

**FORM 131. ADOPTION PETITION**

STATE OF VERMONT  
DISTRICT OF \_\_\_\_\_, SS

PROBATE COURT  
DOCKET NO. \_\_\_\_\_

IN RE THE ADOPTION OF \_\_\_\_\_, OF \_\_\_\_\_

**ADOPTION PETITION  
15A V.S.A. § 3-404**

Part I.

The undersigned petitioner(s) represent that:

1. The person to be adopted is:  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_, Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_, Time of birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sex: \_\_\_\_\_, To be known as: \_\_\_\_\_  
Child has resided with petitioner(s) since: \_\_\_\_\_  
Child [ ] is [ ] is not an Indian child as defined by Indian Child Welfare Act.

2. The petitioner(s) are:  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_, Maiden name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_, Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing address:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Town and state of residence: \_\_\_\_\_  
For how long? \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_, Approximate income: \_\_\_\_\_  
Current marital status: \_\_\_\_\_, Is divorce pending? \_\_\_\_\_  
If married, has spouse been judicially determined to be incompetent?

Relationship to adoptee: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of most recent favorable preplacement evaluation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date, court and disposition of any previous petition to adopt: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_, Maiden name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_, Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing address:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Town and state of residence: \_\_\_\_\_  
For how long? \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_, Approximate income: \_\_\_\_\_  
Current marital status: \_\_\_\_\_, Is divorce pending? \_\_\_\_\_

3. The petitioners acquired physical custody of the minor on: \_\_\_\_\_  
If the child is not in the physical custody of the petitioners, explain the reason and the date and manner in which the petitioners intend to obtain physical custody:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. If the child was born out of wedlock, have the parents intermarried?  
 Yes  No  
  
If the child's parents are divorced, custody was awarded to \_\_\_\_\_
5. The name and address of the person or agency who placed the child with the petitioners is: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- If not an agency, the relationship of the person who placed the child with the petitioners is: \_\_\_\_\_
6. The description and approximate value of known property of the minor is:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. The petitioner is aware that the following court orders are in effect or pending regarding the child:  
Child support: \_\_\_\_\_  
Custody: \_\_\_\_\_  
Visitation or contact: \_\_\_\_\_
8. The petitioner(s) have completed the list of interested persons in Part I and have attached or explained in an attached affidavit the absence of the documents listed in Part III.
9. Any law governing interstate or intercountry adoption was complied with, if applicable.
10. The petitioners have the facilities and resources to provide for the care and support of the child and request that they be permitted to adopt the child. In addition, the following relief is sought: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Part II. Persons Interested in Adoption Proceeding

The undersigned petitioner(s) represents that the following is a list of persons interested in the adoption of the above-named child as far as is known to me:

1. Mother's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Town of residence: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of husband of the mother, if the child was born during the marriage or within 300 days after its termination: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town of residence: \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. Name of biological father identified by the mother: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Town of residence: \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. Name of any other man who was not married to the mother at the time of the child's birth, has acknowledged paternity and has demonstrated a parenting relationship with the child, including financial: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Town of residence: \_\_\_\_\_
  
5. Name of the child's legal guardian: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Town of residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Part III. The following documents are attached to the petition:

- A. Originals or certified copies of:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Child's birth certificate or other record of date and place of birth;
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Any consent, relinquishment, order terminating parental rights or disclaimer of parental interest that have been executed;
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Written certification required of person before whom the consent or relinquishment was executed;
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Each parent or former parent's marriage certificate, decree of divorce, annulment or dissolution, or agreement of legal separation;
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Any court order determining the former parent's incompetence;
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Any existing court order or petition in a pending proceeding concerning custody of, or visitation or communication with, the child;
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner's marriage certificate, decree of divorce, annulment or agreement of legal separation;
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Any court order determining that the spouse of the petitioner is incompetent.
  
- B. Copies of:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Birth certificates of petitioners;
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Preplacement evaluation on the petitioner(s);
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Postplacement evaluation;
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Report on the child and family's background information required by § 2-105;
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Any agreement with a public agency for adoption subsidy;
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Any collateral agreement between the petitioner and parent or guardian or any agency;
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Any request for nondisclosure signed by the parent or former parent.
  
- C. If an agency placed the child for adoption, a verified statement from the agency is required by § 3-305(a)(10).

Part IV. Affidavit of Unavailable Information:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, after first being sworn, state that I am unable to provide the following information in Parts I, II or III: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

because the information is not known to me or not available to me after reasonable attempts to get it.

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

\_\_\_\_\_, Petitioner  
\_\_\_\_\_, Petitioner

Subscribed and sworn to this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.  
before me,

\_\_\_\_\_, Notary Public

Subscribed and sworn to this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

before me,

\_\_\_\_\_, Notary Public