

pointed administrator files in the Orphans' Court having jurisdiction a Petition, under oath, declaring:

1. The time and place of decedent's death;
  2. The known heirs;
  3. The known creditors, together with the amount of each claim, including contingent and disputed claims;
  4. The known assets;
  5. That Petitioner has made a diligent search to discover all assets and debts of the decedent;
  6. That said assets do not exceed \$500 in value; and
  7. That there are no known legal proceedings pending in which the decedent is a party;
- the Orphans' Court, if satisfied that the allegations in said Petition are true, may pass a Preliminary Order declaring that no formal administration is necessary and instructing the Petitioner to publish once in substantially the usual form, notice to creditors to exhibit their claims, duly authenticated, within thirty (30) days after such notice, said notice to creditors shall be inserted in whatever newspapers the Orphans' Court or the Register of Wills shall direct.

(B) Whenever such a Preliminary Order has been passed and the notice has been published and the time provided in such notice has expired, the Petitioner shall file, under oath, a Statement declaring that the notice has been published, and that the said time has expired, and listing all then known creditors, including contingent and disputed claims, and the amount of each claim. If satisfied, that said Statement is true, and after hearing and disposing of any objections filed in the Orphans' Court by anyone interested in the estate, the Orphans' Court shall pass a Final Order (1) directing the Petitioner to pay from the estate all said claims, as well as the customary widow's allowance, if any, in the order of priority provided by law for an administrator, and (2) authorizing any person having possession of any property of the decedent's estate to transfer and pay over the same in accordance with the Petitioner's directions, and (3) decreeing that, after the Register of Wills certifies upon said Final Order that he has seen the vouchers for the payment of said claims and is satisfied that said claims, as well as all inheritance taxes and the fees hereinafter provided have been paid, then the remaining balance of said estate, if any, shall be vested in the appropriate person or persons of the following, that is to say:

1. in the spouse, if there be one surviving, or
2. if there be no surviving spouse, in the decedent's child or children, equally (the share of any minor child to vest in the person having custody of such child, to be used for the care of such child); or