel Musser 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, etc. Paul D. Williams M. D. Medical Superintendent

ORDER OF COURT

The receipt of the acceptance of the application for the admission of Joseph Daniel Musser 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 Joseph Daniel Musser 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 15 day of September 1944. Clyde O. Troutner Clerk P. O. Address of Patient St. Indiana.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECEIPT

RECEIVED, this 15th day of September A. D. 19 44 the patient named in the above order of court Paul D. Williams M. D. Medical Superintendent Richmond STATE HOSPITAL

RETURN ON COMMITMENT

CAME TO HAND September 15th 19 44, and served by conveying the within named Joseph Daniel Musser and committing him to the Richmond State Hospital, as shown by the Superintendent's receipt hereon endorsed this 15th day of September 19 44. Leo T. Gillig Sheriff

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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 This 19 Sheriff County