

Uncovering Hidden Heirs: Identifying the True Beneficiaries of a Partial Intestacy



About Us



- Leading international probate genealogy firm established in 1997
- Our UK team is over 150 strong
- Offices in London, Yorkshire, Edinburgh, Cardiff, Dublin and Sydney
- Services provided across the UK & worldwide
- Last year we traced heirs and next of kin to over 2,500 Estates
- We work with over 4,000 firms around the world, mostly legal professionals
- We also work with hospitals, coroners, local authorities, client affairs teams and Empty Property officers
- Familiar voice of the industry from over 150 TV, radio and press articles, appearances on the popular BBC One television series 'Heir Hunters'
- Multi-award winning firm

Our Credentials



Association of Professional Genealogists (APG)

ISO Certifications for Information Security, Total Quality and Environmental management



Financial Conduct Authority regulation for our insurance activities (membership number: 310772)



Information Commissioner's Office Data protection registration no. Z6654345



Founder members of the International Association of Professional Probate Researchers, Genealogists & Heir Hunters www.iappr.org



Our services...



- Beneficiaries on intestacy
- Named Legatees
- Missing Executors
- Family tree verification
- CoP Statutory Will research
- Estate distribution schedules
- Beneficiaries to Trusts, Pension Funds or Insurance Policies
- Missing Shareholders
- Missing freeholders to land or property
- Dormant account holders
- Tracing Client Account fund-holders
- Public Health Funerals

CASE STUDY

Background on the case...



Name: Ms Thompson (P)

Age: Unknown

Status: Deceased

Family:

1 half-brother

The Deceased died partially intestate, and solicitors were in contact with a half-brother who was believed to be the sole beneficiary of the Estate.

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Background on the case...

Finders recommended conducting a verification of the Deceased's family tree to ensure the information provided to the solicitors was correct and all entitled persons had been identified, so as to allow the correct distribution of the Deceased's Estate.

Finders were instructed on a budget basis to carry out research and identify all rightful beneficiaries to the Deceased's Estate, ensuring that no entitled relatives were overlooked.



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Background on the case...

Research revealed that both of the Deceased's parents had re-married, introducing the possibility of additional family connections that had not been previously considered.

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Working on the case...

It was confirmed that the supposed half-brother was, in fact, not a blood relation. He was a stepchild to the Deceased's father through his second marriage and therefore not entitled to inherit under intestacy rules.

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Working on the case...

Through extensive research, Finders located three half-blood siblings to the Deceased from her mother's second marriage, establishing their legal right to inherit.

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Case closed...

A Finders representative visited the newly found sisters in person to share the news. They were completely unaware of the Deceased's existence and surprised to learn of their entitlement.



Some information has been altered to retain confidentiality

Efficient & Effective Probate Research

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Desktop Research

We use multiple sources
to cross reference and
avoid errors



Certificates

These documents allow us to confirm relations and verify our research



Anecdotal Evidence

Our Case Managers and Regional Representatives are trained to ask appropriate questions in a professional manner, whilst ensuring any sensitivity around a case is observed.

Court of Protection Research Services

How we further support Court of Protection team & Deputies:

Missing
Will
Search



Financial
Asset
Searches



Administrator
Search



Unoccupied
Property
Insurance



International Asset Services

Repatriation of funds from overseas,
including:

- Obtaining Medallion Signature Guarantees
- Closing overseas bank accounts
- Selling and transferring US shares
- Obtaining offshore and foreign grants of probate



Thank you for listening

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