



COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON

REGISTER OF WILLS & ORPHANS' COURT NORTHAMPTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

669 WASHINGTON STREET
EASTON, PENNSYLVANIA 18042

DOROTHY L. COLE
REGISTER OF WILLS
CLERK OF ORPHANS' COURT

610-559-3092 - Register of Wills
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Fax: 610-559-3735

REGISTER OF WILLS FEE SCHEDULE

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 11, 2007

PROBATE FEES

NOTE: PROBATE FEES ARE BASED ON THE GROSS VALUE OF THE ESTATE, MINUS JOINTLY HELD ASSETS AND TRANSFERS. NO LETTERS WILL BE ISSUED UNTIL FEES ARE PAID IN FULL.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION / LETTERS TESTAMENTARY

Value of Estate		Probate Fee
Under	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 15.00
\$5,001.00	25,000.00	30.00
25,001.00	50,000.00	50.00
50,001.00	75,000.00	75.00
75,000.00	100,000.00	100.00
100,001.00	150,000.00	120.00
150,001.00	250,000.00	150.00
250,001.00	350,000.00	250.00
350,001.00	450,000.00	350.00
450,001.00	550,000.00	450.00
550,001.00	650,000.00	550.00
650,001.00	750,000.00	650.00
750,001.00	850,000.00	750.00
850,001.00	950,000.00	850.00
950,001.00	1,000,000.00	950.00
<i>Each additional \$1,000,000:00, ADD</i>		400.00

MISCELLANEOUS LETTERS	40.00
DBNCTA, DBN, Ancillary, Pendente Lite, Durante Minoritate, Durante Absentia (County Fee \$38.00, Cty. Records Impro. Fee \$2.00) Plus add all applicable fees	
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION (Cause for Action Only)	40.00
(County Fee \$38.00, County Records Impro. Fee \$2.00) Plus add all applicable fees	
RENUNCIATIONS (Must be notarized)	5.00

Important Notice: AN ADDITIONAL PROBATE FEE MAY BE ASSESSED ONCE THE APPRAISEMENT IS RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE. A STATEMENT WILL BE MAILED.



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AFFIDAVIT OF DEATH	10.00
BOND (Personal or Secured)	10.00
CAVEATS	
Answer to Caveat	20.00
Bond for Caveat (Refundable if no hearing is scheduled. An additional fee will be assessed if hearing fees exceed \$1,000.00)	1,000.00
File Caveat & Bond	50.00
Informal Caveat	25.00
Register of Wills Hearing	100.00
Reschedule Hearing	50.00
CERTIFIED COPIES	
Certified Copy of Will, First Page	10.00
Each Additional Page	1.00
Certification to Will or others papers (Copies presented)	5.00
CLOSING LETTER (REVENUE CERTIFICATE)	10.00
EXEMPLIFIED COPY OF WILL OR OTHER RECORDS	25.00
Received from outside source	
EXEMPLIFIED COPY OF WILL OR OTHER RECORDS	40.00
Prepared by our office	
FEDERAL 706	10.00
INHERITANCE TAX RETURN (Fee added at time of probate-one original & one copy must be filed) (County Fee \$13.00, County Records Improvement Fee \$2.00)	15.00
INHERITANCE TAX CERTIFICATION (Received from outside source)	10.00
INHERITANCE TAX CERTIFICATION (Prepared by our office)	20.00
INVENTORY & VALUATION (Fee added at time of probate-one original filed)	10.00
JCP FEE (Judicial Computer Filing Fee) Add to each 1 st filings for petitions for letters	10.00
PHOTOCOPIES (Each page)	.50
If request is received by mail, add research fee	5.00
RETURNED CHECK FEE	25.00
RECORD WILL (To put on file only, no probate)	40.00
SHORT CERTIFICATE	5.00



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ALL FILING FEES MUST BE PAID IN FULL BEFORE CASES CAN BE PRESENTED TO COURT ACCOUNTS FOR AUDIT: (FORMAL ACCOUNTING)

To determine the cost of filing a formal account, please add the account fee, the advertising fee, and the schedule of distribution fee.

Account Fee

The following fees are based on the gross value of the estate:

\$25,000.00 or less	\$35.00
\$25,001.00 to \$100,000.00	50.00
Over \$100,001.00	65.00

Advertising the Account

85.00

Schedule of Distribution

35.00

Certification to distribution (Copy presented)

5.00

Certification to distribution (Copy prepared by our office) First Page

10.00

Each additional page

1.00

ADOPTIONS:

Adoption Petition

60.00

(Includes certification to New Castle for new birth certificate & one Certificate of Adoption)

When the final decree is signed, you must have the form for the birth certificate, a check for the new birth certificate and the certificate of adoption form completed

(County Fee \$50.00, JCP Fee \$10.00)

Adoption certificate

5.00

Foreign adoption

45.00

(To record foreign adoption in PA, certified copy of birth certificate & copies of the original adoption papers with translated copies of the adoption papers must be filed along with a request for birth certificate form, a check for the new birth certificate, certificate of adoption form, and statement of citizenship and residency. *This fee includes one adoption certificate.*)

Consent for Adoption

40.00

AFFIDAVIT OF MINOR'S COMPROMISE

20.00

ANNUAL OR BI-ANNUAL REPORT

20.00

APPEAL TO SUPREME OR SUPERIOR COURT (County Fee)

75.00

CHECK PAYABLE TO SUPERIOR OR SUPREME COURT

60.00

(A check payable to the Supreme or Superior Court must accompany the Appeal)

BIRTH CERTIFICATE, Including Search of Record

10.00

CERTIFICATION OF ANY PAPER (Copy Supplied)

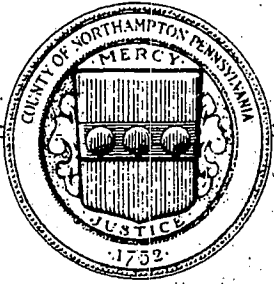
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CITATIONS:

Cit., Pet. & Order, includes one certified copy of the citation and proof of service. (County Fee \$40.00, County Records Improvement Fee \$2.00)	42.00
Each additional citation to be certified	5.00
Add JCP Fee if applicable	10.00
CLAIM: Filing & Indexing	10.00
Satisfying claim in docket	5.00
COUNSELING FEE	75.00
DEATH CERTIFICATE , Including Search of Record	10.00
DISCLAIMER	10.00
ELECTION TO TAKE UNDER OR AGAINST WILL	10.00
EXEMPLIFICATION OF RECORD (County \$38.00, County Improvement Fee \$2.00)	40.00
EXCEPTIONS	10.00
FAMILY SETTLEMENTS & AGREEMENTS Releases or Discharges attached (County Fee \$43.00, County Rec. Improvement Fee \$2.00, OC)	45.00
GUARDIAN INVENTORY	10.00
GUARDIAN CERTIFICATE	5.00
INFORMAL ACCOUNTS Releases or Discharges attached (County Fee \$43.00, County Records Improvement Fee \$2.00, OC)	45.00
JCP FEE (Judicial Computer Filing Fee) (Add to each petition for first filings in petitions for adoptions, minors, alleged incapacitated persons and inter vivos trust)	10.00
MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE (Including search of record)	10.00
MARRIAGE LICENSE Includes one certified copy (County Fee \$27.00, County Rec. Improvement Fee \$2.50, State Fee \$20.50)	50.00
OBJECTIONS	10.00
PETITIONS (Whatever Nature): Order & first page of petition	32.00
Each additional page, not counting exhibits or affidavits (County Fee \$30.00, County Records Improvement Fee \$2.00)	1.00
PHOTOCOPIES , Each Page (If request received by mail, add research fee)	.50 5.00
PLACEMENT REPORT (Counseling Fee)	75.00
POWER OF ATTORNEY	20.00
RELEASES, RECEIPTS & SATISFACTION OF AWARDS	15.00
RETURNED CHECK FEE	25.00
RELINQUISHMENTS (Includes one certified copy of the decree)	50.00
RULE, PETITION & ORDER (County Fee \$35.00, Cty. Records Impr. Fee \$2.00)	37.00
SUBPOENA	5.00
TERMINATIONS (Includes one certified copy of the decree)	50.00