

<b>Chancery Court Sullivan County Blountville, Tennessee</b>	<b>PETITION AND ORDER FOR SMALL ESTATE LIMITED LETTER OF AUTHORITY</b> Page 1 of 3	Case Number PR _____
<b>IN RE: _____, Deceased</b>		

Comes now, \_\_\_\_\_, Petitioner, who files this petition seeking Limited Letters of Administration/Limited Letters of Testamentary under the Tennessee Small Estate Act. The deceased, herein referred to as "Decedent", age \_\_\_\_\_, died on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of Tennessee. Decedent's last residence was \_\_\_\_\_ County, Tennessee, as evidenced by a copy of the death certificate which is being filed with this affidavit.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ The Decedent left a Will which was dated and signed on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and an Affidavit of the attesting witnesses has been filed or is attached with the Will, or

\_\_\_\_\_ The Decedent left a Holographic Will which was dated and signed on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and the Affidavits of two (2) disinterested persons attesting to the Decedent's handwriting has been filed or is attached with the Will.

The names of the attesting witnesses or disinterested persons of the Will are:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

The Decedent died owning an interest in personal property, including all life insurance policies payable to the Decedent's estate, not to exceed the aggregate statutory amount of \$50,000.00 as follows (Attach additional property on a separate sheet):

Items	Value	Location and Possession
_____	_____, _____.	_____
_____	_____, _____.	_____
_____	_____, _____.	_____
_____	_____, _____.	_____
_____	_____, _____.	_____
Total Value	_____, _____.	

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

Creditor	Amount	Address
_____	_____, _____.	_____
_____	_____, _____.	_____
_____	_____, _____.	_____
_____	_____, _____.	_____

- ☐ Bond must be posted in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Bond is excused:
- ☐ Petitioner is the sole heir or beneficiary of the Decedent's estate.
  - ☐ Each person who is an heir/beneficiary of the Decedent is an adult and each has consented to waive the affiant's bond as evidenced by each heir/beneficiary's signed, acknowledged agreement to 'waive' bond which is filed along with this Petition.

The following are the names and addresses of all beneficiaries or heirs of the Decedent which the Petitioner(s) is (are) obligated to notify at their last known address (Attach additional beneficiaries or heirs on a separate sheet):

Name	Address	Age	Relationship

Your Petitioner(s) is(are) willing to collect and preserve all assets of the estate, including the removal of all of the Decedent's personal property from a leased property or facility by the Decedent as well as the cancellation of all insurance policies that are no longer applicable due to the Decedent's death.

Your Petitioner(s) acknowledges that a small estate proceeding cannot be used to transfer real property; the limited letters issued in a small estate proceeding **DO NOT** empower the personal representative to handle any real estate matters of the decedent.

Your Petitioner(s) acknowledge liability to TennCare, if applicable, to the extent of the value of the personal property.

Your Petitioner(s) further acknowledges that the Petitioner(s) and the sureties, if any, will automatically be discharged on the first anniversary of the filing of the affidavit.

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

Your Petitioner(s) states that, to his/her knowledge and belief, the document being offered for probate has not been revoked and that the Petitioner(s) believes that the document being offered for probate is the Decedent's Last Will and Testament.

I swear under penalty of perjury that all statements in the Small Estate documents I have executed and provided are true and accurate. I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will faithfully and honestly discharge the duties imposed upon me and as required by law.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner's Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner's Phone Number

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk or Notary Public

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Whereas, it appearing that the above-named deceased person left property and debts subject to administration pursuant to the above-referenced statutory provisions, and \_\_\_\_\_ is hereby authorized to serve in the limited role of Personal Representative. As such, Limited Letters of Administration/Testamentary of a Small Estate are hereby issued to the above-named individual being now therefore empowered to collect and preserve all assets of the estate, remove any personal property from a property leased by the decedent, and cancel any insurance policies no longer applicable due to decedent's death. Said assets are limited to those itemized in this Petition. The total value of Decedent's property shall not exceed \$50,000.00. This limited letter in no way gives any authority to the personal representative to handle any real estate matters of the decedent.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Katharine Jennelle, Clerk and Master

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk for the Chancery Court of Sullivan County, Tennessee, certify that this is a court of record; that this is a true, full and correct copy of the Petition and Order for Small Estate Limited Letter of Authority filed in this Court; that this Petition and Order is still in full force and effect as of this date; and that the original of this Petition and Order is on file in the office of the Chancery/Probate Court for Sullivan County, Tennessee. In witness whereof, I have issued this Limited Letter of Administration/Testamentary.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk or Deputy Probate Clerk

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

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY**  
**AT BLOUNTVILLE, TENNESSEE (PROBATE DIVISION)**

**LIMITED LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION/LIMITED LETTERS TESTAMENTARY**

Pursuant to T.C.A. § 30-4-101 et seq.

In the Matter of the Estate of: \_\_\_\_\_ Case No: \_\_\_\_\_

Whereas, it appearing that the above-named deceased person left property and debts subject to administration pursuant to the above-referenced statutory provisions, and \_\_\_\_\_ is hereby authorized to serve in the limited role of Personal Representative.

As such, Limited Letters of Administration/Letters Testamentary of a Small Estate are hereby issued to the above-named individual being now therefore empowered to collect and preserve all assets of the estate, remove any personal property from a property leased by the decedent, and cancel any insurance policies no longer applicable due to decedent's death. Said assets are limited to those itemized in the Petition, a copy of which is attached hereto. The total value of decedent's property shall not exceed \$50,000.00.

There is no real property at issue in this matter, and this limited letter in no way gives any authority to the personal representative to handle any real estate matters of the decedent.

In witness whereof, I have issued these Limited Letters of Administration/Limited Letters Testamentary.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Seal)

I swear that all statements in the Small Estate documents I have executed and provided are true and accurate. I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will faithfully and honestly discharge the duties imposed upon me and as required by law.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

I, as Clerk, certify that these Letters are in full force and effect as of this date of issuance.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Seal)

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF SULLIVAN COUNTY**  
**AT BLOUNTVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**IN THE ESTATE OF**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DECEASED**

**WAIVER OF BOND**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ an heir of the deceased hereby agree to waive  
bond in the above estate and agree that \_\_\_\_\_ be allowed to  
serve without bond.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Heir of the Decedent**

Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Clerk/Deputy Clerk/Notary**

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