

law and the contract duly awarded. Also it appears that the laws relating to the status of surety companies and the workmen's compensation have been complied with.

Finding said contract and bond in proper legal form, I have this day noted my approval thereon and return the same herewith to you, together with all other data submitted in this connection.

Respectfully,
EDWARD C. TURNER,
Attorney General.

2549.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF MORROW COUNTY, OHIO—\$23,482.50.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, September 6, 1928.

Industrial Commission of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio.

2550.

GAME REFUGE LEASES—ONE APPROVED—ONE DISAPPROVED.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, September 6, 1928.

Department of Agriculture, Division of Fish and Game, Columbus, Ohio.

GENTLEMEN :—This will acknowledge your letter in which you enclosed the following Game Refuge leases, in duplicate, for my approval :

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Acres</i>
1104	Board of Park Commissioners of The Cleveland Metropolitan Park District, Lake and Cuyahoga Counties, Willoughby and Mayfield Townships	1184
1106	Everett E. Richards and August Richards, Jackson County, Coal Township	78

I have examined said leases and find Lease No. 1106 correct as to form and am therefore returning the same with my approval endorsed thereon.

I am returning herewith Lease No. 1104, unapproved, for correction.

Section 8510 of the General Code, requires that a lease of any estate or interest in real property must be signed by the lessor and such signing acknowledged by the lessor in the presence of two witnesses who shall attest the signing and subscribe their names to the attestation. Such signing also must be acknowledged by the lessor before a judge of a court of record in this state, or a clerk thereof, a county auditor,

county surveyor, notary public, mayor or justice of the peace, *who shall certify the acknowledgment on the same sheet on which the instrument is written or printed*, and subscribe his name thereto.

You will note that the two copies of Lease No. 1104 are not acknowledged on the same sheet on which the instrument is written or printed. In other words such copies do not comply with the provisions of Section 8510, *supra*.

Respectfully,
EDWARD C. TURNER,
Attorney General.

2551.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF WORTHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY—\$12,400.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, September 6, 1928.

Industrial Commission of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio.

2552.

CITIZENSHIP—ADOPTION OUTSIDE OF UNITED STATES BY AMERICAN OF ALIEN MINOR—IS NOT CITIZEN.

SYLLABUS:

An alien minor adopted abroad by a citizen of the United States would not be recognized in Ohio as an American citizen.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, September 7, 1928.

HON. VICTOR F. J. TLACH, *Consul for Austria, 1260 West 4th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—I am in receipt of your communication requesting my opinion, as follows:

“The question has been raised whether the State of Ohio would recognize as an American citizen, a child adopted by an American citizen, domiciled in the State of Ohio, but who adopted the child abroad.

The question whether such an adopted child could emigrate to the U. S. A. is already decided to that extent that such a party could not immigrate except by the due process prescribed by the Immigration Law, which provides no preference for a child adopted by an American citizen abroad.

But the question per se is whether the State of Ohio would recognize a child for instance adopted in Vienna by an American citizen.”

By the use of the term “American Citizen” in your inquiry, I take it you mean a citizen of the United States of America. The status of persons with respect to their