

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Hampshire Division

Probate and Family Court Department
Guardianship of Minor With - Without - Sureties

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Ward(s)\*

Residence

Date of Birth

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_
(2) \_\_\_\_\_
(3) \_\_\_\_\_

\*If the petitioner is an agency then only one ward is permitted on each petition. Each ward must have the same mother and father to be listed on the same petition.

PETITIONER(S) \_\_\_\_\_
(PRINT Name(s) of Petitioner(s) and (street address(es))

(city or town) (state) (zip code) (relationship to ward)
List the names of parents, if known, otherwise name grandparents, sisters, brothers, aunts, or uncles (who are over 18):

Name

Residence

Relationship

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The minor(s) is/are - not - entitled to benefits, estate, or income paid or payable by or through the United States Veterans Administration. I/We certify that the ward's estate - does - does not - exceed \$100.00.

WHEREFORE, the petitioner(s) pray(s) that he/she/they - or some other suitable person - be appointed the guardian of the minor(s)-" and the estate - with custody - with - without - surety on the bond - the parent(s) being unfit.

Date \_\_\_\_\_
(signature of petitioner (1)) (signature of petitioner (2))

Nomination of Ward(s)

Then personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_
(PRINT name of child(ren))
minor(s) being above the age of fourteen years, who nominate(s) \_\_\_\_\_
to be his/her/their guardian.
(PRINT name of nominee)

Before me, \_\_\_\_\_ (signature of minor)
NOTARY PUBLIC/JUSTICE OF THE PEACE My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

Parental Assent

I/We, the surviving parent(s) - spouse - of the minor hereby assent(s) to the granting of the foregoing petition.

Date \_\_\_\_\_
(signature of parent) (signature of parent)

DECREE

All persons interested having been notified in accordance with the law or having assented and no objections being made thereto,

It is decreed that \_\_\_\_\_
of \_\_\_\_\_

be appointed \_\_\_\_\_ guardian - with custody - of the person - and of the estate - of the above - named minor(s), first giving bond with \_\_\_\_\_ sureties for the due performance of the trust.

It is further ordered \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**(BACK OF GUARDIANSHIP OF MINOR)**

For Petitioner(s):

\_\_\_\_\_ (name of attorney)

\_\_\_\_\_ (name of petitioner, if pro se)

\_\_\_\_\_ (street address)

\_\_\_\_\_ (city or town) \_\_\_\_\_ (state) \_\_\_\_\_ (zip code)

Tel. No. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

B.B.O. # \_\_\_\_\_

For Respondent(s):

\_\_\_\_\_ (name of attorney)

\_\_\_\_\_ (name of respondent, if pro se)

\_\_\_\_\_ (street address)

\_\_\_\_\_ (city or town) \_\_\_\_\_ (state) \_\_\_\_\_ (zip code)

Tel. No. ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

B.B.O. # \_\_\_\_\_

**PETITION - DECREE**

Filed: \_\_\_\_\_

Citation issued: \_\_\_\_\_

Returnable: \_\_\_\_\_

Allowed: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Refer to G.L.M. c. 201, § 5
2. If the Petitioner is an agency then only one ward is permitted on each petition.
3. In order to list more than one ward on a petition the wards must have the same mother and father.
4. List the name(s) of the parent(s) and write "MINOR" if parent(s) is/are a minor; if one parent is deceased list the survivor of them. If both parents are deceased then list the nearest relatives of full age (over 18 yrs. old).
5. The relationship of the petitioner to the ward must be stated on the petition, i.e, aunt, grandfather, etc.
6. An Affidavit Disclosing Care and Custody Proceedings must also be filed.
7. A bond must be furnished.