

How to fill out TR-83b — Claim of Heir / Small Estates

Affidavit

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Kansas · written against TR-83b (Rev 12/2023), issued under K.S.A. 59-1507b

The third door, for estates under the statute's ceiling - and the document behind the Division's link is not a KDOR form at all. What ksrevenue.gov serves is the Kansas Judicial Council's Small Estates Affidavit, marked on every page that it can be used in place of KDOR Form TR-83b, Claim of Heir. It transfers personal property in probate estates not exceeding \$75,000 - a ceiling the notes date precisely, raised from \$40,000 to \$75,000 effective July 1, 2023 - and it was amended to carry the vehicle block the Division requires: VIN, value, and an odometer certification per vehicle, so one sworn document does the probate job and the title job at once.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank TR-83b from the Kansas Department of Revenue, Division of Vehicles at <https://www.ksrevenue.gov/pdf/tr83b.pdf?f=ks-tr83b.pdf> — always take the current revision from the agency rather than a copy. Print this and keep it beside you while you complete theirs.

Every line, in the order you meet it

1	YOU	The frame	Affiant's name, the date, year, decedent and place of death, the testate or intestate box, and the ceiling statement. Watch out: The ceiling is the probate estate's value, and the current figure with its effective date is printed in the notes - when in doubt, value first, swear second.
2	YOU	The two promises	No executor pending or appointed; all debts, claims and taxes paid or to be paid. Watch out: These are the paragraphs that bind you personally. A quick call to the probate clerk confirms the first; the second is your arithmetic to stand behind.
3	YOU	Heirs and property	The table of beneficiaries or heirs with ages, relationships and addresses, then the property list with values. Watch out: Insurance proceeds payable to the estate go on the list too, identified by policy number - the form's own parenthesis asks for exactly that.
4	YOU	The vehicle block	Value, VIN, year, make and style for up to three vehicles, each with its odometer reading and one ticked box. Watch out: This block is why the county accepts the document for a title - complete it even though the property list already mentions the car, because the Division's requirements are the reason it exists.
5	YOU	Distribution, then the notary	Choose the apportionment sentence or the receive-and-distribute sentence, then sign before the notarial officer who completes county, date, signature, title, stamp and expiry. Watch out: Sign nothing at home. Subscribed and sworn means the signature happens in front of the officer, and a pre-signed sheet gets you a second appointment.

What gets this one rejected

- An estate over the ceiling. The affidavit's own first paragraph caps it - a probate estate not exceeding \$75,000 in value - and above that line the estate goes to court, not to a form.
- Using it while an executor is pending. Paragraph two is a sworn statement that no petition for appointment of an executor or administrator is pending or has been granted.
- No death certificate. The first paragraph attaches it - a certified copy, not a photocopy of a photocopy.
- A vehicle row without its odometer certification. The Judicial Council's notes say why the block exists: VIN and odometer readings are required if the form is submitted to the Division of Vehicles to obtain transfer of a vehicle title.
- Skipping the notary. This affidavit is subscribed and sworn before a notarial officer - the one estate door in the Kansas set that always sees a seal, because it is a probate instrument rather than a Division form.

☒ Amber is what you write ☐ Grey is a block somebody else completes The completed example follows overleaf.

Read off TR-83b (Rev 12/2023) and the Kansas Department of Revenue, Division of Vehicles's own pages, current as of 2026-08-23. Plain-language help with a form, not legal advice — where this and the agency differ, the agency governs. sellmycarhub.com

SMALL ESTATES AFFIDAVIT — TRANSFERRING CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY IN ESTATES UNDER \$75,000 PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 59-1507b

1 — Philomena R. Knackstedt (name of affiant), being duly sworn states:

(1) On April 9 (date), 2026 (year), Emery W. Knackstedt (decedent) died ☐ testate (with a will) or ☐ intestate (without a will) at Hutchinson, Kansas (location), leaving a probate estate not exceeding \$75,000 in value, and I have attached a certified copy of the death certificate to this affidavit. **2**

(2) No petition for the appointment of an executor or administrator of the decedent's estate is pending or has been granted.

(3) All unpaid debts, claims or demands against the decedent or the decedent's estate and all estate and inheritance taxes due, if any, on the property transfers involved have been or will be paid.

(4) That the following are the names, ages, relationships and addresses of the beneficiaries under the decedent's will or heirs of the decedent:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Address</u>
<u>Philomena R. Knackstedt</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>Surviving spouse</u>	<u>415 E 30th Ave, Hutchinson</u>

(5) The decedent's probate estate consists of the following personal property: (include the proceeds from insurance policies payable to the estate and identify the policy by number):

<u>Property</u>	<u>Value</u>
<u>2007 Buick Lucerne sedan</u>	<u>\$4,200</u>
<u>Household goods and effects</u>	<u>\$1,850</u>

Vehicles

Vehicle Value Vehicle(s) Information

5 — \$ \$4,200 VIN 1G4HD57267U238414 Year 2007 Make Buick Style Sedan

I certify to the best of my knowledge that the odometer reading for the above vehicle is: (no 10ths) • ☒ ☐

6 — and the reading is: ☐ Actual ☐ Exceeds Mechanical Limits ☐ Not Actual > **WARNING-ODOMETER DISCREPANCY**

\$ VIN Year Make Style

I certify to the best of my knowledge that the odometer reading for the above vehicle is: (no 10ths) • ☐ ☒

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(6) Affiant has the right to succeed to the personal property of the decedent, and affiant is over 18 years of age and is legally competent in all respects to make this affidavit and to receive the above-mentioned personal property.

Affiant requests that the property be apportioned among the beneficiaries or heirs, if more than one, as follows:

7 — All property to Philomena R. Knackstedt, surviving spouse.

OR Affiant agrees to receive the property and will distribute or apportion the property among the beneficiaries or heirs, if more than one, as follows:

(Signature)

STATE OF KANSAS

8 — COUNTY OF Reno

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to (or affirmed) before me on 05/18/2026 (date) by Philomena R. Knackstedt (person making statement).

Signature of Notarial Officer

Notary Public

Title of Officer

(OFFICIAL STAMP)

My Commission Expires: 11/30/2027

Notes on Use

This affidavit may be used to obtain the transfer, to a decedent's successor in interest, of certain personal property that would be transferrable to the decedent, without obtaining letters of administration or letters testamentary, where the total value of the estate subject to probate does not exceed \$75,000. The amount was raised from \$40,000 to \$75,000 effective July 1, 2023. The transfer is treated as one to the personal representative of the decedent, and the receipt of the transfer operates as a full discharge and release of the transferor.

This form has been amended to include the vehicle information required by the Kansas Department of Revenue (KDOR) in its form TR-83b, Claim of Heir and/or Beneficiary Affidavit. While all personal property that is part of the probate estate should be listed in paragraph 5, vehicle VIN numbers and odometer readings are only required if the form is being submitted to the KDOR's Division of Vehicles to obtain transfer of a vehicle title.