

230. The court shall have full power to take probate of wills, grant letters testamentary and of administration, direct the conduct and settling the accounts of executors and administrators, superintend the distribution of the estates of intestates, secure the rights of orphans and legatees, and to administer justice in all matters relative to the affairs of deceased persons.

231. The Orphans' Courts shall have full power, authority and jurisdiction to examine, hear and decree upon all accounts, claims and demands existing between wards and their guardians, and between legatees or persons entitled to any distributive share of an intestate's estate, and executors and administrators, and may enforce obedience to and execution of their decrees in the same ample manner as the courts of equity in this State. They shall keep a seal for their several courts, and for the office of the Register of Wills of their county, and the said seal shall be affixed to all certificates of the court or of the register, and to every process and writ issued from the court.

232. The court may, on the application of an infant or any person in his behalf, suggesting improper conduct in any guardian whatever, either in relation to the care and management of the property or person of any infant, inquire into the same, and at their discretion remove such guardian and make choice of another, who shall give security, and conduct himself in the manner herein prescribed, and shall receive the property and custody of the said ward.

233. The court may issue a summons for any person concerned in the affairs of a deceased person, for a witness, or any other person whose appearance in said courts shall be deemed necessary or proper for any purpose. And such summons may issue to any county in the State, and shall be returnable in their discretion, and they may enforce obedience to their summons by attachment, and may punish the party for his contempt, by a fine not exceeding thirty dollars.

234. The court may, if a witness before the court shall refuse to give evidence, commit him to the custody of the sheriff or coroner, as the case may be, until he give evidence or be discharged according to law, or they may attach and sequester his estate.