

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI
PROBATE DIVISION IV**

REFUSAL OF LETTERS (SURVIVING SPOUSE) – ITEMS REQUIRED FOR FILING

- Photocopy of Decedent's Death Certificate (certified copy is not required)
- Copy of funeral bill showing that it has been paid in full.
- Probate Division Party Information Sheet must be completed in full (form is attached hereto)
- Application of Surviving Spouse for Refusal of Letters (form is attached hereto)
- Copy of documentation regarding property to be claimed (i.e. bank statement; insurance policy; vehicle titles, etc.) Please note that these documents must show identifying information (i.e. bank account number; vehicle identification number, etc.) and, in the case of bank accounts, insurance policies, etc., the documents must show the value.
- If Real Property is to be claimed, provide the full legal description
- If Real Property is being claimed, provide a letter from a realtor or similar individual declaring the value of the Real Property.
- Filing fee in the amount of \$56.50 (payable by cash, check payable to Cass County Circuit Clerk, or credit/debit card)
- Any additional documentation you deem necessary.

If you are filing these documents pro se (without an attorney), you are required to follow all of the rules and requirements that attorneys follow. The Court and Court Clerks are prohibited from giving any legal advice. If you need assistance in completing the above requirements pro se, you will need to seek the advice of an attorney.

MAILING ADDRESS:

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**PROBATE DIVISION PARTY INFORMATION SHEET
PLEASE PRINT**

DECEDENT:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Phone Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____ SSN: _____

SURVIVING SPOUSE:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Phone Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____ SSN: _____

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IN THE ESTATE OF

_____, **Deceased**

Case No. _____

APPLICATION OF SURVIVING SPOUSE FOR REFUSAL OF LETTERS

The applicant, surviving spouse of the decedent, states that the above-named decedent, died on the _____ day of _____, _____, and residing at _____

_____, survived by applicant and _____ unmarried minor child(ren), leaving an estate in this state, the value of which, less liens and encumbrances, is not greater in amount than is allowed by the law as exempt property and maintenance of applicant and _____ unmarried minor child(ren) for one year after the death of decedent. The estate consists solely of the property described in **APPENDIX A** hereto.

Unmarried minor child(ren) of the decedent who [is][are] not the child(ren) of the applicant [is][are] as follows:

Name of Child

Date of Birth

Name/Address of Custodian

WHEREFORE, the applicant prays the Court order that no letters be granted on said estate unless on the application of creditors or other interested parties interested and the existence of other or further property is shown.

The applicant swears that the matters set forth above are true and correct to the best knowledge and belief of the applicant, subject to the penalties of making a false affidavit or declaration.

DATE: _____

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Attorney for Applicant

Name of Applicant (print)

(Printed Name/Bar Number/Address/Telephone)

(Address/Telephone)

APPENDIX A

Decedent: _____

Case No. _____

DESCRIPTION OF REAL PROPERTY

(Include full legal description)

VALUE

DESCRIPTION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

(Include detailed information such as account numbers,
Check numbers, vehicle identification numbers, etc.)

VALUE

TOTAL: _____