

within the meaning of the word "maintenance" as used in section 3104 G. C.

In view of the provisions of the two sections cited, it might be reasonably concluded that in event the trustees of the Children's Home should conclude that an "automobile truck" was necessary for the proper maintenance of said home, and should request the purchase of the same by item contained within their annual estimate to the county commissioners as provided by section 3104, and if by the provisions of section 3105 G. C. said county commissioners should approve such estimate and make proper appropriation for the same, it would seem that such a purchase may as lawfully be made as that of any other item contained within the estimate and for which appropriation had been made.

In specific answer therefore to the question contained in your inquiry, it is the opinion of this department that the trustees of the County Children's Home may lawfully purchase, when they deem it expedient, "an automobile truck" for the use of the superintendent of said home, provided, that such purchase is made in accordance with the estimate and appropriation required by sections 3104 and 3105 G. C.

Respectfully,  
 JOHN G. PRICE,  
*Attorney-General.*

2208.

APPROVAL, TWENTY-THREE LAND LEASES COVERING STATE LANDS  
 AT BUCKEYE LAKE AND INDIAN LAKE—TWO WATER LEASES,  
 NEW BREMEN AND DELPHOS.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, June 29, 1921.

HON. JOHN I. MILLER, *Superintendent of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—I have your letters of June 28, 1921, in which you enclose the following leases, in triplicate, for my approval:

<i>Land Leases, Buckeye Lake</i>	<i>Valuation</i>
To Blanch J. Sullivan and Julia M. Cherry-----	\$400 00
John Miller, Columbus, O.-----	600 00
Wm. J. Howle, Columbus, O.-----	400 00
Thos. B. Woltz, Columbus, O.-----	400 00
Stephen J. Elzey, Columbus, O.-----	400 00
Mrs. E. F. Babbitt, Columbus, O.-----	400 00
John Gillivan, Columbus, O.-----	400 00
Wm. J. Lucks, Columbus, O.-----	400 00
Mrs. N. B. Lee, Millersport, O.-----	400 00
Violet B. Riehl, Columbus, O.-----	400 00
Chas. A. Buchanan and George Stith-----	400 00
Frank Lefernz, Columbus, O.-----	200 00
Max H. Rieser, Columbus (66 E. Main St.)-----	200 00
Olive L. Seifert, Columbus, O.-----	200 00
Alice Jeremy, Columbus, O.-----	200 00
Peter Schaefer, Columbus, O.-----	200 00
Mary K. Leferenz, Columbus, O.-----	200 00
Margaret A. Holtz, 67 Warren St., Columbus, O.-----	200 00
Wm. F. Becker, Millersport, O.-----	200 00

*Land Leases, Indian Lake*

Peter Schlegel, Russels Point, O.....	\$21,250 00
Earl R. Barnett, Washington C. H.....	500 00

*Land Leases*

C. B. McConnell.....	\$1,986 66
The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co., Cleveland, O..	1,500 00

*Water Leases*

	<i>Annual Rental</i>
The Village of New Bremen, O.....	\$150 00
The Delphos Bending Co., Delphos, O.....	96 00

I have carefully examined said leases, find them correct in form and legal, and am therefore returning the same with my approval endorsed thereon.

Respectfully,

JOHN G. PRICE,

*Attorney-General.*

2209.

SHERIFF<sup>1</sup>—DISCUSSION OF WHAT CONSTITUTES LEGAL NAME—HOW CHANGED—IDENTITY OF PERSON THING TO BE LOOKED AT—WHERE ONE “GEORGE L. EWING” SO CHRISTENED—SIGNS NAME “BOB EWING.”

1. *A legal name consists of one Christian or given name and one surname or family name. The given name may consist of initials only. A middle name may be omitted in the legal designation of a person.*

2. *Both by statute and at common law a person can change his name. He can also change his name without legal proceedings, assuming and adopting one wholly different from that given at birth or baptism, when honestly, openly and sincerely done.*

3. *Under the opinions cited and the law, the identity of a person is the thing to be looked to, and your sheriff may sign as Bob Ewing any writs, processes or official papers of his office.*

COLUMBUS, OHIO, June 29, 1921.

HON. KARL TIMMERMEISTER, *Prosecuting Attorney, Wapakoneta, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—Acknowledgment is made of the receipt of your request for an opinion, which reads as follows:

“The sheriff of Auglaize county was christened ‘George L. Ewing,’ but has always gone by the name of ‘Bob Ewing’ and has always signed his name in this manner. His name was so placed on the ballot and his commission is ‘Bob’ and bond given as ‘George L. Ewing.’

The question has arisen as to whether there would be any legal objection to his signature of ‘Bob Ewing’ on legal documents connected with his office.

Your opinion on this matter will be appreciated.”

The question you ask is unusual and interesting, but is not unknown or unique in the law, and has many times, in one form or other, been the sub-