

PROBATE COURT OF THE STATE OF STATENAME

COUNTY OF COUNTYNAME

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Probate Proceeding, Will of

AFFIDAVIT OF
DUE DILIGENCE
AND FAMILY TREE

DECEDENTNAME

[for example] a.k.a FIRST MAIDEN LAST

[for example] a.k.a FIRST MIDDLE INITIAL LAST,

Deceased.

File No. XXXXX

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STATE OF **YOURSTATE**)
) ss:
COUNTY OF **YOURCOUNTY**)

I, **Your Name**, currently residing at **Your Address**, Town of **Your Town**, County of **Yourcounty**, State of **Yourstate**, being first duly sworn on oath, depose and say

1. I am a board-certified genealogist and owner of **Your Business Name**, holding certificate no. **XXXX**, expires on **DATE**, from the Board for Certification of Genealogists, with additional credentials more fully set forth in my resume, a copy of which is attached hereto, marked Exhibit # 1 and made a part hereof.

2. On **Date**, I was retained by Mr. **Name Of Client**, executor for the estate of **DECEDENTNAME**, represented by **Name Of Attorney**, **Name Of Law Firm**, **Address**, on an hourly fee plus costs basis, to attempt to identify and document the **Choose one of Decedentname** (hereinafter also referred to as "decedent"). Because decedent was known to have no lineal heirs, I was retained to identify

the siblings and respective issue if any, and if none, the parents' siblings and respective issue. I have no interest in the outcome of this case.

OR, alternate paragraph 2 for real estate and mineral rights cases:

On Date, Mr. Name Of Client, Address, City, State Zipcode, retained me to conduct an hourly-based search to identify and locate the heirs of **DECEDENTNAME**, deceased, former owner of PROPERTY DESCRIPTION. I was retained to identify the lineal heirs (children and their respective issue), if any, and if none, the siblings and respective issue, of Decedentname or his surviving spouse. I have no interest in the outcome of this case.

3. I was supplied with the following genealogical data and supporting documentation relating to decedent's known ancestry:
4. I have inspected or caused to be inspected: birth, marriage, and death records and indexes; probate records; newspaper archives and obituaries; church records; U.S. Federal census records and indexes; passenger lists; online genealogy databases; and other miscellaneous sources.
5. I have personal knowledge of the facts and matters hereinafter stated, except where same are stated to be based on information and belief, in which case, I verily believe them to be true. I conclude that [for example, decedent has no living first cousins. He had two living paternal first cousins once removed, and two living maternal first cousins once removed.] The final results of this search are displayed in a Paternal Family Tree (Exhibit # 2) and Maternal Family Tree (Exhibit # 3).
6. **DECEDENTNAME a.k.a.** All Name Variations Found On Document Exhibits, **decedent**, was born on Date in Place, the son of Decedent's Mother and Decedent's Father. Decedentname died on Date, in Place. He married **SPOUSE a.k.a.** Other Names on Date, in Place. Spouse was born on Date in Place, the son of Mother'sname and Father'sname. Spouse died on Date with a last residence in Place. Decedentname and Spouse had no children, natural or adopted.

Attached hereto are:

[The following are examples of various types of exhibits you might use. Please replace with Exhibits pertinent to your affidavit.]

- Exhibit # 4 Marriage record Spousename and Spousename (Year).
- Exhibit # 5 YEAR deed of sale for Town, State, property showing grantors Spouse and Spouse.
- Exhibit # 6 Death certificate for Decedent (Year)
- Exhibit # 7 Social Security Death Index entry for Spouse showing dates of birth and death.
- Exhibit # 8 Obituary for Husband (Year) naming no children.
- Exhibit # 9 19XX U.S. Census for Name household, showing spouse and spouse, with no children

7. **DECEDENT'S FATHER**, a.k.a. **Other Names, decedent's father**, was born on Date, in Place, the son of PARENT'SNAMES.

He died on Date, with a last residence in Place. He married Decedent's Mother, a.k.a. Other Names **decedent's mother**, on Date, in Place. Decedent's Mother was born on Date, in Place, the daughter of PARENTS'NAMES. Decedent's Mother died on Date, with a last residence in Place. Decedent's Father and Decedent's Mother had the following child:

1. Decedentname

Attached hereto are: [these are examples only. Replace with your own.]

- Exhibit # 10 Birth certificate for Father's name (Year)
- Exhibit # 11 Social Security Death Index entry for, Father's name (Year)
- Exhibit # 12 Obituary for Father's name, naming only child (Year)

- Exhibit # 13 Excerpt from probate file of Father's name, naming only child (Year)
- Exhibit # 14 Surname – Surname marriage (Year)
- Exhibit # 15 Birth certificate for Mother's name (Year)
- Exhibit # 16 Death certificate for Mother's name (Year)
- Exhibit # 17 Obituary for Mother's name, naming only child (Year)

PATERNAL RELATIVES

8. **PATERNALGRANDFATHER, a.k.a Other names, decedent's paternal grandfather**, was born on Date, in Place, and died on Date, in Place. He married **PATERNALGRANDMOTHER, decedent's paternal grandmother**, on Date, in Place. Paternalgrandmother, a.k.a. Other Names, was born Date, in Place and died on Date, in Place. Paternalgrandfather and Paternalgrandmother had the following children:

1. Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name
2. Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name
3. Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name
4. Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name

Attached hereto are: [these are examples only. Replace with your own.]

- Exhibit # 18 Death certificate for Grandfather (Year)
- Exhibit # 19 Obituary for Grandfather, naming children (Year)
- Exhibit # 20 Surname – Surname marriage certificate (Year)
- Exhibit # 21 Death record for Grandmother (Year)

9. **Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name a.k.a. Other Names, decedent's** paternal aunt, was born on Date in Place, the son/daughter of Paternalgrandfather and Paternalgrandmother. Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name died on Date with a last residence in Place. He married **SPOUSENAME**, a.k.a. Other Names on Date in Place. Spousename was born on Date in Place and died on Date with a last residence in Place. Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name and Spousename had the following children:

1. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew
2. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew
3. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew

Attached hereto are:

10. **Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew, decedent's niece**, was born on Date, the son/daughter of Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name and Spousename. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew's last known contact information is:

Street Address
City, State Zip
Phone number

11. **Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew, decedent's niece**, was born on Date, the son/daughter of Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name and Spousename. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew's last known contact information is:

Street Address
City, State Zip
Phone number

12. **Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew, decedent's niece**, was born on Date, the son/daughter of Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name and Spousename. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew's last known contact information is:

Street Address
City, State Zip
Phone number

13. **Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name a.k.a. Other Names, decedent's paternal aunt** , was born on Date in Place, the son/daughter of Paternalgrandfather and Paternalgrandmother. **Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name** died on Date with a last residence in Place. He married **SPOUSENAME**, a.k.a. Other Names on Date in Place. Spousename was born on Date in Place and died on Date in Place. Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name and Spousename had the following children
1. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew
 2. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew
 3. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew

Attached hereto are:

14. **Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew, decedent's niece**, was born on Date, the son/daughter of Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name and Spousename. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew's last known contact information is:

Street Address
City, State Zip
Phone number

15. **Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew, decedent's niece**, was born on Date, the son/daughter of Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name and Spousename. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew's last known contact information is:

Street Address
City, State Zip
Phone number

16. **Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew, decedent's niece**, was born on Date, the son/daughter of Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name and Spousename. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew's last known contact information is:

Street Address
City, State Zip
Phone number

17. **Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name a.k.a. Other Names, decedent's paternal aunt**, was born on Date in Place, the son/daughter of Paternalgrandfather and Paternalgrandmother. Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name died on Date with a last residence in Place. He married **SPOUSENAME**, a.k.a. Other Names on Date in Place. Spousename was born on Date in Place and died on Date in Place. Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name and Spousename had the following children:

1. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew
2. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew
3. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew

Attached hereto are:

18. **Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew, decedent's niece**, was born on Date, the son/daughter of Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name and Spousename. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew's last known contact information is:

Street Address
City, State Zip
Phone number

19. **Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew, decedent's niece**, was born on Date, the son/daughter of Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name and Spousename. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew's last known contact information is:

Street Address
City, State Zip
Phone number

20. **Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew, decedent's niece**, was born on Date, the son/daughter of Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name and Spousename. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew's last known contact information is:

Street Address
City, State Zip
Phone number

21. **Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name a.k.a. Other Names, decedent's paternal aunt**, was born on Date in Place, the son/daughter of Paternalgrandfather and Paternalgrandmother. **Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name** died on Date with a last residence in Place. He married **SPOUSENAME**, a.k.a. Other Names on Date in Place. Spousename was born on Date in Place and died on Date in Place. Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name and Spousename had the following children:

1. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew
2. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew
3. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew

Attached hereto are:

22. **Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew, decedent's niece**, was born on Date, the son/daughter of Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name and Spousename. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew's last known contact information is:

Street Address
City, State Zip
Phone number

23. **Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew, decedent's niece**, was born on Date, the son/daughter of Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name and Spousename. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew's last known contact information is:

Street Address

City, State Zip

Phone number

24. **Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew, decedent's niece**, was born on Date, the son/daughter of Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name and Spousename. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew's last known contact information is:

Street Address

City, State Zip

Phone number

Copy and paste more paragraphs for any additional paternal aunts and uncles, listing the first cousins underneath, and first cousins once removed underneath each cousin, if necessary. You will need to edit the paragraphs manually in the copied paragraphs, as the tabbed fields will not work.

MATERNAL RELATIVES

25. **MATERNALGRANDFATHER, a.k.a Othernames, decedent's maternal grandfather**, was born on DATE, in Place, and died on Date, in Place. He married **MATERNALGRANDMOTHER, decedent's maternal grandmother**, on Date, in Place. Maternalgrandmother, a.k.a. Other Names, was born Date, in Place and died on Date, in Place. Maternalgrandfather and Maternalgrandmother had the following children:

1. Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name

2. Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name
3. Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name
4. Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name

Attached hereto are: [these are examples only. Replace with your own.]

- Exhibit # 22 Death certificate for Grandfather (Year)
- Exhibit # 23 Obituary for Grandfather, naming children (Year)
- Exhibit # 24 Surname – Surname marriage certificate (Year)
- Exhibit # 25 Death record for Grandmother (Year)

26. **Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name a.k.a. Other Names, decedent's** maternal aunt, was born on Date in Place, the son/daughter of Maternalgrandfather and Maternalgrandmother. Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name died on Date with a last residence in Place. He married **SPOUSENAME**, a.k.a. Other Names on Date in Place. Spousename was born on Date in Place and died on Date with a last residence in Place. Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name and Spousename had the following children:

1. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew
2. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew
3. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew

Attached hereto are:

27. **Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew, decedent's niece**, was born on Date, the son/daughter of Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name and Spousename. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew's last known contact information is:

Street Address
City, State Zip
Phone number

28. **Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew, decedent's niece**, was born on Date, the son/daughter of Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name and Spousename. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew's last known contact information is:

Street Address
City, State Zip
Phone number

29. **Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew, decedent's niece**, was born on Date, the son/daughter of Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name and Spousename. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew's last known contact information is:

Street Address
City, State Zip
Phone number

30. **Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name a.k.a. Other Names, decedent's maternal aunt**, was born on Date in Place, the son/daughter of Maternalgrandfather and Maternalgrandmother. **Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name** died on Date with a last residence in Place. He married **SPOUSENAME**, a.k.a. Other Names on Date in Place. Spousename was born on Date in Place and died on Date in Place. Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name and Spousename had the following children

1. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew
2. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew
3. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew

Attached hereto are:

31. **Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew, decedent's niece**, was born on Date, the son/daughter of Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name and Spousename. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew's last known contact information is:

Street Address
City, State Zip
Phone number

32. **Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew, decedent's niece**, was born on Date, the son/daughter of Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name and Spousename. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew's last known contact information is:

Street Address
City, State Zip
Phone number

33. **Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew, decedent's niece**, was born on Date, the son/daughter of Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name and Spousename. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew's last known contact information is:

Street Address
City, State Zip
Phone number

34. **Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name a.k.a. Other Names, decedent's maternal aunt**, was born on Date in Place, the son/daughter of Maternalgrandfather and Maternalgrandmother. Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name died on Date with a last residence in Place. He married **SPOUSENAME**, a.k.a. Other Names on Date in Place. Spousename was born on Date in Place and died on Date in Place. Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name and Spousename had the following children:

1. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew

2. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew
3. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew

Attached hereto are:

35. **Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew, decedent's niece**, was born on Date, the son/daughter of Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name and Spousename. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew's last known contact information is:

Street Address
City, State Zip
Phone number

36. **Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew, decedent's niece**, was born on Date, the son/daughter of Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name and Spousename. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew's last known contact information is:

Street Address
City, State Zip
Phone number

37. **Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew, decedent's niece** was born on Date, the son/daughter of Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name and Spousename. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew's last known contact information is:

Street Address
City, State Zip
Phone number

38. **Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name a.k.a. Other Names, decedent's maternal aunt**, was born on Date in Place, the son/daughter of Maternalgrandfather and

Maternalgrandmother. **Sibling**/Aunt/Uncle Name died on Date with a last residence in Place. He married **SPOUSENAME**, a.k.a. Other Names on Date in Place. Spousename was born on Date in Place and died on Date in Place.

Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name and Spousename had the following children:

1. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew
2. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew
3. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew

Attached hereto are:

39. **Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew, decedent's niece**, was born on Date, the son/daughter of Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name and Spousename. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew's last known contact information is:

Street Address
City, State Zip
Phone number

40. **Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew, decedent's niece**, was born on Date, the son/daughter of Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name and Spousename. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew's last known contact information is:

Street Address
City, State Zip
Phone number

41. **Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew, decedent's niece**, was born on Date, the son/daughter of Sibling/Aunt/Uncle Name and Spousename. Name Of Cousin/Niece/Nephew's last known contact information is:

Street Address
City, State Zip

Phone number

Continue by copying and pasting paragraphs for each maternal aunt and uncle, listing the first cousins underneath, and first cousins once removed, if necessary.

42. The above information and the attached supporting documentation are the types of information and records generally accepted in the forensic genealogy profession as reliable in forming a professional opinion. I am of the opinion, within a reasonable degree of genealogical certainty and within the time allotted by client, that there are **insert your conclusion as to the number of living distributees or heirs** of DECEDENTNAME, deceased.

By _____ Date: _____
Your Name

VERIFICATION

The undersigned verifies that she is the affiant in the foregoing affidavit and she states that the statements made therein are true and correct to the best of her knowledge, information and belief.

By _____ Date: _____
Your Name

SWORN TO BEFORE ME and subscribed in my presence this _____ day of _____, 2017, at **Your Town, Your State.**

Notary Public

Exhibit # 1: Resume of Firstname Lastname

Exhibit # 2: Paternal Family Tree

Exhibit # 3: Maternal Family Tree