



**Appeal Docket Sheet**

**Superior Court of Pennsylvania**

**Docket Number: 150 WDA 2009**

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**February 4, 2009**



In Re: Petition For Change Of Name Of Nathan Joseph Clark

08-1061-CD

Appeal Of: Tiffany L. Clark

Initiating Document: Notice of Appeal

Case Status: Active

Case Processing Status: February 4, 2009

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Journal Number:

Case Category: Civil

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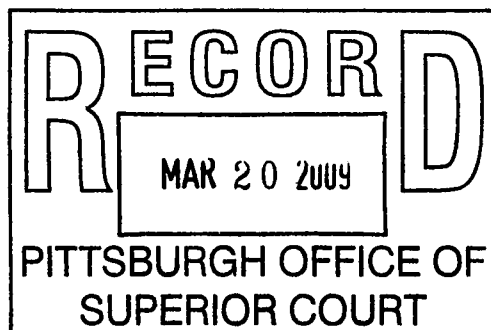
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Clearfield, PA 16830-2538**Phone No.:** (814)765-6500 **Fax No.:** (814)765-7205**Receive Mail:** Yes**E-Mail Address:** nklaw@verizon.net**Receive E-Mail:** No**Appellee** Finney, Curtis E**Pro Se:** Appoint Counsel Status:**IFP Status:** No**Appellee Attorney Information:****Attorney:** Naddeo, James A.**Bar No.:** 6820 **Law Firm:** Law Office of Naddeo & Lewis, LLC**Address:** 207 East Market Street  
PO Box 552  
Clearfield, PA 16830**Phone No.:** (814)765-1601 **Fax No.:** (814)765-8142**Receive Mail:** Yes**E-Mail Address:****Receive E-Mail:** No**FEE INFORMATION**

Fee Date	Fee Name	Fee Amt	Paid Amount	Receipt Number
1/28/09	Notice of Appeal	60.00	60.00	2009SPRWD000100

**TRIAL COURT/AGENCY INFORMATION****Court Below:** Clearfield County Court of Common Pleas**County:** Clearfield**Date of Order Appealed From:** December 30, 2008**Date Documents Received:** February 4, 2009**Order Type:** Order**Division:** Civil**Judicial District:** 46**Date Notice of Appeal Filed:** January 28, 2009**OTN:****Judge:** Cherry, Paul E.  
Judge**Lower Court Docket No.:** 2008-1061-CD**ORIGINAL RECORD CONTENTS**

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February 4, 2009	Notice of Appeal Filed	Appellant	Clark, Tiffany L
February 4, 2009	Docketing Statement Exited (Civil)		Western District Filing Office

CERTIFICATE AND TRANSMITTAL OF RECORD UNDER PENNSYLVANIA  
RULE OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE 1931(c)

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To the Prothonotary of the Appellate Court to which the within matter has been appealed:

THE UNDERSIGNED, Clerk (or Prothonotary) of the Court of Common Pleas of Clearfield County, the said Court being a court of record, does hereby certify that annexed hereto is a true and correct copy of the whole and entire record, including an opinion of the Court as required by Pa. R.A.P. 1925, the original papers and exhibits, if any, on file, the transcript of the proceeding, if any, and the docket entries in the following matter:

008-1061-CD

In Re: Petition for Change of Name of Nathan Joseph Clark

In compliance with Pa. R.A.P. 1931 (c).

The documents comprising the record have been numbered from **No. 1** to 11, and attached hereto as Exhibit A is a list of the documents correspondingly numbered and identified with reasonable definiteness, including with respect to each document, the number of pages comprising the document.

The date on which the record had been transmitted to the Appellate Court is March 18, 2008.



William A. Shaw  
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In Re: Nathan Joseph Clark, et al

## Civil In Re-COUNT

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2/20/2009	Statement of Matters Complained of on Appeal, filed by s/ Frederick M. Neiswender Esq. 4CC Atty Neiswender.	Paul E. Cherry
3/16/2009	Transcript of Proceedings on Petition for Change of Name held August 19, 2008, filed.	Paul E. Cherry

Date: 3/19/2009

Time: 10:10 AM

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Clearfield County Court of Common Pleas

ROA Report

Case: 2008-01061-CD

Current Judge: Paul E. Cherry

User: BHUDSON

In Re:Nathan Joseph Clark, et al

Civil In Re-COUNT

Date

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3/19/2009

March 19, 2009, Mailed Appeal to Superior Court.

Paul E. Cherry

March 19, 2009, Letters, Re: Notification of mailing appeal mailed to James A, Naddeo, Esq. and Frederick M. Neiswender, Esq. with certified copies of docket sheet and Document listing required by Pa.R.A.P. 1931(c).

I hereby certify this to be a true  
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statement filed in this case.

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Attest.

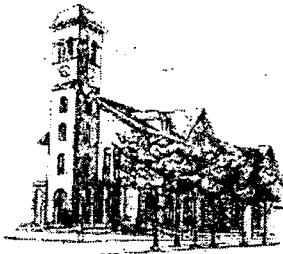
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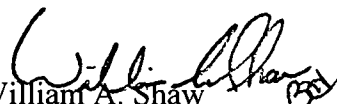
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Court No. 08-1061-CD; Superior Court No. 150 WDA 2009

Dear Counsel:

Please be advised that the above referenced record was forwarded to the Superior Court of Pennsylvania on March 19, 2009.

Sincerely,

  
William A. Shaw  
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IN RE:  
PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF  
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No. 2008-1061-CD

Type of case: Civil

Type of Pleading: **Statement of Matters  
Complained of on Appeal**

Filed on behalf of: Respondent,  
Tiffany L. Clark

Attorney for Appellant:  
Frederick M. Neiswender, Esquire  
Supreme Court No. 74456

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**STATEMENT OF MATTERS COMPLAINED OF ON APPEAL**

NOW, comes the Respondent, TIFFANY L. CLARK, by and through her counsel, Neiswender & Kubista, and hereby files this Statement of Matters Complained of on Appeal pursuant to Rule 1925(b) of the Pennsylvania Rules of Appellate Procedure and avers as follows:

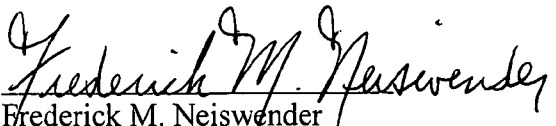
1. The Court erred by granting Petitioner's Petition for Change of Name of Nathan Joseph Clark. Petitioner was present at the birth of the minor child and signed the Birth Certificate on which the child's name was written.

2. The Court erred by granting Petitioner's Petition for Change of Name of Nathan Joseph Clark. The Trial Court shifted the burden of proof from the Petitioner to the Respondent as evidenced by the rationale used in its Opinion.

3. The Court erred by granting Petitioner's Petition for Change of Name of Nathan Joseph Clark. By granting the petition, the Trial Court did not act in the best interests of the minor child.

Respectfully submitted,

NEISWENDER & KUBISTA

  
Frederick M. Neiswender  
Counsel for Respondent



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Appellant Clark, Tiffany L

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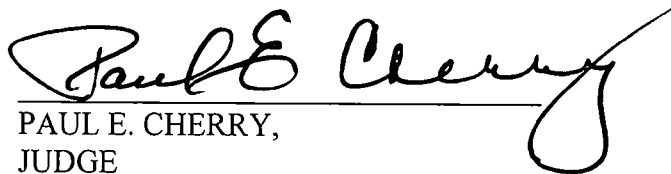
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**ORDER**

AND NOW, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008, the Court having been notified of Appeal to the Superior Court of Pennsylvania in the above captioned matter, it is the ORDER of this Court that Appellant file a concise statement of the matters complained of on said Appeal no later than twenty-one (21) days herefrom, as set forth in Rule 1925(b) of the Rules of Appellate Procedure. It is the further ORDER of this Court that the Statement shall be filed of record and shall be served upon the Judge pursuant to paragraph (b)(1).

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BY THE COURT,

  
PAUL E. CHERRY,  
JUDGE

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☐ You are responsible for serving all appropriate parties.

☒ The Prothonotary's office has provided service to the following parties:

☐ Plaintiff(s) ☐ Plaintiff(s) Attorney ☒ Other Attorneys

☐ Defendant(s) ☐ Defendant(s) Attorney Naddoo &

☐ Special Instructions: Newswords

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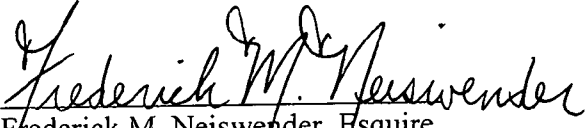
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This order has been entered in the docket as evidenced by the attached copy of the docket entry.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**PROOF OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I am this day serving the foregoing Notice of Appeal upon the following persons and in the manner indicated below, which service satisfies the requirements of Pa.R.A.P. 122:

**By First Class Mail**

Honorable Paul E. Cherry  
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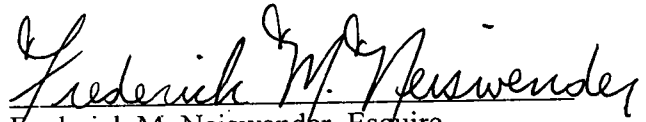
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No. 08-1061-CD

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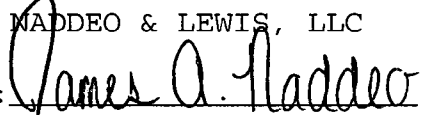
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OPINION

This matter comes before the Court by the filing of a Petition by Curtis E. Finney seeking to change the last name of the minor child, Nathan Joseph Clark, (d.o.b. 05-26-05). The petitioner, Curtis E. Finney, is the Father of the minor child. The minor child was born out of wedlock to petitioner and respondent, Tiffany L. Clark. The relationship of the parents has been on again, off again, for approximately seven years. The minor child has been in the primary custody of Mother since his birth. The testimony set forth that Father was present for the birth of the child. After the birth of the child, the relationship between Mother and Father deteriorated. However, for a short period of time, Mother, Father and the minor child resided together as a family. Subsequent to living together as a family, Father was not permitted by Mother to see the child.

The Respondent testified at hearing that the reasons the Court should not grant the petition were that Petitioner was never there for the minor child, was not a stable person, that the minor child lives with her and she is a Clark and that it takes a lot more than a name to make one a dad.

This Court is authorized by 54 Pa. C.S.A. §702 to grant a name change, provided the Court determines that such a change is in the best interests of the minor child. These decisions are left to the Court's discretion. Petition of Christjohn, 428 A.2d 597, 286 Pa.

Super. 112 (1991). Our Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has held that the Petitioner seeking the change of name has the burden of proof, and that the Court must consider the natural bond between parent and child, the social stigma or respect afforded the name within the community, and whether the child understands the significance, if of age. In re: Change of Name of Zachary Thomas Andrew Grimes to Zachary Thomas Andrew Grimes-Palia, 530 Pa. 388, 609 A.2d 158 (1992). Furthermore, the Court must carefully examine all the relevant factual circumstances to determine whether the Petitioner has established that the proposed change is in the child's best interest. In re: C.R.C., 819 A.2d 558 (2003).

In this matter, there was absolutely no evidence nor testimony presented before the Court which would permit the Court to determine that the child understands the significance of a name change. The child is three years of age. Although the child is quite young, the Court finds that he has reached a comfort level with Father.

The Court is satisfied that no evidence was presented that the name "Finney" carries with it any social stigma within the community. Testimony was presented that the Respondent has no prior convictions of a crime and that the name Finney is a respectable last name. The Court finds that Father indeed loves his son very much and wants to share the same last name.

The Court is satisfied from review of the testimony that Curtis Finney has played a role in the child's life by frequent contact with the minor child as well as having resided with the minor child for at least a one year period over the life of the child.

This Court is also satisfied that a strong bond does indeed exist between Father and the minor child and that this bond will be strengthened by the sharing of Father's

surname. No credible evidence was presented that use of the name Finney would have any detrimental effect on the child.

This Court also takes note that Mother is quite biased against Father at this time for many reasons unrelated to his bond with the child and his desire to have the child have his surname. Mother testified that the reasons the child should bare her surname is that the child lives with her and she is a Clark. This Court does not accept Mother's reasoning.

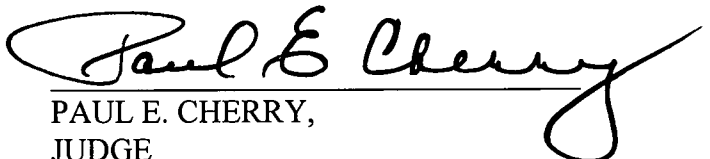
Mother's reasons for placing her last name on the birth certificate of the child are quite weak. She indicated that she believed that Father would not be in the child's life. This Court finds to the contrary. The Court believes Father has pursued his custody rights. Mother's beliefs are unfounded and selfish.

The Court hereby finds that the Father has met his burden that it would be in the child's best interests to grant a name change and his request must therefore be GRANTED. Based upon the foregoing Opinion, the Court enters the following:

ORDER

AND NOW, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2008, following hearing on the Petition for Change of Name, taking of testimony and the timely receipt of Briefs and upon consideration of same, it is the ORDER of this Court that said Petition shall be and is hereby GRANTED and henceforth, the child known as Nathan Joseph Clark shall be known as Nathan Joseph Finney.

BY THE COURT,

  
PAUL E. CHERRY,  
JUDGE

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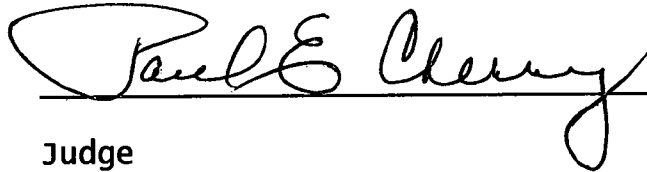
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IN RE: :  
PETITION FOR CHANGE OF : No. 08-1061-CD  
NAME OF NATHAN JOSEPH CLARK:

O R D E R

AND NOW, this 19th day of August, 2008, following  
hearing on Petition for Change of Name, it is the ORDER of  
this Court that counsel provide the Court with letter brief  
within no more than twenty (20) days from today's date.

BY THE COURT,

  
Judge

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
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CURTIS E. FINNEY,  
Plaintiff,

v.

TIFFANY L. CLARK,  
Defendant.

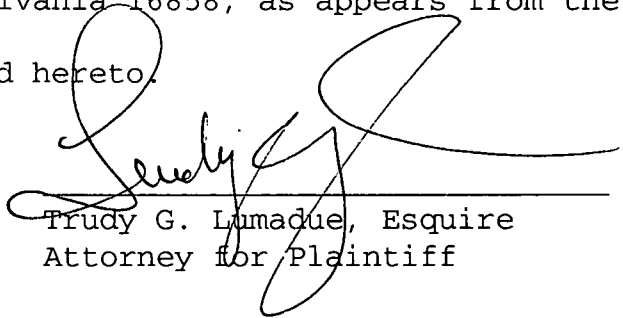
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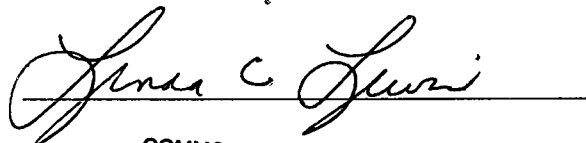
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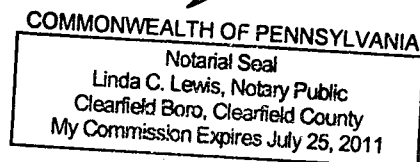
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I, Trudy G. Lumadue, Esquire, attorney for the above named Plaintiff, being duly sworn according to law, depose and state that a certified copy of the Petition for Change of Name filed in the above-captioned action was served upon the Defendant, Tiffany L. Clark, in accordance with this Court's Order of June 13, 2008 by first-class mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested, on June 17, 2008, at the Defendant's address of 273 Columbia Road, Morrisdale, Pennsylvania 16858, as appears from the receipt of Certified Mail attached hereto.

  
Trudy G. Lumadue, Esquire  
Attorney for Plaintiff

SWORN and SUBSCRIBED before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2008.





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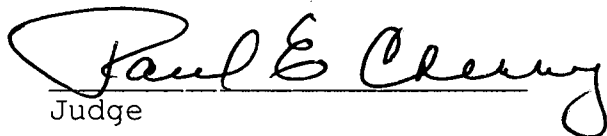
ORDER

AND NOW, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2008, on the motion of petitioner, it is ORDERED that a hearing on the Petition for Change of Name is fixed for the 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008, at 2:30 P. M., in Courtroom 2 of the Clearfield County Courthouse, Clearfield, Pennsylvania.

The petitioner is directed to give notice of the filing of the Petition and of the date of the hearing by publication in two newspapers of general circulation in this County, one of which may be the official paper for the publication of legal notices in this county.

The petitioner is further directed to give notice of the filing of the petition and the date of the hearing to any nonpetitioning parent of a child whose name will be affected by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested.

BY THE COURT,

  
Judge

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
CIVIL DIVISION

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**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of June, 2008, the petition of Curtis E. Finney was filed in the above-named court, requesting an order to change the name of Nathan Joseph Clark to Nathan Joseph Finney.

The Court has fixed the 19th day of August, 2008, at 2:30 P. M., in Courtroom 2 of the Clearfield County Courthouse, Clearfield, Pennsylvania.

BY THE COURT,

Paul E. Cherry  
Judge

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**PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

NOW COMES the Petitioner, Curtis E. Finney, and by and through his attorney, James A. Naddeo, Esquire, requests that this Court order a change of name for the minor child, NATHAN JOSEPH CLARK, pursuant to 54 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 701 et seq., and in support thereof sets forth the following:

1. Petitioner is Curtis E. Finney, an adult individual and resident of Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, who currently resides at 200 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Apt. 3, Philipsburg, Pennsylvania 16866.

2. Petitioner is the father of the child, Nathan Joseph Clark.

3. The minor child is a resident of Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, and has resided at the following locations during his lifetime (approximately three years next preceding the filing of this petition): 273 Columbia Road, Morrisdale, Pennsylvania 16858.

4. Mother of the minor child, and interested party pursuant to 54 Pa.C.S. § 701 (A.1)(3)(B), is Tiffany L. Clark who resides at 273 Columbia Road, Morrisdale, Pennsylvania 16858.

5. Pursuant to the 28 Pa. Code § 1.7(a) the designation of a child's surname is the right of both parents.

6. While the custodial parent has the choice of the surname (28 Pa. Code § 1.7(b)), a noncustodial parent maintains standing to bring a name change action notwithstanding said choice afforded to the custodial parent. Petition of Schidlemeir by Koslof, 496 A.2d 1249 (Pa. Super. 1985).

7. Petitioner desires that the minor child's name reflect the identity and heritage of Petitioner, being the minor child's natural father, in order that his children may bear his family name and Petitioner desires the minor child be known as Nathan Joseph Finney.

8. It is in the best interests of the minor child to conform the minor child's name with the name of his natural father because:

- a) the father has a natural bond and relationship with the child;
- b) the Finney name is upstanding and respected in the community of the minor child;

c) Mother's motive in giving the minor child the surname, Clark, is a result of her own ill will and hostility towards the Petitioner.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests Your Honorable Court enter a decree changing the name of the minor child from Nathan Joseph Clark to Nathan Joseph Finney.

NADDEO & LEWIS, LLC

By: 

James A. Naddeo

Attorney for Petitioner

V E R I F I C A T I O N

I, Curtis E. Finney, Petitioner verify that the statements made in the foregoing Petition are true and correct upon my personal knowledge or information and belief. I understand that false statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. Section 4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Curtis E. Finney  
Petitioner

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
CLEARFIELD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

In Re: Petition for Change of Name  
of Nathan Joseph Clark

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NOW, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009, the undersigned, Prothonotary or Deputy Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, the said Court of record, does hereby certify that attached is the original record of the case currently on Appeal.

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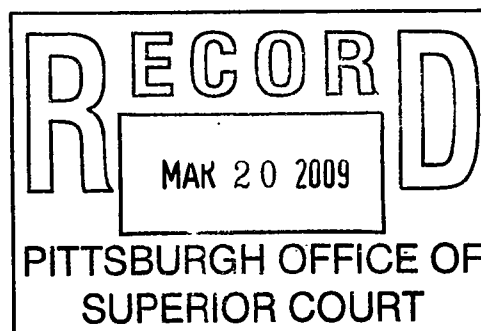
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Annexed hereto pursuant to Pennsylvania Rules of Appellate Procedure 2571 and 2572 is the entire record for the above matter.

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*Eleanor R. Valecko*

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cc: The Honorable Paul E. Cherry, Judge  
James A. Naddeo, Esq.  
Frederick Michael Neiswender, Esq.

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**NON-PRECEDENTIAL DECISION - SEE SUPERIOR COURT I.O.P. 65.37**

IN RE: PETITION FOR CHANGE OF : IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF  
NAME OF NATHAN JOSEPH CLARK : PENNSYLVANIA

APPEAL OF: TIFFANY L. CLARK : No. 150 WDA 2009

Appeal from the Order December 30, 2008  
In the Court of Common Pleas of Clearfield County  
Civil Division at No. 2008-1061-CD

08-1061-CD

BEFORE: BENDER, SHOGAN and FITZGERALD,\* JJ.

MEMORANDUM:

FILED: MARCH 2, 2010

Tiffany L. Clark ("Mother") appeals from the order entered in the Clearfield County Court of Common Pleas, granting the petition of Curtis E. Finney ("Father") to change the surname of their minor child ("Child") from Nathan Joseph Clark to Nathan Joseph Finney. We reverse.

The trial court summarized its findings of fact as follows:

This matter comes before the Court by the filing of a Petition by Curtis E. Finney seeking to change the last name of the minor child, Nathan Joseph Clark, (d.o.b. 05-26-05). The petitioner, Curtis E. Finney, is the Father of the minor child. The minor child was born out of wedlock to petitioner and respondent, Tiffany L. Clark. The relationship of the parents has been on again, off again, for approximately seven years. The minor child has been in the primary custody of Mother since his birth. The testimony set forth that Father was present for the birth of the child. After the birth of the child, the relationship between Mother and Father deteriorated. However, for a short period of time, Mother, Father and the minor child resided together as a family. Subsequent to living together as a family, Father was not permitted by Mother to see the child.

\* Former Justice specially assigned to the Superior Court.

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[Mother] testified at [the] hearing that the reasons the Court should not grant the petition were that [Father] was never there for the minor child, was not a stable person, that the minor child lives with her and she is a Clark and that it takes a lot more than a name to make one a dad.

Trial Ct. Op. at 1.

The trial court granted Father's petition, having found the following:

In this matter, there was absolutely no evidence nor testimony presented before the Court which would permit the Court to determine that the child understands the significance of a name change. The child is three years of age. Although the child is quite young, the Court finds that he has reached a comfort level with Father.

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Mother's reasons for placing her last name on the birth certificate of the child are quite weak. She indicated that

she believed that Father would not be in the child's life. This Court finds to the contrary. The Court believes Father has pursued his custody rights. Mother's beliefs are unfounded and selfish.

Trial Ct. Op. at 2-3. Mother's instant appeal followed.

Mother raises the following issues for our review:

I. Whether the trial court failed to consider the best interest of the child by granting the petition for change of name[?]

II. Whether the trial court abused its discretion by shifting the burden of proof from [Father] to [Mother?]

Mother's Brief at 4.

We address Mother's issues together.

We first note our standard of review. In the case of ***In re Petition of Schidlmeier***, 344 Pa. Super. 562, 496 A.2d 1249, 1253 (1985), we held, "[t]he child's best interests unquestionably must control [the trial court's discretion] in a proceeding to change a minor's surname." Further, the party petitioning for the minor child's change of name has the burden of coming forward with evidence that the name change requested would be in the child's best interest, and that where a petition to change a child's name is contested, the court must carefully evaluate all of the relevant factual circumstances to determine if the petitioning parent has established that the change is in the child's best interest. ***See In re Montenegro***, 365 Pa. Super. 98, 528 A.2d 1381, 1382-1383 (1987) (citing ***Schidlmeier***, 496 A.2d at 1253). In that evaluation, neither parent is to be accorded a presumption. ***Montenegro***, 528 A.2d at 1382-1383.

Our Supreme Court adopted the "best interests of the child" standard of review in appeals from the grant of a petition for change of name of a minor child by a non-custodial parent in ***In re Grimes***, 530 Pa. 388, 609 A.2d 158 (1992). In ***Grimes***, our Supreme Court noted:

Specific guidelines [for a child's best interests] are difficult to establish, for the circumstances in each case will be unique, as each child has individual physical, intellectual, moral, social and spiritual needs. **However, general considerations should include the natural bonds between parent and child, the social stigma or respect afforded a particular name within the community, and, where the child is of sufficient age, whether the child intellectually and rationally understands the significance of changing his or her name.**

**Grimes**, 530 Pa. 388 at 394, 609 A.2d 158 at 161 (citations and footnotes omitted) (emphasis added).

We described the "best interest of the child standard" in **Sawko v. Sawko**, 425 Pa. Super. 450, 625 A.2d 692 (1993), as follows:

The "best interests [of the child]" standard, decided on a case-by-case basis, considers all factors which legitimately have an effect upon the child's physical, intellectual, moral and spiritual well-being. On appeal, our scope of review is broad in that we are not bound by deductions and inferences drawn by the trial court from the facts found, nor are we required to accept findings which are wholly without support in the record. On the other hand, our broad scope of review does not authorize us to nullify the fact-finding function of the trial court in order to substitute our judgment for that of the trial court. Rather, we are bound by findings supported in the record, and may reject conclusions drawn by the trial court only if they involve an error of law, or are unreasonable in light of the sustainable findings of the trial court.

**Sawko**, 625 A.2d at 693.

**In re Name Change of C.R.C.**, 819 A.2d 558, 560-61 (Pa. Super. 2003)

(footnote omitted).

Mother contends that Father's evidence was insufficient to support a name change. She argues that Father has not been a stable presence in Child's life and that he should have filed a petition for name change three years ago. She contends Father presented no evidence that a name change would actually be in Child's best interests. Mother also complains that the trial court impermissibly shifted the burden of proving whose name Child should bear from the petitioning parent to the responding parent. We agree that the evidence does not prove a name-change is in Child's best interests, and that the trial court impermissibly shifted the burden from Father to Mother.

The trial court's opinion finds sufficient evidence to support a name change by citing the "general considerations" cited by our Supreme Court in **Grimes**, namely that Father has a natural bond with Child, his name has no negative social stigma, and Child is not of sufficient age to understand any impact of a name change. **Compare** Trial Ct. Op. at 2-3, **with Grimes**, 530 Pa. at 394, 609 A.2d at 161. Our Supreme Court considered the **Grimes** factors, however, to be "general considerations." **See Grimes**, 530 Pa. at 394, 609 A.2d at 161. While the trial court "should include" these "general considerations," it is not limited by these factors, as evidenced by the **Grimes** Court's holding that "each case will be unique." **See id.** Thus, although we agree with the trial court's findings regarding the general

considerations, we may examine other factors to determine whether a name change is actually in Child's best interests.

More importantly, we conclude that **Grimes** does not limit the general considerations to only the petitioning parent. Rather, the trial court should apply the **Grimes** factors to both parents and determine whether any of the factors favor one parent over the other. A conclusion that only the petitioning parent need satisfy the **Grimes** factors would lead to circular results, as the other parent could also satisfy the **Grimes** factors upon filing his or her own petition for a name change. In the instant case, the record does not indicate that either Mother's or Father's name carries a social stigma. Similarly, Child appears to have a natural bond with both Mother and Father. Because none of these factors favor either parent to a significant degree, we cannot agree with the trial court that Father has proven a name change would be in Child's best interest.

Father nonetheless argues that Mother conceded to the possibility she may change her name if she re-marries at some point in the future. We cannot agree that such a consideration is appropriate. As this Court observed in **Schidlmeier, supra**, reliance on "tradition and custom" that a child bear the paternal surname is insufficient to warrant a name change to the paternal surname. **See Schidlmeier**, 496 A.2d at 1254. Instantly, consideration of Mother's future marital prospects would lead indirectly to the concerns delineated by **Schidlmeier**, since all single mothers would be

at an immediate disadvantage upon a father's petition for a name change. Accordingly, we find Father's argument meritless.

Having concluded that the **Grimes** factors favor neither Mother nor Father to a significant degree, we examine whether other factors favor one parent over the other. The record indicates that Mother has primary custody of Child, and Child spends most of his time with Mother. Even if the lack of time Father spends with Child is attributed to Mother's interference, as the trial court found and which finding is supported by the record, it is undisputed that the majority of Child's life is spent with Mother, and it does not appear that arrangement will change in the near future. Because Child will be spending most of his time with Mother, and the record indicates no blemishes in Mother's surname, we conclude that Father failed to prove a name change would be in Child's best interests.<sup>1</sup>

Our conclusion today also resolves Mother's claim that the trial court impermissibly shifted the burden to her. As we have concluded **supra**, a mere finding that a petitioning parent's name does not have a social stigma attached to it, and that the petitioning parent has a bond with Child, does not satisfy the petitioning parent's burden of proof. Rather, as the **C.R.C.**

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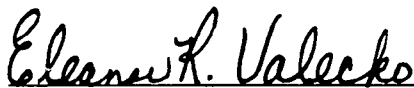
<sup>1</sup> The trial court also opined that changing Child's name would strengthen the bond between Father and Child. We conclude, however, that this is an inappropriate consideration because **Grimes** already requires the trial court to consider the petitioner's bond with the child when determining whether the petitioning parent has met his or her burden.

Court noted, "the party petitioning for the minor child's change of name has the burden of coming forward with evidence that the name change requested would be in the child's best interest. . . ." **C.R.C.**, 819 A.2d at 560. **Grimes** and **C.R.C.**, therefore, require a trial court to find that an order denying a name change is the default, and the burden is on the petitioning parent to prove why changing the name is the best option. **Grimes** and **C.R.C.** do not sanction an alteration of the status quo merely because the petitioning parent proves he or she has a reputable name and a bond with the child. Accordingly, we agree with Mother that the trial court impermissibly put the burden on Mother to prove why Child's name should not be changed.

Order reversed. Case remanded. Jurisdiction relinquished.

Judge Bender files a Dissenting Memorandum.

Judgment Entered:

  
Deputy Prothonotary

DATE: MARCH 2, 2010

IN RE: PETITION FOR CHANGE OF : IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF  
NAME OF NATHAN JOSEPH CLARK : PENNSYLVANIA  
:  
APPEAL OF: TIFFANY L. CLARK : No. 150 WDA 2009

Appeal from the Order December 30, 2008  
In the Court of Common Pleas of Clearfield County  
Civil Division at No. 2008-1061-CD

BEFORE: BENDER, SHOGAN and FITZGERALD\*, JJ.

DISSENTING MEMORANDUM BY BENDER, J.:

Because I conclude that Father carried his burden of proof that his son's name change would be in the child's best interest, I dissent.

As espoused in *In re Petition of Schidlmeier*, 496 A.2d 1249 (Pa. Super. 1985), the Majority acknowledges that reliance on tradition and custom that a child bear the paternal surname is not a sufficient reason to warrant a name change. The Majority also recognizes the emphasis placed on the existence of a bond between parent and child as discussed in *In re Grimes*, 609 A.2d 158 (Pa. 1992). However, the Majority overlooks Father's testimony regarding these significant considerations, *i.e.*, that he is seeking the name change not because of tradition and custom, but because of his strong bond with his son despite Mother's attempts to interfere with the father/son relationship and blaming Father's work schedule to show a lack of interest on Father's part. Father is not seeking the name change as the starting point to develop a strong bond as in *In re Name Change of C.R.C.*, 819 A.2d 558 (Pa. Super. 2003); rather, he has already forged a

\*Former Justice specially assigned to the Superior Court.

bond, pays support and has had to seek court ordered partial custody due to Mother's lack of cooperation. I believe that the Majority has overlooked the guiding principal that we "may reject conclusions drawn by the trial court only if they involve an error of law, or are unreasonable in light of the sustainable findings of the trial court." **C.R.C.**, 819 A.2d 561 (quoting **Sawko v. Sawko**, 625 A.2d 692, 693 (Pa. Super. 1993)). The trial court has neither erred as a matter of law nor drawn unreasonable conclusions based on this record. Accordingly, I would affirm the order granting the name change.

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minor child.

No. 08-1061-CD

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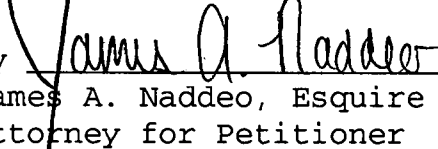
TO THE PROTHONOTARY:

Dear Sir:

Please schedule a status conference in the above-captioned case.

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By

  
James A. Naddeo, Esquire  
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AND NOW, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 2010, it is the  
ORDER of this Court that a hearing is scheduled upon  
Petitioner's Praecipe for Status Conference for the 27<sup>th</sup> day of  
October, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom No. 2,  
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BY THE COURT,

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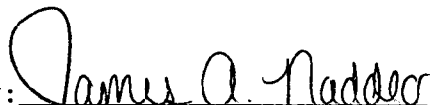
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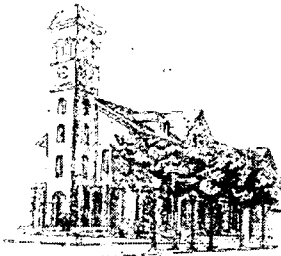
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In Re: Petition for Change of Name of Nathan Joseph Clark

Court No. 08-1061-CD; Superior Court No. 150 WDA 2009

Dear Counsel:

Please be advised that the above referenced record was forwarded to the Superior Court of Pennsylvania on March 19, 2009.

Sincerely,

  
William A. Shaw  
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**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**No. 08-1061-CD**

***In Re: Petition for Change of Name of Nathan Joseph Clark***

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01	06/10/08	Petition for Name Change with Order scheduling hearing and Notice filed 6/13/08	07
02	06/24/08	Affidavit of Service	03
03	08/25/08	Order, Re: letter briefs to be filed	01
04	12/30/08	Opinion and Order, Petition for Change of Name Granted	03
05	12/31/08	Certificate of Service	02
06	01/28/09	Notice of Appeal to Higher Court	04
07	01/30/09	Order, Re: Concise Statement to be filed	01
08	02/06/09	Appeal Docket Sheet, Superior Court Number 150 WDA 2009	03
09	02/20/09	Statement of Matters Complained of on Appeal	04
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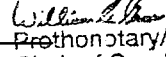
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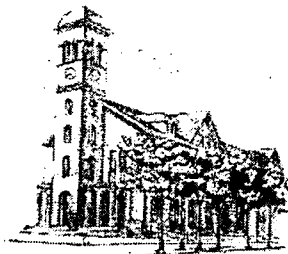
I hereby certify this to be a true  
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statement filed in this case.

In Re: Nathan Joseph Clark, et al

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Civil In Re-COUNT

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RE: In Re: Petition for Change of Name  
of Nathan Joseph Clark  
No. 08-1061-CD  
Superior Court No. 150 WDA 2009

Dear Prothonotary:

Enclosed you will find the above referenced complete record appealed to your office. Please also find enclosed one transcript.

Sincerely,

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In Re: Petition For Change Of Name Of Nathan Joseph Clark

08-1061-CD

Appeal Of: Tiffany L. Clark

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To the Prothonotary of the Appellate Court to which the within matter has been appealed:

THE UNDERSIGNED, Clerk (or Prothonotary) of the Court of Common Pleas of Clearfield County, the said Court being a court of record, does hereby certify that annexed hereto is a true and correct copy of the whole and entire record, including an opinion of the Court as required by Pa. R.A.P. 1925, the original papers and exhibits, if any, on file, the transcript of the proceeding, if any, and the docket entries in the following matter:

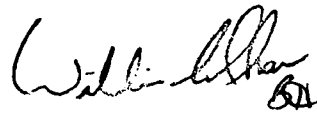
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In Re: Petition for Change of Name of Nathan Joseph Clark

In compliance with Pa. R.A.P. 1931 (c).

The documents comprising the record have been numbered from **No. 1 to** 11, and attached hereto as Exhibit A is a list of the documents correspondingly numbered and identified with reasonable definiteness, including with respect to each document, the number of pages comprising the document.

The date on which the record had been transmitted to the Appellate Court is March 18, 2008.



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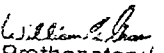
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3/19/2009	March 19, 2009, Mailed Appeal to Superior Court. March 19, 2009, Letters, Re: Notification of mailing appeal mailed to James A, Naddeo, Esq. and Frederick M. Neiswender, Esq. with certified copies of docket sheet and Document listing required by Pa.R.A.P. 1931(c).	Paul E. Cherry

I hereby certify this to be a true  
and attested copy of the original  
statement filed in this case.

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Attest,

  
Prothonotary/  
Clerk of Courts

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**No. 08-1061-CD**

***In Re: Petition for Change of Name of Nathan Joseph Clark***

<b>ITEM NO.</b>	<b>DATE OF FILING</b>	<b>NAME OF DOCUMENT</b>	<b>NO. OF PAGES</b>
01	06/10/08	Petition for Name Change with Order scheduling hearing and Notice filed 6/13/08	07
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10	03/16/09	Transcript of Proceedings, Petition for Change of Name	Separate Cover
11	03/19/09	Letters, Re: Notification of mailing appeal mailed to James A. Naddeo, Esq. and Frederick M. Neiswender, Esq. with certified copies of docket sheet and Document listing required by Pa.R.A.P. 1931(c)	03

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Date		Judge
6/10/2008	New Case Filed.	No Judge
	① Filing: Petition for Name Change, Paid by: Naddeo & Lewis Receipt number: 1924424 Dated: 6/10/2008 Amount: \$95.00 (Check) 3 cert. to Atty.	No Judge 7
6/13/2008	Order, this 13th day of June, 2008, on the motion of petitioner, it is Ordered that a hearing on the Petition for Change of Name is fixed for the 19th day of August, 2008, at 2:30 p.m. in Courtroom 2. By The Court, /s/ Paul E. Cherry Judge. 3CC Atty. Naddeo	Paul E. Cherry
	Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of June, 2008, the petition of Curtis E. Finney was filed requesting an order to change the name of Nathan Joseph Clark to Nathan Joseph Finney. The Court has fixed the 19th day of August, 2008, at 2:30 p.m. in Courtroom 2. By The Court, /s/ Paul E. Cherry, Judge. 3CC Atty. Naddeo	Paul E. Cherry
6/24/2008	② Affidavit of Service filed. That a certified copy of the Petition for Change of Name was served upon Defendant, Tiffany L. Clark by first class restricted delivery on June 17, 2008, filed by s/ Trudy G. Lumadue Esq. No CC.	Paul E. Cherry 3
8/25/2008	③ Order, this 19th day of August, 2008, following hearing on Petition for Change of Name, it is Ordered that counsel provide the Court with letter brief within no more than 20 days from today's date. by The Court, /s/ Paul E. Cherry, Judge. 4CC Atty. Naddeo	Paul E. Cherry 1
12/30/2008	④ Opinion and Order, NOW, this 29th day of Dec., 2008, it is Ordered that Petition for Change of Name is Granted and the child known as Nathan Joseph Clark shall be known as Nathan Joseph Finney. by The Court, /s/ Paul E. Cherry, Judge. 3CC Atty. Naddeo; 1CC D. Mikesell; 1CC Law Library (without memo)	Paul E. Cherry 3
12/31/2008	⑤ Certificate of Service, a certified copy of Opinion and Order dated Dec. 29, 2008 was served on Richard H. Milgrub, Esquire, by First Class Mail on the 31st day of Dec., 2008. Filed by s/ James A. Naddeo, Esquire. No CC	Paul E. Cherry 2
1/28/2009	Filing: Appeal to High Court Paid by: Neiswender, Frederick M., Esquire Receipt number: 1927728 Dated: 1/28/2009 Amount: \$50.00 (Check) For: [NONE]	Paul E. Cherry
	⑥ Notice of Appeal, Tiffany L. Clark, Respondent, appeals to the Superior Court of Penna. from the Order entered in this matter on the 30th day of Dec., 2008. filed by s/ Frederick M. Neiswender, Esquire. 5CC Atty & 1 CC w/ 60.00 to Superior Court.	Paul E. Cherry 4
1/30/2009	⑦ Order, this 30th day of Jan., 2009, Appellant shall file a concise statement of the matters complained of on Appeal no later than 21 days herefrom and the Statement shall be filed of record and shall be served upon the Judge pursuant to paragraph (b)(1). Any issue not properly included in the Statement timely filed and served pursuant to subdivision (b) shall be deemed waived. by the Court, /s/ Paul E. Cherry, Judge. 2CC Attys: Naddeo & Neiswender	Paul E. Cherry 1
2/6/2009	⑧ Appeal Docket Sheet, filed. No CC 150 wda 2009 3	Paul E. Cherry
2/20/2009	⑨ Statement of Matters Complained of on Appeal, filed by s/ Frederick M. Neiswender Esq. 4CC Atty Neiswender.	Paul E. Cherry 4