

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF MERCER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION

FEE SCHEDULE
EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 2, 2017
REGISTER OF WILLS FEES

*****ALL PROBATE AND FIRST FILINGS MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY A DEATH CERTIFICATE*****

PROBATE OF WILL (Without Letters)

JCP Fee	\$40.25	
Automation Fee	5.00	
Will	20.00	
(\$20 1 st 5 pages; \$5 ea. add'l page)		
Death Certificate	5.00	
Inventory	<u>20.00</u>	\$90.25

**FOR GRANTING LETTERS TESTAMENTARY AND
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION:**

JCP Fee	\$40.25	
Automation Fee	5.00	
Will/Codicil (\$20 1 st 5 pages; \$5 ea. add'l page)	20.00	
Inventory/Rev 1500	20.00	
Death Certificate	<u>\$ 5.00</u>	\$90.25

Supplemental Inheritance Tax Return	\$20.	
Insolvent Inheritance Tax Return	10.	
Copy of Form 706 (Federal), if filed	20.	
(\$20.-1 st 5 pages; \$5 ea. add'l page)		

FOR ESTATE VALUES:

NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000.	\$ 40.
From \$5,001. to \$10,000.	\$ 60.
From \$10,001. to \$20,000.	\$ 70.
From \$20,001. to \$30,000.	\$ 90.
From \$30,001. to \$40,000.	\$100.
From \$40,001. to \$50,000.	\$115.
From \$50,001. to \$75,000.	\$130.
From \$75,001. to \$100,000.	\$150.

*****Each additional \$100,000 or any fraction thereof\$ 50. *****

******NOTE: Where the gross value of an estate has been underestimated on the Petition for Letters, probate fees will be adjusted and a billing statement rendered for the balance. Additional probate fees will be due and payable within thirty (30) days from the date of the billing statement. Any balances more than thirty (30) days in arrears will be charged interest at the rate of 1% per month.**

******ALL FEES MUST BE PAID IN FULL BEFORE ANY FINALIZATION/ESTATE SETTLEMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR FILING.******

AMENDMENT TO PROBATE

Within 3 months (Petition to the Register of Wills) \$ 30.
After 3 months from date of probate (Petition to Orphans' Court)

O.C. Petition \$25.
Certified Order to Register of Wills 5.
Open & Amend Record/Reissue Letters 30. \$60.

LETTERS *(Administration D.B.N. or Administration D.B.N.C.T.A. or Pendente Lite) \$50.*

AFFIDAVIT *(1ST 5 pages; ea. add' l page \$5.) \$ 5.*

ANCILLARY LETTERS *(Follow regular estate fee schedule above— Based on PA assets only)*

BOND \$10.

BOND WAIVER \$ 5.

CAVEAT \$10.

CERTIFICATE OF AWARD OF REAL ESTATE
(Original to attorney for recording; copy stays in our file) \$20.

CERTIFICATE OF PAYMENT OF TAX \$15.

CERTIFICATIONS \$ 5.

CERTIFICATIONS WITH COVER SHEET/GOLD SEAL \$10.

CLAIM *(5 pages or less) \$10.*

If no estate opened:

<i>JCP</i>	<i>\$40.25</i>
<i>Auto. Fee</i>	<i>5.00</i>
<i>Death Certificate</i>	<i>5.00</i>
<i>Claim</i>	<i><u>10.00</u></i>
	<i>\$60.25</i>

COMMISSION \$30.

COMMONWEALTH PETITION FOR CITATION \$50.

COPY FAIR \$20.

<u>DEATH CERTIFICATE (FILING ONLY)</u>	\$10.	
• Plus:		
JCP Fee	\$40.25	
Automation Fee	<u>\$ 5.00</u>	\$55.25
<u>DISCLAIMER OF INTEREST</u>		\$10.
<u>ELECTION TO TAKE AGAINST WILL</u>		\$15.
• WITHDRAWAL		\$10.
<u>ENTRY/WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE BY ATTORNEY</u>		\$ 5.
<u>EXCEPTIONS/OBJECTIONS (1st 5 pages)</u>		\$15.
• Each additional page \$5.		
<u>EXEMPLIFICATION OF RECORD</u>		
• Filing & Recording from another county/state (1 st 5 pages)		\$25.
• Issuance under triple seal (in-state or out- of- state-1 st 5 pages)		\$30.
Each additional page \$5.		
<u>FAMILY SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (1ST 5 pages)</u>		\$50.
• Each additional page \$5.		
<u>HEARINGS</u>		\$50.
• Plus deposit for Reporter/transcript(s), if necessary		
<u>OATH OF SUBSCRIBING/NON-SUBSCRIBING WITNESSES (PER PAGE)</u>		\$ 5.
<u>PETITION FOR SMALL ESTATE (1ST 5 PAGES)</u>		\$25.
• Each additional page \$5.		
<u>POSTAGE</u> (current rates per ounce + envelope)		
<u>PROOF OF PUBLICATION (1ST PAGE)</u>		\$ 5.
<u>RELEASE/RECEIPT BY LEGATEE</u> (per signature)		\$ 5.
<u>RENUNCIATION PER NAME/SIGNATURE/OATHS PER PAGE</u>		\$ 5.
<u>SHORT CERTIFICATE</u>		\$ 5.
<u>SMALL ESTATE AFFIDAVIT</u> (Includes Death Cert. & Autom Fee)		\$20.
<u>TRUSTS</u> (1 st 5 pages)***		\$25.

NOTE: *In cases not specifically provided for in this fee schedule, the Register of Wills shall make the same charge as that imposed for other services of a substantially similar nature.*

ORPHANS' COURT FEES

ADOPTIONS

ON ALL ADOPTION FIRST FILINGS:

JCP FEE	\$ 40.25
AUTOMATION FEE	\$ 5.00

REPORT OF INTENT TO ADOPT (Nonrelative adoptions ONLY) \$130.00

INCLUDES:

- Report of Intent to Adopt (filing fee) \$25.
- Act 34 Surcharge (counseling fee) \$75.
- Criminal Background Check \$ 5.
- Child Abuse Clearance \$ 5.
- Report of Intermediary \$10.
- Home Study \$10.

FOREIGN ADOPTION REGISTRATION (filing for PA birth certificate) \$50.

• PLUS:

JCP Fee	\$40.25
Automation Fee	\$ 5.
Adoption Certificate	\$ 5.

PETITION FOR VOLUNTARY RELINQUISHMENT \$25.

Each Certified Court Order \$ 5.

PETITION FOR INVOLUNTARY RELINQUISHMENT \$25.

Each Certified Court Order \$ 5.

PETITION TO CONFIRM CONSENT \$25.

Each Certified Court Order \$ 5.

PETITION FOR ADOPTION/CERTIFIED ORDER/ ADOPTION CERTIFICATE: \$60.

PETITIONS (Miscellaneous: 1st 5 pages)*** \$25.

• PLUS FOR 1ST FILINGS:

JCP Fee	\$40.25
Automation Fee	\$ 5.

PROOF OF UNCLAIMED MAIL \$ 5.

CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT \$ 5.

GUARDIANSHIPS

JCP FEE	\$40.25
AUTOMATION FEE	\$ 5.
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT (Emergency/Plenary)	\$25.
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT	\$ 5.
CERTIFIED COURT ORDER (Each)	\$ 5.
CITATION	\$10.
GUARDIAN BOND (If Court Required)	\$10.
GUARDIAN INVENTORY	\$20.
GUARDIAN CERTIFICATE/TRUSTEE CERTIFICATE	\$ 5.
GUARDIAN ANNUAL REPORT (1 st 5 pages; Ea add'l p. \$5.)	\$15.
GUARDIAN COURT ACCOUNT/FINAL ACCOUNTING (1 st 5 pages; Each additional page \$5.)	\$125.
JURISDICTION TRANSFERS	\$25.
PETITIONS (Miscellaneous: 1 st 5 pages) ***	\$25.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

APPLICATION	\$40.
AUTOMATION FEE	\$ 5.
AFFIDAVIT OF INTERPRETER	\$ 5.
PARENTAL CONSENT	\$ 5.
JUDICIAL WAIVER	\$ 5.
MILITARY WAIVER	N/C
CERTIFIED DUPLICATE MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE	\$ 5.
CERTIFIED MARRIAGE RECORD (Gold Seal/Under Cover)	\$10.
MAILING MARRIAGE LICENSE	\$ 2.

MINOR'S CLAIM/PETITION FOR SETTLEMENT

AUTOMATION FEE	\$ 5.
JCP FEE	\$40.25
CERTIFIED COURT ORDER	\$ 5.
PROOF OF DEPOSIT	\$ 5.

REGISTER OF WILLS AND CLERK OF ORPHANS' COURT

MISCELLANEOUS

ANSWER/RESPONSE/REPLY (1ST 5 pages)***	\$10.
APPEALS:	
Mercer County Clerk and Register	\$75.
Prothonotary, Superior Court (set by Superior Court)	\$90.25
AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE	\$10.
AUDITOR'S REPORT (1st 5 pages)***	\$25.
BAD CHECKS	\$40.
BIRTH CERTIFICATES (1893-1905)(SAME FOR DELAYED)	\$10.
BRIEF (1st 5 pages)***	\$25.
CERTIFICATES OF SERVICE, AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE, RETURN OF SERVICE (1st 5 pages)***	\$ 5.
CITATIONS	\$10.
COPIES (Per Page/Current rate)	\$.50
COURT ORDER ISSUED BY JUDGE	\$ 5.
DEATH CERTIFICATES (1893-1905)	\$10.
EXCEPTIONS/OBJECTIONS (1st 5 pages)***	\$15.
FAXING (\$1.25/1st page; \$.25 ea. succeeding page)	
FINANCIAL REPORT (1st 5 pages)***	\$15.
FINDINGS OF FACTS/CONCLUSIONS OF LAW ETC.	\$10.
FIRST AND FINAL ACCOUNTING (1st 5 pages, advertising included)***	\$125.
INDENTURE PROCESS	\$10.
MISCELLANEOUS PLEADINGS/PETITIONS/MOTIONS (1st 5 pages)***	\$25.
NOTICE/STATEMENTS/MISCELLANEOUS FILINGS	5.
POSTAGE (current rates per ounce + envelope)	
POWER OF ATTORNEY (1st 5 pages)***	\$10.
PRAECIPES	\$ 5.
PRENUPTIAL/POST NUPTIAL AGREEMENT(1st 5 pages)***	\$10.

RESEARCH FEES:	Per Name/Per Record	\$ 5.
	Copies Per Page	\$.50
SHERIFF'S RETURN		\$ 5.
SUBPOENAS		\$10.

*****EACH ADDITIONAL PAGE \$5.*****

NOTE: *All mail requests require SASE or cost postage will be charged.*

This would include short certificates, receipts, photocopies, etc.