

**BEFORE THE REGISTER OF WILLS OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**RE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FILE #** \_\_\_\_\_

**PETITION TO ADMIT A COPY OF THE ORIGINAL WILL TO PROBATE**

Petitioner(s) \_\_\_\_\_ respectfully states that:

1. Decedent passed on \_\_\_\_\_, being a resident of Northampton County, Pennsylvania
2. Decedent's residence was located at \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Petitioner(s) is / is not beneficiary under the will and is named as \_\_\_\_\_  
Executor / Co-executor
4. On \_\_\_\_\_ Decedent executed the will in the presence of the following two witnesses:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ kept a photocopy of said will in his files.
6. The original of said will was / was not in decedent's possession and s/he never gave any instructions to  
 \_\_\_\_\_ regarding the revocation of said will.
7. Petitioner has searched for, but is unable to locate the original will of decedent dated \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Decedent's **heirs and beneficiaries** under the proposed will are listed on page two (2) of this petition.

**WHEREFORE,** Petitioner respectfully requests that a citation be issued to the heirs and beneficiaries listed on page two (2) of this petition , to show cause why the photocopy of the will for the above-referenced Decedent, dated \_\_\_\_\_ should not be admitted to probate as if it were the original.

Petition	
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**DECREE FROM THE REGISTER OF WILLS**

AND NOW, \_\_\_\_\_ upon consideration of the annexed petition, it is hereby decreed that a citation is awarded, directed to the heirs and beneficiaries listed on page two (2) of this petition, to appear in front of the Register of wills on \_\_\_\_\_ to show cause, if any, of why a photocopy of the will dated \_\_\_\_\_ for the above estate should not be admitted to probate as if it were the original.

**BY,**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Gina X. Gibbs, Register of Wills**

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Decedent's **heirs** and **beneficiaries** under the proposed will are listed below:

NAME _____	Relationship _____
ADDRESS: _____	
NAME _____	Relationship _____
ADDRESS: _____	
NAME _____	Relationship _____
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NAME _____	Relationship _____
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NAME _____	Relationship _____
ADDRESS: _____	

I / we \_\_\_\_\_ being duly sworn according to law, depose and say that the facts set forth in the attached Petition are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Petitioner*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

**IMPORTANT**

1. The intestate heirs who would inherit part of the estate (in addition to Petitioner) in the absence of a will **should be identified** as parties in interest, and the citation should be directed to them.

2. If the original will had been in decedent's possession and cannot be located after his or her death, it is presumed that the decedent revoked the will by destroying it. **Petitioner would have to produce evidence to rebut this presumption.**