



CAUSE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Estate of \_\_\_\_\_, § Walker County Court \_\_\_\_\_.  
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Deceased § Walker County, Texas

### Small Estate Affidavit

On the dates indicated below, all of the Distributees of this estate and two disinterested witnesses personally appeared and, on their oath, did swear or affirm to the accuracy of the following facts, pursuant to Chapter 205 of the Texas Estates Code:

- A. Decedent, \_\_\_\_\_, died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas. A copy of Decedent’s death certificate will be filed in this cause number at the time this Affidavit is filed.
- B. More than 30 days have elapsed since Decedent’s death.
- C. Decedent was a resident of and domiciled in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas, at the time of Decedent’s death. *[If not Walker County, the affidavit must include facts supporting venue in Walker County.]*
- D. Decedent died without a will.
- E. No administration is pending or has been granted in Decedent’s estate and none appears necessary.
- F. The value of the entire assets of the estate of Decedent, not including homestead and exempt property, does not exceed \$50,000.00.
- G. The value of the entire assets of the estate of Decedent, not including homestead and exempt property, exceeds the known liabilities.
- H. Medicaid – check the accurate box:
  - The Decedent did not apply for and receive Medicaid benefits on or after March 1, 2005.
  - OR**
  - Decedent did apply for and receive Medicaid benefits on or after March 1, 2005, and the Medicaid Estate Recovery Program claim is listed as a liability in section “J” below.
  - OR**
  - The Decedent did apply for and receive Medicaid benefits on or after March 1, 2005, but there is no Medicaid claim against the estate. *[If this box is checked, applicant(s) must either (1) file a Medicaid Estate Recovery Program (MERP) certification that decedent’s estate is not subject to a MERP claim or (3) include additional information proving that a MERP claim will not be filed.]*

I. All assets of the Decedent's estate and their values are listed here.

<b>Asset</b> <i>List with enough detail to identify the asset, including the last three digits of any account number(s).</i>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Additional information</b> <i>If decedent was married, indicate:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>whether each asset was community or separate property, and</i></li> <li>• <i>facts that explain why the asset was community or separate</i></li> </ul> <i>If exempt property, so indicate.</i> <i>Use additional pages as necessary.</i>

*(Continue list as necessary. If list is continued on another page, please note.)*

J. All liabilities of the Decedent's estate (including attorney fees and funeral debts) and their values are listed here. If none, write "none."

<b>Creditor</b> <i>List with enough detail to identify the creditor &amp; any account.</i>	<b>Amount of Liability</b>

*(Continue list as necessary. If list is continued on another page, please note.)*

K. The following facts regarding Decedent's family history show the Distributee's entitlement to Decedent's estate to the extent that the assets, exclusive of homestead and exempt property, exceed the liabilities of Decedent's estate. ***[Put check marks in the appropriate small boxes, and provide additional information as indicated.]***

**Family History #1: Marriage.**

On the date of Decedent's death, Decedent was a single person.

**OR**

On the date of Decedent's death, Decedent was married to \_\_\_\_\_.

The date they were married: \_\_\_\_\_.

**Family History #2: Children.**

- Decedent had no children by birth or adoption, and Decedent did not take any children into Decedent's home to raise as a child. (Skip to Family History #4 if you check this box.)

**OR**

- The following children were born to or adopted by Decedent (list all children, whether or not the child is still alive).

Child's name	Birth date, if known	Name of child's other parent

*(Continue list as necessary. If list is continued on another page, please note.)*

**Family History #3: Children, part 2. Answer if Decedent had any children.**

- All of Decedent's children, natural born or adopted, were alive when Decedent died.

**OR**

- The following of Decedent's children, natural born or adopted, died before the Decedent's death **and were survived by children (or grandchildren or great-grandchildren):**

Name of deceased child (followed by name of deceased child's other parent in parentheses)	Date child died	Names of all children of the deceased child <i>(if any of these children died before Decedent, use a separate page to give date of death, plus names &amp; birth dates of all grandchildren)</i>

*(Continue list as necessary. If list is continued on another page, please note.)*

**AND/OR**

- The following of Decedent's children, natural born or adopted, died before the Decedent's death **and were not survived by any children, grandchildren, or great-grandchildren:**

Name of deceased child	Date child died

*(Continue list as necessary. If list is continued on another page, please note.)*

***If Decedent was survived by any children, grandchildren, or great-grandchildren, you do not need to answer Family History #4 about Parents or Family History #5 about Sisters and Brothers. You may skip to "L" (following #5).***

**Family History #4: Parents.**

The Decedent was survived by both parents, \_\_\_\_\_ (mother) and \_\_\_\_\_ (father).

**OR**

Decedent was survived by only one parent, \_\_\_\_\_.  
Decedent's other parent, \_\_\_\_\_, died on \_\_\_\_\_.

**OR**

Both of Decedent's parents died before Decedent's death.

**Family History #5: Sisters and Brothers.**

*The following information about Decedent's sisters and brothers is not needed if Decedent was survived by both parents or by children, grandchildren, or great-grandchildren.*

The following are all of Decedent's **surviving** brothers and sisters, including half-brothers and half-sisters who were born to *either* of Decedent's parents. If none, write "none."

Name of brother or sister	State whether full or half-sibling	Birth date

*(Continue list as necessary. If list is continued on another page, please note.)*

**AND**

The following of Decedent's brothers and sisters (including half-brothers and half-sisters who were born to *either* of Decedent's parents) **died before Decedent's death**. If none, write "none."

Name of deceased brother or sister	Full or half sibling?	Names of each surviving child of the deceased brother or sister (nephews and nieces of Decedent)	Birth dates of surviving nieces & nephews

*(Continue list as necessary. If list is continued on another page, please note.)*

**Family History #6: Other.**

Fill out a separate page *if* Decedent was survived by none of the following: spouse, child, grandchild, parent, brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, niece, or nephew. If Decedent was survived by none of the above, list **all** of the surviving relatives of Decedent on a separate page. Specify Decedent's family history with respect to each of the survivors, giving sufficient detail about names, birth dates, death dates, and relationships to explain how each survivor is related to Decedent.

**EVERYONE MUST FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING CHART.** (See #13 of the checklist.)

L. Based on the family history given in this Affidavit, the following chart lists all of the Decedent's heirs at law, together with their fractional interest in Decedent's estate:

For each Distributee, list: 1. Name 2. Address 3. Telephone number 4. Email address 5. Fax number, if available	Share of separate personal property (always fill out this column)	Share of separate real property (always fill out this column)	Share of decedent's community property (fill out this column if decedent was married)

*(Continue list as necessary. If list is continued on another page, please note.)*



**Affidavits and signatures of two disinterested witnesses**

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ §  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ §

I have no interest in the Estate of \_\_\_\_\_, Deceased, and am not related to Decedent under the laws of descent and distribution of the State of Texas. I swear or affirm that the facts contained in this Affidavit regarding family history, assets, and liabilities are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

*I understand that Estates Code §205.007(c) provides that "[e]ach person who execute[s] [this] affidavit is liable for any damage or loss to any person that arises from a payment, delivery, transfer, or issuance made in reliance on the affidavit."*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Disinterested Witness's printed name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Disinterested Witness's signature

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me by \_\_\_\_\_ [name of witness],  
a disinterested witness, on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public, State of \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Disinterested Witness's printed name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Disinterested Witness's signature

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me by \_\_\_\_\_ [name of witness],  
disinterested witness, on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public, State of \_\_\_\_\_

## Order of Approval for Affidavit of Small Estate Distributee

The foregoing affidavit of the distributee(s) of the estate of \_\_\_\_\_, deceased, was examined by the Court and is hereby approved as meeting the provisions of Section 205.003 of the Texas Estates Code and that the distributee(s) of this Estate is/are entitled to take possession of the assets identified in the affidavit without awaiting the appointment of a personal representative.

*Texas Estates Code §205.003 provides that "The Judge shall examine an affidavit filed under Section §2005.001. The Judge may approve the affidavit if the Judge determines that the said affidavit conforms to the requirements of this chapter"*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge Presiding

### Certificate of Record

I, Kari A. French, County Clerk of Walker County, Texas, do hereby certify that the foregoing instrument is a true and correct record of said instrument as filed in the records of the Probate Court of Walker County, Texas as Approved by the Judge, presiding of said Court for recording in the "Small Estate" Records in Volume \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_  
On the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Kari A. French  
Walker County Clerk

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By: Deputy Clerk