To the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina.

The Petition of Burrel Perry of the County of Wake, respectfully sheweth unto your Honourable body. That he is the reputed Father of the following Children, Viz. Sidney Smith Gay, Mary Griggy Gay, Samuel Commodore Gay, & Faddis Hutchins Gay, by his present Wife; before their intermarriage. Your Petitioner humbly prays your Honourable Body, ~~to alter the said~~ legitimate said Children, ~~and to alter their names~~ and that they may be hereafter called by the name of Sidney Smith Perry, Mary Griggy Perry, Samuel Commodore Perry, & Faddis Hutchins Perry; & your Petitioner as in duty bound, will ever pray &c.

Burrill Perry