

STATE OF MAINE

(Seal of Court)

_____ COUNTY PROBATE COURT

DOCKET NO. _____

In Re: _____
(Name of Decedent, Minor or Respondent)

GENERAL NOTICE OF
BEGINNING OF A FORMAL
PROBATE PROCEEDING
RULE 4(a)(1)¹

This notice is directed to _____
(name and address)

who is believed to have an interest in a proceeding which has been initiated by a petition (a copy of which is attached to this notice). The date, form number (if any) and caption of the attached petition are _____

THIS PROCEEDING MAY AFFECT YOUR PROPERTY RIGHTS. IF YOU WISH TO CHALLENGE OR CONTEST THE PETITION OR OTHERWISE TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN TWENTY DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE.

Your response should set forth your objections to or comments on any matter in the attached petition. It must be filed with the court at _____ and a copy must be sent, before or simultaneously with its filing in court, to the petitioner's attorney whose name, address and telephone number are _____

or, if there is no attorney, to the petitioner, whose name, address and telephone number are _____

_____.

Date: _____, _____.

Register of Probate

STATE OF MAINE

_____ COUNTY

On the _____ day of _____, _____, I made service of the foregoing notice and related petition, more particularly described as _____

_____, on _____, by delivering a copy of both to _____

_____. (State method and place of delivery and name of person served.)

Service:

Travel, _____ miles one way	\$ _____
Postage	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

Deputy Sheriff

In lieu of any other method of service authorized by statute or rule of court, I hereby accept service and acknowledge receipt of a copy of this notice and the related petition.

Date: _____, _____

Person Accepting Service*

*If the person accepting service is other than the person to whom this notice is directed, state name, address, telephone number and capacity of person accepting service.

¹ See 18-C M.R.S. § 1-401 and Rule 4. Note, in particular, that this notice may usually be served by certified mail. Rule 4(d)(1)(B).