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How to Complete Your North Carolina Small Estate Affidavit

Affidavit for Collection of Personal Property of Decedent (G.S. 28A-25-1)

INSTRUCTIONS — KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS. DO NOT ATTACH THIS PAGE TO YOUR DOCUMENT.

About this form. North Carolina lets an heir, beneficiary, or certain creditors collect a small estate's personal property, such as bank accounts and vehicles, by sworn affidavit instead of full estate administration.

1. **Check that you qualify**
   At least **30 days** have passed since the death, no personal representative has been appointed, and the personal property is worth **$20,000 or less** ($30,000 if the surviving spouse is the sole heir).
2. **Fill in the heirs and property (Pages 1–2)**
   List each person entitled to the property and the property to be collected.
3. **Swear before a notary (Page 3)**
   Bring a current, government-issued photo ID.

After It's Signed

- File the affidavit with the clerk of superior court in the decedent's county; the clerk issues certified copies to give to banks and the NCDMV.
- The North Carolina court system also publishes its own version (AOC-E-203), which many clerks prefer. We can notarize either. Check G.S. 28A-25-1 for the current limits.

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AFFIDAVIT FOR COLLECTION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OF DECEDENT

(Small estate — G.S. 28A-25-1)

Name of affiant | Address

being first duly sworn, states:

1. The decedent named below died on the date stated, domiciled in the county stated.

Name of decedent | Date of death | County of domicile, North Carolina

2. At least 30 days have passed since the decedent's death, and no application or petition for appointment of a personal representative is pending or has been granted in any jurisdiction.
3. The value of all personal property owned by the decedent, less liens and encumbrances, does not exceed $20,000 (or $30,000 if the surviving spouse is the sole heir or sole beneficiary).
4. The decedent left (check one):
   - ☐ no will.
   - ☐ a will, which has been probated in common form.
5. Affiant is entitled to collect the property as (check one):
   - ☐ an heir or beneficiary
   - ☐ a creditor (after 90 days, if no heir or beneficiary has qualified)
   - ☐ a public administrator

Affiant's initials: _____

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6. The names and addresses of the persons entitled to the property, and their relationship to the decedent, are:

7. The decedent’s personal property to be collected is (bank accounts, vehicles, and other property):

8. Affiant will pay the decedent’s debts and distribute the property as required by law, and will file a final account with the clerk of superior court.

Affiant's initials: _____

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Date

X

Affiant

Printed name

VERIFICATION (JURAT)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF)

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this day by

name of affiant

Date

X

Notary Public

(Notary seal)

Notary's printed name

Notary Public, County of commission

My commission expires

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