

**Information & Instructions: Proceeding & affidavit to determine heirship**

**PREVIEW**

1. Frequently an Estate may have little or no assets, and in order to avoid probate, the practitioner may consider the use of an affidavit of heirship.
2. An Estate must be administered if there are two or more unpaid creditors.
3. If an administration is not required, the affidavit of heirship may be used when the decedent dies intestate and there are no unpaid bills.
4. This procedure may avoid an administration.
5. The affidavit is filed in the county clerk's office where the decedent lived and in each county where he or she owned real property.
6. The affidavit provides notice to all persons that the decedent is dead, when and where the decedent died, who his or her heirs are, and recites the fact that the decedent died intestate.
7. If a question exists regarding the identity of the decedent's heirs, then an action to determine heirship should be filed.
8. If a decedent dies testate and there are no debts and an administration is unnecessary, a better practice would be to file the will as a muniment of title. This procedure provides better protection to the heirs than an affidavit of heirship.
9. Section 52 of the Texas Probate Code sets forth a suit or Affidavit of Heirship form.
10. Section 52 of the Texas Probate Code states the following:

**Sec. 52. RECORDED INSTRUMENTS AS PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE.**

(a) A statement of facts concerning the family history, genealogy, marital status, or the identity of the heirs of a decedent shall be received in a proceeding to declare heirship, or in a suit involving title to real or personal property, as prima facie evidence of the facts therein stated, if the statement is contained in either an affidavit or any other instrument legally executed and acknowledged or sworn to before, and certified by, an officer authorized to take acknowledgments or oaths as applicable, or any judgment of a court of record, and if the affidavit or instrument has been of record for five years or more in the deed records of any county in this state in which such real or personal property is located at the time the suit is instituted, or in the deed records of any county of this state in which the decedent had his domicile or fixed place of residence at the time of his death.

If there is any error in the statement of facts in such recorded affidavit or instrument, the true facts may be proved by anyone interested in the proceeding in which said affidavit or instrument is offered in evidence.

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(b) An affidavit of facts concerning the identity of heirs of a decedent as to an interest in real property that is filed in a proceeding as described by Subsection (a) of this section may be in the form described by Section 52A of this code.

(c) An affidavit of facts concerning the identity of heirs of a decedent does not affect the rights of an omitted heir or a creditor of the decedent as otherwise provided by law.

This statute shall be cumulative of all other statutes on the same subject, and shall not be construed as abrogating any right to present evidence or to rely on an affidavit of facts conferred by any other statute or rule of law.

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1. Proceeding to determine heirship is a simple procedure.
2. It should be filed within four years from the date of the decedent's death.
3. A determination of heirship may be combined with a determination that there is no need for administration.
4. The combination is typically used when a person owns real or personal property of the Estate and the person dies without a will and there has been no administration and you wish to avoid a dependent administration.
5. **PLEASE DO NOT COPY**  
This is typically used for property that would otherwise pass by intestacy or property that passed by intestacy under a will.
6. The application is filed in the county where the real property is located or where the personal property is located.
7. All heirs or beneficiaries must be made a party to the application and properly served by citation or file a waiver of service of citation or file an answer.
8. The following are required in Heirship determinations: Citation by publication and the appointment of an attorney ad litem to represent un-named heirs. Children younger than 19 may not sign a waiver of citation.
9. **THIS DOCUMENT**  
The best practice is to personally serve all heirs or beneficiaries and publish citation by publication and have the appointment of an attorney ad litem to avoid claims from unknown heirs.
10. The above is distinguished from an affidavit of heirship since an affidavit of heirship does not protect one from claims asserted by unknown heirs.

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Form: Application to determine heirship

# PREVIEW

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

IN THE ESTATE OF

IN THE [PROBATE] COURT

[NAME],

NO; \_\_\_\_\_

DECEASED

[NAME], COUNTY, TEXAS

APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP

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[Name of applicant], Applicant, requests the court to determine heirship and would show

unto the court the following.

1. [Name of decedent], Decedent died on [Date], in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas.
2. Applicant resides at [address].
3. Applicant would show that Decedent died [with or without a will].
4. Applicant would show that no administration is pending on Decedent's Estate and none appears necessary, and it is therefore in the best interests of the Estate for the court to determine the names and identities of Decedent's heirs.

[If an administration is pending on Decedent's Estate and it is necessary to determine the heirs, insert the following: An administration is currently pending on Decedent's Estate in the above entitled and numbered cause; however, it is necessary and is in the best interests of the Estate for the court to determine Decedent's heirs.]

5. Applicant is an owner of all or part of Decedent's Estate.
6. The names and residences of all of Decedent's heirs and the relationship of each heir to Decedent and the true interest of the applicant and of each of the heirs of Decedent's Estate are as follows: [identify heir by name, residence, and relationship to decedent, in the event the names

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and residences of all of the heirs are unknown to Applicant disclose the same and provide any information, if any, that might be helpful in identifying and/or locating the same].

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7. Applicant would show that at the time of Decedent's death, Decedent owned the following property: [provide a complete description of each item or property, state whether the same is separate or community property].

8. Decedent's family background and genealogy is as follows: [state Decedent's birth date and birthplace; names, birth dates and birthplaces of Decedent's parents; Decedent's parent's date of death, if applicable, name, birth date and birthplace of Decedent's spouse; date of divorce, if applicable; name, age, birth date and address of each of Decedent's children; names, age, birth date and address of each of Decedent's siblings, if any].

9. Based on the above, Applicant would show to the court that all children born to or adopted by Decedent have been listed and each marriage of the Decedent has been stated.

10. Applicant would show that the information stated in this Application is submitted in compliance with Texas Probate Code Section 49 and there are no debts owed by the Decedent that are not secured by liens upon real Estate. Accordingly, there is no necessity for an administration of Decedent's Estate.

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**PRAYER**

Applicant prays that citation be issued as required by law and that an attorney ad litem be appointed to represent Decedent's living heirs whose names and whereabouts are unknown and that upon a hearing, this court determine the identity of Decedent's heirs and the respective shares and interest of Decedent's Estate and the court determine that no necessity exists for an administration of Decedent's Estate.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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[Law Firm Name]

By \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Attorney's Name]

Attorney for Applicant

[Attorney's Address]

[Telephone Number]

[Facsimile Number]

[Bar Card Number]

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State of Texas

County of \_\_\_\_\_

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared [Name of applicant], and after being duly sworn, stated that:

Insofar as is known to me, all the allegations of the foregoing Application are true in substance and in fact and that no material fact or circumstance has, within my knowledge, been omitted from the Application.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary's typed or printed name

My commission expires:  
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# THANK YOU

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Form: Heirship affidavit

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NO. \_\_\_\_\_

IN THE ESTATE OF

IN THE [PROBATE] COURT

[NAME],

NO; \_\_\_\_\_

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[NAME], COUNTY, TEXAS

HEIRSHIP AFFIDAVIT

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[To be filled out and signed by two Disinterested Witnesses]

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared [Name] and [Name], who being first by me duly sworn on oath state:

1. I, [Name], reside at [Address, County, state].
2. I am personally acquainted with the family history and fact of heirship of [Name], deceased, hereinafter called "Decedent" who was my [relationship].
3. I knew Decedent for \_\_\_\_\_ years.
4. Decedent was married to [Name] on \_\_\_\_\_, and remained married until [his/her] death and was never divorced.

OR

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Decedent was never married.

OR

Decedent was not married at the time of death but was married to [Name], and was

[widowed/divorced] on \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Decedent died on \_\_\_\_\_ in [Address, County, state] without leaving a Will. There was no administration nor was any necessary, there being no debts at this time.

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6. Decedent had no children.

OR

Decedent had the following children by birth or adoption: [List all children, living or deceased, if deceased indicate].

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Address:

Age:

Alive or Deceased:

7. Decedent never adopted any children nor cared for any children in the home other than the above named children.

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8. If any child of Decedent is deceased list all children of the deceased child or children.

Deceased child:

Children of deceased child

Name:

Address:

Age:

Alive or Deceased:

**THANK YOU**

Deceased child:

Children of deceased child

Name:

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Address:



Age:

Alive or deceased:

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- 9. [If decedent was not survived by children or grandchildren, then complete.] Decedent was survived by his/her parent or parents:

Name:

Address:

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AND/OR

- 10. [If decedent was not survived by his/her parents or only one parent, then complete.] Decedent was survived by the following brother[s] and/or sister[s].

Name:

Address:

Age:

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Alive or Deceased:

AND/OR

- 11. If any brother[s] or sister[s] have predeceased Decedent complete.

Name of deceased brother/sister:

Children of deceased brother/sister:

Name:

**THANK YOU**

Address:

Age:

Alive or Deceased:

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- 12. The above statements are true and correct.

Signed on \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Disinterested Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Disinterested Witness

State of Texas

County of \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me on \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary's typed or printed name

My commission expires:

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**Form: Statement of disinterested witnesses for a non-willed small estate and heirship affidavit**

**PREVIEW**

**STATEMENT OF DISINTERESTED WITNESSES**

BEFORE ME, the undersigned appeared, [names of two witness] who stated upon their oaths the following:

1. I have no financial interest in [name of decedent]'s Estate.
2. I am not related to the decedent under the Texas Probate Code laws of descent and distribution of the State of Texas.
3. I have not been promised, nor shall I receive any moneys or assets of the decedent's Estate as a result of making this Affidavit.
4. I have reviewed and read the foregoing Affidavit and the facts contained in the Affidavit are true and correct.
5. That the value of the decedent's Estate at the date of his or her death, exclusive of homestead and exempt property, does not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00). The non exempt assets exceed the liabilities except those liabilities which are secured by the homestead and exempt property.
6. That the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all distributees, heirs, devisees or assignees of Decedent's property or money and their right to receive the property or money is as follows:

Names, Addresses, and Phone Numbers of Distributees

Capacity in which claim is made: Ex. Son

Portion of Estate to which entitled: Ex. 1/2

7. Other facts showing venue, if necessary

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**WITNESS 1**

# PREVIEW

Signed on \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Name]

State of Texas  
County of \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me on \_\_\_\_\_ by

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary's typed or printed name

My commission expires:  
\_\_\_\_\_

[or Notary's Stamp]  
**THIS DOCUMENT**  
WITNESS 2

Signed on \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Name]

State of Texas  
County of \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me on \_\_\_\_\_ by

**THANK YOU**

\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary's typed or printed name

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**PREVIEW** My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

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I, \_\_\_\_\_ [name of notary], the notary public whose signature appears above, certify that I am not an attorney in this case.

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Name of notary]

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**Information & Instructions: Heirship waiver of citation**

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1. Send the enclosed waiver to the other persons and parties who are required to be served the case.
2. Children younger than 19 may not sign a waiver of citation.

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Form: Heirship waiver of citation

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WAIVER OF CITATION

State of Texas

County of \_\_\_\_\_

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared [name of Affiant], who being duly sworn on oath stated as follows:

1. My name is .

2. [Name] Decedent was my [relationship for example: brother] and I am an heir or distributee of [Name], Decedent, in an action now pending before the Probate Court Number \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas.

3. I state under oath that I have been provided with a copy of the Application filed by [Applicant's Name] for Determination of Heirship of [Name], Decedent.

4. I affirm that all allegations contained in the Application are true and correct and that this matter can be taken up and considered by the Court at any time provided by law.

5. I hereby waive any and all bond, bond requirements, surety and issuance of financial protection.

6. I also waive any and all service of any citation or notice which may be required at law or otherwise. I also affirm that this matter can be taken up and considered by the Court at any time provided by law.

Signed on \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Name]

State of Texas

County of \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me on \_\_\_\_\_ by

\_\_\_\_\_.

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Signature of Affiant

Notary's typed or printed name  
**PREVIEW**  
My commission expires:

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[or Notary's Stamp]

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\_\_\_\_\_  
[Name of notary]

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3. I have not been promised, nor shall I receive any moneys or assets of the decedent's Estate as a result of making this Affidavit.
4. I have reviewed and read the foregoing Affidavit and the facts contained in the Affidavit are true and correct.
5. That the value of the decedent's Estate at the date of his or her death, exclusive of homestead and exempt property, does not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00). The non exempt assets exceed the liabilities except those liabilities which are secured by the homestead and exempt property.
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7. Other facts showing venue, if necessary

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WITNESS 1

**PREVIEW**  
Signed on \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Name]

State of Texas  
County of \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me on \_\_\_\_\_ by

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary's typed or printed name

My commission expires:  
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WITNESS 2

Signed on \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Name]

State of Texas  
County of \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me on \_\_\_\_\_ by

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\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
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I, \_\_\_\_\_ [name of notary], the notary public whose signature appears above, certify that I am not an attorney in this case.

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Name of notary]

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Form: Motion to appoint attorney ad litem in a small estate or heirship proceeding

**PREVIEW**  
NO. \_\_\_\_\_

IN THE ESTATE OF

IN THE [PROBATE] COURT

[NAME],

NO; \_\_\_\_\_

DECEASED

[NAME], COUNTY, TEXAS

MOTION TO APPOINT ATTORNEY AD LITEM  
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[Name of Movant], moves the court to appoint an attorney ad litem to represent

Decedent's heirs whose names and/or whereabouts are unknown. Movant further requests the court to appoint that attorney for heirs who may be suffering from legal disability.

Respectfully Submitted,

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Law Firm Name]  
**THIS DOCUMENT**  
By \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Attorney's Name]

Attorney for Applicant  
[Attorney's Address]  
[Telephone Number]  
[Facsimile Number]  
[Bar Card Number]

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Form: Order appointing attorney ad litem in a small estate or heirship proceeding

# PREVIEW

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

IN THE ESTATE OF

IN THE [PROBATE] COURT

[NAME],

NO; \_\_\_\_\_

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[NAME], COUNTY, TEXAS

ORDER APPOINTING ATTORNEY AD LITEM

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On \_\_\_\_\_, the motion of [name of Movant], to appoint an attorney ad

litem was presented to the court, and the court finds that it has jurisdiction of the matter. The court further finds that the heirs of [name of decedent], Decedent, whose names and whereabouts are unknown and/or suffering legal disability, have not answered or entered an appearance in the above entitled and numbered cause and therefore, an attorney ad litem should be appointed.

It is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that [name], an attorney licensed to practice law before this court is appointed in the interest of the above stated defendants and that the suit proceed and be submitted by this attorney as in other cases where service is made by publication.

Signed on \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Information & Instructions:** ~~Answer of attorney ad litem in a small estate or heirship proceeding~~

# **PREVIEW**

1. The attorney should file an answer on behalf of the living heirs or heirs suffering under legal disability.
2. The answer enters an appearance on the unknown heirs and heirs under disabilities so that the court has jurisdiction of all persons in order to determine the heirship.

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Form: Answer of attorney ad litem in a small estate or heirship proceeding

# PREVIEW

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

IN THE ESTATE OF

IN THE [PROBATE] COURT

[NAME],

NO; \_\_\_\_\_

DECEASED

[NAME], COUNTY, TEXAS

ANSWER OF ATTORNEY AD LITEM

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[Name], the duly appointed attorney ad litem for the living heirs of [name of decedent],

Decedent, whose names and whereabouts are unknown and for the heirs who may be suffering legal disability and would show unto the court the following:

1. Subject to any stipulations and admissions as may hereafter be made, these Defendants assert a general denial as is authorized by Rule 92 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, and Defendants respectfully request that the Applicant be required to prove the charges and allegations against these Defendants by a preponderance of the evidence as is required by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas.

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2. The above answer is respectfully submitted to the Court and Jury by the following Defendants, [names], who ask that the Applicant take nothing; that these Defendants be allowed to recover the costs which have been incurred by reason of the charges and allegations of the Applicant against these Defendants; and that the Court give these Defendants any other and further relief from these charges as the Court may feel that these Defendants are entitled to.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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[Case Firm Name]

By \_\_\_\_\_

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[Attorney's Name]

Attorney for Applicant

[Attorney's Address]

[Telephone Number]

[Facsimile Number]

[Bar Card Number]

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Form: Statement of facts in a small estate or heirship proceeding

# PREVIEW

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

IN THE ESTATE OF

IN THE [PROBATE] COURT

[NAME],

NO; \_\_\_\_\_

DECEASED

[NAME], COUNTY, TEXAS

## STATEMENT OF FACTS

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[Names], Affiants, on this day personally appeared in open court and after being duly sworn stated on their oaths that:

1. We are well acquainted with the family of the Decedent.
2. [Name of decedent], Decedent died on [Date], and was survived by [name of surviving spouse], Decedent's spouse and by [name[s] of surviving minor children], minor child[ren].
3. We have made a diligent search of Decedent's homestead and to the best of our knowledge the Decedent died intestate.
4. Decedent was born on [Date], at [Location]. Decedent's parents were [provide names, birth dates, birthplaces and dates of death, if applicable].
5. Decedent was married to [name].
6. We have no interest in the Estate of Decedent and have not been promised any of Decedent's property and we are not related to Decedent under the laws of descent and distribution of the State of Texas.

# THIS DOCUMENT

Signed on \_\_\_\_\_.

# THANK YOU

\_\_\_\_\_  
Affiants

State of Texas

County of \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me on \_\_\_\_\_ by

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# PREVIEW

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Name of court clerk]

Court of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas

By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy  
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Form: Judgment declaring heirship

# PREVIEW

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

IN THE ESTATE OF

IN THE [PROBATE] COURT

[NAME],

NO; \_\_\_\_\_

DECEASED

[NAME], COUNTY, TEXAS

## JUDGMENT DECLARING HEIRSHIP

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On this day came to be heard the sworn Application to Heirship of the Estate of [name of decedent], Decedent, wherein [Name of applicant] requests the court to declare the heirs of Decedent and it appears to the Court that it has jurisdiction in the matter and the court finds that all heirs and parties interested in the Estate of Decedent have been duly and legally served with citation as required by law, filed a waiver of citation or entered an answer in this suit; thereafter, the court appointed an attorney ad litem to appear and answer to represent defendants and that attorney ad litem filed an answer on behalf of defendants; this court has jurisdiction of the subject matter and all parties; that the evidence presented and admitted fully and satisfactorily proves each and every issue presented unto the Court and that Decedent died intestate and that the heirship of the Decedent has been fully and satisfactorily proved as well as the identity and nature of Decedent's property as being separate or community and that the interest and shares of each of the heirs in that property and that no administration is necessary.

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Accordingly, the court finds and it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that the names and places of residence of the heirs of Decedent and their respective shares and interests in the real and personal property of Decedent are as follows:

[List the name, place, share and description of real and personal property]

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It is further hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the attorney ad litem appointed to represent the interests of the Defendants is allowed a fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be paid out of the assets of the Decedent.

The court additionally finds that there exists no necessity for administration of the Estate of Decedent, none is ordered, and upon payment of all costs of Court no further proceedings be had in this cause.

Signed on \_\_\_\_\_

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**JUDGE PRESIDING**

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