

RESIDENCE EXAMINATION INFORMATIONAL SHEET

The application to file a petition to examine the residence of a decedent is filed to search for the decedent's Last Will and Testament, to look for a Burial Deed, and /or to obtain clothes for burial, primarily.

This proceeding will not allow you to remove any contents of the residence nor "clean out the apartment/house" and the residence will be re-sealed after the examination is completed. Once you have the signed order from the Court, you need to contact the precinct that sealed the residence, and schedule an appointment to be escorted to the residence, to conduct the examination.

In order to get the seal removed from the residence permanently, you have to file the necessary proceeding with the court to have a Fiduciary (a representative, voluntary administrator, executor or and administrator) appointed for the estate.

THE APPOINTMENT OF A FIDUCIARY IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO TRANSACT ANY BUSINESS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ESTATE OF A DECEASED INDIVIDUAL. THAT INCLUDES GETTING A SEAL REMOVED FROM THE DECEDENT'S RESIDENCE, COLLECTING ANY OF THE DECEDENT'S PROPERTY FROM THE PROPERTY CLERK'S OFFICE, AND MARSHALING ANY ASSETS BELONGING TO THE ESTATE.