

How to fill out 78-014 — Affidavit of Heirship for Motor Vehicle

Mississippi · written against 78-014 (08/21), issued under the next of kin, sworn before a notary, where no will was probated and no representative appointed

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The family's route around probate for one vehicle: attached to and made a part of the application for assignment of title when the owner dies without a will being probated and no personal representative appointed or widow's allotment made. The kin list every one of themselves, swear there is no estate administration, certify the mileage, name who the vehicle should go to, and every next of kin signs before the notary. It is the state trusting a family's sworn census instead of a court's.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank 78-014 from the Mississippi Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Services at <https://www.dor.ms.gov/sites/default/files/tax-forms/motor-vehicle/78014178%20Affidavit%20of%20Heirship%20for%20a%20motor%20vehicle%2020210817.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 decedent, the date, the vehicle	The owner's name and date of death, then the VIN, year, make, model and title number of the vehicle they solely owned. Watch out: Sole owner is load-bearing: a car jointly titled with a survivor may need nothing but the survivor's signature and the right attachment - check the conjunction on the certificate before swearing anything.
2	YOU	The mileage, certified by whoever swears	The reading in whole miles, exceptions only if true. Watch out: Somebody must read the actual dashboard. An estate car that sat for a year still has a knowable number, and 'unknown' is what the warning statement is for - not a guess.
3	YOU	The no-probate paragraph, read as a condition	Confirm the estate genuinely has no probated will and no appointed representative before the family swears paragraph 2. Watch out: If probate opens later, this affidavit does not outrank it - a family unsure whether a will exists should resolve that question first, cheaply, at the chancery clerk.
4	YOU	The census, complete	Spouse or unmarried, the number of children, then every kin with name, address, relation and age. Watch out: All means all - including the estranged, the overseas and the minor children, for whom the surviving parent may act. The table is the affidavit's spine.
5	YOU	The destination name	Who the vehicle should be assigned and registered to, in paragraph 5. Watch out: One name, agreed before the notary visit. This is the line family arguments surface on, and a strikeover here means starting the sworn page again.
6	YOU	Everyone signs, one notary watches	Each next of kin signs a line; the notary completes the jurat with commission expiry and seal. Watch out: Gather the signatures in one sitting if humanly possible - the form is built for it with five lines, and serial notarisations across three counties are how these affidavits take a summer.

What gets this one rejected

- Using it while a probate is open. The affidavit's own precondition is that no will was probated and no personal representative appointed - an estate with letters of administration uses those letters, not this form.
- A kin table that stops at the convenient relatives. Paragraph 4 asks for all of the kin, and the signature lines expect each of them - a sibling left off because they live far away is a defect in a sworn document.
- Minors signing for themselves. The form's parenthetical handles it: if minor or mentally incompetent children are included among next of kin, the surviving parent may act for such children.
- No title number for a car the family cannot find papers for. The vehicle block wants the title number - the replacement-title process can resurrect it for an estate before this affidavit is sworn.
- One signature standing in for five. Every listed next of kin signs their own line before the notary; the desire in paragraph 5 is the family's, not the loudest member's.

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

Read off 78-014 (08/21) and the Mississippi Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Services'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

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Mississippi AFFIDAVIT OF HEIRSHIP FOR MOTOR VEHICLE

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Attached to and made a part of the application for assignment of title to a vehicle when the owner dies without a will being probated and no personal representative appointed or widow's allotment made.

(If minor or mentally incompetent children included among next of kin, the surviving parent may act for such children.)

I/We the undersigned, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. That Wexford C. Ainsworth, died on 14th day of March, 2026 and at the time of his or her death was the sole owner of the following described vehicle:

2. VIN: 1HGCP2F30CA204657 YEAR: 2012 MAKE: Honda

MODEL: Accord TITLE NUMBER: 15082476

Federal law and State law requires that you state the mileage in connection with the transfer of ownership. Failure to complete or providing false statement may result in fines and/or imprisonment.

I, Doretha B. Ainsworth, state that the odometer now reads 132408 (NO TENTHS) miles and to the best of my knowledge that the actual mileage of the vehicle described herein, unless one of the following statements is checked:

☐ (1) I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge the odometer reading reflects the amount of mileage in excess of its mechanical limits.

☐ (2) I hereby certify that the odometer reading is NOT the actual mileage. WARNING – ODOMETER DISCREPANCY

2. That no will was probated and no administrator, executor or other personal representative has been appointed to administer on his or her estate.

4. 3. That the deceased is survived by ☒ Spouse ☐ Was Unmarried 2 Number of Children

4. That the following are all of the kin of said deceased:

Printed Name of Kin	Address	Relation	Age
<u>Doretha B. Ainsworth</u>	<u>415 Attala Rd, Kosciusko, MS</u>	<u>Widow</u>	<u>71</u>
<u>Cleotha W. Ainsworth</u>	<u>52 Coleman Loop, Sallis, MS</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>43</u>
<u>Marvella A. Duckworth</u>	<u>9 Peachtree Cv, Kosciusko, MS</u>	<u>Daughter</u>	<u>39</u>
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5. That it is the desire of the next of kin that said vehicle be assigned and registered in the name of Doretha B. Ainsworth

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME

THIS 30th day of July, 2026.

(Signature of Next of Kin)

(Notary Public)

(Signature of Next of Kin)

My Commission Expires _____

(Signature of Next of Kin)

(Signature of Next of Kin)

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(Signature of Next of Kin)