

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LACKAWANNA  
COUNTY  
ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION**

**PETITION FOR PERMISSION TO RELINQUISH  
PARENTAL RIGHTS (Voluntary)**

**ADOPTION ACT**

23 Pa. C.S.A. 2101 et seq. effective January 1,1981,  
As amended 1982, August 22, P.L. 174

IN RE: Adoption of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of child as it appears on birth certificate)

File No. A-\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

**(Instructions)**

- A. Section 2532 of the Adoption Act requires that the person (s) receiving or retaining possession, custody or control of any child for the purpose or with the intention of adopting such child must submit a Report of Intention to Adopt to the court in which the Petition for Adoption will be filed within thirty (30) days.
  
- B. If the relinquishing parent (s) do not know the identity of the person(s) who have accepted custody of the child, this anonymity may be preserved by designating only the intermediary in paragraphs 2 and 5 of this petition.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF SAID COURT:

The Petition of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Natural Parents)

respectfully represents that:

1. That \_\_\_\_\_  
is/are the natural father, mother of \_\_\_\_\_ a  
child under the age of eighteen.

2 \_\_\_\_\_ whose  
residence is located at:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Adoptive Parent (s) / Agency)

Minimum period of thirty (30) days / minimum period of three (3) days.

3 That the following information is submitted about such child:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex M / F Race \_\_\_\_\_

Religious affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

The following information is submitted:

Natural FATHER

Natural MOTHER

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthplace: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Race: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Race: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Religious affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Religious

a. Date of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_ by whom \_\_\_\_\_

location \_\_\_\_\_

b. The name(s) and ages of any other children of petitioner(s) is/are:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (age)

\_\_\_\_\_

c. If either or both of petitioner(s) had a marriage dissolved by divorce, so state and give date, court term and number of proceedings:

\_\_\_\_\_

d. Petitioner(s) for the past five years has (have) resided at:

\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
1. Your petitioner(s) is/are desirous of adopting \_\_\_\_\_  
And declare that if this petition is granted they, (he/she) will perform all the duties  
of parent(s) to such person.

a. If child sought to be adopted is related to either petitioner, by blood or  
marriage, so state her and describe relationship:

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Said \_\_\_\_\_ is a Male/Female and is \_\_\_\_\_, was born on  
(name) (race)

\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
(date of birth) (place of birth)

and is of \_\_\_\_\_ religious affiliation and now resides with

\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Has resided with the following parties and at the following places during the  
following periods specified:

3. Your petitioner(s) obtained custody of the child under the following circumstance:

a. You petitioner(s) filed Report of Intention to Adopt as required by Section  
331 of the Adoption Act on : \_\_\_\_\_

b. That Report of Intermediary as required by Section 333 of the Adoption Act  
was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and written notice given to you

Petitioner(s) on \_\_\_\_\_

4. Said child to be adopted (IS or IS NOT) married. If the person to be adopted IS  
married, give the name of spouse \_\_\_\_\_

5. Said child is the natural child of (If the petitioner(s) do not know the identity of  
Natural parent(s) of the child whom they seek to adopt, indicate "UNKNOWN"

**NATURAL FATHER INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Race: \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Religious affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ If deceased date of death: \_\_\_\_\_

**NATURAL MOTHER INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Race: \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Religious affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ If deceased date of death: \_\_\_\_\_

If both parents are dead, give name and address of any legal guardian having legal custody:

6. Hereto annexed are consents to this petition by:

(Name and capacities)

7. Parental rights have been terminated by Decree of termination entered by the Court on \_\_\_\_\_ and dated \_\_\_\_\_, filed to adoption

number A-\_\_\_\_\_-20\_\_\_\_\_.

8. The Court is/is not requested to find that the consent of \_\_\_\_\_  
(natural father)

\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
(natural mother) (adoptive child)

To the adoption of said child by petitioner(s) herein is not required on the ground(s)  
that:

9. Your petitioner(s) believe(s) that the welfare of said child will be promoted by  
this adoption, by reason of the following facts and circumstances:

- a. State family history of person to be adopted, the condition of the natural  
parents, financial or otherwise, and any other facts as to the present  
situation of the person to be adopted.
- b. Information on adoptee(s) when anonymity desired is not required.  
Indicate. (see report of intermediary filed)
- c. State station of life of petitioner(s), their financial ability, whether  
petitioner or either of them have ever been convicted of any criminal  
offense, or have been summoned before the domestic relations  
department of court or any other facts pertaining to the qualifications of  
adopting parents:

10. The is / is not requested on the basis of the evidence to establish a date and  
place  
of birth in the adoption hearing.

Your Petitioner(s) therefore pray(s) that the court Decree that hereafter said

\_\_\_\_\_ shall be in law their adopted child, shall have all the rights of a child and heir of you Petitioner(s) and be subject to the duties of such child, and shall be known by the name of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name after adoption)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Petitioner)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Petitioner)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
COUNTY OF LACKAWANNA**

The above named petitioner(s), being duly sworn according to law, depose(s) and say(s) that the facts set forth in this petition which are within the personal knowledge of the deponent(s) are true, and as to facts based on the information of others, the deponents(S0 after diligent inquiry believe(s) the to be true.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Petitioners)

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature / seal of Notary)

# CONSENTS

(Execute appropriate consent-other consents on reverse side)

## (Consent of person over the age of twelve)

I hereby certify that I have read the foregoing petition and consent to my adoption by:

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
(Adoptive parent name)

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of person to be adopted)

## (Consent of natural parents)

I (we) hereby certify that I (we) have read the foregoing petition and consent to the adoption of

\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

Fully understand that by this proceeding I (we) surrender forever all my (our) rights as parent(s); that this consent was not executed prior to or within 72 hours after the birth of the child.

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of natural father)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of natural mother)

**CONSENT OF NATURAL PARENT WHOSE SPOUSE IS  
ADOPTING**

I hereby certify that I have read the foregoing petition and consent to the adoption of

\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Adoptive child) (Adopting parent)

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

In the presence of

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of consenting party)

**CONSENT BY AGENCY, BY SPOUSE OF PERSON TO BE  
ADOPTED OR BY LEGAL GUARDIAN OR PERSON HAVING  
LEGAL CUSTODY**

I hereby certify that I have read the foregoing petition and consent to the adoption of

\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Adoptive child) (Adopting parent)

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

In the presence of

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of consenting party)

**ENDORSEMENT**

(Consent of natural parent(s) who do(es) not know who the adopting parents are)

I, (we) hereby consent to the adoption of \_\_\_\_\_, fully understanding that by this proceeding I (we) surrender forever all my (our) rights as parent(s). I (we) give this consent voluntarily without disclosure to me (us) of the name or other identification of the adopting parent or parents and expressly waive such disclosure in giving this consent.

I (we) hereby certify that this consent was not executed prior to or within 72 hours after the birth of the child.

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

In the presence of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(witness)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(natural parent)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(witness)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(natural parent)

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature / seal of Notary)