

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
BALTIMORE CITY

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1924

EX PARTE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTI-
TION OF JAMES E. *Curtis*
Infant.

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Mr. Clerk:-

(1) (2)
(Please file.)

J. Steward Davis

George W. Evans

SOLICITORS FOR PETITIONERS

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H. H. February 1924

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EX PARTE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION : IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF : OF
JAMES E. CURTIS, infant : BALTIMORE CITY.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

The petition of James E. Branch and Annie Branch, his wife, respectfully represents as follows:-

1. That your petitioners reside at No. 1806 E. Madison St., Baltimore City, State of Maryland.
2. That the said James E. CURTIS was born ^{Jan. 5th 1922} and is the son of Grace Smith, the child having been born out of wedlock; the name of the father is unknown.
3. That the said James E. CURTIS, infant, is now residing at the home of the petitioners, the mother being unable to provide for him; that since he has been with your petitioners, they have maintained, cared for and provided fully for the aforementioned infant and that the aforementioned infant has no property or estate.
4. That your petitioners desire to adopt the said infant as their own in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, Article 16, Sec. 72 and your petitioners say that they are financially able to care for and provide for his future.
5. That the mother, Grace Smith, recently surrendered the infant to the care and control of your petitioners and relinquished all her rights as mother to your petitioners and since has declared her assent to the adoption of the said infant by your petitioners.

6. That your petitioners desire to have the name of the said infant changed in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, Article 16 Section 75, that his name be James E. Branch, Jr., Branch being the name of your petitioners.

7. That the mother, Grace Smith, resides at 1428 Hempel alley this City; that she has evidenced her consent to the adoption by her within statement herewith filed.

WHEREFORE your petitioners pray:

(a) That a decree may be passed in this Honorable Court declaring the said James E. CURTIS, infant, to be the adopted child of your petitioners in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland relative to the adoption of children.

(b) That the name of the said James E. CURTIS, infant be changed to James E. Branch, Jr. in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland relative to the change of names.

AND as in duty bound, etc.

Annie Branch

James E. Branch

J. Steward Davis

George W. Evans

SOLICITORS FOR PETITIONERS.

STATE OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE CITY, to wit:-

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that on this 15th day of December, 1923, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland in and for the City aforesaid, personally appeared James E. Branch and Annie Branch, his wife, and each acknowledged the matters and facts in the foregoing petition to be true to the best of their knowledge and belief.

WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal.

J. Francis Henry
NOTARY PUBLIC.

I, Grace Smith, the mother of James E. CURTIS, infant, hereby admit the matters and facts set forth in the petition for the adoption of said infant and hereby consent to the passage of a decree by this Honorable Court declaring said infant to be the adopted child of the petitioners.

TEST:

Grace Smith
MOTHER

Subscribed and sworn before me this 15th day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty three.

J. Francis Henry
NOTARY PUBLIC.



EX PARTE

In the Matter of the Petition of

JAMES E. BRANCH and ANNIE BRANCH,

his wife

IN THE

Circuit Court

OF

BALTIMORE, CITY.

January Term, 19*24*

Upon consideration of the foregoing petition:

It is thereupon, this *4* day of *February* 19*24*

by the Circuit Court of Baltimore City, and by the authority of this Court, Adjudged

Ordered and Decreed, that James E. Curtis.....

be and he is.....

declared to be the legally adopted child of James E. Branch and Annie

Branch, his wife..... as prayed in said petition

and that the name of the said

be and the same, hereby changed from James E. Curtis

to James E. Branch, Jr.

and that the said petitioner pay the costs of the proceedings to be taxed by the Clerk.

Charles R. Whiteford

I, CHARLES R. WHITEFORD, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Baltimore City, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Decree, taken from the records and proceedings of said Circuit Court in the cause above entitled.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of the said Court this..... day of..... 19*24*