**EXPLANATION OF WITNESS STATEMENT & EXAMPLES**

***DO NOT RECORD***

**This is done to IDENTITY YOU – a PROOF of WHO YOU ARE.**

A notarized statement from (2) competent Witnesses such as old friend or family member, someone who has known you for at least TWO YEARS, preferably known your family, where you are now and has first-hand knowledge that you are "the" person who was born to the parents and at the place and time shown as the actual Birth Certificate and can identify you from a current photo. INSERT COLOR PHOTO(S) within the document.

Provide your witness with the following:

1. a ‘story’ stating how they know you, insert a photo– refer to samples below.
2. a copy of your Birth Certificate and
3. envelope/bill showing your current location if you’ve been out of touch with the witness for many years.

EXAMPLES:

1. “The John Meeks Brown living at 717 Mollroy Lane in Kirkland, Washington, whose recent photo appears on this Witness Testimony is known to me to be the same John Meeks Brown born to Ernest and Lydia (Schultz) Brown of Bedford, Pennsylvania, November 10, 1933. I have been his friend and co-worker for thirty years and have first-hand knowledge of his family.”

1. “I am the natural person John William Wiley, a family friend and physician of the McClusky Family of Duluth, Minnesota, for the past thirty-nine years. I was the attending physician when….”
2. “I am John Bruce Richards, older Cousin of Lilian Diane Cooper. I was 19 when Lilian-Diane was born and have a complete recollection of her parents, birth in Peoria, Illinois, and her life ever since. I can competently identify the woman in the photo shown below as Lilian Diane Cooper, now married to Joshua Rayburn Clarke, of Piedmont Park, California.”

**WITNESS TESTIMONY**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a living man/woman, do hereby affirm that a man/woman known to me as **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,** is the same \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_[name on the birth certificate] born to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(father’s first name) and \_\_\_\_\_\_(mother’s first name) ( maiden name in parenthesis) in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (town) of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ State, on \_\_\_\_(month) \_\_\_\_(day) \_\_\_\_\_ year.

I am the natural person \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and have been his/her friend for over forty years having met in nursing school and have first-hand knowledge of his/her family.

I have complete recollection of his/her parents living in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (state) her/his being married as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(if it applies) and now with the name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ currently living in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (town) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (state).

I can competently identify the man/woman in the photo shown below as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Recent COLOR PHOTO of yourself;

Optional – a photo with your parents if witness knew your parents.

This testimony, I validate, certify, Witness and affirm this \_\_\_\_\_day of October in the year 20\_\_:

By:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (type person’s name next to the line).

Witness by Notary does not change Jurisdiction from the Land.

**Witness Jurat**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ State )
\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County )

Before me this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_day of October 20\_\_, did appear the living man/woman known and identified as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and he/she did sign this Witness Testimony freely and without coercion, in my presence and did affirm the same in my sight, whereupon I affix my signature and seal as testimony to these facts:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Notary; my commission expires on\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Witness Testimony in the Form of an Affidavit**

1.  "I, Joanne Felicity Adams, a living woman now living at 345 Howe Street, Lampasas, Texas,

2.  have first-hand knowledge that Joseph Allen Bates whose photograph appears hereon and who now lives in Akron, Ohio,

3.  is the man who was born on July 1, 1949 in Coopertown, Michigan,

4.  and from without the United States and under the penalties of perjury under the public law of The United States of America,

5.  I do affirm this to be the truth.

6.  This Witness Testimony is granted freely, without coercion or payment of any kind,

7.  and so say I to all facts above this \_\_\_\_ day of  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the year \_\_\_\_\_\_.

8.  and I have affixed my signature in affirmation of these facts before these Witnesses:

By: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ © Joanne Felicity Adams, LS

**Witness of Public Notary to Signature**

Lampasas County

Texas State

Today I was visited by Joanne Felicity Adams and she did present appropriate identification and she did provide this Testimony in the Form of an Affidavit freely and without coercion before me and she did also freely sign this Testimony without coercion in my presence this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Witness whereof my hand and seal appear:

By:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Public Notary; my commission

expires on: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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