



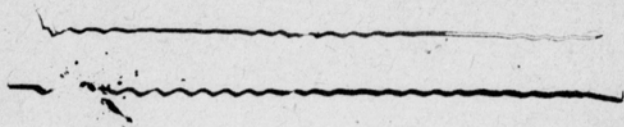
Steele County (Minn.).  
Probate Court.  
Probate Case Files.

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Book 2 of Insanity  
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Insanity of:

Sarah RyBKA

# In Probate Court,

County of Steele

In the Matter of Insanity of

Sarah Pilka

Information of Insanity.

Filed the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April

1885

[Signature]

Judge of Probate.



State of Minnesota, }  
 County of Steele } ss.

In Probate Court,

In the Matter of the Insanity of Sarah Ribka

To the Judge of Probate in and for said County:

The Complaint of Joseph Ribka of the  
 County of Steele in the State of Minnesota, informing, shows to the  
 Court that Sarah Ribka is an insane person in the  
 County of Steele needing care and treatment, and that it is dangerous  
 for said person to be at large, as informant verily believes.

WHEREFORE, Complainant prays that the said Sarah Ribka  
 may be examined by this Court, pursuant  
 to the statute in such case made and provided, concerning the charge of insanity,  
 and to ascertain the fact of sanity or insanity; and if the said Sarah  
Ribka shall be found on examination to be insane, that he  
 may be committed to the Hospital for Insane.

Joseph Rybka

State of Minnesota, }  
 County of Steele } ss.

Joseph Ribka personally appeared before me, this  
20th day of April A. D. 1895, and first being sworn  
 deposes and says, that the foregoing Complaint and Information is true of his own  
 knowledge, except as to the matters which are therein stated on his information and  
 belief, and as to those matters he believes to be true.

Subscribed and sworn to before  
 me, this 20th day of  
April 1895  
H. Schmidt  
 Notary Public  
Steele Co. Minn.

Joseph Rybka

No. ....

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IN PROBATE COURT,

County of Steele

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In the Matter of the Insanity of

Sarah Rybka

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OATH OF JURY.

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Filed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April

1895

W. S. Lamm

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Judge of Probate.

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State of Minnesota,

County of

Steele

ss.

IN PROBATE COURT,

Special Term, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1895-

In the Matter of the Insanity of

Sarah Rybka

State of Minnesota,

County of

Steele

ss.

Dis. J. H. Adair and F. M. Smerse

the persons designated in the order of this Court to examine

Sarah Rybka

alleged to be insane and to ascertain the fact of h.

sanity or insanity, being duly sworn, each for himself, deposes and says that I will  
 examine said patient Sarah Rybka impartially, and to the best  
 of my ability. So help me God.

Subscribed and sworn to before me,

this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April

A. D. 1895

W. Chadwick

Judge of Probate.

J. H. Adair

F. M. Smerse

No. ....

# IN PROBATE COURT,

County of Steele

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSANITY OF

Sarah Rybka

Warrant to Apprehend Alleged Insane  
Person.

Filed the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of

April A. D. 1895

[Signature]  
Judge of Probate.

No. 806.—Pioneer Press Co., St. Paul, Minn.

State of Minnesota  
County of Steele  
I hereby certify that I have  
apprehended the said Sarah  
Rybka and have her now before  
the Court for examination.  
J. J. Hanson &  
Sherriff



State of Minnesota, }  
 County of Steele } ss. IN PROBATE COURT,  
 Special Term, ..... 18.....

The State of Minnesota to the Sheriff or any Constable of the County of Steele

Whereas, Information has been filed in this Court showing that Sarah Rybka of the town of Havana in the County of Steele, is an insane person in this County needing care and treatment, and that it is dangerous for her to be at large, and it being necessary to apprehend the said alleged insane person;

Therefore, You are hereby directed to forthwith apprehend the said Sarah Rybka the alleged insane person, and have her sent before this Court for examination as to her sanity, and to ascertain the fact of sanity or insanity.

Hereof fail not.

In Testimony Whereof, We have caused the seal of the Probate Court of said County to be hereunto affixed.

Witness: The Hon. ....

Judge of Probate at Orwatuna in said County, this 20th day of

April A. D. 1895

M. B. Chaschick

Judge of Probate.

No. ....

State of Minnesota,

County of Steele

## IN PROBATE COURT.

WARRANT FOR THE COMMITMENT

OF

Sarah Rybka  
TO THE INSANE HOSPITAL.

MINNESOTA HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE,

Minnesota.

Received, this 22 day  
of April, A. D. 1895, the  
patient named in the within Warrant.

A. F. Helboorn  
Superintendent of Minnesota Hospital for the Insane

at .....

Filed this 23 day  
of April, A. D. 1895

W. J. Chaswell  
Judge of Probate.



State of Minnesota, } ss. IN PROBATE COURT.  
County of Steele

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSANITY OF

Sarah Rybka

To the Superintendent of the Second Minnesota Hospital

for Insane at

Rochester

Sarah Rybka

having been, upon examination, found to be insane, you are, therefore, required to receive her  
into the Second State Hospital, and keep her there until legally discharged.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal  
of the Probate Court of said County, this 22<sup>nd</sup>  
day of April A. D. 1893

Judge of Probate,

Steele

County, Minnesota.

No. ....

# IN PROBATE COURT,

County of Steele

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSANITY OF

Sarah Rybka  
Insane.

## ORDER TO JURY AND JURY'S REPORT OF FINDINGS.

Filed this 22nd day of

April A. D. 1895

Recorded in Book..... of Orders, on

page.....

Judge of Probate.

State of Minnesota,  
County of Steele } ss.  
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSANITY OF

IN PROBATE COURT,

Special Term, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1895

Sarah Rybka

On Reading and Filing the Information of Joseph Rybka  
of the County of Steele  
representing that Sarah Rybka is an insane person in the  
County of Steele needing care and treatment, and that it is dangerous  
for her to be at large;

It is Ordered, That Doctors J. R. Adair and  
F. M. Smersh duly qualified  
physicians of said County, in connection with the Judge of this Court, be, and they are hereby,  
appointed and commanded to examine the said Sarah Rybka  
concerning the charge of insanity, and to ascertain the fact of sanity or insanity, and that they  
forthwith make a report of their findings in writing to this Court.

It is Further Ordered, That a copy of this order be delivered to the said Doctors  
J. R. Adair and F. M. Smersh

Dated at Quatoma the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of  
April A. D. 1895  
By the Court: W. B. Chadwick  
Judge of Probate.

### JURY'S REPORT OF FINDINGS.

State of Minnesota,  
County of Steele } ss.

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSANITY OF

Sarah Rybka

We, Doctors

J. R. Adair and F. M. Smersh

duly qualified physicians of the County of Steele and  
M. B. Chadwick Judge of Probate, do hereby report that,  
pursuant to the foregoing order of the Probate Court of said County, we have examined the said  
Sarah Rybka concerning the charge of insanity, and to  
ascertain the fact of sanity or insanity, and that we find the said Sarah  
Rybka to be insane

F. M. Smersh M. D.  
J. R. Adair M. D.  
M. B. Chadwick  
Judge of Probate.



Sarah Rybka

21<sup>00</sup>

J. Z. Barncord shff.

ACCOUNT VS.

STEELE COUNTY MINNESOTA.

Filed \_\_\_\_\_ 189

County Auditor.

Audited and Allowed.

April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1895  
Probate Judge Chairman

Paid in Order No. \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF MINNESOTA, )

ss.

County of Steele.

J. Z. Barncord

being first duly sworn, says: That the itemized account hereunto attached is just and true.

That the services therein charged were actually rendered by him, and that the fees charged therefor are such as are allowed by law.

That the travel therein charged for was actually and necessarily done for and in behalf of said State or County and not for or in behalf of any defendant in any criminal action or proceeding.

That the property therein charged for was actually delivered or used for the purpose therein stated and was of the value therein charged.

That the money therein charged was actually paid for the purpose therein stated and that no part of said account has been paid, and further saith not.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1895

J. Z. Barncord  
J. Z. Barncord  
J. Z. Barncord

OWATONNA, MINN.,

April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1895

## STEELE COUNTY, MINNESOTA

TO

J. J. Bamcard

DR.

Insane

|                                     |                 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| To taking Sarah Rybka. To Rochester |                 |
| " Serving warrant                   | 1 00            |
| " Summoning Board Ex                | 1 50            |
| " attendance court                  | 1 00            |
| " R.R. Fares                        | 6 00            |
| " Hack "                            | 2 50            |
| " Meals                             | 1 00            |
| " for dinner Sheriff                | 6 00            |
| " " attendant                       | 2 00            |
|                                     | <u>\$ 21 00</u> |

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PROBATE COURT,  
STEELE COUNTY.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE INSANITY OF

Sarah Rybka

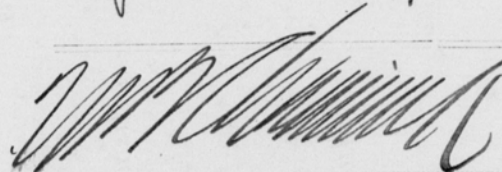
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ORDERS OF COMMITTAL.

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Filed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of  
April 1895



Judge of Probate.



STATE OF MINNESOTA, ) ss.

IN PROBATE COURT.

COUNTY OF STEELE.

Special Term April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1895-

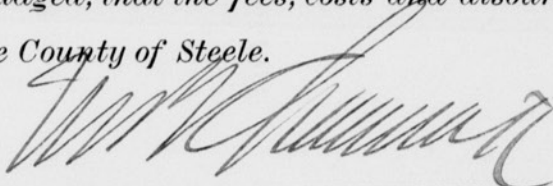
In the Matter of the Insanity of

Sarah Rybka

On filing the copy of the orders heretofore made and entered in said matter, together with the certificate of Dis. *Edw. W. M. Smith* thereunto annexed, certifying on oath, that pursuant to said order they have examined the said *Sarah Rybka* concerning the charge of Insanity, and to ascertain the fact of sanity or insanity, and that they find the said *Sarah Rybka* to be insane; and after a full hearing and examination of further proofs in said matter, it appearing to the Court and Jury that the said *Sarah Rybka* is an insane person in the County of Steele, needing care and treatment, and recommend he be committed to the Hospital for Insane.

It is ordered and adjudged that Duplicate Warrants be issued committing the said *Sarah Rybka* to the Hospital for the Insane, and that said Warrants be delivered to *J. J. Barnard Sheriff* of said County, and that he be and hereby is commanded to convey the said *Sarah Rybka* to the Hospital for Insane *and that Annie French*

*accompany the patient*  
It is further ordered and adjudged, that the fees, costs and disbursements of this proceeding be awarded against the County of Steele.



Judge of Probate.

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# Probate Court.

STEELE COUNTY.

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INSANITY OF

*Sarah Rybka*

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**Judgment for Costs.**

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Entered and filed this

*23*

day of

*April*

188*8*

*[Signature]*

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*Judge of Probate.*

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Owatonna Journal Print.

State of Minnesota, } ss.  
COUNTY OF STEELE.

IN PROBATE COURT

*Special* Term *April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1893*

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSANITY OF

*Sarah Rybka*

In the above entitled matter, upon the facts appearing to the Court,

**It is ordered and adjudged,** That Dr. *H. H. Blair*

have and recover of said County of Steele, for his fees and mileage for examination of said patient, the sum of *Three & 50/100* Dollars, as allowed by the

Judge of said Court: and that Dr. *J. M. Buensch* have and recover of said County, for his fees and mileage, for examination of said patient, the sum of *Three & 00/100* Dollars, as allowed by said Judge, and that

have and recover of said County for his fees and mileage as a witness in said matter the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars, as allowed by said Judge, and that

*J. B. Boncard* have and recover of said County, the sum of *Twenty one* Dollars for his fees and expenses for taking said patient to the Hospital for Insane, as allowed by said Judge.

By the Court,

*W. M. Winnick*

Judge of Probate.



24. If so, what kind and how long? .....
25. Has he or she ever been under medical treatment? If so, mention particulars and effects. *no*
26. State any particulars supposed to have a bearing on this case. *Have none.*
27. State address of relative or friend. *Mr Joseph Tomsche, Auditoria Minn. (dealer)*
- H. Adair* M. D.
- H. M. Swersh* M. D.

## CERTIFICATE.

State of Minnesota, } ss.  
 County of *Steele*  
*H. Adair* & *H. M. Swersh*  
 being duly sworn, depose and say that they have assisted in the above examination, and that the record of the same, as above written, is true to the best of their information and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this  
*22nd* day of  
*April* 189*3*

*H. M. Swersh*  
*H. Adair*

Judge of Probate.

State of Minnesota, } ss.  
 County of *Steele*  
 I hereby certify that the above examination of *Sarah Rybka*  
 charged with being insane, was taken before me, this *22nd* day of *April*  
 A. D. 189*3*, and that the same is a correct record of the testimony taken in said matter.

Judge of Probate.

No. ....

**IN PROBATE COURT,**

County of *Steele*

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSANITY OF

*Sarah Rybka*

EXAMINATION ON CHARGE OF INSANITY.

Filed this *22nd* day of *April* A. D. 189*3*

No. 159 - Pioneer Press Co., St. Paul, Minn.

State of Minnesota, } IN PROBATE COURT,  
 County of Steele } ss. Special Term, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1895-

Examination of Sarah Rybka on Charge of Insanity.

W. H. Davis & F. M. Merrill, EXAMINING PHYSICIANS.

1. What is the person's name? Sarah Rybka
2. Where does he or she reside? Steele Co. Minnesota, Pratt P.O.
3. What is his or her age? 24
4. Is he or she married or single? Single
5. Has he or she any children? If so, how many? No
6. What is his or her occupation? Housewife
7. Is he or she a church member? Yes
8. What has been his or her habits as regards temperance and morality? Good
9. Where was he or she born? Bohemia
10. Is insanity hereditary in the family? No
11. What relatives, if any, have been insane? None
12. What is the supposed cause of this attack? Ill health
13. What is the form of this attack: acute, chronic, exalted, depressed, paroxysmal? Acute
14. Is there any accompanying bodily disorder? No
15. When were the first symptoms of disease manifested, and in what way? About one week ago. Patient suddenly became violent, destroyed furniture and clothing and attempted suicide
16. Is this the first attack? Yes
17. If not, when did the others occur, and what was the duration of each?
18. On what subjects, or in what way, is insanity now manifested? Has delusions of persecution
19. Has he or she ever shown any disposition to injure others, if so, was it from sudden passion or premeditation? No
20. Has suicide ever been attempted? If so, in what way, and is the propensity now active? Yes. Jumped into well at the beginning of this attack
21. Is there any disposition to filthy habits, destruction of clothes, etc.? Has destroyed clothes and dishes
22. Has he or she been subject to any bodily disease: epilepsy, suppressed eruptions, discharges or sores, or ever had any injury to the head? Can obtain no history of these. Has a vague history of stomach trouble occurring last year



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ACCOUNT VS.

# Steele County, Minn.

Filed..... 189

County Auditor.

Audited and Allowed

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Chairman.

Paid in Order No.....

STATE OF MINNESOTA, } ss.  
County of Steele.

..... being first duly sworn

says: That the itemized account hereunto attached is just and true.

That the services therein charged were actually rendered by him, and that the fees charged therefor are such as are allowed by law.

That the travel therein charged for was actually and necessarily done for and in behalf of said State or County and not for or in behalf of any defendant in any criminal action or proceeding.

That the property therein charged for was actually delivered or used for the purpose therein stated and was of the value therein charged.

That the money therein charged was actually paid for the purpose therein stated and that no part of said account has been paid, and further saith not.

..... day of ..... 189

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this.....



Owatonna, Minn., May 19 — 1891 902

STEELE COUNTY, MINNESOTA,

To Chas Misger Dr.

|     |    |                |    |               |
|-----|----|----------------|----|---------------|
| May | 19 | Rail Road fair | \$ | 6. <u>00</u>  |
| "   | "  | 1 Meals        |    | 1. <u>00</u>  |
| "   | "  | Hack hire      |    | 3. <u>50</u>  |
| "   | "  | attendant      |    | 2. <u>00</u>  |
| "   | "  | Per diem       |    | 3. <u>00</u>  |
| "   | "  | one meal       |    | <u>\$9</u>    |
|     |    |                | \$ | 15. <u>69</u> |

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# IN PROBATE COURT.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA,  
COUNTY OF STEELE.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE INSANITY OF

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## ORDER TO SHERIFF

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of insanity on page  
193.*

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Filed

*May 17<sup>th</sup> 1902*

~~189~~

*W. A. Appleton*

Judge of Probate.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA, }  
County of Steele, } ss.

## IN PROBATE COURT.

*The State of Minnesota to the Sheriff of said County:*

*Information in due form of law having been filed in my office alleging that*

*Sarah Rybka* residing at *Havana Minn.*  
said *Sarah Rybka* is insane and a proper subject for treatment in a  
hospital for insane, you are therefore commanded to bring, as soon as may be, the said

*Sarah Rybka* before me to the end that examination  
be made of the mental condition of said *Sarah Rybka*  
according to the statute in such case made and provided.

Witness my hand and official seal, this *17<sup>th</sup>* day of *May 1902* ~~189~~

[SEAL]

*W. A. Eggelston*

Judge of Probate.

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**In Probate Court.**

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*State of Minnesota,*

County of *Steele*

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IN THE MATTER OF THE INSANITY

OF

*Sarah Rybka*

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**Warrant of Commitment.**

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of Insanity on page 195*

Filed

*May 19<sup>th</sup> 1902*  
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*W. A. Eggleston*  
Judge of Probate.

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State of Minnesota,

County of Steele

} ss.

IN PROBATE COURT.

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSANITY OF

Sarah Rybka

To the Superintendent of the Rochester State Hospital for the Insane:

Sarah Rybka upon examination having been  
found to be insane, you are therefore required to receive her into the said hospital, and keep  
her there until legally discharged.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal, this

17th day of May 1902

[SEAL.]

M. A. Eggleston  
Judge of Probate, Steele County, Minn.

RECEIPT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

May 17 - 1902  
I have this day received the within named patient with a duplicate of this warrant and a certified  
copy of the certificate of the Commissioners in Lunacy at the hands of

Sheriff Chas. Misger attended by Mrs. Maggie Misger  
The patient is in fair physical condition.

830  
P. M.

Signed, Arthur T. Fieboauer  
A. T. F. Superintendent.



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**In Probate Court.**

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*State of Minnesota,*

County of *Steele*

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IN THE MATTER OF THE INSANITY

OF

*Sarah Rybka*

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**Warrant of Commitment.**

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Filed *June 10<sup>th</sup> 1903*

*W. A. Eggleston*  
Judge of Probate.

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of Orders on page 246*



WARRANT OF COMMITMENT--(Original.)

State of Minnesota,

County of Steele

} ss.

IN PROBATE COURT.

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSANITY OF

Sarah Rybka

To the Superintendent of the Rochester State Hospital for the Insane:

Sarah Rybka upon examination having been  
found to be insane, you are therefore required to receive her into the said hospital, and keep  
her there until legally discharged.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal, this

9th

day of June 1897 1903

[SEAL.]

W. A. Eggleston

Judge of Probate, Steele County, Minn.

RECEIPT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

9th June - 1903  
I have this day received the within named patient with a duplicate of this warrant and a certified  
copy of the certificate of the Commissioners in Lunacy at the hands of

Frank Funder attended by Anna Somvoche

The patient is in fair phys. condition.

Signed,

A. F. Kilbourne

Superintendent.

# IN PROBATE COURT.

State of Minnesota,  
County of Steele } ss.

*In the Matter of the Lunacy of*

Sarah Rybka

## COMMISSION TO PHYSICIAN

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May 17<sup>th</sup> 1902

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W. A. Applebaum  
Judge of Probate.

State of Minnesota,  
 County of Steele } ss.

In Probate Court.

In the Matter of the Lunacy of

Sarah Rybka } Alleged Insane.  
 To J. H. Delair and J. M. Smersh Legally Qualified Physicians  
 and Commissioners in Lunacy, Steele County, State of Minnesota.

Information in due form of law having been filed in my office, alleging that one Sarah Rybka a resident of Steele County, in said State, is insane, and a proper subject for custody and treatment in a hospital for the insane, you, and each of you, are hereby appointed as an examiner in lunacy to appear before me at my office in said County, on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 1902 ~~189~~, at 2 o'clock P M., to make examination of the mental condition of said Sarah Rybka, and after the completion of said examination to certify to this Court, as required by law, whether said Sarah Rybka be insane, as alleged in said information.

Witness my hand and official seal this 17<sup>th</sup> day  
 of May A. D. 189 1902

[SEAL.]

W. A. Eggleston  
 Judge of Probate.

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# IN PROBATE COURT

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State of Minnesota,

County of Steele

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IN THE MATTER OF THE LUNACY OF

Sarah Rybka

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Notice to County Attorney.

Due service admitted  
June 9<sup>th</sup> 1903.  
J. T. Littleton  
County Attorney

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Filed June 9<sup>th</sup> 1903

and recorded in Book.....of

.....at page.....

W. A. Eggelston  
Judge of Probate.

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State of Minnesota, }  
 County of Steele } ss. IN PROBATE COURT.

IN THE MATTER OF THE LUNACY OF

Sarah Rybka }  
 } Alleged Insane.  
 To the Hon. S. J. Littleton County Attorney of said County.

SIR:

Please to take notice that information in due form of law has been filed in my office alleging the insanity of Sarah Rybka a resident of said county, and an order in due form of law has been issued to the sheriff of said county to bring said Sarah Rybka before said court for examination.

Therefore you are hereby notified and required to appear before me at my office in said county on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 1903 at 4 o'clock P. M., to represent said Sarah Rybka and take part in and conduct on ~~her~~ behalf the said examination and inquiry into ~~her~~ said Sarah Rybka's lunacy.

Witness my hand and official seal this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 1903

[SEAL.]

W. A. Eggleston  
 Judge of Probate.



No. ....

# IN PROBATE COURT

County of Steele

IN THE MATTER OF THE LUNACY OF

Sarah Rybka

## OATH OF EXAMINER

Filed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June  
A. D. 1903

W. A. Eggleston  
Judge of Probate.

Steele County, Minnesota.

State of Minnesota,

} ss.

County of

Steele

In Probate Court.

In the Matter of the Lunacy of

Sarah Rybka

State of Minnesota,

} ss.

County of

Steele

J. H. Adair and F. M. Smersh

being duly sworn say, each for himself, that he will justly, faithfully and impartially perform the duties of examiner in lunacy to the best of his knowledge and ability.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

9<sup>th</sup>

day of

June

A. D. 1902

W. A. Eggleston  
Judge of Probate.

# Rochester State Hospital,

Arthur F. Kilbourne,  
Medical Superintendent.

Rochester, Minn., Oct. 18, 1904.

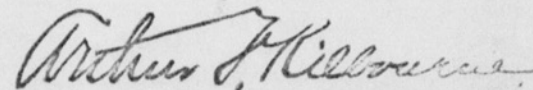
Judge of Probate,

Steele County,

Owatonna, Minn.

Dear Sir:- You are hereby notified that Sarah Rybka, committed to this hospital from your county June 9, 1903, left here Dec. 22, 1903, and was in accordance with Section 45, Chapter 5, Laws of '93 legally discharged therefrom October 11th, 1904. Improved.

Respectfully yours,



Medical Superintendent.

# Rochester State Hospital,

Arthur F. Kilbourne,  
Medical Superintendent.

Rochester, Minn., May 12th, 1903.

Judge of Probate,  
Steele County,  
Owatonna, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

You are hereby notified that Sarah Rybka, committed to this hospital from your county May 17th, 1902, left here Nov 29th, 1902, and was in accordance with Section 45, Chapter 5, Laws of '93, legally discharged therefrom May 6th, 1903.

Improved.

Yours very truly,

*A. F. Kilbourne*  
Medical Superintendent.



No. ....

# IN PROBATE COURT

County of Steele

IN THE MATTER OF THE LUNACY OF

Sarah Rybka

## OATH OF EXAMINER

Filed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May  
A. D. 1902

W. A. Eggleston  
Judge of Probate.

Steele County, Minnesota.

State of Minnesota,

} ss.

County of

Steele

## In Probate Court.

In the Matter of the Lunacy of

Sarah Rybka

State of Minnesota,

} ss.

County of

Steele

J. H. Adair and J. M. Smersh

being duly sworn say, each for himself, that he will justly, faithfully and impartially perform the duties of examiner in lunacy to the best of his knowledge and ability.

J. M. Smersh  
J. H. Adair

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

17<sup>th</sup>

day of

May

A. D. 1902

W. A. Eggelston

Judge of Probate.

No. ....

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# IN PROBATE COURT.

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State of Minnesota, }  
County of Steele }

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ALLEGED LUNACY OF

Sarah Rybka  
Alleged Insane Person.

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Information of Insanity and  
Proof of Residence.

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Filed May 17<sup>th</sup> 1902  
and recorded in Book ..... of

..... at page .....  
W. A. Eggleston  
Judge of Probate.

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State of Minnesota, } IN PROBATE COURT,  
 County of Steele } ss. Special Term, May 17 A. D. 1902

## IN THE MATTER OF THE ALLEGED LUNACY OF

Sarah Rybka  
 Alleged Insane Person.

Joseph Rybka being first duly sworn,  
 upon his oath says that he is a resident of the County of Steele  
 in said State, and is acquainted with Sarah Rybka who  
 resides at Hanover Township in said County and State,  
 that said Sarah Rybka is insane, and  
 a proper subject for custody, care and treatment in a hospital for the insane, and asks that the  
 necessary steps be taken, as provided by law, to investigate the mental condition of said

Sarah Rybka  
 Affiant further says that the answers made to the following questions, as hereinafter stated, are  
 true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Question 1. Where was the said Sarah Rybka born?

Answer. In Bohemia

Question 2. When did the said Sarah Rybka become  
 a resident of the State of Minnesota?

Answer. On or about the year 1875

Question 3. When did the said Sarah Rybka become  
 a resident of the County of Steele?

Answer. On or about the year 1875

Question 4. If the said Sarah Rybka is not a resident  
 of said County of Steele on what grounds is the application based?

Answer. \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May A. D. 1902

W. A. Eggleston  
 Judge of Probate.



# IN PROBATE COURT

State of Minnesota,

County of *Steele*

IN THE MATTER OF THE LUNACY OF

*Sarah Rybka*

## Notice to County Attorney.

*I have served the within  
notice duly admitted to  
at Court house, Minn.  
this 17th day of May 1902*

*W. Perry*  
*acting county attorney*  
Filed *May 17th* 1902

and recorded in Book..... of

..... at page.....  
*W. A. Eggleston*  
Judge of Probate.

State of Minnesota, }  
 County of Steele } ss. IN PROBATE COURT.

IN THE MATTER OF THE LUNACY OF

Sarah Rybka }  
 } Alleged Insane.  
 To the Hon. Harlan E. Leach County Attorney of said County.

SIR:

Please to take notice that information in due form of law has been filed in my office alleging the insanity of Sarah Rybka a resident of said county, and an order in due form of law has been issued to the sheriff of said county to bring said Sarah Rybka before said court for examination.

Therefore you are hereby notified and required to appear before me at my office in said county on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 1902 at 2 o'clock P.M., to represent said Sarah Rybka and take part in and conduct on his behalf the said examination and inquiry into his, said Sarah Rybka's lunacy.

Witness my hand and official seal this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 1902

[SEAL.]

W. A. Eggelston  
 Judge of Probate.

# IN PROBATE COURT.

State of Minnesota,  
County of Steele } ss.

*In the Matter of the Lunacy of*

Sarah Rybka

## COMMISSION TO PHYSICIAN

*Recorded in book "M"  
of Orders on Page 42*

Filed June 9<sup>th</sup> 1903

W. A. Egleston  
Judge of Probate.

State of Minnesota,  
 County of Steele } ss.

In Probate Court.

In the Matter of the Lunacy of

Sarah Rybka } Alleged Insane.  
 To J. H. Ahari and J. M. Smersh } Legally Qualified Physicians  
 and Commissioners in Lunacy, Steele } County, State of Minnesota.

Information in due form of law having been filed in my office, alleging that one  
Sarah Rybka a resident of Steele  
 County, in said State, is insane, and a proper subject for custody and treatment in a hospital for  
 the insane, you, and each of you, are hereby appointed as an examiner in lunacy to appear before  
 me at my office in said County, on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 1903 ~~189~~,  
 at 4 o'clock P M., to make examination of the mental condition of said  
Sarah Rybka, and after the completion of said examination to  
 certify to this Court, as required by law, whether said Sarah Rybka be  
 insane, as alleged in said information.

Witness my hand and official seal this 9<sup>th</sup> day  
 of June A. D. 189/1903

[SEAL.]

W. A. Eggleston  
 Judge of Probate.



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# IN PROBATE COURT.

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State of Minnesota, }  
County of Steele } ss.

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In the Matter of the Lunacy of

Sarah Rybka

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## ORDER TO SHERIFF.

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*Recorded in book "M"  
of orders on page 2.*

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Filed June 9th 1903

W. A. Eggleston  
Judge of Probate.

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No. 919 (C).—ORDER TO SHERIFF.

PIONEER PRESS Co., Stationers, Printers of Legal Blanks, etc., St. Paul, Minn.

State of Minnesota,  
County of Steele

} ss.

IN PROBATE COURT.

The State of Minnesota to the Sheriff of said County:

Information in due form of law having been filed in my office alleging that.....

Sarah Rybka residing at Havana and County  
~~said~~ Sarah Rybka is insane and a proper subject for treatment in a

hospital for insane, you are therefore commanded to bring, as soon as may be, the said.....

Sarah Rybka before me, to the end that examination  
 be made of the mental condition of said Sarah Rybka

according to the statute in such case made and provided.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 1903

[SEAL.]

W. A. Eggleston  
 Judge of Probate.

No. ....

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# IN PROBATE COURT.

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State of Minnesota, }  
County of Steele }

IN THE MATTER OF THE ALLEGED LUNACY OF

Sarah Rybka  
Alleged Insane Person.

Information of Insanity and  
Proof of Residence.

Filed June 9th 1903  
and recorded in Book ..... of

..... at page .....  
W. A. Eggleston  
Judge of Probate.



State of Minnesota,  
County of Steele

IN PROBATE COURT,

ss.

Special Term, June 9 A. D. 1903

IN THE MATTER OF THE ALLEGED LUNACY OF

Sarah Rybka  
Alleged Insane Person.

Anna Lumsche being first duly sworn,  
upon her oath says that she is a resident of the County of Steele  
in said State, and is acquainted with Sarah Rybka who  
resides at Owatonna in said County and State,  
that said Sarah Rybka is insane, and  
a proper subject for custody, care and treatment in a hospital for the insane, and asks that the  
necessary steps be taken, as provided by law, to investigate the mental condition of said

Sarah Rybka

Affiant further says that the answers made to the following questions, as hereinafter stated, are  
true, to the best of her knowledge and belief.

Question 1. Where was the said Sarah Rybka born?

Answer. In

Bohemia

Question 2. When did the said Sarah Rybka become

a resident of the State of Minnesota?

Answer. On or about the year 1875

Question 3. When did the said become

a resident of the County of \_\_\_\_\_?

Answer. On or about \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Question 4. If the said is not a resident

of said County of \_\_\_\_\_ on what grounds is the application based?

Answer. \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this

9<sup>th</sup>

day of June A. D. 1903

W. A. Eggleston

Judge of Probate.



STATE BOARD OF CONTROL

P. A. HILBERT, CHAIRMAN

C. J. SWENDSEN

R. W. WHEELOCK

DOWNER MULLEN, SECRETARY

## ROCHESTER STATE HOSPITAL

DR. ARTHUR F. KILBOURNE, SUPERINTENDENT

Judge of Probate,

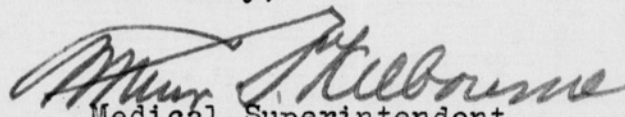
ROCHESTER, MINN.. April 19, 1921.

Steele Co.,

Owatonna, Minn.

Dear Sir:        You are hereby notified that Sarah Rypka, committed from Steele County Jan. 8, 1907, was today transferred to the Willmar State Asylum.        For further information concerning her, address Dr. Geo. H. Freeman, Supt., Willmar, Minn.

Yours truly,

  
Medical Superintendent.

State of Minnesota,

ss.

County of .....

I, ..... Probate Judge in and for said County,  
do hereby certify that the within is a true, full and complete copy of the record of the judgment  
auditing and disbursing the costs and charges in the matter of the examination and commitment of  
..... an insane person, as appears of record now  
remaining in my office.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court hereto affixed, this

..... day of ..... 189.....

.....  
Judge of Probate.

No. ....

IN PROBATE COURT,

County of *Steele*

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSANITY OF

*Sarah Rybka*

Judgment Auditing Fees and Disbursements.

*Recorded on page 195  
of book "4" of Insanity*

Filed this *19th* day  
of *May* *1897*, A. D.

and recorded in Book of .....

page .....

*W. A. Eggleston*  
Judge of Probate.

No. 883.—Pioneer Press Co., St. Paul, Minn.

State of Minnesota,  
County of Steele

IN PROBATE COURT,

ss.

Special Term, May 19<sup>th</sup> 1902  
1899

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSANITY OF

Sarah Rybka

In the above entitled matter, upon the facts appearing to the Court,

It is Ordered and Adjudged, That Doctor J. H. Abair

have and recover of said County of Steele for his fees and mileage  
as examiner in lunacy for examination of said patient the sum of

Seven and 84/100 Dollars

as audited by said Court; and that Doctor J. M. Smersh

have and recover of said County for his  
fees and mileage as examiner in lunacy for examination of said patient the sum of

Seven and 84/100 Dollars,

as audited by said Court; and that Chas. Wispin Sheriff have

and recover of said County the sum of Fifteen and 84/100

Dollars, for his fees and expenses for  
taking said patient to the Hospital for Insane, as audited by said Court; and that

have and recover of said County the sum of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Dollars for \_\_\_\_\_ fees and expenses of  
travel and support in accompanying said female patient to the Hospital for Insane,  
as audited by said Court.

Dated at Onwatonna the 19<sup>th</sup> day  
of May 1902 A. D. 1899

By the Court,

W. A. Eggleston  
Judge of Probate.



SEVENTEENTH.—Did the patient manifest any peculiarities of temper, habits, disposition or pursuits, before the accession of the disease; any predominant passions, religious impressions, etc.? *No*

EIGHTEENTH.—Was the patient, or were either of his parents, ever addicted to intemperance in any form, or the habitual use of any narcotic? *No*

NINETEENTH.—Has the patient been subject to any severe disease, to epilepsy, to convulsions in any form, or had any injury of the head? *No*

TWENTIETH.—Has any restraint or confinement been employed? *yes* If so, of what kind and how long? *See No 8<sup>th</sup>*

TWENTY-FIRST.—What is supposed to be the cause of the disease? *Ill Health*

TWENTY-SECOND.—What treatment has been pursued for the relief of the patient? (Mention particulars and the effects.) *See No 8.*

TWENTY-THIRD.—Facts learned on personal examination. (Mention every appearance or condition of the patient bearing on the question of the existing insanity.) *Condition both mental and physical is worse than on former examinations*

We recommend the commitment of said *Sarah Rybka* to a hospital for the insane because *her disease is of such a nature as to require for her recovery care and treatment while under legal restraint*

From the personal examination of said *Sarah Rybka* made by us, and from testimony introduced upon said examination, we find and hereby certify that said *Sarah Rybka* is insane, and a proper person for care and treatment in a hospital for the insane.

*H. A. Steele*  
*H. M. Shuersh*  
*W. A. Eggleston*  
Judge of Probate.

No. \_\_\_\_\_

**IN PROBATE COURT**

State of Minnesota, } ss.  
County of *Steele*

**IN THE MATTER OF THE INSANITY OF**  
*Sarah Rybka*

**CERTIFICATE OF JURY.**

State of Minnesota, } ss.  
County of \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Judge of the Probate Court of said County, do hereby certify that I have compared the within certificate in the matter of said insanity with the original certificate on file and of record in the Probate office of the County aforesaid, and that the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of said original certificate and record.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto affixed the seal of the Probate Court of said

County, and signed my name this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A. D. 190 \_\_\_\_\_

Probate Judge.

*Filed June 9<sup>th</sup> 1903*  
and recorded in Book "*M*" of  
*Orders* at page *86*  
*W. A. Eggleston*  
Judge of Probate.



State of Minnesota, } ss.  
County of Steele

## IN THE MATTER OF THE INSANITY OF

Sarah Rybka

We, The Jury in the above entitled matter, do hereby certify that on the 9th  
day of June 1902, we did personally examine the person above named.

Inquiries were made and information obtained, among other things, as follows:

FIRST.—What is the patient's name? Sarah Rybka Age? 38

Single, married or widowed? Single If children, how many? None

If a mother, age of youngest child? —

SECOND.—Where was the patient born? Bohemia Where was

the patient's father born? Bohemia Where was

the patient's mother born? Bohemia

THIRD.—Where is his or her place of residence (legal settlement)? Steele Co Minn

FOURTH.—What has been the patient's occupation? Housewife If a woman,

husband or father's occupation? Farmer

FIFTH.—Is the patient a church member? yes If so, what church? Catholic

SIXTH.—Is the patient educated? yes If so, to what extent? Common School

SEVENTH.—Were the patient's parents or grandparents related, and if so, in what degree? No

EIGHTH.—Is this the first attack? No If not, when did others occur, 1895-98-02

2d attack 6 mos. 4 to 6 mos and what were their duration? 1st attack 2 yrs. 2-1 yr.

If sent to a hospital, state where, 2nd Minn. Insane and the result of treatment?

Improved in such case and was discharged

NINTH.—When were the first symptoms of this attack manifested, and in what way? Is becoming

Violent and abusive

TENTH.—Does the disease appear to be increasing, decreasing or stationary? Increasing

ELEVENTH.—Is the disease variable, and are there rational intervals? yes If so, do they

occur at regular intervals? (Avoid definitions, but describe conditions.) No. is very

easily excited

TWELFTH.—On what subject, or in what way, is derangement now manifested? State fully

Accuses her family of persecuting her

THIRTEENTH.—Has the patient shown any disposition to injure others? yes

FOURTEENTH.—Has suicide ever been attempted? yes If so, in what way? Jumped in well

Is the propensity now active? Has threatened to make way with

FIFTEENTH.—Is there a disposition to filthy habits, destruction of clothing, furniture, etc.? Not now

SIXTEENTH.—Has the patient's father, or mother, or any relative on either side, been insane? No

State of Minnesota,

} ss.

County of \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Probate Judge in and for said County,  
do hereby certify that the within is a true, full and complete copy of the record of the judgment  
auditing and disbursing the costs and charges in the matter of the examination and commitment of  
\_\_\_\_\_ an insane person, as appears of record now  
remaining in my office.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court hereto affixed, this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 189\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge of Probate.

No. \_\_\_\_\_

IN PROBATE COURT,

County of *Steele*

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSANITY OF

*Sarah Rybka*

Judgment Auditing Fees and Disbursements,

Filed this *10<sup>th</sup>* day  
of *June* A. D. *1903*,  
and recorded in Book of *W. A. Eggleston*  
page *206*

*W. A. Eggleston*  
Judge of Probate.

No. 883.—Pioneer Press Co., St. Paul, Minn.



State of Minnesota,  
County of Steele

IN PROBATE COURT,

ss.

Special Term, June 10 1903  
189

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSANITY OF

Sarah Bybka

In the above entitled matter, upon the facts appearing to the Court,

It is Ordered and Adjudged, That Doctor J. H. Adair

have and recover of said County of Steele for his fees and mileage  
as examiner in lunacy for examination of said patient the sum of

Seven and 80/100 Dollars

as audited by said Court; and that Doctor J. M. Emersh

have and recover of said County for his  
fees and mileage as examiner in lunacy for examination of said patient the sum of

Seven and 80/100 Dollars,

as audited by said Court; and that Chas. M. Wigen Sheriff have

and recover of said County the sum of Seventeen and

45/100 Dollars, for his fees and expenses for  
taking said patient to the Hospital for Insane, as audited by said Court; and that

have and recover of said County the sum of

Dollars for fees and expenses of  
travel and support in accompanying said female patient to the Hospital for Insane,  
as audited by said Court.

Dated at Owatonna the 10<sup>th</sup> day  
of June A. D. 189/1903

By the Court,

W. A. Eggleston  
Judge of Probate.

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*Chas Minger*  
ACCOUNT VS.  
**Steele County, Minn.**

Filed *June 10* 1903

*W. A. Eggertson*  
County Auditor.  
*Judge of Probate*  
Audited and Allowed.

1901

Chairman.

Paid in Order No. ....

STATE OF MINNESOTA }  
COUNTY OF STEELE } ss.

..... says: That the itemized account hereto attached is just and true.

That the services herein charged were actually rendered by him, and that the fees charged therefor are such as are allowed by law.

That the travel herein charged for was actually and necessarily done for and in behalf of said State or County and not for or in behalf of any defendant in any criminal action or proceeding.

That the property herein charged for was actually delivered or used for the purpose herein stated and was of the value herein charged.

That the money herein charged was actually paid for the purpose herein stated and that no part of said account has been paid, and further saith not.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this .....

10<sup>th</sup>

day of

*June*

1903

*Chas Minger*

*Chas Minger*

..... being first duly sworn

*W. A. Eggertson* Judge of Probate



Owatonna, Minn., 6 / 10 <sup>th</sup> 1903

# Steele County, Minnesota,

To Chas Wisger Dr.

|      |      |  |                 |
|------|------|--|-----------------|
| June | 9-10 | Sarah <sup>Rybka</sup> <del>Rybka</del> to insane at Rochester |                 |
| "    | "    | Rail Road fair at Rochester                                    | 6.00            |
| "    | "    | Hack hire  | 3.50            |
| "    | "    | arrest and mileage   | 1.20            |
| "    | "    | Three meals  | 75              |
| "    | "    | one attendant  | 2.00            |
| "    | "    | Sheriffs Pordine one day                                       | 3.00            |
| "    | "    | one assistant to convey insane to court                        | 1.00            |
|      |      |  | <u>\$ 17.45</u> |

SEVENTEENTH.—Did the patient manifest any peculiarities of temper, habits, disposition or pursuits, before the accession of the disease; any predominant passions, religious impressions, etc? no

EIGHTEENTH.—Was the patient, or were either of his parents, ever addicted to intemperance in any form, or the habitual use of any narcotic? no

NINETEENTH.—Has the patient been subject to any severe disease, to epilepsy, to convulsions in any form, or had any injury of the head? no

TWENTIETH.—Has any restraint or confinement been employed? yes If so, of what kind and how long? See no 8<sup>th</sup>

TWENTY-FIRST.—What is supposed to be the cause of the disease? Ill health

TWENTY-SECOND.—What treatment has been pursued for the relief of the patient? (Mention particulars and the effects). See no 8<sup>th</sup>

TWENTY-THIRD.—Facts learned on personal examination. (Mention every appearance or condition of the patient bearing on the question of the existing insanity.)

Condition seems to be better than on former examination

From the personal examination of said

Sarah Rybka.

made by us, and from testimony introduced upon said examination, we find and hereby certify that said

Sarah Rybka

is insane, and a proper person for care and

treatment in a hospital for the insane.

J. H. Marsh M.D.

J. H. Marsh M.D.

W. A. Eggleston

Judge of Probate.

No. ....

## IN PROBATE COURT.

STATE OF MINNESOTA,

COUNTY OF STEELE.

In the Matter of the Insanity of

Sarah Rybka

## CERTIFICATE OF JURY.

STATE OF MINNESOTA,

COUNTY OF STEELE.

I, Judge of the Probate Court of said County, do hereby certify that I have compared the within certificate in the matter of said insanity with the original certificate on file and of record in the Probate office of the County aforesaid, and that the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of said original certificate and record.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto affixed the seal of the Probate Court of said County, and signed my name this..... day of .....

..... A. D. 189....

Probate Judge.

Filed

May 14th 1902

W. A. Eggleston

Probate Judge.

Recorded in book 174 of Insanity on page 194



STATE OF MINNESOTA,

COUNTY OF STEELE,

} ss.

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSANITY OF

*Sarah Ryvka*

We, the jury in the above entitled matter, do hereby certify that on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 1892, we did personally examine the person above named.

Inquiries were made and information obtained, among other things, as follows:

FIRST.—What is the patient's name? Sarah Ryvka Age? 32

Single, married or widowed? Single If children, how many? —

If a mother, age of youngest child? —

SECOND.—Where was the patient born? Bohemia Where was

the patient's father born? Bohemia Where was

the patient's mother born? Bohemia

THIRD.—Where is his or place of residence, (legal settlement.) Steele Co.

FOURTH.—What has been the patient's occupation? Housewife If a woman,

husband or father's occupation? Farmer

FIFTH.—Is the patient a church member? yes If so, what church? Catholic

SIXTH.—Is the patient educated? yes If so, to what extent? Common School

SEVENTH.—Were the patient's parents or grandparents related, and if so, in what degree? No

EIGHTH.—Is this the first attack? No If not, when did others occur? 1885-1888

2<sup>nd</sup> 1 year, 3<sup>rd</sup> 6 mos and what were their duration? 1<sup>st</sup> attack 2 years

If sent to a hospital, state where, 2<sup>nd</sup> Maine Insane the result of treatment?

Improved in each case and was discharged

NINTH.—When were the first symptoms of this attack manifested, and in what way? Has

begun to wander from home.

TENTH.—Does the disease appear to be increasing, decreasing or stationary? Stationary

ELEVENTH.—Is the disease variable, and are there rational intervals? yes If so, do they

occur at regular intervals? (Avoid definitions, but describe conditions.) yes

TWELFTH.—On what subject or in what way, is derangement now manifested? State fully

Is becoming sleepless and wanders from home

THIRTEENTH.—Has the patient shown any disposition to injure others? yes

FOURTEENTH.—Has suicide ever been attempted? yes If so, in what way? jumped in well

Is the propensity now active? think not.

FIFTEENTH.—Is there a disposition to filthy habits, destruction of clothing, furniture, etc? will not

SIXTEENTH.—Has the patient's father, or mother, or any relative on either side, been insane?

No

No. \_\_\_\_\_

# IN PROBATE COURT

State of Minnesota, }

County of Steele }

IN THE MATTER OF THE ALLEGED LUNACY OF

Sarah Ryppka

Alleged Insane Person.

Information of Insanity and  
Proof of Residence.

Filed January 8<sup>th</sup> 1907

and recorded in Book \_\_\_\_\_ of

\_\_\_\_\_ at page \_\_\_\_\_

Eugene Rice

Judge of Probate.



State of Minnesota, }  
 County of Steele } ss. Special Term January 8<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1907

## IN THE MATTER OF THE ALLEGED LUNACY OF

Sarah Rypka  
 Alleged Insane Person.

Joseph Rypka being first duly sworn,  
 upon his oath says that he is a resident of the county of Owatonna  
 in said State, and is acquainted with Sarah Rypka who  
 resides at the city of Owatonna in said County and State,  
 that said Sarah Rypka is insane, and  
 a proper subject for custody, care and treatment in a hospital for the insane, and asks that the necessary steps be taken,  
 as provided by law, to investigate the mental condition of said Sarah Rypka

Affiant further says that the answers made to the following questions, as hereinafter stated, are true, to the best of  
his knowledge and belief.

Question 1. Where was the said Sarah Rypka born?

Answer. In Bohemia

Question 2. When did the said Sarah Rypka become

a resident of the State of Minnesota?

Answer. On or about the year 1875

Question 3. When did the said Sarah Rypka become

a resident of the County of Steele?

Answer. On or about the year 1875

Question 4. If the said \_\_\_\_\_ is not a resident  
 of said County of \_\_\_\_\_ on what grounds is the application based?

Answer. \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January A. D. 1907

Ernest Rice  
 Judge of Probate.





State of Minnesota, } ss.  
County of Steele

In the Matter of the Insanity of Sarah Rypka

We, The Jury in the above entitled matter, do hereby certify that on the 8<sup>th</sup>  
day of January 1907, we did personally examine the person above named.

Inquiries were made and information obtained, among other things, as follows:

First.—What is the patient's name? Sarah Rypka Age? 36

Single, married or widowed? Single If children, how many? —

If a mother, age of youngest child? —

Second.—Where was the patient born? Bohemia Where was

the patient's father born? Bohemia Where was

the patient's mother born? Bohemia

Third.—Where is his or her place of residence (legal settlement)? Steele Co Minn

Fourth.—When did she become a resident of this State? Since 1875.

Fifth.—When did she become a resident of the County of Steele ? 1875.

Sixth.—What has been the patient's occupation? Housewife If a woman,

~~husband's~~ father's occupation? Farmer

Seventh.—Is the patient a church member? yes If so, what church? Catholic.

Eighth.—Is the patient educated? yes If so, to what extent? Common School.

Ninth.—Were the patient's parents or grandparents related, and if so, in what degree? No

Tenth.—Is this the first attack? No If not, when did others occur? 1885 -

1892 - 1903 - and what were their duration? 1<sup>st</sup> 2 yrs 2<sup>nd</sup> 1 yr. 3<sup>rd</sup> 6 mos

If sent to a hospital, state where, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hospital insane and the result of treatment

Improved in each case and was discharged

Eleventh.—When were the first symptoms of this attack manifested, and in what way? Hay

Became excited on religious subjects lately

Twelfth.—Does the disease appear to be increasing, decreasing or stationary? Stationary

Thirteenth.—Is the disease variable, and are there rational intervals? yes If so, do they

occur at regular intervals? (Avoid definitions, but describe conditions.) At intervals

of several months

Fourteenth.—On what subject, or in what way, is derangement now manifested? State fully

Is excited with reference to religious subjects.

Fifteenth.—Has the patient shown any disposition to injure others? yes

Sixteenth.—Has suicide ever been attempted? yes If so, in what way? jumped in well

Is the propensity now active? No

Seventeenth.—Is there a disposition to filthy habits, destruction of clothing, furniture, etc.? At times

Eighteenth.—Has the patient's father, or mother, or any relative on either side, been insane? No

STATE OF MINNESOTA, }  
COUNTY OF STEELE. } SS

*Wm Leachy*

being first duly sworn,

says: That the itemized account hereto attached is just and true.

That the services herein charged were actually rendered by him, and that the fees charged therefor are such as are allowed by law

That the travel herein charged for was actually and necessarily done for and in behalf of said State or County and not for or in behalf of any defendant in any criminal action or proceeding.

That the property herein charged for was actually delivered or used for the purpose herein stated and was of the value herein charged.

That the money herein charged was actually paid for the purpose herein stated and that no part of said account has been paid, and further saith not.

*Wm Leachy*

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this

9<sup>th</sup>

day of

January

1907

*Eugene Rice*

*Judge of Probate*

Paid in Order No. ....

Chairman.

Audited and Allowed.

County Auditor.

Filed

*January 9<sup>th</sup>*

1907

**Steele County, Minn.**

ACCOUNT VS.

*insane*

*Sarah Rypha*

*Sheriff*

*\$15.70*



Owatonna, Minn.,

Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 1907

## Steele County, Minnesota

To

Upon Lucy

Dr.

Sheriffs Fees and Necessary Expenses for  
conveying Sarah Ripka to Asylum

|       |                                  |                             |               |    |  |
|-------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|----|--|
| Jan 8 | Two Miles with Warrant           | 20                          |               |    |  |
| '     | '                                | Serving Warrant             | 1             | 00 |  |
| '     | '                                | Attending Court             | 1             | 00 |  |
| '     | '                                | Hack Services at Owatonna   | 2             | 00 |  |
| Jan 1 | R R Fare from Owatonna for Three | 3                           | 60            |    |  |
| '     | '                                | hack service at Rochester   | 1             | 50 |  |
| "     |                                  | Supper for two at Rochester | 1             | 00 |  |
| "     |                                  | R R from Rochester          | 2             | 40 |  |
| "     |                                  | One day Sheriff Services    | 3             | 00 |  |
|       |                                  |                             | <del>15</del> | 70 |  |

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# IN PROBATE COURT

County of *Steele*

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IN THE MATTER OF THE LUNACY OF

*Sarah Ryppa*

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## COMMISSION TO PHYSICIAN

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*Recorded in Book M of  
Orders on Page 54.*

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Filed *January 8<sup>th</sup>* 1907

*Eugene Rice*  
Judge of Probate.

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State of Minnesota,

In Probate Court.

County of Steele } ss.

IN THE MATTER OF THE LUNACY OF

Sarah Rypka

Alleged Insane.

To T. L. Hatch and J. N. Adair legally qualified physicians  
and commissioners in lunacy, Steele County, State of Minnesota.

Information in due form of law having been filed in my office, alleging that one

Sarah Rypka  
Steelea resident of Quatona

County, in said State, is insane, and a proper subject for custody and treatment

in a hospital for the insane, you, and each of you, are hereby appointed as an examiner in lunacy to appear  
before me at my office in said County, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 1907  
at 10 o'clock A. M., to make examination of the mental condition of saidSarah Rypka and after the completion of said examination to certify to this  
Court, as required by law, whether said Sarah Rypka  
be insane, as alleged in said information.

Witness my hand and official seal, this

day of January A. D. 1907

(SEAL)

Eugene Rice  
Judge of Probate.



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# In Probate Court.

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State of Minnesota,  
County of Steele.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE INSANITY OF

*Sarah Rypka*

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## Warrant of Commitment.

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Filed *January 9<sup>th</sup>* 190*7*

and recorded in Book *7M* of

*Orders* at page *258*.

*Eugene Rice*  
Judge of Probate.

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State of Minnesota, } ss.  
County of Steele.

## In Probate Court.

## IN THE MATTER OF THE INSANITY OF

*Sarah Ryppka*

To the Superintendent of the *Rochester* State Hospital for the Insane:  
*Sarah Ryppka* upon examination having been  
found to be insane, you are therefore required to receive *her* into the said hospital, and keep  
*her* there until legally discharged.

In Witness Whereof,

I have hereunto set my hand and official seal, this

*8<sup>th</sup>*

day of *January* 1907

[SEAL]

*Eugene Rice*  
Judge of Probate, Steele County, Minn.

## RECEIPT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

I have this day received the within named patient with a duplicate of this warrant and a certified copy of the certificate of the Commissioners in Lunacy at the hands of

*Sheriff* *Lecky* attended by *Mrs Anna Thomas*

The patient is in *Fair Physical* condition.

*4:35 P.M.*

*Jan. 8-1906*

Signed

*Arthur F. Kilbourne*  
Superintendent.

No. ....

# IN PROBATE COURT,

State of Minnesota, }  
County of *Steele* } ss.

*In the Matter of the Lunacy of*

*Sarah Ryppka*

## OATH OF EXAMINERS IN LUNACY.

Filed this *January 8<sup>th</sup>* day of

*A. D. 1907*

*Engene Rice*

Judge of Probate.

*Steele*

County, Minnesota.



State of Minnesota, }  
County of Steele } ss. IN PROBATE COURT.

IN THE MATTER OF THE LUNACY OF

Sarah Rypka }

State of Minnesota, }  
County of Steele }

Dr. T. L. Hatch and Dr. J. N. Adair

being duly sworn, say each for himself, that he will justly, faithfully and impartially perform the duties of examiners in lunacy to the best of his knowledge and ability.

T. L. HatchJ. N. Adair

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 1907

Eugene Rice

Judge of Probate.

Steele

County, Minn.

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# IN PROBATE COURT.

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State of Minnesota, }  
County of *Steele* } ss.

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In the Matter of the Lunacy of

*Sarah Rypka*

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## ORDER TO SHERIFF.

*Recorded in Book  
M of Anderson  
Page 6.*

Filed

*January 8<sup>th</sup> 1907*

*Eugene Rice*  
Judge of Probate.

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State of Minnesota,  
County of Steele } ss. IN PROBATE COURT.

The State of Minnesota to the Sheriff of said County:

Information in due form of law having been filed in my office alleging that.....

Sarah Rypka.....residing at Owatonna in  
said County and State.....is insane and a proper subject for treatment in a  
hospital for insane, you are therefore commanded to bring, as soon as may be, the said.....

Sarah Rypka.....before me, to the end that examination  
be made of the mental condition of said Sarah Rypka.....  
according to the statute in such case made and provided.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 1907

[SEAL.]

Eugene Rice

Judge of Probate.



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**IN PROBATE COURT**

County of Steele

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In the Matter of the Lunacy of

Sarah Ryppka

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**Notice to County Attorney**

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Filed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of

January A. D. 190 7  
Engene Rice  
Judge of Probate.

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State of Minnesota, } ss.  
 County of Steele

## IN PROBATE COURT.

In the Matter of the Lunacy of

Sarah Rypka ..... Alleged Insane }

To the Hon. J. T. Littleton ..... County Attorney of said County.

SIR: Please to take notice that information in due form of law has been filed in my office, alleging the insanity of Sarah Rypka ..... a resident of said County, and an order in due form of law has been issued to the Sheriff of said County, to bring said

Sarah Rypka ..... before said Court for examination.

Therefore you are hereby notified and required to appear before me at my office in said County, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 1907, at 10 o'clock a M., to represent said Sarah Rypka ..... and take part in and conduct on ~~her~~ behalf the said examination and inquiry into ~~her~~ said lunacy.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of

(SEAL)

January A. D. 1907  
Eugene Rice  
 Judge of Probate.



*Trustees.*

|                           |                      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| <i>J. W. Mason,</i>       | <i>Fergus Falls.</i> |
| <i>J. H. Titus,</i>       | <i>Rochester.</i>    |
| <i>J. D. O'Brien,</i>     | <i>St. Paul.</i>     |
| <i>E. L. Wells, M.D.,</i> | <i>Minneapolis.</i>  |
| <i>J. H. Block,</i>       | <i>St. Peter.</i>    |

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| <i>Arthur F. Kilbourne,</i>       |
| <i>Medical Superintendent.</i>    |
| <i>Robert M. Phelps,</i>          |
| <i>Asst. Med. Superintendent.</i> |
| <i>William H. Knapp,</i>          |
| <i>Accounting Officer.</i>        |

*Rochester, Minn.* Aug. 17, 1897.

Judge of Probate, Steele County,  
Owatonna, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

You are hereby notified that Sarah Rypka, (or Rybka), committed from your county Apr. 22nd, 1895, left this institution Apr. 6th, 1897, and was legally discharged therefrom Aug. 11th, 1897.

Very respectfully yours,

Arthur F. Kilbourne,

Medical Superintendent.



No. \_\_\_\_\_

# IN PROBATE COURT

COUNTY OF STEELE

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSANITY OF

*Sarah Ryppka*

Judgment Auditing Fees and Disbursements

Filed this *8<sup>th</sup>* day

of *January* A. D. 190*8*

and recorded in Book M. page *318*

*Eugene Rice*  
Judge of Probate

State of Minnesota, }  
County of Steele } SS

IN PROBATE COURT,

Special Term, January 8th 1907.

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSANITY OF

Sarah Ryoka

In the above entitled matter, upon the facts appearing to the Court,

It is Ordered and Adjudged, That Doctor T.L. Hatch

have and recover of said County of Steele for his fees and mileage as examiner in lunacy  
for examination of said patient the sum of

Five and 15/100 Dollars

as audited by said Court; and that Doctor J.H. Adair

have and recovered of said County for his  
fees and mileage as examiner in lunacy for examination of said patient the sum of

Five and 15/100 Dollars

as audited by said Court; and that William Leehy, Sheriff, have

and recover of said County the sum of Fifteen and 70/100

Dollars, for his actual expenses for  
taking said patient to the Hospital for Insane, as audited by said Court; and that

Anna Tomsche

have and recover of said County the sum of Two

Dollars for her fees and expenses of  
travel and support in accompanying said female patient to the Hospital for Insane, as audited  
by said Court

Dated at Owatonna, Minnesota, the 8th day  
of January, A. D. 1907.

By the Court,

*Engene Rice*  
Judge of Probate.

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In the matter of the Insanity of

Carl Retta

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**PROBATE COURT**  
**STEELE COUNTY, MINNESOTA**



# In Probate Court,

County of Steele

In the Matter of Insanity of

Carl Retta

Information of Insanity.

Filed the

23<sup>d</sup> day of July

1883

W. Chadwick

Judge of Probate.

State of Minnesota,  
County of Steele } ss.

In Probate Court,

In the Matter of the Insanity of

Carl Retta

To the Judge of Probate in and for said County:

The Complaint of Charles Green of the  
County of Steele in the State of Minnesota, informing, shows to the  
Court that Carl Retta is an insane person in the  
County of Steele needing care and treatment, and that it is dangerous  
for said person to be at large, as informant verily believes.

WHEREFORE, Complainant prays that the said  
Carl Retta may be examined by this Court, pursuant  
to the statute in such case made and provided, concerning the charge of insanity,  
and to ascertain the fact of sanity or insanity; and if the said  
Carl Retta shall be found on examination to be insane, that he  
may be committed to the Hospital for Insane.

Char Green

State of Minnesota,  
County of Steele } ss.

Charles Green personally appeared before me, this  
23<sup>rd</sup> day of January A. D. 1883, and first being sworn  
deposes and says, that the foregoing Complaint and Information is true of his own  
knowledge, except as to the matters which are therein stated on his information and  
belief, and as to those matters he believes to be true.

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of

January 1883  
W. R. Chadwick  
Judge of Probate

Char Green

# Probate Court.

STEELE COUNTY.

INSANITY OF

*Carl Retta*

## Judgment for Costs.

Entered and filed this

day of

1883

*Wm Chadwick*  
Judge of Probate.

Owatonna Journal Print.

*Recover in Book 6  
Page 675  
Wm Chadwick*



Owatonna, Minn. January 23<sup>rd</sup> 1895  
 Mc Steele County

TO J. Z. BARNCARD, DR.,  
 SHERIFF STEELE COUNTY.

|                              |               |          |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------|
| Docon Carl Retta             | <u>Insane</u> | 1 00     |
| " 3 Days board               |               | 1 40     |
| " attendants 2 days          |               | 3 00     |
| " sum board Examination      |               | 1 50     |
| " 3 R. R. fares to Rochester |               | 3 60     |
| " 2 " " " to Owatonna        |               | 2 40     |
| " Hack "                     |               | 1 50     |
| " meals                      |               | 1 65     |
| " for Dinner                 | sheriff       | 3 00     |
| " " "                        | attendant     | 2 50     |
|                              |               | <hr/>    |
|                              |               | \$ 21 85 |

Judge of Probate.

State of Minnesota, } ss.  
COUNTY OF STEELE.

IN PROBATE COURT

Special Term

January 13<sup>d</sup> 1893

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSANITY OF

Carl Retta

In the above entitled matter, upon the facts appearing to the Court,

It is ordered and adjudged, That Dr. A. B. Stewart

have and recover of said County of Steele, for his fees and mileage for examination of said patient, the sum of Three & 34/100 Dollars, as allowed by the

Judge of said Court: and that Dr. J. H. Odell have and recover

of said County, for his fees and mileage, for examination of said patient, the sum of Three & 34/100 Dollars, as allowed by said Judge, and that

\_\_\_\_\_ have and recover of said County for his fees and mileage as a witness in

said matter the sum of \_\_\_\_\_

Dollars, as allowed by said Judge, and that

J. B. Chamuel have and recover of said County, the sum of Twenty

& 87/100 Dollars for his fees and expenses for taking said patient to the Hospital for Insane, as allowed by said Judge.

By the Court,

W. B. Chamuel

Judge of Probate.

PROBATE COURT,  
STEELE COUNTY.

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSANITY OF

*Carl Petta*

ORDERS OF COMMITTAL.

Recorded in Order Book *6* on  
page *643*

Filed this *23rd* day of  
*January* 18*93*

*Wm. J. ...*

Judge of Probate.



STATE OF MINNESOTA, ) ss.

IN PROBATE COURT.

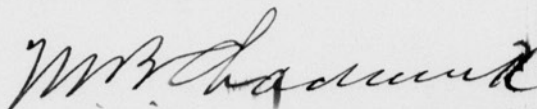
COUNTY OF STEELE.

Special Term January 23<sup>rd</sup> 1893  
Carl Retta**In the Matter of the Insanity of**

On filing the copy of the orders heretofore made and entered in said matter, together with the certificate of Dr. A. B. Hunt & E. J. Adair thereunto annexed, certifying on oath, that pursuant to said order they have examined the said Carl Retta concerning the charge of Insanity, and to ascertain the fact of sanity or insanity, and that they find the said Carl Retta to be insane; and after a full hearing and examination of further proofs in said matter, it appearing to the Court and Jury that the said Carl Retta is an insane person in the County of Steele, needing care and treatment, and recommend he be committed to the Hospital for Insane.

It is ordered and adjudged that Duplicate Warrants be issued committing the said Carl Retta to the Hospital for the Insane, and that said Warrants be delivered to J. J. Boncend Sheriff of said County, and that he be and hereby is commanded to convey the said Carl Retta to the Hospital for Insane.

It is further ordered and adjudged, that the fees, costs and disbursements of this proceeding be awarded against the County of Steele.



Judge of Probate.

No. ....

# IN PROBATE COURT,

County of Steele

In the Matter of the Insanity of

Carl Retta

Insane.

## Warrant for Commitment.

Record  
Rock Minnesota Hospital for Insane.

Rockton, Minnesota.

Received this 23 day of

January A. D. 1893, the patient  
named in the within warrant.

Arthur F. Kilbourne

Superintendent of Hospital.

Filed this

24 day of January

1893

Wm Chadwick  
Judge of Probate

State of Minnesota,

County of

Steele

} ss.

IN PROBATE COURT,

In the Matter of the Insanity of

Carl Retta

To the Superintendent of the

Secord

Minnesota Hospital for Insane at

Rochester

Minnesota

Carl Retta

the County of

Steele

having been upon examination found to be insane, you are therefore required to receive  
 him into the Hospital, and keep him until legally discharged.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and

affixed the seal of the Probate Court of said County,

this

23d

day of

January

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M. D. Chadwick

Judge of Probate of

Steele

County, Minnesota.



No. ....

IN PROBATE COURT,

County of *Rich*

In the Matter of the Insanity of

*Carl Petta*

OATH OF JURY.

Filed this

*23<sup>d</sup>* day of *January*

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*W. B. Chadwick*

Judge of Probate.

State of Minnesota, }  
 County of St. Louis } ss.  
 In the Matter of the Insanity of Carl Retta }  
 Special Term, January 23<sup>d</sup> 1893

State of Minnesota, }  
 County of St. Louis } ss.  
A.B. Stewart - M.D. and J.H. Adair M.D.  
 the persons designated in the order of this Court to examine  
Carl Retta alleged to be insane and to ascertain the fact of h  
 sanity or insanity, being duly sworn, each for himself, deposes and says that I will  
 examine said patient impartially, and to the best  
 of my ability. So help me God.

Subscribed and sworn to before me,  
 this 23<sup>d</sup> day of January

A. D. 1893  
M.B. Chadwick

Judge of Probate.

A.B. Stewart  
J.H. Adair

Filed May 7, 1893  
Wm. Chas. L.





LITH. J. A. M. PRESS, 405 ST. PAUL, MINN.

# *Second Minnesota Hospital for the Insane.*

*Superintendent's Office.*

*Rochester, Minn.*

5-6-93

Judge of Probate Steele Co.,

Owatonna, Minn.

Dear Sir:- You are hereby notified that Mr. Carl Retta, committed from your County Jan. 23rd '93, left this Institution Mch. 27th '93, and was legally discharged therefrom May 3rd '93.

Very Respectfully Yours,

Arthur F. Kilbourne,

Medical Superintendent.

No. ....

# In Probate Court,

County of Stark

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSANITY OF

Carl Retta

## ORDERS TO PHYSICIANS AND PHYSICIANS' CERTIFICATE.

Filed this 23<sup>d</sup> day of  
January A. D. 1887, and  
recorded in Book 6 of Orders,  
page 620

M. B. Chadwick

Judge of Probate.

State of Minnesota,

County of Steele

ss.

In Probate Court,

Special Term, January 23<sup>d</sup> 1893

In the Matter of the Insanity of

Carl Ritta

On reading and filing the information of

Charles Green

of the County of

Steele

representing that

Carl Ritta

is an insane person in the County of

Steele

needing care and treatment, and that it is dangerous for

him

to be at large.

It is Ordered, that Doctors

A. B. Stewart and J. H. Adair

Adair regular physicians of said County, in connection with the Judge of this Court, be and they are hereby appointed and commanded to examine the said Carl Ritta concerning the charge of insanity, and to ascertain the fact of sanity or insanity, and that they forthwith make a written report of the result of their said examination to this Court.

It is further ordered, that a copy of these orders be delivered to the said

Doctors A. B. Stewart and J. H. AdairW. M. Chadwick

Judge of Probate.

## PHYSICIANS' RETURN.

State of Minnesota,

County of Steele

ss.

Carl Ritta

In the Matter of the Insanity of

We, Doctors

A. B. Stewart and J. H. Adair

regular physicians of the County of

Steele

and

W. M. Chadwick

Judge of Probate, do

hereby certify, that pursuant to the foregoing order of the Probate Court of said County, we have examined the said Carl Ritta

concerning the charge of insanity, and to ascertain the fact of sanity or insanity, and that we find the said Carl Ritta to be

insaneJ. H. Adair

M. D.

A. B. Stewart

M. D.

W. M. Chadwick

Judge of Probate.