

TESTATE (WITH A WILL)

When an owner dies testate (with a Will) owning property involving Oil, Gas and/or mineral interest, the following documents must be provided:

If there is a Will and the Estate is not probated

1. A certified copy of the Death Certificate
2. A copy of the Will
3. An affidavit of Death and Heirship form completed by a person who was acquainted with the deceased. The affiant's signature should be witnessed by two parties, notarized, and finally recorded in the county where the property (s) is located. In addition, please attach a legal description of the property to the completed Affidavit.

If there is a Will and the Estate is probated

1. A certified copy of the Death Certificate
2. A copy of the Will
3. A copy of Letters Testamentary or Letters of Administration
4. A copy of the recorded Final Decree (or like document) when it becomes available, along with addresses and social security numbers of the beneficiaries and a copy of a recorded executor's deed to the heirs

Payments may be made directly to the Estate if we are provided with a copy of the Letters Of Testamentary or Letters of Administration and the Taxpayer Identification Number for the Estate.