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How to Complete a Pennsylvania Self-Proving Will Affidavit

Self-Proved Will Acknowledgment and Affidavit • 20 Pa.C.S. § 3132.1

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

About this form. Pennsylvania does not require witnesses to sign a will, but when a will is probated the Register of Wills usually needs two witnesses to prove it. A self-proving affidavit lets the Register accept the will without tracking down witnesses later, which can save your family time and expense. It can be signed when the will is signed or at any later date.

1. **Attach it to the will**
   Enter the testator's name and the date of the will. Keep it stapled to the original will.
2. **Testator acknowledges before a notary (Part A)**
   The testator signs and swears or affirms in front of the notary.
3. **Two witnesses sign before a notary (Part B)**
   They state that they saw the testator sign the will. Witnesses should be adults who are not beneficiaries.
4. **Bring photo ID**
   The testator and both witnesses each need a current government photo ID.
5. **Store the original safely**
   Tell your executor where the original will is kept.

Signing requirements: The testator and two adult witnesses each swear or affirm before a notary. Witnesses may sign at a later time with a separate affidavit.

After It's Signed

- Do not unstaple the affidavit from the will.
- If you sign a new will, sign a new self-proving affidavit for it.

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SELF-PROVING AFFIDAVIT FOR A WILL

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania • 20 Pa.C.S. § 3132.1

To be attached or annexed to the Last Will of:

Testator full name

Date of will

PART A — ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TESTATOR

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (or State of)

County of

I, the testator named above, whose name is signed to the attached or foregoing instrument, having been duly qualified according to law, do hereby acknowledge that I signed and executed the instrument as my Last Will; and that I signed it willingly and as my free and voluntary act for the purposes therein expressed.

X

Testator signature

CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER — TESTATOR

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

COUNTY OF

Sworn to or affirmed and acknowledged before me by _____, the testator, this _____ day of _____, 20____.

X

Signature of notarial officer

Title of office (e.g., Notary Public)

My commission expires

Commission number

(Notary seal)

PART B — AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (or State of)

County of

Witness 1 name

Witness 2 name

We, the witnesses named above, whose names are signed to the attached or foregoing instrument, being duly qualified according to law, do depose and say that we were present and saw the testator sign and execute the instrument as the testator's Last Will; that the testator signed willingly and executed it as the testator's free and voluntary act for the purposes therein expressed; that each subscribing witness in the hearing and sight of the testator signed the will as a witness; and that to the best of our knowledge the testator was at that time 18 or more years of age, of sound mind and under no constraint or undue influence.

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X _____
Witness 1 signature

X _____
Witness 2 signature

Witness 1 address

Witness 2 address

CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER — WITNESSES

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

COUNTY OF

Sworn to or affirmed and subscribed to before me by _____ and _____, witnesses, this _____ day of _____, 20____.

X _____
Signature of notarial officer

Title of office (e.g., Notary Public)

My commission expires

Commission number

(Notary seal)

A separate affidavit may be used for a witness whose affidavit is not taken at the same time as the testator's acknowledgment (20 Pa.C.S. § 3132.1(b)). This affidavit does not apply to a will signed by mark or by another person for the testator.

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