

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PETITION FOR LIMITED LETTERS FOR A SMALL ESTATE

**"Small Estate" means that the value of the personal property
does not exceed \$50,000.00
The Decedent must *not* have an interest in any real property**

- A SMALL ESTATE cannot be opened until 45 days from date of death.
- Complete the **PETITION FOR LIMITED LETTERS FOR A SMALL ESTATE** and bring it with you to court along with a copy of the death certificate. **DO NOT SIGN THE PETITION.** If you need help, we will try to help you as best we can without giving legal advice.
- If the Decedent left a last will, you are required to bring the **original** to be lodged without probate with the Clerk to support the Petition. A \$5.00 fee is required to file the unproven and unprobated, original will.
- Court Costs for the LIMITED LETTERS FOR SMALL ESTATE is \$140.50 (plus \$5 if will is presented).
- If all other heirs sign a waiver of bond, no bond will be required.
- If bond is required, it is the amount of the value of personal property.
- It is recommended that a TennCare release be filed with the Petition for Limited Letters for a Small Estate.

Probate Court: Hawkins County Courthouse
100 E. Main Street, Suite 316
Rogersville, TN 37857

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 423-272-8150.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR HAWKINS COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In the Matter of the Estate of

NO. _____

Deceased

WAIVER OF BOND

**The undersigned, an adult beneficiary in the above-noted estate, hereby
agrees for _____ to file a Petition For Limited Letters For A Small
Estate in this cause and to do so without bond.**

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____