

Atlantic County Orphan's Court.

In the matter of the Application of Seth Page, and Mary B. Page, his wife, for leave to adopt Florence Smith, a minor.

Decree Permitting Adoption &c.

Whereas, Seth Page and Mary B. Page, his wife, on the fifth day of May nineteen hundred and eight presented their petition to the court, setting forth that they reside at No 212 Washington Avenue, South Atlantic City, Atlantic County, and State of New Jersey; that the said Seth Page is by occupation a tin and sheet iron worker; that the age of the said Seth Page is 35 years and the age of the said Mary B. Page is 39 years; that they desire to adopt Florence Smith, a minor child aged seven months who is now living with them, and in their custody; that the father of said child was Frank Smith, who is dead, and that the mother of the said child is Myrtle Smith, who resides at No 1139 Green Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and that the said child had no property whatsoever, and praying that the court would inquire into the merits of the said petition and would by its decree, grant permission to the said Seth Page and Mary B. Page, to adopt said child, and that the court would change the name of the said child to Alva May Page; to which petition there was annexed an affidavit of the petitioners, duly verifying the same according to law, and the written consent of Myrtle Smith, the only surviving parent of said minor child, duly acknowledged thereto annexed. Whereupon and upon reading the said petition and affidavit and consent, the court ordered the same to be filed with Clerk of this Court, and the same were filed accordingly; and did assign and appoint Tuesday, the Twenty-sixth day of May, Nineteen Hundred and Eight, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at Court House Mays Landing for the hearing of said petition and of the examination of the petitioners (being all the parties interested before the court) under oath, and the court from the testimony is of opinion that the facts stated in the petition are true, and upon the said examination are satisfied that the petitioners are of good moral character and of reputable standing in the community, and of ability to properly maintain and educate said child, reference being had to the degree and condition in life of the child's parents and furthermore that the best interests of the child would be promoted by such adoption.

Now, therefore, the Court doth, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it by an act of the Legislature of New Jersey entitled - "An Act concerning minors, their adoption, custody and maintenance (Revision of 1902) order, adjudge and decree that the prayer of the said petitioners be, and the same hereby is granted, and that the said Florence Smith, minor child of the said Frank Smith and Myrtle Smith, shall hereafter be known by the name of Alva May Page, and the Court doth hereby declare and adjudge that from the date of this decree the rights, duties, privileges and relations heretofore existing between the said

Florence Smith and the said Myrtle Smith her surviving parent shall be and are, in all respects at an end, excepting the right of inheritance; and further, that the rights, duties, privileges and relations between the said Florence Smith and the said Seth Page and Mary B. Page, her parents by adoption, are and shall henceforth be and the same, including the right of inheritance, as if the said Florence Smith had been born to her said adopted parents in lawful wedlock, except only as otherwise provided in the Act of the Legislature above mentioned. Done in open court this Twenty-sixth day of May, A. D. nineteen hundred and eight

E. A. Higbee
Judge.

Filed and Recorded May 26, 1908.
Emanuel C. Shaner,
Surrogate.