



In The Circuit Court
For The Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois
Sangamon County, Springfield, Illinois

(Petitioners)

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vs.

(Defendants)

(Defendants)



Case No. _____

DECREE OF ADOPTION

Now on this _____ Day of _____, 20____, comes _____
and again present(s) to the Court with Petition heretofore filed herein, praying for
the adoption of _____, a minor child.

And on this day also comes _____, who has heretofore been appointed
as Guardian Ad Litem to represent the interests of said minor child in this proceeding.

And on this day also comes _____, who has heretofore been appointed
as Guardian Ad Litem to represent the interests in this proceeding of the Defendants, _____

who are _____

And it appearing to the Court that by Interim Order entered herein on _____, 20____,
the temporary care, custody and control of said child was vested in the Petitioner(s) pending the final
determination of this cause.

And it further appearing to the Court that more than six (6) months have expired since the entry of said
Interim Order, and that said child has been in the care, custody and control of the Petitioner(s), and resided in
their home continuously during said period of time.

And it further appearing to the Court that said minor child and the said Defendant(s) _____
_____, and each of them, have been duly served with Summons as provided
by law; that the Defendant(s) _____ entered their Appearance(s) herein in
writing, waiving service of process, and consenting that any and all Orders which might be entered herein, shall
have the same full force and effect as though they have been duly served with process as provided by law.

And it further appearing to the Court from the proofs on file that the Defendant(s) _____
do(es) not reside in the State of Illinois, or have gone out of this State, or on due inquiry
cannot be found so that process cannot be served upon him/her/them; that the Clerk of the Circuit Court caused
a Notice to be published in _____, a newspaper, regularly
published in the City of _____, in said County and State for more than six(6)
months next preceding the first publication of said Notice, containing Notice of the pendency of this action, the
Title of the Court, the Title of the Case, showing the name(s) of the person(s) to be adopted, the number of the
case, the names of the parties to be served by publication, and the date on or after which default might be
entered against such parties, which Notice was published once each week for three (3) successive weeks with
the first publication being at least thirty (30) days prior to this date; that the Clerk of the Circuit Court did also,
within ten (10) days of the first publication of said Notice, send a copy thereof by mail, addressed to each
Defendant whose place of residence was stated in the aforesaid Affidavit, and has filed in this cause his
certificate of such mailing.

And this cause now coming on to be heard upon said Petition, the Answer of the aforesaid Guardian Ad
Litem for said minor child, the Answer of the aforesaid Guardian Ad Litem for the Defendant(s) _____
_____ and on the Answer(s) of the Defendant(s) _____
_____ and the Court having heard the evidence in open Court in support of the facts in
said Petition state, and being now fully advised in the premises, DOTH FIND:

That Petitioner(s) is unmarried/are husband and wife, is a/are reputable person(s), of legal age and reside(s) in the _____, in the County of _____, State of _____; that Petitioner(s) has/have resided in the State of Illinois for _____ months last past.

That _____ a female/male child, was born at _____ in the County of _____, in the State of _____, on the _____ Day of _____, 20 _____; that Petitioner(s) desire(s) to adopt said child.

That said child is related to Petitioner(s) in the following way: _____

(a) That the names and places of residence of the parents of said child are as follows:

FATHER

MOTHER

_____ and that neither of said parents are minors or otherwise under any legal disability, except: _____

(b) The name(s) of the father/and/mother of said child _____ unknown.

(c) That the father/and/mother of said child _____ dead.

(d) That the legal guardian of said child is _____, whose address is _____, and who was appointed by the Circuit Court of _____ County, in the State of _____, on the _____ Day of _____, 20 _____.

(e) That said child has no living parent, and that no legal guardian of said child is known to Petitioner(s); that _____ whose address is _____ is a near relative of said child, being related in the following way: _____.

(f) That said child has no living parent; that no guardian of said child is known to Petitioner(s); that no near relative is known, and on due inquiry cannot be ascertained by Petitioner(s).

That said child is to be given the following name: _____.

That _____ who has/have authority to consent to the adoption of said child by Petitioner(s) is an/are unfit person(s) to have said child, for the following reason(s): _____

That the following Orders, Judgments or Decrees, affecting the adoption or custody of said child, or the adoptive, custodial or parental rights of Petitioner(s) have heretofore been entered:

(Give Date, Court, Title of Cause and substantive holding of Order, Judgment or Decree)

The Court further finds that _____ was heretofore duly and specifically designated by this Court to make investigation in accordance with the provisions of the Adoption Laws of the State of Illinois, and the said _____ has presented to this Court the result of such investigation in writing, as provided by law.

The Court further finds that the allegations in the Petition are true, and that said Petitioner(s) is/are of sufficient ability to bring up said child and furnish suitable nurture and education for said child, and that it is fit, proper and for the best interest of the child that such adoption should be made.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED by the Court that from the Date of this Decree, the said _____ shall be the adopted child of said Petitioner _____ and _____ and capable of inheriting his/her/their estate, and that said child to all intents and purposes shall be the child of said Petitioner(s), and that the name of said child be and it hereby is changed to _____.