

No. 131.

A N A C T

To confer on certain persons all the rights and privileges of children born in lawful wedlock.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That John Stevenson, of the county of Lancaster, shall have and enjoy all John Stevenson. the rights, benefits and advantages of a child born in lawful wedlock; and shall be able and capable in law to inherit and transmit any estate whatsoever, as fully and completely, to all intents and purposes, as if he had been born in lawful wedlock.

SECTION 2. That Mary Jane, an illegitimate daughter of Martha Mary Jane Thompson, deceased, of the county of Butler, is hereby authorized to Thompson. change her name to be Mary Jane Thompson; and she shall henceforth be called and known by the name of Mary Jane Thompson, and by that name shall be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, and to grant and receive property, and to do all other legal acts as effectually, to all intents and purposes, as she could have done under her former name, if no change had been made therein; and she is hereby declared to be entitled to all the benefits, rights and privileges, of a legitimate child of William Thompson, (C.) of said county of Butler, born in lawful wedlock, and shall be deemed capable to inherit and transmit all estate, real and personal, of the said William Thompson, (C.) with the same effect as if she had been his legitimate issue.

SECTION 3. That George P. Heller, of the town of Milford, county Geo. P. Heller. of Pike, shall possess and enjoy all the rights and privileges of a child born in lawful wedlock.

SECTION 4. That Sarah Ann Saylor, John Henry Saylor, illegitimate Sarah Ann Say-children of Robert Saylor, of the township of Annville, in the county lor, and John of Lebanon, shall have and enjoy all the rights and privileges of chil- Henry Saylor. dren born in lawful wedlock; and shall be able and capable in law to inherit and transmit any estate whatsoever, as fully and completely, to all intents and purposes, as if they had been born in lawful wedlock.

FINDLEY PATTERSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
WILLIAM P. WILCOX,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twentieth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

FRS. R. SHUNK.