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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA COUNTY
TRIAL DIVISION - CIVIL

YOUR NAME

Petitioner,
vs.

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH, DIVISION OF VITAL
RECORDS

Respondent.

EFile #XXXXXXXXXX

PETITION FOR CORRECTION
OF CERTIFICATION OF BIRTH

1. INTRODUCTION

The Petitioner, [Your Name] of [City], [State],
acting on his own behalf, comes before aforesaid court
and files the following Petition for Correction of
Certification of Birth.

2. PARTIES

2.1 IDENTIFICATION AND ADDRESSES OF THE PETITIONER

a. [Your Name] of [Your Address]

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2.2 IDENTIFICATION AND ADDRESS OF THE RESPONDENT

a. Pennsylvania Department of Health, Division of Vital Records, 101 South Mercer Street, Room 401, P.O. Box 1528, New Castle, Pennsylvania, 16101.

2.3 LINEAL CONSANGUINITY OF PETITIONER

a. XXXXXXXXXXXX attests Antonino Mento, Margherita Farfalletta and Natale Mento, aka Chris Anthony Mento, are his maternal great-grandfather, great-grandmother and grandfather, respectively, by birth.

3. CAUSE OF ACTION

3.1 RECORD REQUIRED

1) The Petitioner requires a corrected certified copy of said Certification of Birth for inclusion in an application before the Consulate General of the Republic of Italy in San Francisco, California, United States of America, for recognition of dual American-Italian citizenship *jure sanguinis*.

3.2 REQUIREMENTS FOR CHANGE

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2 a. The Respondent requires that the Petitioner
3 produce a Court Order from a judge or magistrate to
4 make the required correction.
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6 **4. STATEMENT OF FACTS**

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8 **4.1 LOCATION OF ORIGINAL CERTIFICATION OF BIRTH**

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10 1) The record of Petitioners birth appears in the
11 records of the Division of Vital Records, File
12 Number XXXXXXXXXXXX and hereto attached as Exhibit
13 Statement.
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15 **4.2 ERRORS**

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17 1) That said Certification of Birth contains the
18 following errors, *viz*:
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20 a) The name of the Petitioners great-
21 grandmother, recorded on the Certification of
22 Birth as Margarite Faffbletta is in error; and,

23 b) The name of the Petitioners great-
24 grandfather, recorded on the Certification of
25 Birth as Antonio Mendo is in error; and,

1 c) The name of the Petitioners grandfather,
2 recorded on the Certification of Birth as Natal
3 Mendo is in error; and,

4 d) The date of the Petitioners grandfather's
5 birth, recorded on the Certification of Birth as
6 12-20-1916 is in error.

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8 **4.3 FACTS**

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10 1) That said erroneous facts in aforementioned
11 Certification of Birth should correctly appear as
12 follows, *to wit*:

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14 a) The name of the Petitioners great-
15 grandmother should be recored on the
16 Certification of Birth as Margherita
17 Farfalletta; and,

18 b) The name of the Petitioners great-
19 grandfather should be recorded on the
20 Certification of Birth as Antonino Mento; and,

21 c) The name of the Petitioners grandfather
22 should be recorded on the Certification of Birth
23 as Chris Anthony Mento; and,

1 d) The date of the Petitioners grandfather's
2 birth should be recorded on the Certification of
3 Birth as 12-23-1916.

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5 **4.4 EVIDENCE OF FACTS**

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7 1) In support of the request for correction, the
8 Petitioner supplies the following documents
9 demonstrating the correct information:

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11 a) The Certificato di Matrimonio (Certificate
12 of Marriage) for Antonino Mento and Margherita
13 Farfalletta (a certified copy of which is hereto
14 attached as Exhibit 2), as issued and certified
15 by the Comune di Monforte S. Giorgio, Provincia
16 di Messina, Italy, confirming correct and true
17 spelling of parents names; and,

18 b) The Baptismal Record for Natale Mento (a
19 copy of which is hereto attached as Exhibit 3),
20 as issued by Saint Joseph's Church of
21 Downingtown, Pennsylvania, confirming the
22 correct spelling of the parents names, the
23 child's name, and the child's date of birth.
24 This document also shows, in the column
25 "Notunda", Natale Mento using Chris as his given

1 name being that Chris is a shortened form of
2 Christmas, the direct translation of Natale in
3 Italian; and,

4 c) The Application for Marriage License (a copy
5 of which is hereto attached as Exhibit 4), as
6 issued by the Clerk of the Circuit Court for
7 Cecil County, Maryland, showing marriage to [My
8 grandmother's name] and listing Natale Mento as
9 Chris A. Mento with reference to column Notunda
10 in Exhibit 3; and,

11 d) Notice of Separation From the U.S. Naval
12 Service (a copy of which is hereto attached as
13 Exhibit 5) showing the true and correct date of
14 birth for Chris Anthony Mento as December 23,
15 1916; and,

16 e) Full Marriage Record for [My father's name]
17 and [My mother's name] (a certified copy of
18 which is hereto attached as Exhibit 6), as
19 issued by the Clerck of the Orphans' Court
20 Division of the Court of Common Pleas of Chester
21 County, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,
22 listing, on page three (3) under Female's
23 Father's Information, Natale Mento as using
24 Chris as his given name.
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1 **5. RELIEF**

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3 **5.1 RELIEF REQUESTED**

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5 1) It is respectfully requested that Your Honorable
6 Court enter an Order directing the Division of Vital
7 Records to correct the Certification of Birth for
8 the Petitioner:

9 a) To record the mothers maiden name of
10 Petitioners great-grandmother as Margherita
11 Farfalletta; and,

12 b) To record the fathers name of the
13 Petitioners great-grandfather as Antonino Mento;
14 and,

15 c) To record the name of the Petitioners
16 grandfather as Chris Anthony Mento; and,

17 d) To record the the date of birth as
18 12-23-1916; and,

19 e) Issue a new certified long form copy of
20 corrected record to said Petitioner within
21 fifteen (15) days of service of the Court Order
22 upon the Respondent.

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24 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this X day of Month, Year.

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