

PR-4577

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
HELEN MURPHY BLACK, DECEASED



IN THE COUNTY COURT
AT LAW # 2
WISE COUNTY, TEXAS

**CITATION BY POSTING
APPLICATION TO PROBATE COPY OR LOST WILL
THE STATE OF TEXAS**

To all persons interest in the ESTATE OF HELEN BLACK, DECEASED.

Docket No. PR-4577. WISE COUNTY COURT AT LAW #2, WISE COUNTY, TEXAS.

Edward Lee Black, filed in the Wise County Court At Law # 2of Wise County, Texas on this the 23rd day of April, 2020, an Application for Probate of a Copy of an Attested Will and for Issuance of Letters Testamentary.

Said application will be heard and acted on by said Court at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on or after the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from the date of posting of this citation, the same being the 11th day of May, 2020 at the County Courthouse in Bridgeport, Texas.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at the above said mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so.

All interested persons are further advised that they have the right to employ an attorney and that if they or their attorney fail to file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of ten days after the posting of this citation, the Court may enter orders with binding effects upon said persons.

The officer executing this citation shall post the copy of this citation at the courthouse door of the county in which this proceeding is pending, or at the place in or near said courthouse where public notices customarily are posted for not less than 10 days before the return day thereof, exclusive of the date of posting, and return the original copy of this citation to the clerk stating in a written return thereon the time, date, and the place where he posted such copy.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court of office in Decatur, Texas, on this the 24th day of April, 2020.

SHERRY LEMMON
COUNTY CLERK, WISE COUNTY
200 N TRINITY/RECORDS BUILDING
P.O. BOX 359
DECATUR, TX 76234
BY Amanda Knox
AMANDA KNOX, DEPUTY

SHERIFF'S RETURN

Came to hand on the ___ day of _____, 20___, at _____ o'clock _____M. and executed in Wise County, Texas on the ___ day of _____, 20___ by posting a copy of the above citation for 10 days, exclusive of the date of posting, before the return hereof, at the County Courthouse door of WISE COUNTY, Texas, or at the place in or near the Wise County Courthouse where public notices customarily are posted.

To certify which witness my hand officially.

N. LANE AKIN, SHERIFF
WISE COUNTY, TEXAS

Fee Paid \$ _____

BY _____ Deputy

SEE ATTACHED NOTICE

Notice of Application to Probate Copy of Lost Will or Codicil or Lost Will or Codicil without a Copy

You are notified that an application has been filed in this Decedent's estate to probate a written will or codicil even though the applicant cannot produce the original will. The application filed in this estate seeks either to probate a copy of a lost will or codicil or to probate a lost will or codicil without a copy (all referred to below as "lost will").

When an original will cannot be produced, the law presumes that the testator (the person who wrote the will) revoked the will before the testator's death. The Court will not grant the application in this case unless the applicant offers sufficient evidence to rebut that presumption and proves to the Court that the will was not revoked, even though only a copy has been filed.

If no will is admitted to probate, Decedent's property will pass to Decedent's heirs. If a lost codicil to a valid original will is not admitted to probate, Decedent's property will pass to the devisees (beneficiaries) named in the valid will. Therefore, your rights to inherit property may be affected by the probate of the lost will either (1) as an heir of the Decedent, or (2) as someone who is named as a devisee in the lost will, or (3) as a devisee in a valid will when there is a lost codicil to that will.

If you want to object to the probate of the lost will, you must file a written objection with the Clerk. The Clerk's citation, which is attached to this notice, indicates the date by which you should file a written objection. Note that the citation does not indicate a specific hearing date.

If you sign an affidavit waiving citation, you are indicating to the Court that you do not object to the probate of the lost will.

You should consult an attorney if you have any questions about your rights in this probate matter.