

***TWENTY - SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT of MISSOURI
FAMILY COURT - JUVENILE DIVISION***

INFORMATION FROM PAST ADOPTION RECORDS

State law regulates confidential information concerning any adoption finalized in Missouri. Additionally, each juvenile court and adoption agency has its individual procedures regarding the release of information and its own interpretation of the state law.

A copy of the pertinent Missouri statute is attached for your reference.

HOW TO REQUEST INFORMATION

There are three places where the adult adoptee or his/her lineal descendant (the child or grandchild of a deceased adoptee) may request information regarding a past adoption record:

1. The Missouri Adoption Registry (form attached)
2. The agency which handled the adoption (listing of agencies attached)
3. The juvenile court which finalized the adoption (The proper court for the request is usually the juvenile court in the county where the adoptive parents resided at the time of the adoption. Their place of residence is often listed on the adoptee's amended birth certificate.)

MISSOURI ADOPTION REGISTRY

The Missouri Children's Division maintains an adoption registry at no cost to the adoptee, the birth parent, or any adult sibling. By completing the Missouri Adoption Registry form and submitting it to the Jefferson City address, the adoptee can register his/her desire to have contact with his/her birth parent(s) and siblings. The form is also used by birth parents and adult biological siblings wishing to register their desire for contact by the adoptee. A representative of the Missouri Children's Division will contact the adult adoptee, the birth parent(s) and/or the adult sibling if a match occurs on the state registry. Missouri law establishes different requirements for the release of identifying information through the Missouri Adoption Registry than the requirements established for the juvenile court. The Registry may avoid the need for a search through the juvenile court, and may also be helpful in the event that the court-authorized search is unsuccessful, but your birth parents or sibling(s) register at a later date.

Missouri law does not authorize the Missouri Adoption Registry to accept requests from lineal descendants of adopted adults.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FROM JUVENILE COURT

All requests should be in writing and accompanied by proof of identification to assure the court or agency that the information is being requested by an adoptee, a biological parent, an adoptive parent, or the adoptee's lineal descendant if the adopted adult is deceased. Acceptable forms of identification include a photocopy of the applicant's government photo identification card, such as a valid driver's license, a photocopy of the requester's present birth certificate or a notarized written request.

All requests for information should specify whether the individual is seeking verification of an adoption, non-identifying and/or identifying information. Including as much of the following information regarding the adoption as is known will allow the court and/or agency to expedite the request:

1. Adoptive name
2. Adoptee's date of birth
3. Adoptee's birth name
4. Names of the adoptive parents
5. The name of the adoption agency involved in the adoption
6. Names of the birth parents
7. Date on which the adoption was finalized
8. Cause number or file number on the adoption decree
9. A photocopy of the adoption decree

Any request from a lineal descendant of an adopted adult who is deceased shall also require documentation of the relationship of the requester to the adoptee (photocopy of state-issued birth certificate or certified copy of a Court document stating relationship) and proof of the adoptee's death (certified copy of adoptee's state-issued death certificate).

VERIFICATION OF ADOPTION

The circuit court clerk handles verification of an adoption and may send a Certificate of Adoption to an adult adoptee or an adoptive parent upon their request. This document does not contain any identifying information regarding the birth parents and is usually used to enroll a child in school or for Social Security purposes. It may also be sent directly to Missouri Child Support Enforcement upon the request of a birth parent to verify that a birth parent's rights have been terminated, when that agency possesses an open case on the birth parent. The circuit court clerk may charge a fee for the production of this document.

NON-IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

The law divides all adoption information into two categories. The first type of information is referred to as **non-identifying**. Non-identifying information includes the physical description, nationality, religious background and medical history of the biological parents and biological siblings. It does not include any information that could lead the adoptee or the adopted adult's lineal descendants if the adopted adult is deceased to the biological family members.

Any adult adoptee (eighteen years of age or over) or the adopted adult's lineal descendent if the adopted adult is deceased is entitled to receive all non-identifying information that is contained in the file of the juvenile court and the adoption agency which facilitated the adoption. Obviously, the juvenile court and agency can only provide the non-identifying information that is actually contained in their files. Regrettably, some files do not contain much (or any) non-identifying information. All information is sent to the adoptee (or the adopted adult's lineal descendent if the adopted adult is deceased) in writing and in narrative form so that the court and the requester possess a record of what information has been released. Information from a court adoption file is not released verbally and photocopies of filed documents are not released without a specific request outlining the unusual reason requiring the release of the document and a subsequent court order.

Missouri law does not require the consent of or notification to the adoptive or birth parents in order to release non-identifying information to an adult adoptee, or to the adopted adult's lineal descendants if the adopted adult is deceased. Thus, such requests for non-identifying information will be handled in the strictest confidence.

Please be advised that some child-placing agencies assess a charge for releasing their non-identifying information. The juvenile courts do not charge for this service. The agency file may contain different information than the court file, and some information may conflict. The juvenile court does not ensure the validity of the information contained in its file, as that information was gathered by personnel who are no longer employed by the court or the agency for an adoption case which has been closed for many years.

No one other than an adult adoptee, a biological parent, an adoptive parent or the adopted adult's lineal descendent if the adopted adult is deceased may receive non-identifying information from an adoption.

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

The second type of adoption information is known as **Identifying**. This information includes the names, dates of birth, places of birth and last known addresses of the birth parents and biological family members. Again, the requirements for the release of identifying information established by law regarding the Missouri Adoption Registry differ from those established for the juvenile court.

RELEASE OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION BY JUVENILE COURT WHEN CONSENTS ARE ALREADY FILED WITH THE COURT

If the biological parents' written consents to the release of identifying information to the adult adoptee are already contained in the court file, the court may release all identifying information to the adopted adult (or the adopted adult's lineal descendant if the adopted adult is deceased) without further notification to the adoptive parents or the birth parents.

RELEASE OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION BY JUVENILE COURT WHEN CONSENTS ARE NOT CONTAINED IN THE COURT FILES – COURT AUTHORIZED SEARCH

If the birth parents have not already consented in writing to the release of identifying information to the adopted adult, the juvenile court in which the adoption was finalized can only release identifying information with a Court order. By law, the Court can issue such an order only in situations where the Court obtains a signed and notarized affidavit from the biological parents consenting to the disclosure of information to the adoptee or the adopted adult's lineal descendants or if the biological parents are deceased.

If both of the biological parents refuse to consent to the disclosure of information or cannot be notified, no information shall be released.

All requests for identifying information **must** be initiated by the adult adoptee or a lineal descendant to a deceased adopted adult and sent in writing to the juvenile court where the adoption was finalized. The juvenile court will then authorize the agency that facilitated the adoption to begin the process of attempting to ascertain the positions of the birth parents to the release of information.

The law permits the adoption agency to charge for the actual cost of a search. Each agency charges a different fee. The adoptee (or the adopted adult's lineal descendant) should discuss this matter directly with the agency before authorizing a search. Please keep in mind that any financial agreement is strictly between the agency and the adoptee (or the adopted adult's lineal descendant if the adopted adult is deceased). The juvenile court is not a party to this agreement.

After court authorization, the adoption agency's initial step is to contact the adoptee or the adopted adult's lineal descendant who has requested the search. The agency will explain their procedures and notify the adoptee or the lineal descendant of their fees. The next step is for the agency to contact the birth parents in order to ascertain their position on the disclosure of information to the adoptee or the adopted adult's lineal descendant. In most cases, this process entails a search for the birth parents.

No two cases are alike. Some searches may be successful after a week while other searches may be unsuccessful after three months or longer. Nevertheless, the law

requires the agency to submit a report to the juvenile court within three months after the adoptee's request. If a search requires additional time, the juvenile court may grant an extension.

Under Missouri law, only the juvenile court judge can authorize the release of identifying information from the adoption file to an adult adoptee or the adopted adult's lineal descendant. The juvenile court judge will issue an order that grants or denies the release of information **only** after reviewing the agency's report and its recommendation and **only** in accordance with Missouri law. The judge cannot violate the law set forth by the state.

The court authorized search generally will reveal one of the following situations:

1. Neither birth parent can be notified after a diligent search. *In this case, Missouri law prohibits the release of any identifying information.*
2. One birth parent consents and the other birth parent refuses to consent OR both birth parents refuse to consent. *In this situation, Missouri law prohibits the release of any identifying information regarding both birth parents.*
3. One biological parent consents or is deceased but the other biological parent cannot be located after a diligent search. *In this case, Missouri law allows release of identifying information concerning the consenting or deceased birth parent but not the missing birth parent.*
4. One birth parent consents or is deceased and the other birth parent is unknown. *In this case, Missouri law allows the release of any and all identifying information.*
5. Both biological parents consent or are deceased. *Missouri law allows the release of all identifying information.*

Please remember that, if **either** birth parent refuses to consent in writing, no identifying information shall be released. If the juvenile court authorizes the release of identifying information, the agency will inform the adult adoptee (or the lineal descendant) of the identifying information and coordinate the initial contact with the birth parent(s).

INDEPENDENT ADOPTION SEARCHES

If the adoption was not handled by an agency (i.e., a private or independent adoption or a stepparent adoption), the juvenile court will provide the adoptee or the lineal descendant with a list of agencies and private searchers willing and approved to provide adoption search services for this court. It is the responsibility of the adoptee (or the lineal descendant) to choose from this list and inform the juvenile court of his/her selection. If the juvenile court does not hear from the adoptee (or the lineal descendant) within thirty

days, it will be assumed that the individual decided not to pursue a search at that time and the case will be closed.

If the adoptee (or the lineal descendant) notifies the court (in writing) of the private adoption searcher with whom he/she is contracting for the search, the juvenile court judge will issue an order to allow the private searcher to review the court's adoption file for any and all information which may be beneficial in completing a search. The required report is then submitted by the private searcher within the three month time frame set by Missouri law, similar to an agency search. The private searcher must adhere to the same procedures as described above and is prohibited from releasing identifying information to the adoptee or the lineal descendant without a court order.

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON SIBLINGS FROM JUVENILE COURT

The adopted adult may request identifying information regarding adult biological sibling(s). Upon such request, the juvenile court will authorize the agency that facilitated the adoption to begin the process of attempting to ascertain the position of the adult sibling(s) to the adoptee regarding the release of their identity. Identifying information regarding the sibling(s) to an adult adoptee will only be released after submission of a signed and notarized consent from that sibling.

As previously noted, the Missouri Adoption Registry can release identifying information regarding a sibling who has registered his/her consent to do so with the Registry.

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Missouri Revised Statutes

Chapter 453 Adoption and Foster Care Section 453.120

August 28, 2011

Records of adoption proceedings not open to inspection except on order of the court--penalty for violation.

453.120. 1. The files and records of the court in adoption proceedings shall not be open to inspection or copy by any person or persons, except upon an order of the court expressly permitting the same issued in accordance with the provisions of section 453.121.

2. Any person who permits such inspection or copy without an order of the court as provided in this section shall be guilty of a class C misdemeanor.

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Missouri Revised Statutes

Chapter 453 Adoption and Foster Care Section 453.121

August 28, 2011

Adoption records, disclosure procedure--registry of biological parents and adopted adults.

453.121. 1. As used in this section, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following terms mean:

- (1) "Adopted adult", any adopted person who is eighteen years of age or over;
- (2) "Adopted child", any adopted person who is less than eighteen years of age;
- (3) "Adult sibling", any brother or sister of the whole or half blood who is eighteen years of age or over;
- (4) "Biological parent", the natural and biological mother or father of the adopted child;
- (5) "Identifying information", information which includes the name, date of birth, place of birth and last known address of the biological parent;
- (6) "Lineal descendant", a legal descendant of a person as defined in section 472.010;
- (7) "Nonidentifying information", information concerning the physical description, nationality, religious background and medical history of the biological parent or sibling.

2. All papers, records, and information pertaining to an adoption whether part of any permanent record or file may be disclosed only in accordance with this section.

3. Nonidentifying information, if known, concerning undisclosed biological parents or siblings shall be furnished by the child-placing agency or the juvenile court to the adoptive parents, legal guardians, adopted adult or the adopted adult's lineal descendants if the adopted adult is deceased, upon written request therefor.

4. An adopted adult, or the adopted adult's lineal descendants if the adopted adult is deceased, may make a written request to the circuit court having original jurisdiction of such adoption to secure and disclose information identifying the adopted adult's biological parents. If the biological parents have consented to the release of identifying information under subsection 8 of this section, the court shall disclose such identifying information to the adopted adult or the adopted adult's lineal descendants if the adopted adult is deceased. If the biological parents have not consented to the release of identifying information under subsection 8 of this section, the court shall, within ten days of receipt of the request, notify in writing the child-placing agency or juvenile court personnel having access to the information requested of the request by the adopted adult or the adopted adult's lineal descendants.

5. Within three months after receiving notice of the request of the adopted adult, or the adopted adult's lineal descendants, the child-placing agency or the juvenile court personnel shall make reasonable efforts to notify the biological parents of the request of the adopted adult or the adopted adult's lineal descendants. The child-placing agency or juvenile court personnel may charge actual costs to the adopted adult or the adopted adult's lineal descendants for the cost of making such search. All communications under this subsection are confidential. For purposes of this subsection, "notify" means a personal and confidential contact with the biological parent of the adopted adult, which initial contact shall be made by an employee of the child-placing agency which processed the adoption, juvenile court personnel or some other licensed child-placing agency designated by the child-placing agency or juvenile court. Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit the disclosure of communications privileged pursuant to section 491.060. At the end of three months, the child-placing agency or juvenile court personnel shall file a report with the court stating that each biological parent that was located was given the following information:

- (1) The nature of the identifying information to which the agency has access;
- (2) The nature of any nonidentifying information requested;

- (3) The date of the request of the adopted adult or the adopted adult's lineal descendants;
 - (4) The right of the biological parent to file an affidavit with the court stating that the identifying information should be disclosed;
 - (5) The effect of a failure of the biological parent to file an affidavit stating that the identifying information should be disclosed.
6. If the child-placing agency or juvenile court personnel reports to the court that it has been unable to notify the biological parent within three months, the identifying information shall not be disclosed to the adopted adult or the adopted adult's lineal descendants. Additional requests for the same or substantially the same information may not be made to the court within one year from the end of the three-month period during which the attempted notification was made, unless good cause is shown and leave of court is granted.
7. If, within three months, the child-placing agency or juvenile court personnel reports to the court that it has notified the biological parent pursuant to subsection 5 of this section, the court shall receive the identifying information from the child-placing agency. If an affidavit duly executed by a biological parent authorizing the release of information is filed with the court or if a biological parent is found to be deceased, the court shall disclose the identifying information as to that biological parent to the adopted adult or the adopted adult's lineal descendants if the adopted adult is deceased, provided that the other biological parent either:
- (1) Is unknown;
 - (2) Is known but cannot be found and notified pursuant to section 5 of this act;
 - (3) Is deceased; or
 - (4) Has filed with the court an affidavit authorizing release of identifying information. If the biological parent fails or refuses to file an affidavit with the court authorizing the release of identifying information, then the identifying information shall not be released to the adopted adult. No additional request for the same or substantially the same information may be made within three years of the time the biological parent fails or refuses to file an affidavit authorizing the release of identifying information.
8. Any adopted adult whose adoption was finalized in this state or whose biological parents had their parental rights terminated in this state may request the court to secure and disclose identifying information concerning an adult sibling. Identifying information pertaining exclusively to the adult sibling, whether part of the permanent record of a file in the court or in an agency, shall be released only upon consent of that adult sibling.
9. The central office of the children's division within the department of social services shall maintain a registry by which biological parents, adult siblings, and adoptive adults may indicate their desire to be contacted by each other. The division may request such identification for the registry as a party may possess to assure positive identifications. At the time of registry, a biological parent or adult sibling may consent in writing to the release of identifying information to an adopted adult. If such a consent has not been executed and the division believes that a match has occurred on the registry between biological parents or adult siblings and an adopted adult, an employee of the division shall make the confidential contact provided in subsection 5 of this section with the biological parents or adult siblings and with the adopted adult. If the division believes that a match has occurred on the registry between one biological parent or adult sibling and an adopted adult, an employee of the division shall make the confidential contact provided by subsection 5 of this section with the biological parent or adult sibling. The division shall then attempt to make such confidential contact with the other biological parent, and shall proceed thereafter to make such confidential contact with the adopted adult only if the division determines that the other biological parent meets one of the conditions specified in subsection 7 of this section. The biological parent, adult sibling, or adopted adult may refuse to go forward with any further contact between the parties when contacted by the division.
10. The provisions of this section, except as provided in subsection 5 of this section governing the release of identifying and nonidentifying adoptive information apply to adoptions completed before and after August 13, 1986.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR REGISTRANTS

Persons who complete the registration should consider the following:

The registry is unable to provide any identifying information unless the adopted adult is at least 18 years old.

For adoptions that occurred before August 13, 1986, the adoptive parents must consent to the release of identifying information. The adult adoptee should send a notarized consent and/or copies of adoptive parent's death certificate with their registration.

Sorry, we cannot provide the copies of the original birth record or adoption decree.



Our mission is to partner with families, communities, and government to protect children from abuse, neglect and assure safety, permanency and well being for Missouri's children.



Missouri Department of Social Services
Children's Division
Adoption Information Registry
P.O. Box 88
Jefferson City, MO 65103

(573) 751-3221

www.dss.mo.gov/cd/adopt/adoir.htm

TT: 1-800-735-2966

Voice: 1-800-735-2466

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Adoption Information Registry



WHAT IS THE ADOPTION INFORMATION REGISTRY?

The Missouri Adoption Information Registry, is a service by which adult adoptees and biological parents or adult siblings may indicate their desire to be contacted by each other.

The Registry can accept applications from adult adoptees who were adopted in Missouri or whose biological parents had their parental rights terminated in Missouri. The Registry also processes applications from those biological parents who relinquish a child for adoption in Missouri as well as adult siblings wishing to have contact with the adult adoptee.

The registry is operated by the Missouri Department of Social Services, Children's Division.

WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED?

Each party will receive:

- names;
- addresses;
- phone numbers; and
- place of birth.

WHAT IS THE REGISTRATION PROCESS?

Adopted adults, and biological parents or adult siblings must complete and file separate registration forms with the Missouri Adoption Information Registry.

You may obtain a copy of the registration form by:

- downloading it from the Children's Division website at: www.dss.state.mo.us/cd/adoir.
- calling or visiting your local Children's Division office.
- writing to: Missouri Department of Social Services, Children's Division, Adoption Information Registry
P.O. Box 88
Jefferson City, MO 65103

Be sure to mail the completed form to the above address.

The registration form must be accompanied by a copy of a document confirming the adoptee or biological parents' or adult siblings' identity. This may include, but is not limited to, a copy of your birth certificate, adoption decree, or driver's license.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU REGISTER?

1. The information is entered into the Adoption Information Registry.
2. Search of the Adoption Registry is completed.
3. If no match is found, a written notification is sent to the registrant.
4. If there is a possible match, an attempt is made to obtain consent from other biological parent. **Both biological parents must consent or no information can be shared.**
5. If both biological parents do not consent, the registrant is notified that no information can be shared.
6. If both biological parents consent, identifying information is provided to all parties.
7. Adult siblings must consent in writing to release of information.

Missouri Statute Section 453.171 addresses the release of information in adoptions and provides authority and guidelines for the Adoption Information Registry.



TO BE COMPLETED BY ADULT ADOPTEE WHO DESIRES CONTACT WITH BIOLOGICAL PARENTS OR SIBLINGS

ADOPTED ADULT REGISTRATION

NOTE: THE REGISTRATION BY AN ADOPTED ADULT CAN BE ACCEPTED ONLY IF THE ADOPTEE IS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.

SECTION A - REQUEST

PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED IN 453.121 RSMo I AM REQUESTING REGISTRATION OF MY DESIRE FOR FUTURE CONTACT WITH MY BIOLOGICAL PARENT/S OR BIOLOGICAL SIBLING/S. I UNDERSTAND THAT I MAY CHANGE THIS INFORMATION AT A LATER DATE SHOULD MY LOCATION OR CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE.

PLEASE CHECK AND PROVIDE A COPY OF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TO CONFIRM YOUR IDENTITY:

BIRTH CERTIFICATE ADOPTION DECREE DRIVER'S LICENSE OR PHOTO ID

FULL BIRTH NAME	LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE	RACE	SEX
				<input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Indian/Alaskan <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F

FULL ADOPTED NAME	LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE		
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CURRENT NAME	LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
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CURRENT ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
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DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	CITY	STATE	COUNTY
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AGENCY/INDIVIDUAL THAT MADE PLACEMENT	COUNTY WHERE ADOPTION FINALIZED	DATE OF ADOPTION
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ADDRESS	STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP
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SECTION B- ADOPTIVE PARENTS

ADOPTIVE FATHER'S FULL NAME	LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
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CURRENT OR LAST KNOWN ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
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ADOPTIVE MOTHER'S FULL NAME	LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
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CURRENT OR LAST KNOWN ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
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SECTION C – BIOLOGICAL PARENTS and SIBLING INFORMATION (COMPLETE ALL KNOWN INFORMATION)

BIOLOGICAL FATHER'S FULL NAME	LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
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BIOLOGICAL MOTHER'S FULL NAME	LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
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OTHER KNOWN LAST NAMES USED BY MOTHER

BIOLOGICAL SIBLING NAMES	DATES OF BIRTH
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PLEASE INDICATE HOW YOU ARE AWARE OF YOUR SIBLINGS

SECTION D – CERTIFICATION

I SOLEMNLY CERTIFY THAT ALL OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THIS REGISTRATION IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE	SIGNATURE OF REGISTRANT	DATE
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TO BE COMPLETED BY CHILDREN'S DIVISION STAFF

REGISTRATION REQUEST FILED BY:	BIOLOGICAL PARENT	DATE
	ADOPTED CHILD	DATE
	BIOLOGICAL SIBLING	DATE

POSSIBLE MATCH LOCATED	DATE
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NOTICE SENT TO LOCAL OFFICE FOR CONFIRMATION OF IDENTITY AND/OR NOTIFICATION OF OTHER PARTY TO MATCH IF IDENTITY CONFIRMED

YES NO DATE

SECTION G -- TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL OFFICE STAFF/PRIVATE AGENCY

DETERMINE STATUS OF BIOLOGICAL PARENT NOT REGISTERED WITH ADOPTION REGISTRY

<input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN	<input type="checkbox"/> CANNOT BE LOCATED	<input type="checkbox"/> REFUSED TO REGISTER
<input type="checkbox"/> DECEASED	<input type="checkbox"/> HAS NOW COMPLETED ADOPTION REGISTRY FORM (ATTACHED)	<input type="checkbox"/> HAS FILED AFFIDAVIT WITH COURT CONFIRMED DATE

WORKER	DATE	ADDRESS
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PRIVATE/COUNTY AGENCY



TO BE COMPLETED BY BIOLOGICAL PARENT WHO DESIRES CONTACT WITH ADOPTED CHILD

BIOLOGICAL PARENT REGISTRATION

SECTION A -- REQUEST

PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED IN 453.121 RSMo I, AM REQUESTING REGISTRATION OF MY DESIRE TO A FUTURE CONTACT WITH MY CHILD WHO WAS ADOPTED. I UNDERSTAND THAT I MAY CHANGE THIS INFORMATION AT A LATER DATE SHOULD MY LOCATION OR CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE.

PLEASE CHECK AND PROVIDE A COPY OF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TO CONFIRM YOUR IDENTITY:

BIRTH CERTIFICATE DRIVER'S LICENSE OR PHOTO ID

FATHER'S FULL NAME			LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE	RACE
						<input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Indian/Alaskan <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander
DATE OF BIRTH		SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER				
CURRENT ADDRESS					PHONE NUMBER	
MOTHER'S FULL NAME AT TIME OF CHILD'S BIRTH			LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE	RACE
						<input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Indian/Alaskan <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander
DATE OF BIRTH		SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER				
MOTHER'S CURRENT FULL NAME					PHONE NUMBER	
OTHER LAST NAMES USED						
CURRENT ADDRESS					PHONE NUMBER	

SECTION B -- COMPLETE ALL KNOWN INFORMATION ON ADOPTED CHILD FOR WHICH CONTACT IS REQUESTED

FULL BIRTH NAME			LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE	RACE	SEX
						<input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Indian/Alaskan <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F
FULL ADOPTED NAME		LAST		FIRST	MIDDLE		
DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	CITY	STATE	COUNTY			
AGENCY/INDIVIDUAL THAT MADE PLACEMENT			COUNTY WHERE ADOPTION FINALIZED		DATE OF ADOPTION		
ADDRESS	STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP			

ADOPTIVE PARENTS INFORMATION IF KNOWN		
FATHER'S FULL NAME	LAST	FIRST MIDDLE
MOTHER'S FULL NAME	LAST	FIRST MIDDLE
SECTION C – CERTIFICATION		
I SOLEMNLY CERTIFY THAT ALL OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THIS REGISTRATION IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE		SIGNATURE OF REGISTRANT DATE
SECTION D – TO BE COMPLETED BY CHILDREN'S DIVISION STAFF		
REGISTRATION REQUEST FILED BY:	BIOLOGICAL PARENT	DATE
POSSIBLE MATCH LOCATED		DATE
NOTICE SENT TO LOCAL OFFICE FOR CONFIRMATION OF IDENTITY AND/OR NOTIFICATION OF OTHER PARTY TO MATCH IF IDENTITY CONFIRMED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO DATE		
SECTION E – TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL OFFICE STAFF/PRIVATE AGENCY		
DETERMINE STATUS OF BIOLOGICAL PARENT NOT REGISTERED WITH ADOPTION REGISTRY		
<input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN	<input type="checkbox"/> CANNOT BE LOCATED	<input type="checkbox"/> REFUSED TO REGISTER
<input type="checkbox"/> DECEASED	<input type="checkbox"/> HAS NOW COMPLETED ADOPTION REGISTRY FORM (ATTACHED)	<input type="checkbox"/> HAS FILED AFFIDAVIT WITH COURT CONFIRMED DATE
WORKER	DATE	ADDRESS
PRIVATE/COUNTY AGENCY		



TO BE COMPLETED BY ADULT SIBLING WHO DESIRES CONTACT WITH ADOPTED ADULT SIBLING

ADULT SIBLING REGISTRATION

SECTION A - REQUEST

PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED IN 453.121 RSMo

I AM REQUESTING REGISTRATION OF MY DESIRE TO A FUTURE CONTACT WITH MY ADOPTED ADULT SIBLING. I UNDERSTAND THAT I MAY CHANGE THIS INFORMATION AT A LATER DATE SHOULD MY LOCATION OR CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE.

PLEASE CHECK AND PROVIDE A COPY OF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TO CONFIRM YOUR IDENTITY:

BIRTH CERTIFICATE DRIVER'S LICENSE OR PHOTO ID

NAME	LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE	RACE	SEX
				<input type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> M
				<input type="checkbox"/> Black	<input type="checkbox"/> F
				<input type="checkbox"/> Indian/Alaskan	
				<input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander	
DATE OF BIRTH	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		COUNTY OF RESIDENCE		
ADDRESS	STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP	PHONE NUMBER
PRIOR NAMES					
MOTHER'S FULL NAME	LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE	RACE	
				<input type="checkbox"/> White	
				<input type="checkbox"/> Black	
				<input type="checkbox"/> Indian/Alaskan	
				<input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander	
DATE OF BIRTH	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER				
CURRENT OR LAST KNOWN ADDRESS	STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP	PHONE NUMBER
FATHER'S FULL NAME	LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE	RACE	
				<input type="checkbox"/> White	
				<input type="checkbox"/> Black	
				<input type="checkbox"/> Indian/Alaskan	
				<input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander	
DATE OF BIRTH	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER				
CURRENT OR LAST KNOWN ADDRESS	STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP	PHONE NUMBER
SIBLING INFORMATION					
SIBLING NAME			DATE OF BIRTH		
DO YOU AND THE ADOPTED ADULT HAVE THE SAME BIOLOGICAL MOTHER AND FATHER? IF NO PLEASE INDICATE WHICH PARENT YOU SHARE					
HOW ARE YOU AWARE OF YOUR SIBLING AND THEIR ADOPTION? PLEASE INCLUDE ALL KNOWN INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SIBLING					

AGENCY/INDIVIDUAL THAT MADE PLACEMENT		COUNTY WHERE ADOPTION FINALIZED	DATE OF ADOPTION
ADDRESS	STREET	CITY	STATE ZIP
SECTION B - CERTIFICATION			
I SOLEMNLY CERTIFY THAT ALL OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THIS REGISTRATION IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE		SIGNATURE OF REGISTRANT	DATE
SECTION C - TO BE COMPLETED BY CHILDREN'S DIVISION STAFF			
REGISTRATION REQUEST FILED BY:	BIOLOGICAL SIBLING		DATE
	ADOPTED CHILD		DATE
POSSIBLE MATCH LOCATED			DATE
NOTICE SENT TO LOCAL OFFICE FOR CONFIRMATION OF IDENTITY AND/OR NOTIFICATION OF OTHER PARTY TO MATCH IF IDENTITY CONFIRMED			
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO DATE			
SECTION D - TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL OFFICE STAFF/PRIVATE AGENCY			
DETERMINE STATUS OF BIOLOGICAL PARENT NOT REGISTERED WITH ADOPTION REGISTRY			
<input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN	<input type="checkbox"/> CANNOT BE LOCATED	<input type="checkbox"/> REFUSED TO REGISTER	
<input type="checkbox"/> DECEASED	<input type="checkbox"/> HAS NOW COMPLETED ADOPTION REGISTRY FORM (ATTACHED)	<input type="checkbox"/> HAS FILED AFFIDAVIT WITH COURT CONFIRMED DATE	
WORKER	DATE	ADDRESS	
PRIVATE/COUNTY AGENCY			

ADOPTION SEARCH AGENCIES

Bethesda Home for Unwed Mothers - Bethesda Dilworth
3655 Vista
St. Louis, MO 63110
(Bethesda General – 314-772-9200--*files lost in fire*)

Children's Home Society of MO 314-968-2350
9445 Litzsinger Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63144
Ms. Laura Winters

Epworth Children's Home 314-961-5718, ex. 3378
110 N. Elm
St. Louis, MO 63119
Dr. Michael Meehan
(aka: Epworth School for Girls, Methodist Orphan's Home)

Good Shepherd Family and Children's Services 314-854-5728
1340 Partridge Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63130
Mr. Tom Fellin
(previously known as **Catholic Services for Children and Youth, Catholic Charities, St. Ann's Foundling Home, Helping Hand, Board of Religious Organizations**)

Marilyn Graham 636-394-1641
545 Golfwood Drive
Ballwin, MO 63021
Independent Searches

Jewish Family and Children's Services 314-993-1000
10950 Schuetz Rd. 314-812-9326
St. Louis, MO 63146-5704
Mr. Peter Walker
(aka: **Sommers' Children's Welfare Bureau**)

Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Mo. 314-787-5100
8631 Delmar Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63124
Ms. Janice L. Scheurer, Director of Child Welfare Services

Missouri Baptist Children's Home 314-739-6811
11300 St. Charles Rock Road
St. Louis, MO 63044
Ms. Karen Glazebrook

Missouri Children's Division 314-340-7200
111 North 7th Street
St. Louis, MO 63101
Ms. Julie Harris, SSS III
Ms. Kimberly Palmer 340-7070
(previously **Board of Children's Guardians, Division of Children's Services,
Missouri Division of Family Services**)

Ms. Lynne Phoomsathan, LCSW 314-974-7618
1928 N. Hanley Rd.
St. Louis, Mo. 63114
Independent Searches

Provident Counseling* 314-533-8230
2650 Olive
St. Louis, MO 63103
(previously: **Children's Aid Society, St. Louis Provident Assn., Family and
Children's Services of Greater St. Louis, Family and Personal Support
Centers**)
*Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Missouri has the agency records and
does their searches

St. Louis Christian Home 314-381-3100
3033 North Euclid
St. Louis, MO 63115
(aka: **ECHO, St. Louis Orphanage**)

Court of Equity - Name Changes 314-622-4321

Archives Department, Recorder of Deeds

314-622-4610

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Room 126 – City Hall

1200 Market St.

St. Louis, MO 63103-2881

(adoption records for City of St. Louis from mid-1917 and earlier; their records are open to the public)