

Relationship of
adoptee to adoptor.

Not to inherit from
collateral relatives.

Adoptee's family
name; given name.

Records open to
inspection upon court
order only.

Docket to be kept.

Section repealed.

Provisions not retro-
active, etc.

SEC. 5. Entry of a final decree of adoption shall establish the relation of natural parent and natural child between adoptor and adoptee for all purposes including mutual rights of inheritance and succession the same as if adoptee was born of adoptor, except that adoptee shall not inherit from collateral relatives of or the parents of adoptor although such collateral relatives and parents of adoptor shall have the right of inheritance from adoptee. All rights and duties including those of inheritance and succession between adoptee, his or her natural parents, their issue, collateral relatives, and so forth, shall be cut off. In the event one of the natural parents shall be the spouse of petitioner, then the rights and relations as between adoptee, such natural parent, and his or her parents and collateral relatives, including mutual rights of inheritance and succession, shall in nowise be altered.

The family name of the adoptee shall be changed to that of adoptor unless the decree shall otherwise provide, and the given name of the adoptee may be fixed or changed at the same time.

SEC. 6. Records and papers in adoption proceedings, after the petition is filed and prior to the entry of a final decree, shall be open to inspection by the parties or their attorneys and members of the Board of Public Welfare or their agents, upon order of the court. Upon the entry of a final decree the Board of Public Welfare and the clerk of the court shall seal all papers in the proceedings. Said seals shall not be broken, and said papers shall not be inspected by any person, including the parties to the proceeding, except upon order of the court. Application for leave to inspect papers in adoption proceedings shall be by petition and shall be granted only for extraordinary cause shown. The court may appoint a master to consider and investigate the facts upon which such a petition is based, who shall make his findings and recommendations to the court.

The clerk of the court shall keep a docket of all adoption proceedings which shall only be inspected upon order of the court upon the same conditions hereinabove set out for the inspection of papers.

SEC. 7. Section 395 (title 15, sec. 1, New Code) of the Code of Law of the District of Columbia is hereby repealed. The provisions hereof shall have no retroactive effect and shall not be construed as affecting in any way the rights and relations obtained by any decree of adoption entered heretofore, and all proceedings instituted and pending on the date of this enactment shall be carried to their final determination in accordance with the provisions of section 395 as if this Act had not been enacted, and all orders and decrees entered therein shall remain valid and binding on all parties thereby affected.

Approved, August 25, 1937.

[CHAPTER 775]

AN ACT

For the relief of certain applicants for oil and gas permits and leases.

August 25, 1937
[S. 2613]

[Public, No. 371]

Public lands.
Issue of oil and gas
permits, etc., to cer-
tain applicants au-
thorized.

41 Stat. 441; 49 Stat.
675.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to issue oil and gas prospecting permits pursuant to applications filed therefor under section 13 of the Act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 437), ninety days or more prior to the date of the amendatory Act of August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 674), by Blanche S. Trigg, attorney in fact for the respective applicants, said applications bearing serial numbers Las Cruces 050186, 050589, 050590, 050591, 050592, 050595, 050607, 050903, 050911, 050912, 050913, 050914, 050916, 050917, 050918, 050922, 051017, 051018, 051052, 051053, 051054, 051055, 051056, 051125, 051127, 051128, 051129, 051160, 051161, 051162, 051163, 051173, 051201,

051202, 051203, 051204, 051205, 051206, 051207, 051208, 051209, 051210, 051211, 051239, 051241, 051242, 051243, 051244, 051245, 051246, 051247, 051248, 051249, 051250, 051251, 051252, 051255, 051256, 051257, 051258, 051259, 051260, 051262, 051264, 051266, Santa Fe 069715, 069716, 069799, 069800, 069801, 069803, 069805, 069806, 069807, 070093, 070094, and to issue oil and gas leases under the ninth and tenth provisos of section 13 of the Act of February 25, 1920, as amended by the Act of August 21, 1935, pursuant to applications for prospecting permits filed after ninety days prior to the effective date of the amendatory Act by said attorney in fact, said applications bearing serial numbers Las Cruces 051275, 051301, 051302, 051303, 051304, 051305, 051321, 051322, 051323, 051324, 051325, 052231, 052232, 052233, 052234, 052235, 052236, 052237, notwithstanding that the proof of qualifications submitted by each applicant in connection with his application was not under oath although acknowledged before a notary public, and notwithstanding that a curative qualifying affidavit was not filed until after the passage of the amendatory Act of August 21, 1935, the delay in furnishing said curative qualifying affidavit being attributable to the suspension in the General Land Office of action on all applications for prospecting permits pending the enactment of the aforesaid amendatory Act and the promulgation of regulations thereunder: *Provided*, That the lands applied for and described in said applications are unreserved and unappropriated public lands not subject to prior claims and that the applications are otherwise regular and allowable.

Proviso.
Condition.

Approved, August 25, 1937.

[CHAPTER 776]

AN ACT

To amend paragraph (1) of section 22 of the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended.

August 25, 1937
[S. 2619]
[Public, No. 372]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of paragraph (1) of section 22 of the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended, as reads as follows: "Nothing in this part shall prevent any carrier or carriers subject to this part from giving reduced rates for the transportation of property to or from any section of the country with the object of providing relief in case of earthquake, flood, fire, famine, drought¹, epidemic, pestilence, or other calamitous visitation or disaster, if such reduced rates have first been authorized by order of the Commission (with or without a hearing); but in any such order the Commission shall define such section and shall specify the period during which such reduced rates are to remain in effect." is amended to read as follows: "Nothing in this part shall prevent any carrier or carriers subject to this part from giving reduced rates for the transportation of property to or from any section of the country with the object of providing relief in case of earthquake, flood, fire, famine, drought, epidemic, pestilence, or other calamitous visitation or disaster, if such reduced rates have first been authorized by order of the Commission (with or without a hearing); but in any such order the Commission shall (1) define such section, (2) specify the period during which such reduced rates are to remain in effect, and (3) clearly define the class or classes of persons entitled to such reduced rates: *Provided*, That any such order may define the class or classes entitled to such reduced rates as being persons designated as being in distress and in need of relief by agents of the United States or any State authorized to assist in relieving the distress

Interstate Commerce Act, amendment.
Reduced transportation charges in cases of disaster, etc.
24 Stat. 387.
49 U. S. C. § 22.

Provisions governing reduction.

Proviso.
Order may specify classes benefited.

¹ So in original.