

Probate Court of Shelby County.

State of Tennessee } ss.
SHELBY COUNTY

Pleas before the Honorable F. M. Guthrie,
Judge of the Probate Court of Shelby County, held in the City of Memphis and
State and County aforesaid:

Be it remembered, that on the 9 day of November 19 22
it being one of the days of the November 19 22 Term of aforesaid Court,
the following appears of record in the words and figures, viz:

IN RE: ADOPTION AND CHANGE OF NAME

OF NO. 24011

MARGARET KING TO FONTIE CLAIRE MAHANNAH

This cause came on to be heard on this the 9 day of
November, 1922, on the petition of J. C. and Fontie G. Mahannah to
adopt a child, female, infant years of age, which petition is as
follows-to wit:

AGREEMENT OF ADOPTION

FORM 1

THIS AGREEMENT, made this _____ day of _____
A. D. 191____, at _____, in the State of _____,
between the

TENNESSEE CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY,
party of the first part, and J. C. Mahannah and Fontie G. Mahannah,
party of the second part,

WITNESSETH, That in consideration of the surrender,
which is hereby made, by said first party to said second party,
of a certain female child, named Margaret King, the second party
agrees to legally adopt her and rear, nurture, and support said
child tenderly and affectionately, and give it a Christian education.

AND IT IS FURTHER AGREED, That said child shall not
be given away to any third party, neither before nor after adoption,
without the written consent and approbation of the party of the
first part.

AND IT IS FINALLY AGREED, That if at any time hereafter
said second party, or either of them, shall fail to legally adopt
her and to care for, support, nurture, or educate said child in the
manner and time above agreed, all right of the second party to said
child shall at once be at an end, and the first party may at once,

at its option, retake her with all her clothing, wherever she may be, whether in this or any other State or Nation.

WITNESS the hands of the said parties the day and year first above written.

TENNESSEE CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY

BY W. B. Herbert

Vice-President.

Approved by

Mrs. Claude J. Sullivan
State Superintendent.

J. C. MAHANNAH

FONTIE G. MAHANNAH

Attest:

Mrs. Arthur F. Evans.
Secretary.

(SEAL)

PETITION

FORM 2

IN RE: ADOPTION OF MARGARET KING
TO THE HONORABLE F. M. GUTHRIE

JUDGE OF THE PROBATE COURT, SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

The petition of J. C. & Fontie G. MaHannah, in the matter of the adoption of a female (sex) child, a minor infant years of age.

Your petitioners J. C. and Fontie G. Mahannah respectfully state to the Court that they are resident citizens of Shelby, (Memphis) County, Tennessee, and that they desire to adopt the minor child of infant years of age, in sex female, and by name Margaret King, which child is now the ward of the Tennessee Children's Home Society, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Tennessee.

Petitioners state that said Tennessee Children's Home Society has the right of custody and control over said child, and is legally authorized and empowered to agree to its adoption.

Petitioners state that they have entered into an agreement with the said Tennessee Children's Home Society in reference to the adoption and care of said child, a copy of which agreement is filed herewith and made a part of this petition marked Form 1.

Petitioners state that said child is destitute and helpless, without parental support or aid for the necessities and advantages of life.

Petitioners further state that they are capable of giving

said child all the advantages of a good home, among others, including good associations and surroundings, careful rearing and education, and they are willing to adopt said child as their own, nurture, support and maintain said child and give to said child all the rights of inheritance and succession as if born to them.

PREMISES CONSIDERED, petitioners pray:

(1) That they be given the full right to the parental care, custody and possession of said child.

(2) That the Court decree that said child be adopted by them as their own, with the right to inherit and succeed their estates, both real and personal as if born to them.

(3) That said child bear the name of Fontie Claire Mahannah, and be so known hereafter and designated, with the right to sue and be sued in said name.

(4) That your petitioners be granted such other and further relief to which they may be entitled, and that a decree sanctioning this adoption and embodying this petition be spread upon the minutes of the Court.

J. C. Mahannah

Attorney

Fontie G. Mahannah

STATE OF TENNESSEE,

COUNTY OF SHELBY,

J. C. Mahannah, makes oath that the statements contained in the foregoing petition are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

J. C. Mahannah.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 9 day of Nov., 1922.

F. M. Guthrie, Judge

It appearing to the Court that petitioners are residents and citizens of Memphis, County of Shelby, State of Tennessee, and that they desire to adopt her Margaret King, a minor child.

It further appearing to the Court that petitioners have produced the written consent and contract of the Tennessee Children's Home Society, consenting to said adoption.

The Court further being satisfied of the fitness and legality of such adoption, and being satisfied that petitioners are of sufficient ability to care for, bring up, and educate said child properly.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED by the Court that said petition be, and the same is, in all things sustained; that the adoption of said child is sanctioned by the Court, and that petitioners be given the full right to the parental care, custody, and possession of said child; that from this date said child to all legal intents and purposes, be adopted by petitioners as their own, and vested, to all legal intents and purposes, with the right of succession and inheritance, as if born to petitioners; and that said child bear the name of Fontie Claire Mahannah and be so known and designated, with the right to sue and be sued in said name.

Petitioners will pay the costs of this adoption proceeding, for which execution will issue.

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N. B.—THIS SURRENDER MUST BE MADE IN DUPLICATE

Tennessee Children's Home Society

June 22nd 1922

For and in consideration of certain undertakings of *The Tennessee Children's Home Society*, and especially that of finding a suitable home where the said child herein named may be properly pro-

vided for, and for other good and valuable considerations, the undersigned being the ^{Father} ^{Mother} ^{Guardian} of a certain Girl child named Margaret King born May 19, 1922 Memphis Tenn hereby give \$ and surrender \$ the said child to said Society and authorize \$ said Society to keep and care for said child until it can find for said child such suitable family home, and to put said child in such home, and to make and enter into suitable terms of agreement with the person taking the same.

And the undersigned hereby also give \$ and grant \$ to the person taking said child from the said Society the same parental control and authority that the undersigned would have had if she had retained said child (and authorize the legal adoption of said child by the persons with whom it may be placed by said Society.)

And the undersigned further agree \$ to neither seek to discover said child's home, attempt its removal therefrom, either physically or by taking any proceeding tending to that end, nor in any way to molest the family in which she may be placed or the persons interested.

And the undersigned also authorizes *The Tennessee Children's Home Society*, by its attorney or agent, to appear in any proceeding for its legal adoption and consent to its adoption.

The undersigned recognizes Mrs Claude Sullivan as the superintendent and agent of said Society, and authorizes her or her successor in office to act for said Society.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned hereunto set her hand and seal this 22nd day of June A. D. 19 22

WITNESS:

(Signed) Gertrude King (mother) (Seal)
(Signed) Carroll Ketchum (Seal)
(Signed) James B. Elrod Memphis
Shelby County } SS.
State of Tennessee.

I hereby certify that this day appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State _____ to me personally known to be the identical person whose name is signed to the foregoing instrument as _____ of the child therein named, and acknowledged the instrument to be _____ voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein named.

In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness my hand and Notarial Seal, at _____ in this County, this _____ day of _____ A. D. 19 _____

Notary Public State Tennessee.

My commission expires _____

