WITNESS AFFIDAVIT

Groom _______________________________ Parish ___________________________________
(Please print)

Bride ________________________________ City ____________________________________
(Please print)

QUESTIONS REGARDING GROOM

1. Name of Witness: ________________________________________________________________

2. Has he ever been baptized? _____________ In what religion? ____________________________

3. Place of baptism:
   ______________________________________________________________________________
   Church ____________________________ City ____________________________ State

4. Date of baptism: __________________________________________________________________

5. Has this person ever gone through a marriage ceremony? _____________________________
   A. With whom? ____________________________________________________________________
   B. When? ________________________________________________________________________
   C. Where? ______________________________________________________________________
   D. How was this marriage dissolved? ________________________________________________

6. Is this person related to his intended spouse? ________________________________________

7. Is he being forced to enter marriage against his will? ________________________________

8. Does he intend to enter a faithful, life-long marriage, open to children? ________________

9. Do you have any reservations about this proposed marriage? __________________________

________________________________ ____________________________________________
Signature of Witness Relationship/Years of Friendship

________________________________     _________________________    _____________________
Signature of Priest    Place   Date
or Pastoral Minister

This form is to be used in the following cases:
A. To establish the freedom to marry when either party is not known to the parish minister.
B. To prove the baptismal status, if other proof is not available.
Witnesses are to be questioned separately. Parents are preferred witnesses.
**QUESTIONS REGARDING BRIDE**

1. Name of Witness: _____________________________________________________________

2. Has she ever been baptized? _____________ In what religion? ________________________

3. Place of baptism:

   Church  City  State

4. Date of baptism: ____________________________________________________________________

5. Has this person ever gone through a marriage ceremony? ______________________________
   A. With whom? _______________________________________________________________
   B. When? _________________________________________________________________
   C. Where? ________________________________________________________________
   D. How was this marriage dissolved? ____________________________________________

6. Is this person related to her intended spouse? ________________________________

7. Is she being forced to enter marriage against her will? ____________________________

8. Does she intend to enter a faithful, life-long marriage, open to children? ________________

9. Do you have any reservations about this proposed marriage? _________________________

   ___________________________________  __________________________________________
   Signature of Witness  Relationship/Years of Friendship

   ___________________________________  Place  Date
   Signature of Priest or Pastoral Minister

Further comments or explanations: _____________________________________________________

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