

4) **[Check only one of the following.]**

The minor children live with the Petitioner in Newton County, Georgia.

The minor children do not live with the Petitioner. They live with _____

_____ in _____ County,
Georgia.

5) The reasons for this name change are as follows: _____

6) The mother of the child(ren) is _____, her address is _____, and she:

[You must check one (and only one) of the following.]

Has consented to this name change and has acknowledged service; the signed consent and acknowledgement of service shall be filed with this *Petition*.

""""Is deceased.

""""Has abandoned the child(ren).

""""Has not contributed to the support of the child(ren) for a continuous period of at least 5 years immediately preceding the filing of this *Petition*.

7) The father of the child(ren) is _____, his address is _____, and he:

[You must check one (and only one) of the following.]

"""""""" Has consented to this name change and has acknowledged service; the signed consent and acknowledgement of service shall be filed with this *Petition*.

"""""""" Is deceased.

""""""""Has abandoned the child(ren).

*****Has not contributed to the support of the child(ren) for a continuous period of at least 5 years immediately preceding the filing of this *Petition*.

8) **[You must check one (and only one) of the following.]**

There is no legal guardian for the child(ren), other than the parent(s).

Both parents are deceased or have abandoned the child(ren), and the guardian of the child(ren) is _____, whose address is

_____ and he or she has consented to this name change and has acknowledged service; the signed consent and acknowledgement of service shall be filed with this *Petition*.

THEREFORE, the Petitioner asks:

a) That the name(s) of the minor child(ren) be changed to the names shown in Paragraph 3 of the *Petition*.

[Check one of the following methods of service for each person who must be served. Be sure to carefully read the instructions about service before you complete this part.]

b) That the sheriff's department personally serve the (mother) (father) (person acting as guardian of the minor children), whose address is shown above.

c) That the (mother) (father) (person acting as guardian of the minor children) be served by certified mail because he/she resides outside the state of Georgia.

d) That the Court order service by publication for the (mother) (father) (person acting as guardian of the minor children), whose address is unknown.

Dated: _____

Petitioner, *Pro se* (Signature)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone (day): _____

Email address: _____