

**IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF TENNESSEE  
ANDERSON COUNTY - CHANCERY DIVISION - PROBATE SECTION**

**THE ESTATE OF:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DOCKET NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PETITION FOR SMALL ESTATE LIMITED LETTERS OF AUTHORITY  
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION/LETTERS TESTAMENTARY**

Your Personal Representative(s)/Administrator(s), \_\_\_\_\_,  
would respectfully show the court as follows: Please Print

The decedent \_\_\_\_\_, age \_\_\_\_\_, died on the \_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ (address)

The permanent address of the decedent at the time of death was: \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, TN \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ County, as evidenced by a  
copy of the death certificate which is being filed with this Petition.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Decedent left no Will

\_\_\_\_\_ The Decedent left a Will dated \_\_\_\_\_, which does not require  
administration by the Court, but is being recorded pursuant to T.C.A. § 30-4-103. **(ATTACH  
ORIGINAL WILL.)**

The names of the attesting witnesses to the decedent's Will are:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The Petitioner(s) is/are not aware of any instrument revoking the document and the  
Petitioner(s) believes the instrument is the decedent's Last Will and Testament.

- Bond must be posted in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.
  - Bond is excused:
    - Affiant is the sole heir or beneficiary of the decedent's estate.
    - Each person who is an heir or beneficiary of the decedent is an adult and has consented to waive the affiant's bond as evidenced by each's signed, acknowledged agreement to 'waive' bond which is filed along with this affidavit.
    - Affiant is a bank excused from bond by T.C.A. § 45-2-1005.
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The Decedent died owning an interest in business and/or personal property. List all personal property which includes cash, bank accounts, lock boxes, notes receivable, automobiles, stocks, bonds, life insurance or household furnishings, etc. **Do not list jointly owned property or life insurance that is payable directly to a beneficiary other than the estate.** This list should, however, include all life insurance policies payable to the Decedent's estate. The aggregate of the Decedent's estate must not exceed the aggregate statutory amount of \$50,000.00. The Decedent's personal property owned at death is as follows:

Items	Value	Location and Possession

An estimate of the fair market value of the estate, unless bond is waived by statute, is  
 \$\_\_\_\_\_

Total Value

The Decedent left the following unpaid debts at death (attach additional sheet(s) if necessary):

Creditor	Amount	Address
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

The following are the names and addresses of all heirs and devisees of the deceased which the affiant(s) is (are) obligated to notify at their last known address. (Attach additional heirs and devisees on a separate sheet if necessary.) All of these persons must be notified by the affiant of the filing of this affidavit, by mailing a copy, to their last known address, postage prepaid.

Name	Address	Age	Relationship
_____	_____, _____	_____	_____
_____	_____, _____	_____	_____
_____	_____, _____	_____	_____
_____	_____, _____	_____	_____
_____	_____, _____	_____	_____
_____	_____, _____	_____	_____
_____	_____, _____	_____	_____
_____	_____, _____	_____	_____

Your Personal Representative(s)/Administrator(s) is/are willing to collect and preserve all assets of the estate, including the removal of any personal property from a property leased by the Decedent and cancellation of insurance policies that are no longer applicable due to the Decedent's death.

**Your Personal Representative(s)/Administrator(s) acknowledge(s) that the decedent DID NOT have an interest in any real property on the date of death.**

Your Personal Representative(s)/Administrator(s) acknowledge(s) liability to TennCare, if applicable, to the extent of the value of the personal property. (See attached letter from TennCare.)

Your Personal Representative(s)/Administrator(s) further acknowledge(s) that the affiant and the sureties, if any, will automatically be discharged on the first anniversary of the filing of the affidavit.

Your Personal Representative(s)/Administrator(s) further evidence(s) by signature hereto that, subject to penalty of perjury, the information contained herein is not false or misleading and the affiant is not prohibited from filing affidavit because of having been sentenced to imprisonment in a penitentiary as set forth in T.C.A. § 40-20-115 or otherwise. The Personal Representative(s)/Administrator(s) is/are aware of and mindful of all duties imposed upon him in T.C.A. § 30-4-101 et seq.

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Age of Personal Representative(s)/Administrator(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Personal Representative(s)/Administrator(s) Relationship to Decedent: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

Sworn to and subscribed before me on \_\_\_\_\_.

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Notary Public**

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I, **HAROLD P. COUSINS, JR.** Clerk for the **CHANCERY** Court of ANDERSON County, Tennessee, certify that this is a court of record; that this is a true, full and correct copy of the Affidavit for Small Estate Limited Letter of Authority filed in this Court; that this Affidavit is still in full force and effect as of this date; and that the original of this Affidavit is on file in the office of the

**CLERK AND MASTER** for **ANDERSON** County, Tennessee.

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Date

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Clerk or Deputy Probate Clerk

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Legal Authority: TCA § 30-4-101 et seq.

9/11/2023

**Note:** Tennessee Code Annotated § 30-4-104 states that every person indebted to the decedent's estate, having possession of any personal property belonging to the estate, or acting as registrar or transfer agent of any shares of stock, bonds, notes, or other evidence of ownership, indebtedness, or right belonging to the decedent's estate must be furnished with a copy of the affidavit by the affiant, duly certified by the clerk of the court. Upon receipt of the copy of the affidavit and demand of the affiant, each person furnished with a copy of the affidavit **shall** pay, transfer, and deliver to the affiant: 1) all indebtedness owing by the recipient and other property in possession of or subject to registration or transfer by the recipient.