John F. Wheeler

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To Whom It May Concern:

I John F. Wheeler, Son of Janet L. Patterson and John W. Wheeler; Grandson of J. O. Patterson Sr. and Deborah I. Patterson; and Great Grandson of C. H. Mason, do give this statement of my own free will and confirm under penalty of perjury that all statements are true and factual:

I confirm and attest to the fact that Benjamin O. Phillips also known as Benjamin Jimerson-Phillips is my blood Uncle. He is the Brother of my Mother Janet Patterson, and J.O. Patterson Jr. and the son of The Late Bishop J.O. Patterson Sr.

I confirm that I do have personal knowledge that the other members of the Patterson Family (J.O. Patterson III, Aaron Patterson, Charles Patterson & Jennifer Patterson) all know of Benjamin Phillips true identity as their Uncle, but do not want to publicly acknowledge him out of fear that he will take some legal action to claim a portion of his Father's estate.

I also confirm my personal knowledge that numerous Bishops (including Bishop George Mc Kinney & Bishop Roy Dixon and other Officials within the Church of God In Christ also have personal knowledge of Benjamin Phillips identity but for reason known only to them have chosen to remain silent; Likely, to protect the Church and the memory of my Grand Father Presiding Bishop J.O. Patterson Sr.

Additionally I can confirm that the Family has also known for many years of the identity of his Sister Annette Jimerson and his Brother Stephen Wigley. Stephen was recently acknowledged in the obituary of my Uncle J.O. Patterson Jr. But they chose not to acknowledge Benjamin again out of fear of how he may respond legally, and as a means of punishing him for writing a book and going public about his identity.

It is past time that The Church of God In Christ, an Organization that is founded on God's Word, forgiveness and brotherhood, acknowledge Benjamin and his Sister Annette. So that they can publicly share in the rich heritage and legacy left by their Father, the late Bishop J.O. Patterson Sr. and the Church History can be amended to acknowledge them to as my Grand Father's children.

Sincerely

John F. Wheeler

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