

~~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.~~

THE ORPHANS' COURT, IF SATISFIED THAT THE ALLEGATIONS IN SAID PETITION ARE TRUE, MAY PASS A PRELIMINARY ORDER DECLARING THAT NO FORMAL PROCEEDING 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.

*If there is a Will, the same shall be admitted to probate by the Orphans' Court in the manner provided by law.*

(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 (i) 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 (ii) 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 (iii) 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] *as directed by the will, and if there is no will then as follows:*

(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

(3) If there be neither surviving spouse nor surviving children, then in those persons who would be entitled thereto under the laws of descent and distribution in this Article provided for the property of intestates.

The orphans' court may also provide in its final order for sale of any property, upon such terms as it deems advisable and for the distribution of the proceeds, in accordance with its final order.