

Simon D. Howard  
by his atty L. S. Leathledge

I consent to the above Petition this Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 1875

In presence of  
J. W. Brown

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Manerva <sup>her</sup> Rigby  
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It appearing by the Petitioner of Simon D. Howard of said Court that said Petitioner is desirous of adopting Martha Jane Rigby the reputed child of said Petitioner so as to render said child capable of inheriting his Petitioner's property, and it appearing that the mother of said child consents to said application and the Court being satisfied of the

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truth of the facts stated in said Petition, Therefore it is ordered and declared Martha Ann Rigby daughter of Manerva Rigby of the age of four years the reputed child of Petitioner is the adopted child of said Petitioner and capable of inheriting his property according to the Statute in such cases made; and it is further ordered that said child take the name of Petitioner according to the Statute in such cases made

Done in open Court this Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 1875.

John L. Harris Judge of the Peace.