

## TITLE TO REAL ESTATE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA :

COUNTY OF GREENVILLE :

J. Ligon Merritt and

Evelyn Turner Merritt

Petitioners

TO

Children's Court of Greenville County.

CHILDREN'S COURT

ORDER

WHEREAS, a petition was filed with this Court by Mr. and Mrs. J. Ligon Merritt, asking for the adoption of Peggy Joyce Tucker, a minor who had been placed with them by this Court and,

WHEREAS, the Probation Officers of this Court have made a thorough investigation of the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ligon Merritt, and find it to be a suitable home for the rearing of a child and that the petitioners are capable and competent of giving said minor a good home with all of the necessities of life, and,

WHEREAS, it appears by the petition and the investigation of the Probation Officers of this Court, that Bessie Mae Tucker, mother of the above named minor, has legally relinquished all right and all rights in the above named minor:

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED: That the custody, care and control of the minor, Peggy Joyce Tucker, be, and is, hereby transferred to Mr. and Mrs. J. Ligon Merritt, the petitioners herein, with full power and right of inheritance as though said child were legitimate child of the petitioners, with the reciprocal duties, rights, and responsibilities of the said petitioners and the said minor, which are hereby declared henceforth to be that of parent and child; that the name of said minor be and the same is hereby fixed and declared to be Mellie Joyce Merritt, and by said name she shall be known and dealt with in court proceedings or otherwise, and that said Mellie Joyce Merritt is adopted by petitioners according to law.

Date: December 30, 1940.

Richard Foster

Judge, Children's Court of  
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The Petition of the above named Petitioners respectfully shows to the Court that:

(1) That Petitioners are residents and citizens of the County and State aforesaid and now reside on Route 4, Greenville.

(2) That Petitioners are husband and wife and have no children. That on April 2, 1940 Petitioners came to the Children's Court of Greenville County and asked said Court to place with them a child for adoption.

(3) That the Children's Court, prior to the visit of the Petitioners, had taken custody of Peggy Joyce Tucker, who had been placed in an unsuitable home by her mother, Bessie Mae Tucker. Said child was born November 18, 1939 and is illegitimate. That Bessie Mae Tucker on February 28, 1940 signed a Petition relinquishing all of her rights in said minor.

(4) That said minor was kept at the Maternity Shelter for a number of months.

That the Probation Officers of the Children's Court investigated the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ligon Merritt and found it to be a suitable home in which to place a child for adoption.

That said child has been in the home of the Petitioners since April 10, 1940, and they have learned to love and care for it as their own and now seek permanent adoption of said minor.