MONTANA WILL INSTRUCTIONS

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Relationship.
Describe the property

Type street address.
Additional Address line.

Type name.

City, State, Zip.

Field [21] -Field [22] -Field [23] -

Field [26]

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Field [25] -

Field [27] - Relationship.
Field [28] - Describe the property

Article Four

This article is for you to leave your homestead, if you have one on the date of death, to persons designated. If you leave it to anyone other than your children, check the box in front of field 29, and then type the name of the person to receive in field 29. To make the checkbox work, double click on top of it and select checked.

> Field [29] - Type name of person to receive homestead, if other

than children.

Field [30] - Type name(s) of children if you select this option.

Note: If your home is jointly owned with another and held as joint tenants with rights of survivorship, the home will pass to the survivor and will not be controlled by your will. If this is the case, name the joint tenant in field 29.

Article Five

This article is for you to leave all the rest and remainder of your property, except your homestead and any special items you listed in Article Three. If you leave it to anyone other than your children, check the box in front of field 31 and then type the name of the person to receive in field 31. To make the checkbox work, double-click on top of it and select checked.

Field [31] - Type name of person to receive all other property, if other than your children.

Field [32] Type name(s) of children if children are to receive the rest and remainder of your property.

Article Six

This article is necessary if you named someone other than your children in Article 4 or 5, and should be completed regardless in order to avoid confusion. If you named a person other than your children in Articles 4 or 5, this article says that if that person predeceases you, your property will instead go to your children.

Field [33] - Type name(s) of children.

Article Seven

This article is for you to name your personal representative. This must be an adult, and can be the person with whom you live.

Field [34] - Type name of Personal Representative.
Field [35] - Type name of successor Personal Representative.

Article Eleven

All parts of Article 11 are optional. Complete as desired. Be sure to write your initials for any of these items you desire to apply.

Field [36] - Type name of Cemetery.

Field [37] - Type County. Field [38] - Type State.

Ending and Signature

Field [39] - Your name, followed by witness names, date, and address of the act of signing.

Field [40] - Your name.
Field [41] - Your name.
Field [42] - Your name.
Field [43] - Your name.
Field [44] - Your name.

All other blanks in the Will are typically completed by hand, such as the names of the witnesses, day, month and year executed, etc.

Once you have completed the Will double check all entries and then print. The Will should be signed by you in front of two witnesses, not related to you.

The self-proving affidavit is optional but recommended. It is used to prove the Will and make the Will subject to probate. If the affidavit is not completed now, someone will have to locate the witnesses after your death and obtain an affidavit. Therefore, it is best to sign the Will in the present of two witnesses AND a notary public so that the affidavit can be completed by the Notary.

You should keep your Will in a safe place once executed. It is also recommended that you give a copy to your executor or other person as additional proof of execution.

For additional information, see the Law Summary and Information and Preview links in the search results for this form. A Definitions section is linked on the Information and Preview page.

Your Wills start on the next page.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF

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BE IT KNOWN THIS DAY THAT,		
under duress, menace, fraud, or u		ike, declare and publish
	ARTICLE ONE Marriage and Children	
I am not married. I reside of the following adult children:	with[4]	I am a parent
Name [5] [7][9]	Date of Birth[6][8][10]	
	ARTICLE TWO Debts and Expenses	
funeral expenses. I further direct may be probated, registered, and	sentative to pay all costs and expense my Personal Representative to pay allowed against my estate. However or the payment of debts, or enlarge unal Representative to pay debts.	all of my just debts that t, this provision shall not
Specific Bequ	ARTICLE THREE ests of Real and/or Personal Pro	pperty
I will, give and bequeath un Property described below:	nto the persons named below, if he or	she survives me, the
Name [11]	Address [12] [13] [14]	Relationship [15]
Property: [16]		
Name [17]	Address [18] [19] [20]	Relationship [21]
Property: [22]		
Name	Address	Relationship

Signed by Testator/Testatrix:

[23]	[24] [25] [26]	[27]
Property: [28]	[20]	
[LIST OR STATE NO PROPERTY	Y LEFT UNDER	THIS ARTICLE]
bequest to such person shall laps	se and the prope t possess or own	cle and said person predeceases me, the rty shall pass under the other provisions of any property listed above on the date of my
Home	ARTICLE F estead or Prima	
		in my homestead or primary residence, if I e of my death that passes through this Will,
(select and complete only one) [29]		
OR [30]	, my ch	ildren, equally, per stirpes.
If the person or persons, does no pass under the residuary clause o		n my homestead or primary residence shall
All Remai	ARTICLE I ning Property -	FIVE - Residuary Clause
every kind and character, including	ng, but not limite	and remainder of my property and estate of d to, real and personal property in which I which is not otherwise effectively disposed
(select and complete only one) [31]		
OR [32]	, my ch	ildren, equally, per stirpes.
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Contingent - All	Remaining Pro	perty – Residuary Clause
shall predecease me, I will, dev property and estate of every kind	ise, bequeath a and character, in interest at the da hildren:	n my children in Article Five and that person nd give all the rest and remainder of my cluding, but not limited to, real and personal te of my death, and which is not otherwise If I have qually, per stirpes.

ARTICLE SEVEN Appointment of Personal Representative, Executor or Executrix

I hereby appoin	nt[34]	, as Personal Representative
of my estate and this \	Will. In the event my Persona	I Representative shall predecease me, or,
for any reason, shall t	fail to qualify or cease to ac	ct as my Personal Representative, then I
hereby appoint	[35]	to serve as successor Personal
Representative of my e	estate and Will.	

The term "Personal Representative", as used in this Will, shall be deemed to mean and include "Personal Representative", "Executor" or "Executrix".

ARTICLE EIGHT Waiver of Bond, Inventory, Accounting, Reporting and Approval

My Personal Representative and successor Personal Representative shall serve without any bond, and I hereby waive the necessity of preparing or filing any inventory, accounting, appraisal, reporting, approvals or final appraisement of my estate.

ARTICLE NINE Powers of Personal Representative, Executor and Executrix

- I direct that my Personal Representative shall have broad discretion in the administration of my Estate, without the necessity of court approval. I grant unto my Personal Representative, all powers that are allowed to be exercised by Personal Representatives by the laws of the State of Montana and to the extent not prohibited by the laws of Montana, the following additional powers:
- 1. To exercise all of the powers, rights and discretions granted by virtue of any "Uniform Trustees' Powers Law," and/or "Probate Code" adopted by the State of Montana.
- 2. To compromise claims and to abandon property which, in my Executor's opinion, is of little or no value.
- 3. To purchase or otherwise acquire and to retain any and all stocks, bonds, notes or other securities, or shares or interests in investment trusts and common trust funds, or in any other property, real, personal or mixed, as my Personal Representative may deem advisable, whether or not such investments or property be of the character permissible by fiduciaries, without being liable to any person for such retention or investment.
- 4. To settle, adjust, dissolve, windup, or continue any partnership or other entity in which I may own a partnership or equity interest at the time of my death, subject, however, to the terms of any partnership or other agreement to which I am a party at the time of my death. I authorize my Personal Representative to continue in any partnership or other entity for such periods and upon such terms as they shall determine. My Personal Representative shall not be disqualified by reason of being a partner, equity owner or title holder in such firm from participating on behalf of my estate in any dealings herein authorized to be carried on between my Personal Representative and the partners or equity owners of any such partnership or other entity.
- 5. To lease, sell, or offer on a lease purchase, any real or personal property for such time and upon such terms and conditions in such manner as may be deemed advisable by my

igned by Testator/Testatrix:			
igned by Testator/Testatrix:			

Personal Representative, all without court approval.

- 6. To sell, exchange, assign, transfer and convey any security or property, real or personal, held in my estate, or in any trust, at public or private sale, at such time and price and upon such terms and conditions (including credit) as my Personal Representative may deem advisable and for the best interest of my estate, or any trust. I hereby waive any requirement of issuing summons, giving notice of any hearing, conducting or holding any such hearing, filing bond or other security, or in any way obtaining court authority or approval for any such sale, exchange, assignment, transfer, or conveyance of any real or personal property.
- 7. To pay all necessary expenses of administering the estate and any trust, including taxes, trustees' fees, fees for the services of accountants, agents and attorneys, and to reimburse said parties for expenses incurred on behalf of the estate or any trust hereunder.
- 8. Unless otherwise specifically provided, to make distributions (including the satisfaction of any pecuniary bequest) in cash or in specific property, real or personal, or in an undivided interest therein, or partly in cash and partly in other property, and to do so with or without regard to the income tax basis of specific property allocated to any beneficiary, and without making pro rata distributions of specific assets.
- 9. To determine what is principal and what is income with respect to all receipts and disbursements; to establish and maintain reserves for depreciation, depletion, obsolescence, taxes, insurance premiums, and any other purpose deemed necessary and proper by them and to partite and to distribute property of the estate or trust in kind or in undivided interests, and to determine the value of such property.
- 10. To participate in any plan of reorganization, consolidation, dissolution, redemption, or similar proceedings involving assets comprising my estate or any trust created hereunder, and to deposit or withdraw securities under any such proceedings.
- 11. To perform such acts, to participate in such proceedings and to exercise such other rights and privileges in respect to any property, as if she or he were the absolute owner thereof, and in connection therewith to enter into and execute any and all agreements binding my estate and any trust created hereunder.
- 12. To compromise, settle or adjust any claim or demand by or against my estate, or any trust, to litigate any such claims, including, without limitation, any claims relating to estate or income taxes, or agree to rescind or modify any contract or agreement.
- 13. To borrow money from such source or sources and upon such terms and conditions as my Personal Representative shall determine, and to give such security therefore as my Personal Representative may determine.

All authorities and powers hereinabove granted unto my Personal Representative shall be exercised from time to time in her or his sole and absolute discretion and without prior authority or approval of any court, and I intend that such powers be construed in the broadest possible extent.

ARTICLE TEN Construction Intentions

It is my intent that this Will be interpreted according to the following provisions:

- 1. The masculine gender shall be deemed to include the feminine as well as the neuter, and vice versa, as to each of them; the singular shall be deemed to include the plural, and vice versa.
- 2. The term "testator" as used herein is deemed to include me as Testator or Testatrix.
- 3. This Will is not a result of a contract between myself and any beneficiary, fiduciary or third party, and I may revoke this Will at any time.
- 4. If any part of this Will shall be declared invalid, illegal, or inoperative for any reason, it is my expressed intent that the remaining parts shall be effective and fully operative and it is my intent that any Court so interpreting same construct this Will and any provision in favor of survival.

ARTICLE ELEVEN Misc. Provisions

I direct that this Will and the construction thereof shall be governed by the Laws of the State of Montana.

(I have placed my initials next to the provisions below that I desire to adopt. Unmarked provisions are not adopted by me and are not a part of this Will)

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I desire to be bu [37] County, _	ried in the	[36] 38]	ceme	etery in
I direct that my remains to the wishes of my Executor.	be cremated a	nd that the ashes I	oe disposed of a	ccording
I,[39]				
attested it at my request on th	nis the	_ day of	, 20 (address),	at declare
this to be my Last Will and Testamer	nt.			
		Testator/Testatrix		
The above and foregoing Will of[41]	[4 in our viev	.0] w and presence to	was dec be his/her Will	lared by and was

signed and subscribed by the sai	d[42]	in our view and
presence and at his/her	d [42] request and in the view	and presence of
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[44]	attested the due execution on this theday of _	,
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Witness Signature	Witness Signature	
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Address:	Address:	
		
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		releptione 140.

Montana Self Proving Affidavit

I,	, the Testator/Testatrix, sign my name to this
I sign it willingly, that I execute it as my free	, the Testator/Testatrix, sign my name to this, 20 and being first duly sworn, do hereby sign and execute this instrument as my Will and that and voluntary act for the purposes therein or older, of sound mind, and under no constraint or
Typed Name:	Testator/Testatrix
We.	. and
to the undersigned authority that the Testar her or his Last Will and that she or he signs hearing of the Testator/Testatrix, hereby signs	, and, iment, being first duly sworn, and do hereby declare tor/Testatrix signs and executes this instrument as it willingly, that each of us, in the presence and gns the Will as witness to the Testator's/Testatrix's lige the Testator/Testatrix is 18 years of age or aint or undue influence.
	Witness
	Witness
State of Montana	
County of	
SUBSCRIBED, SWORN TO AND A, the Testato by the above-named witnesses, this	CKNOWLEDGED before me by or/Testatrix, and subscribed and sworn to before me day of
(SEAL) (Signe	ed)
	(Official capacity of officer)

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF

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BE IT KNOWN THIS DAY THAT,			
I,[2]_ of legal age and of sound and menace, fraud, or undue influence Will and hereby revoke any Will o	e of any persor	n, do make, declare ar	County, Montana, being of acting under duress, and publish this to be my
	ARTICLE Marriage and	=	
I am not married. I reside with _ following adult children:		[4]	. I am a parent of the
Name [5] [7] [9]		Date of Birth [6] [8] [10]	
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Property: [22]	[]		
Name	Address		Relationship

[23] Property: [28]	[24] [25] [26]	[27]
[LIST OR STATE NO PROPERTY	Y LEFT UNDER THIS ARTICLE]	
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Home	ARTICLE FOUR estead or Primary Residence	
	h all my interest in my homestead o dence on the date of my death that p	
(select and complete only one) [29]		
OR .	, my children, equally, per s	tirpes.
If the person or persons, does no pass under the residuary clause o	t survive me, then my homestead or f this Will.	primary residence shall
All Remai	ARTICLE FIVE ning Property – Residuary Claus	e
every kind and character, including	d give all the rest and remainder of m ng, but not limited to, real and perso of my death, and which is not otherw	onal property in which I
(select and complete only one)		
OR [32]	, my children, equally, per s	tirpes.
Contingent - All	ARTICLE SIX Remaining Property – Residuary	, Clause
In the event that I name a	person other than my children in Articise, bequeath and give all the res	cle Five and that person
property and estate of every kind property in which I may have an effectively disposed of, to my cl	and character, including, but not limit interest at the date of my death, and	ed to, real and personal

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- 2. To compromise claims and to abandon property which, in my Executor's opinion, is of little or no value.
- 3. To purchase or otherwise acquire and to retain any and all stocks, bonds, notes or other securities, or shares or interests in investment trusts and common trust funds, or in any other property, real, personal or mixed, as my Personal Representative may deem advisable, whether or not such investments or property be of the character permissible by fiduciaries, without being liable to any person for such retention or investment.
- 4. To settle, adjust, dissolve, windup, or continue any partnership or other entity in which I may own a partnership or equity interest at the time of my death, subject, however, to the terms of any partnership or other agreement to which I am a party at the time of my death. I authorize my Personal Representative to continue in any partnership or other entity for such periods and upon such terms as they shall determine. My Personal Representative shall not be disqualified by reason of being a partner, equity owner or title holder in such firm from participating on behalf of my estate in any dealings herein authorized to be carried on between my Personal Representative and the partners or equity owners of any such partnership or other entity.
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Personal Representative, all without court approval.

- 6. To sell, exchange, assign, transfer and convey any security or property, real or personal, held in my estate, or in any trust, at public or private sale, at such time and price and upon such terms and conditions (including credit) as my Personal Representative may deem advisable and for the best interest of my estate, or any trust. I hereby waive any requirement of issuing summons, giving notice of any hearing, conducting or holding any such hearing, filing bond or other security, or in any way obtaining court authority or approval for any such sale, exchange, assignment, transfer, or conveyance of any real or personal property.
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(I have placed my initials next to the provisions below that I desire to adopt. Unmarked provisions are not adopted by me and are not a part of this Will)

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If any person named herein is indebted to me at the time of my death and such indebtedness be evidenced by a valid Promissory Note payable to me, then such person's portion of my estate shall be diminished by the amount of such debt.
Any and all debts of my estate shall first be paid from my residuary estate. Any debts on any real property left herein shall be assumed by the person to receive such real property and not paid by my Personal Representative.
I desire to be buried in the [36] cemetery in [37] County, [38]
I direct that my remains be cremated and that the ashes be disposed of according to the wishes of my Executor.
I,, having signed this Will in the presence of who
and who attested it at my request on this the day of day of (address), declare
this to be my Last Will and Testament.
Testator/Testatrix
The above and foregoing Will of was declared by

[41] ır	n our view and presence to be his/her Will and was
signed and subscribed by the said	[42] in our view and tand in the view and presence of
presence and at his/her reques	t and in the view and presence of
[43] and	in the view and presence of each other, we, the
	ed the due execution of the Will of
[44]	on this theday of,
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Witness Signature	Witness Signature
Withess Signature	withess signature
Print Name:	Print Name:
Address:	Address:
Telephone No.	Telephone No.
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Montana Self Proving Affidavit

l,	, the Testator/Testatrix, sign my name to this
I sign it willingly, that I execute it as my free	, the Testator/Testatrix, sign my name to this , 20 and being first duly sworn, do hereby ign and execute this instrument as my Will and that and voluntary act for the purposes therein older, of sound mind, and under no constraint or
	Testator/Testatrix
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We	and
to the undersigned authority that the Testate her or his Last Will and that she or he signs hearing of the Testator/Testatrix, hereby sig	, and, ment, being first duly sworn, and do hereby declare or/Testatrix signs and executes this instrument as it willingly, that each of us, in the presence and ns the Will as witness to the Testator's/Testatrix's ge the Testator/Testatrix is 18 years of age or nt or undue influence.
	Witness
	Witness
State of Montana	
County of	
SUBSCRIBED, SWORN TO AND AC, the Testator by the above-named witnesses, this	CKNOWLEDGED before me by /Testatrix, and subscribed and sworn to before meday of
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