



## DOMESTIC ADOPTION HOME STUDY ADDENDUM

WESLEY ANDREW TOWNSHEND

BORN: March 28, 1985

SARAH KATHRYN TOWNSHEND

BORN: March 17, 1987

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### CHILDREN IN THE HOME:

Knox Ferguson Townshend

Born: February 6, 2014

Jack Harriman Townshend

Born: August 29, 2015

Joanna Kathryn Townshend

Born: October 23, 2017

Theodore Joshua Townshend

Born: January 30, 2020

12/1/23 A home visit with the entire Townshend family was done for the purpose of completing a home study update to meet the requirements of the out-of-state placing agency with whom they are networking. There have only been a few minor changes since the original home study was completed on December 21, 2022. DEH

Wesley Andrew Townshend, known as "Andrew", was born on March 28, 1985 (verified). He is a Caucasian male standing six feet tall and weighing 215 pounds. He has blonde hair and blue eyes. Sarah Kathryn (Ferguson) Townshend was born on March 17, 1987 (verified). She is a Caucasian female standing five feet eight inches tall and weighing 145 pounds. She has dark brown hair and hazel eyes.

Andrew and Sarah have four biological children. Knox Ferguson Townshend was born on February 6, 2014 (verified). He is a Caucasian male who has blonde hair and blue eyes. He stands five feet one inch tall and weighs 81 pounds. He is currently in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Jack

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Harriman Townshend was born on August 29, 2015 (verified). He is a Caucasian male who has blonde hair and blue eyes. He stands four feet eight inches tall and weighs 80 pounds. He is currently in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Joanna Kathryn Townshend was born on October 23, 2017 (verified). She is a Caucasian female who has brown hair and brown eyes. She stands three feet ten inches tall and weighs 44 pounds. She is currently in Kindergarten. Theodore Joshua Townshend, known as "Teddy", was born on January 30, 2020 (verified). He is a Caucasian male who has brown hair and brown eyes. He stands three feet three-and-a-half inches tall and weighs 34 pounds. All of the Townshend's children are aware of their plans to adopt and are excited about the possibility of having a younger sibling join their family.

The Townshends have lived at their current address in Midlothian, Virginia for approximately thirteen years. The family's home has remained unchanged since the original home study was completed. The home is estimated to be worth \$380,000. The Townshends already have a bedroom designated as the nursery. There are two smoke alarms in the home: one on the main level of the home and one in the hallway upstairs. There is an emergency exit plan on file in case the family should need to evacuate due to an unexpected event. This plan verifies that the couple is able to articulate a reasonable process for managing emergencies and ensuring the adequate care, safety, and protection of children. Screens are on all windows used for ventilation. There are no firearms in the home, however, the Townshends understand the Virginia firearm policy and agree to comply with it at all times. This home is heated by a heat pump and cooled by central air conditioning. The home utilizes county water. All cleaning supplies and other toxic substances are stored away from food and, as appropriate, are out of reach of children and locked. All prescription and non-prescription medications are stored separately from food in a locked area out of reach of children. A home environment and safety checklist was completed and the Townshends' home passed the assessment. Mr. and Mrs. Townshend's home is in compliance with the specifications listed in 22 VAC40-131-190.

The Townshend family's extended family remains the same.

Updated medical forms were completed for Andrew Townshend, dated November 3, 2023; Sarah Townshend, dated November 2, 2023; Knox Townshend, dated November 2, 2023; Jack Townshend, dated November 2, 2023; Joanna Townshend, dated November 2, 2023; and Teddy Townshend, dated November 2, 2023. There are no new medical conditions noted for this family and Mr. and Mrs. Townshend continue to be in good physical health and mentally competent to care for their current children and another additional child. The family has health insurance through Anthem which will cover an adopted child. It has been determined that Andrew and Sarah Townshend are physically and mentally capable of providing the necessary care for children.

Mr. Townshend continues to work full-time as a Senior Trust Officer for Bank of America. He has worked here since 2008. His annual income is \$160,000 (verified). Sarah Townshend is a stay-at-home mother but volunteers as the Executive Director for Amani Medical Foundation. This is strictly a volunteer position with no financial compensation at this time. The Townshends' adjusted gross income from their 2022 1040 Tax Form was \$144,083 (verified).

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Currently, their monthly budget shows an income of \$11,000 and expenses of \$7,156 with a monthly surplus of \$3,844. After the adoption of another child in the home, they expect to have a monthly surplus of \$3,454. The Townshends have assets totaling \$1,296,400 which includes personal property valued at \$70,000; real estate valued at \$382,900; stocks/bonds valued at \$800,000; saving account with \$37,500; and a checking account with \$6,000. The Townshends' have liabilities totaling \$244,000 including their home mortgage balance of \$185,000. Their net worth is \$1,052,400.

Virginia Department of Social Services Child Abuse Searches were completed for Mr. and Mrs. Townshend on November 29, 2023 and no record was found to exist (verified). Federal Bureau of Investigation clearance results are on file for Andrew Townshend and Sarah Townshend on November 9, 2023 stating they are "Eligible" (verified). Results of all background clearances are on file with Family Life Services for this family and all individuals meet the requirements for an adoptive family in the state of Virginia. All background clearances are valid for a period of three years in the state of Virginia.

The Townshends have read, understood, and signed the corporal punishment statement (on file) and understand that corporal punishment is strictly prohibited prior to adoption finalization. They also understand that they are prohibited from giving permission to others to use any form of corporal punishment on the child. They understand the importance of establishing and enforcing rules to encourage desired behavior and discourage undesired behavior.

The Townshends have realistic expectations of children at various ages and this couple is knowledgeable about the care necessary for children. This couples has demonstrated that they have the capacity to love and nurture a child born to someone else. Andrew and Sarah have expressed appropriate motivation and reasons for wanting to adopt. The Townshends have signed a confidentiality statement which is on file with this agency.

Mr. and Mrs. Townshend are aware that information about Shaken Baby Syndrome, it's effects, and resources for help and support for caretakers may be found on the Department of Social Services website.

The Townshends are open to adopting a child, of either gender and of any racial background, between zero to two years of age. They prefer to adopt an infant as young as possible. They are open to adopting a child who is healthy or who has mild, correctable problems, on a case-by-case basis. They are willing to consider adopting a child who has had prenatal exposure to drugs, alcohol or tobacco on a case-by-case basis.

The Townshends have completed extensive adoption training. Their most recent training took place in December of 2023. They completed a webinar, *Conspicuous Families*, from Adoption Learning Partners.

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The Townshends meet all the Virginia requirements for an adoptive family. The Townshends appear to live within their means and are able to provide for the physical, emotional, and psychological needs of an adopted child placed in their home. They show stability in all household relationships. Therefore, Andrew and Sarah Townshend continue to be approved to adopt a child, of either gender, of any racial background, between the age of zero to two years old.

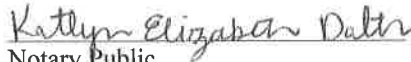


Deanne Hamlette, M.Ed.  
Director

12-21-2023

Date

Sworn and subscribed to before me, a Notary Public  
In the City of Lynchburg, State of Virginia this 21<sup>st</sup>  
day of December, 2023.



Notary Public

My Commission Expires: August 31, 2026

