

EIGHTH. That your Petitioners believe, and so charge, that the best interests and welfare of said infant will be promoted by the adoption of said infant by your petitioners, said infant so desiring as will appear by Exhibit "B" filed herewith and to be taken as part hereof.

TO THE END, THEREFORE, That your petitioners may have the following relief in accordance with the provisions of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed in the year 1892, Chapter 244!

- (1) That your Honors may pass a Decree declaring the said Albert Francis Riggin the adopted child of your petitioners.
- (2) That the name of said infant may be changed from Albert Francis Riggin to Albert Francis Ridenour.
- (3) And for such other and further relief as the nature of the case may require.

And as in duty bound, etc.

Homer D. Ridenour
Anna M. Ridenour
Petitioners.

Edgar H. McBride
Solicitor.

Filed May 15 (1916)

EXHIBIT "A"

CONSENT OF MOTHER. KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS!

I, Mrs. Hattie Pearl, of Frederick City, Frederick County, Maryland, mother of Albert Francis Riggin, infant, do hereby consent to the adoption of said infant by Homer D. Ridenour and Anna Ridenour, his wife, in manner and form as provided by an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland passed in the year 1892, Chapter 244, and in accordance with the Decree of the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting in Equity, in the adoption Proceedings in which this Deed of Consent will be filed.

Witness my hand and seal this 15th day of May, 1916,

Witness: Chas. B. T. Hendrickson Mrs. Hattie Pearl (SEAL)

State of Maryland, Frederick County, to-wit:-

I hereby certify, That on this 15th day of May in the year 1916, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, in and for Frederick County, personally appeared Mrs. Hattie Pearl of Frederick, Frederick County, Maryland, and acknowledged the above and foregoing Deed of Consent to be her act and deed.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL.

Chas B. T. Hendrickson
Notary Public.

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EXHIBIT "B"

DESIRE OF INFANT. I, Albert Francis Riggin, son of Mrs. Hattie E. Pearl (formerly Mrs. Hattie Riggin), being an infant of the age of seventeen years, do hereby express my consent and desire that I be adopted by Homer D. Ridenour and Anna Ridenour, his wife, as their child, and that my name be changed from Albert Francis Riggin to Albert Francis Ridenour, in accordance with the laws of Maryland, governing the adoption of infants, and do file this, my assent and desire so expressed, as Exhibit "B" in the Cause of Homer D. Ridenour and Anna Ridenour his wife, on Petition, in the Circuit Court for Frederick County, Maryland, sitting as a Court of Equity, as I believe that my best interests and welfare will be promoted by my adoption of said Homer D. Ridenour and Anna Ridenour, his wife, and the change of my name from Albert Francis Riggin to Albert Francis Ridenour.

Albert Francis Riggin.

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A N S W E R.

Homer D. Ridenour and
Anna Ridenour, his wife,
on.
Petition.

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No. 9467 Equity.
In the Circuit Court for Frederick
County, sitting as a Court of Equity.

the answer of Mrs. Hattie Pearl to the Petition of Homer D. Ridenour and Anna Ridenour, his wife, respectfully shows unto your Honors!

FIRST. That she submits the allegations as set out in said Petition to be true as therein set forth.
SECOND. That said infant mentioned in the Petition is her son by her marriage to one Frank Riggin, and that said infant has been in the care, custody and control of the said Homer D. Ridenour and Anna