

A. B. Burgess
 To } Art. of Adoption
 John N. Shelton

This Indenture made and entered into by and between A. B. Burgess, of Madison County and State of Iowa and Levi H. Shelton and his wife Louiza M. Shelton parents of John Newbury Shelton a male child born December 29th A.D. 1866, Witnesses, That the said A. B. Burgess has this day adopted the above named Minor child as his own intending by this act to confer upon said child all the rights, privileges and responsibilities which would pertain to said child if born to the said A. B. Burgess in lawful wedlock, declaring hereby that said child shall be hereafter called and known as John Newbury Burgess. - The said Levi H. Shelton and his wife Louiza M. Shelton hereby agree and consent to the adoption of ~~their~~ said child as above stated, and to the change of name as above stated; they freely and voluntarily relinquishing all parental right to said child and freely giving him to the said A. B. Burgess for the purpose of adoption as his own child.

In testimony whereof the said Levi H. and Louiza M. Shelton parents of the Minor child aforesaid and the said A. B. Burgess hereunto subscribe their names this 4th day of October A.D. 1869

Witness

V. Wainwright

A. B. Burgess
 Levi H. ^{his} Shelton
 Louiza M. ^{her} Shelton

State of Iowa
 Madison County } ss

Before me V. Wainwright a Notary Public in and for said County, on this 4th day of October A.D. 1869 personally came A. B. Burgess and Levi H. Shelton and his wife Louiza M. Shelton who are to me personally known to be the identical persons who signed the foregoing Indenture of Adoption and acknowledged the execution of the same to be their voluntary act and deed for the purposes therein expressed. - And the said Louiza M. Shelton being by me examined apart from her husband the said Levi H. Shelton acknowledged that she executed the foregoing Indenture of Adoption freely and without compulsion or undue influence of her said husband. - In testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name and affix my Notarial Seal on the date last above written

"L.S."

V. Wainwright
 Notary Public

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