

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA ORPHANS' COURT**

Petition for Adoption of:

File No: _____

PETITION

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF SAID COURT, This Petition respectfully represents that:

1. The names of Petitioners are as follows:

2. The locations and dates of residence of Petitioners for two (2) years prior hereto are as follows:

3. The marital status of Petitioners is as follows (If presently married, state date and place of marriage. If previously married, state name of any prior spouse. State when, how, and where any previous marriage was terminated.):

4. The names, ages, and residence of any children of Petitioners are as follows:

5. The age and birthdate of Petitioners are as follows:

6. The occupation, employer, and annual income of Petitioners are as follows:

7. The state of health of Petitioners is as follows:

8. The religious affiliation of Petitioners is as follows:

9. The racial background of Petitioners is as follows:

10. The relationship (by blood or marriage) of Adoptee, if any, to Petitioners is as follows:

11. The Report of Intention to Adopt, if required, was filed by Petitioners on _____, 20____. (If not required, state reason.)

12. (a.) The Report of the Intermediary, if required, was filed on _____, 20____. (If not required, state reason.)

(b.) The name and address of the Intermediary is as follows:

13. The full name of the Adoptee is as follows:

14. The Adoptee has resided with Petitioners during the following period of time:

15. If there is no Intermediary, or if Adoptee is over the age of eighteen (18), the following information shall be provided:
 - (a.) Adoptee's sex:
 - (b.) Adoptee's racial background:
 - (c.) Adoptee's age and date of birth:
 - (d.) Adoptee's place of birth:
 - (e.) Adoptee's religious affiliation:

- (f.) The name, age, racial background, and religious affiliation of the Adoptee's mother (as of Adoptee's date of birth) and the marital status of the Adoptee's mother (as of Adoptee's date of birth and one (1) year prior thereto):

- (g.) The name, age, racial background, and religious affiliation of the Adoptee's natural father (as of Adoptee's date of birth) and the marital status of the Adoptee's natural father (as of Adoptee's date of birth and one (1) year prior thereto): (If father is not identified, state whether a claim of paternity has been filed under §8303 of the Adoption Act.)

- (h.) Identification (name of court, docket number, date, and rights terminated) of all proceedings in any jurisdiction in which any Decree of Termination of parental rights, or parental rights and duties with respect to Adoptee was entered:

- (i.) The name and last-known residence of any natural parent of Adoptee whose parental rights have not been terminated, or the fact, place, and date of death of any such natural parent:

- (j.) An itemized accounting of monies, fees and expenses paid or to be paid to counsel or any other fees, costs or expenses paid to an Intermediary or any other person or institution in connection with the adoption:

- (k.) A full description and statement of the value of all property owned or possessed by Adoptee:

16. If Petitioners desire to change Adoptee's name, Adoptee's new name shall be as follows:

17. Petitioners desire that the relationship of parent and child be established between him/her/them and the Adoptee:

18. (a.) Adoptee's Birth Certificate is attached hereto as Exhibit "_____";

OR

(b.) No Birth Certificate can be obtained for the following reason:

19. The following consents necessary for adoption are attached hereto as Exhibits (if any of the following consents are not required, explain why such consents are not required):
- (a.) The consent of Adoptee (if over twelve (12) years of age) is attached hereto as Exhibit “_____”.
 - (b.) The consent of the spouse of the adopting parent (unless such spouse joins in this Adoption Petition) is attached hereto as Exhibit “_____”.
 - (c.) The consent of the parents or surviving parent of Adoptee who has not reached the age of eighteen (18) years is attached hereto as Exhibit “_____”.
 - (d.) The consent of the Guardian of an incompetent Adoptee is attached hereto as Exhibit “_____”.
 - (e.) The consent of the Guardian of the person of an Adoptee under the age of eighteen (18) years, if any, or of the person or persons having custody of the Adoptee, if any such person can be found (such consent required if the Adoptee has no parent whose consent is required) is attached hereto as Exhibit “_____”.
20. A certified copy of any claim for paternity filed under §8303 of the Adoption Act is attached hereto as Exhibit “_____”.
21. A certified copy of any Decree of Termination of parental rights or parental rights and duties made by a Court other than the Court of Common Pleas of Northampton County and any division thereof is attached hereto as Exhibit(s) “_____”.
22. If all parental rights have not been previously terminated or if any required parental consents are not attached, set forth grounds for involuntary termination of parental rights.

23. Petitioners request your Honorable Court to:

(a.) Allow the adoption by them of _____.
(Name of Adoptee)

(b.) Declare that Adoptee shall have the rights of a child and heir of Petitioners and shall be subject to all the duties of such a child; and

(c.) Allow Adoptee to assume the name of _____.
(Name Chosen for Adoptee)

(Signature of Petitioner)

(Signature of Petitioner)

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

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COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON

Before me, the undersigned officer, personally appeared _____

_____, who, being duly sworn
(Name(s) of Petitioners)

according to law, depose and say that I / we are Petitioner (s) in the above-referenced matter and that the facts set forth in the foregoing Petition are true and correct to the best of my / our knowledge, information, and belief.

(Signature of Petitioner)

(Signature of Petitioner)

SWORN TO and subscribed before me, this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

(Notary Public – Signature) -

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