

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF HORRY)

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
FILE NO.: 87-DR-26-1844

ARTHUR BRUCE HALLMAN AND)
ANAITH DELORES HALLMAN,)
PETITIONERS,)

VS.)

PAULA SAMUDIO BEITIA)
(MOTHER) JUAN GONZELAS,)
(JOHN DOE) (FATHER),)
RESPONDENTS.)

IN RE: LORENA DEL CARMEN)
SAMUDIO, AND ROCIO DEL)
CARMEN SAMUDIO,)
infants under the age)
of fourteen (14) years.)

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TRIAL DATE: MARCH 15, 1988
TRIAL JUDGE: KAYE GORENFLO HEARN
PETITIONERS' ATTORNEY: ORRIE E. WEST
RESPONDENTS' ATTORNEY: (NONE PRESENT)
GUARDIAN AD LITEM: RONALD R. NORTON

This matter comes before this Court pursuant to filing of a Summons and verified Petition for adoption, naming the infants as Respondents, as well as the biological mother, Paula Samudio Beitia, and the biological father, Juan Gonzelas (John Doe), as Respondent parents.

The Petition was filed with the Clerk of Court for Horry County on September 8, 1987. An Amended Petition was filed with the Clerk of Court on December 16, 1987. An application was made for the appointment of a Guardian ad Litem. The Guardian ad Litem, Ronald R. Norton, was appointed to represent the minor children.

An Answer was filed on behalf of the infant Respondents by

the Guardian ad Litem, Ronald R. Norton.

A Temporary Order was signed by the Honorable Judge Kaye Gorenflo Hearn, granting temporary custody of the two (2) minor children to the Petitioners. The two (2) minor children, who are of Panamanian Extract had been brought into the country and placed in the care and possession of the Petitioners prior to the filing of the adoption paperwork. The South Carolina Department of Social Services had conducted a Pre-Placement and Post-Placement Homestudy, however said Homestudies were not available to the Petitioners' attorney at the time the action was filed with the Court. The Court granted temporary custody of the minor children to the Petitioners.

The Homestudy conducted by the South Carolina Department of Social Services indicated the Petitioners to be fit and proper people to have temporary custody of the minor children and to Petition this Court for adoption of the minor children.

The Court makes the following:

FINDING OF FACTS

The infant Respondents, Lorena Del Carmen Samudio was born June 2, 1983 in Chiriqui, Republic of Panama. The minor child, Rocio Del Carmen Samudio was born April 26, 1982 in Chiriqui, Republic of Panama.

The Petitioners to this action were married October 3, 1975 in Greenville, South Carolina. The Petitioners characterized their marriage as stable. The Petitioners have two (2) other children living in the home at the time the two infants came

into their possession.

The Petitioner wife, personally went to Panama and obtained possession of the two (2) minor children after obtaining the necessary documentation and paperwork required from the Republic of Panama. Said documents and paperwork are attached hereto and made part and parcel of this file. The Petitioners have had possession of the minor children since July 26, 1987. The Petitioners have formed an honest deep love for the minor Respondents and have a honest desire for the children to be their own. The adoption of the minor infants by the Petitioners will be in the best interest of the Respondent minors.

The Court makes the following:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The parties and subject matter are properly before this Court. IT IS THEREFORE,

ORDERED, that the adoption of the minor Respondents, Lorena Del Carmen Samudio and Rocio Del Carmen Samudio is hereby granted and infants name shall be as follows:

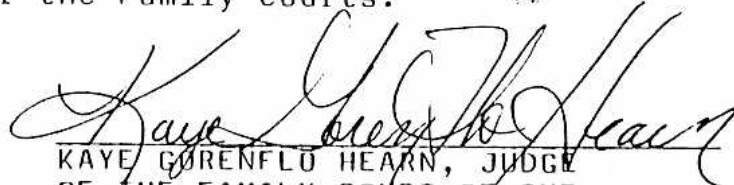
Lorena Del Carmen Samudio's name shall be changed to Vanessa Yamel Hallman, and the minor child, Rocio Del Carmen Samudio's name shall be changed to Cody Jasmine Hallman. It is further,

ORDERED, that the staff and Administrator of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control are to issue birth certificates establishing the Petitioners are the mother and father of the minor infants and issue a birth

certificate so indicating.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

I certify that I verily believe the attached Order is in compliance with the requirements of Rule 27 (C) of the Rules of practice for the Family Courts.


KAYE GRENFLO HEARN, JUDGE
OF THE FAMILY COURT OF THE
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CONWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA

DATED: March 28, 1988