

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF [REDACTED] COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

RE: ESTATE OF	)	
	)	
[REDACTED]	)	ESTATE NO. 2021-2214
DECEASED.	)	

STATE OF GEORGIA	)	ss:
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY	)	

AFFIDAVIT OF HEIRSHIP, DESCENT, AND DUE DILIGENCE

Yvonne Mashburn Schmidt, CG®, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am a self-employed genealogist with The Georgia Genealogist, Inc. located at 1639 Fairway Drive, Vidalia, Montgomery County, Georgia, 30474. I hold the Certified Genealogist® credential, Certificate no. 1073, first awarded 27 May 2016, renewed 2021, renewed 2026.
2. I specialize in Georgia research and Forensic Genealogy for clients, legal professionals, government agencies, counties, municipalities, etc. I am a contract genealogist with the U.S. Department of Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, U.S. Army in Ft. Knox, Kentucky. Additional credentials are more fully set forth in my resume, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and made a part of this affidavit.

3. On 21 November 2025, I was retained by [REDACTED], Administrator of the Estate of [REDACTED], (Decedent), in [REDACTED] County, Georgia, to conduct genealogical research to identify and locate all potential heirs at law of the estate. I was retained on an hourly fee plus cost basis.
4. I am a disinterested third party who is not related to any of the individuals named in this report and have no interest in the outcome of this case.
5. Personal knowledge regarding the Decedent and her family was provided to me by the Administrator of the Estate, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] also provided copies of pertinent certified vital records and a copy of the probate record of [REDACTED].
6. A family tree based upon the genealogical research is marked **Exhibit B** and made a part hereof.
7. Upon oath and to the best of my knowledge and belief the foregoing statements are true and correct.
8. I have reviewed or caused to be reviewed U.S. census records, online genealogical databases, birth, marriage, divorce, death records, and indexes, social security indexes, probate records, court records, military records, newspaper archives, obituaries, property records, cemetery records, online family trees, and miscellaneous sources.
9. I have knowledge of the facts and matters hereinafter stated based on the research conducted.
10. The genealogical research in this Affidavit meets the Genealogical Proof Standard as set forth by the Board for Certification of Genealogists®.¹

¹ Board for Certification of Genealogists, Genealogy Standards, fiftieth-anniversary edition (Nashville, TN: Ancestry, 2014).

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Decedent died intestate on [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] County, Georgia. The Decedent was never married and died without issue.

Both Decedent's parents, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], predeceased her. The Decedent was also predeceased by her half-sister, [REDACTED] née [REDACTED], who was the daughter of [REDACTED] and his first [REDACTED] née [REDACTED]. [REDACTED], the daughter of [REDACTED], also predeceased the Decedent without issue.

[REDACTED] had one surviving son, [REDACTED].

Based on the records reviewed and the family relationships documented in this report, [REDACTED] appears to be the nearest surviving descendant in the family line identified by this research. Any legal determination of heirship under Georgia law should be made by counsel and/or the probate court.

This affidavit summarizes the genealogical research conducted, identifies the records reviewed, and attaches certified vital records and documentation of diligent search efforts. *Based on the records I reviewed, I traced the following family relationships and located the following documents. I did not provide legal advice, and I make no legal conclusion regarding heirship or estate distribution.*

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

GENERATION 1

1. [REDACTED] was born 2 December 1889, in [REDACTED] County, Georgia,² (**Exhibit C**) and died 29 July 1982, in [REDACTED] County, Georgia (**Exhibit D**).³

a. **First Marriage:** [REDACTED] on 5 December 1923, in [REDACTED] County, Georgia, (**Exhibit F**).⁴ [REDACTED] was born 10 October 1908, in [REDACTED] County, Georgia, and died 31 July 1971, in [REDACTED] County, Georgia.⁵ (**Exhibit E**). Their marriage was dissolved by divorce 24 Jan 1927, in [REDACTED] County, Georgia⁶ (**Exhibit G**).

b. **Second Marriage:** [REDACTED] married [REDACTED] on 16 August 1930, in [REDACTED] County, Georgia,⁷ (**Exhibit H**).

² [REDACTED] County, Georgia, "Delayed Certificate of Birth," [REDACTED], 2 December 1889, No. 214143; citing Georgia Department of Public Health, Office of Vital Records, Atlanta (**Exhibit C**).

³ [REDACTED] County, Georgia, "Certificate of Death," [REDACTED], 29 July 1982, Certificate No. 10646; citing Georgia Department of Public Health, Office of Vital Records, Atlanta (**Exhibit D**).

⁴ [REDACTED] County, Georgia, Marriage License, no. 1228, [REDACTED] and Miss [REDACTED], 5 December 1923; Superior Court, Atlanta (**Exhibit F**).

⁵ [REDACTED] County, Georgia, Certificate of Death and Exemplification Letter, [REDACTED], 10 October 1908-31 July 1971, certificate no. 022393; Georgia Department of Public Health, Office of Vital Records, Atlanta (**Exhibit E**).

⁶ [REDACTED] County, Georgia, Final Divorce Decree, [REDACTED] vs [REDACTED], Book K3, no. 67132, 24 January 1927, Minutes 112, pg. 480, including Complaint, Motions, and Contempt filing, no. 75060, filed 16 Dec. 1927, Superior Court, Atlanta (**Exhibit G**).

⁷ [REDACTED] County, Georgia, "Application for Marriage License" and Marriage License No. 15029, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], 16 August 1930; Probate Court, Atlanta (**Exhibit H**).

[REDACTED] was born 9 September 1906, in Atlanta, [REDACTED] County, Georgia (**Exhibit J**),⁸ and died 19 February 2000, in [REDACTED] County, Georgia.⁹ (**Exhibit L**)

c. Children:

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had the following issue:

- i. [REDACTED].¹⁰

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had the following child:

- ii. [REDACTED] (**DECEDENT**)¹¹

[REDACTED] was born 23 November 1933, in [REDACTED] County, Georgia,¹² and died 18 October 2020, in [REDACTED] County, Georgia.¹³ [REDACTED] never married and died without issue¹⁴ (**Exhibit O**).

⁸ [REDACTED] County, Georgia, “Delayed Certificate of Birth,” [REDACTED], 9 September 1906, No. 213423; Georgia Department of Public Health, Office of Vital Records, Atlanta (**Exhibit J**).

⁹ [REDACTED] County, Georgia, “Certificate of Death,” [REDACTED], 19 February 2000, File no. 00720; Georgia Department of Public Health, Office of Vital Records, Atlanta (**Exhibit L**).

¹⁰ [REDACTED] County, Georgia, “Petition for Year’s Support,” Estate of [REDACTED], 4 November 1982; Probate Court, Decatur (**Exhibit K**).

¹¹ [REDACTED] County, Georgia, “Certificate of Birth,” [REDACTED], 23 November 1933, No. 827; Georgia Department of Public Health, Office of Vital Records, Atlanta (**Exhibit M**).

¹² Ibid.

¹³ [REDACTED] County, Georgia, “Certificate of Death,” [REDACTED], 18 October 2020, No. 2020GA000079571; Georgia Department of Public Health, Office of Vital Records, Atlanta (**Exhibit N**).

¹⁴ [REDACTED] County, Georgia, Affidavit of Personal Knowledge, [REDACTED], 23 January 2026, [REDACTED], Decedent, Case No. 2021-2214; affirming marital status and descendants Decedent; [REDACTED], Bremen, [REDACTED] County, Georgia, (**Exhibit O**).

[REDACTED] reportedly had another unnamed illegitimate child who was not the biological child of [REDACTED]¹⁵ (**EXHIBIT G**). No evidence found indicates the couple had any additional or adopted children.

Hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Affidavit are:

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| Exhibit C | Delayed Certificate of Birth and Affidavit, [REDACTED] |
| Exhibit D | Certificate of Death, [REDACTED] |
| Exhibit E | Certificate of Death and Exemplification Letter, [REDACTED] |
| Exhibit F | Marriage License, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] |
| Exhibit G | Divorce Complaint, Motions, Final Decree, and Contempt filings, [REDACTED]
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| Exhibit I | Certificate of Death and Exemplification Letter, [REDACTED] |
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| Exhibit L | Certificate of Death, [REDACTED] |
| Exhibit M | Certificate of Birth, [REDACTED] |
| Exhibit N | Certificate of Death, [REDACTED] |
| Exhibit O | Affidavit of Personal Knowledge, [REDACTED], Administrator of the Estate |

¹⁵ [REDACTED] County, Georgia, Final Divorce Decree, [REDACTED] vs [REDACTED], Book K3, no. 67132, 24 January 1927, Minutes 112, pg. 480, including Complaint, Motions, and Contempt filing, no. 75060, filed 16 Dec. 1927, Superior Court, Atlanta (**Exhibit G**).

GENERATION 2

2. [REDACTED] was born 28 November 1924, in [REDACTED] County, Georgia, and died 19 May 2003, in Villa Rica, [REDACTED] County, Georgia,¹⁶ (**Exhibit I**). [REDACTED] married [REDACTED]¹⁷ (**Exhibit P**).

d. Children:

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had the following issue:

i. [REDACTED] (**1/2 NEPHEW OF THE DECEDENT**)

ii. [REDACTED], (**DECEASED ½ NIECE OF THE DECEDENT**)¹⁸

No evidence found indicates the couple had any additional or adopted children.

Hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Affidavit are:

Exhibit P Affidavit and Acknowledgment of [REDACTED]

Exhibit Q Communications Log for [REDACTED]

¹⁶ [REDACTED] County, GA., Certificate of Death and Exemplification Letter, state fileno.024963,local file no. 001310, [REDACTED], 28 Nov. 1924-19 May 2003; citing Georgia Department of Public Health, Office of Vital Records, Atlanta.

¹⁷ [REDACTED] County, Ga, Affidavit and Acknowledgment of Service of [REDACTED], sworn to and subscribed 20 February 2026, [REDACTED], Maryville, [REDACTED] County, Tennessee, 37780; affirming relationship to Decedent, parentage, and date of birth (**Exhibit P**).

¹⁸ Ibid.

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3. Exhibit C Delayed Certificate of Birth and Affidavit, [REDACTED]
4. Exhibit D Certificate of Death, [REDACTED]
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6. Exhibit F Marriage License, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
7. Exhibit G Divorce Complaint, Motions, Final Decree, and Contempt filings,
[REDACTED] vs [REDACTED]
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EXHIBITS

This Affidavit with certified copies of vital records Exhibits attached were sent via priority
FedEx with tracking to:

[REDACTED], Attorney at Law

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Happyville, GA 30110

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RESUME

CERTIFICATION & CREDENTIALS

- Investigative Genetic Genealogy Certificate, Ramapo College, NJ, Dec 2023.
- Certified Genealogist® credential awarded by the Board for Certification of Genealogists®, Certificate 1073, issued 2016, renewed 2021; renewed 2026.
- Boston University's Certificate of Genealogical Research, 2013.

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

- Self-employed Owner/Certified Genealogist®, 2013 - current
- Forensic Genealogy
 - Genealogical research for probate and estate settlement
 - Genealogical research related to cemetery relocation
 - Expert Witness Testimony
- Military repatriation for the Department of Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, U.S.
- Army PCRБ: Identify and locate next of kin and DNA-eligible relatives for DNA Family
- Reference Sampling with the goal of identifying and repatriating remains of unaccounted-for soldiers of past conflicts. Individually, I have completed 500+ cases.

EDUCATION

- Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG), 2019.
- National Genealogical Society Conference, 2018
- Institute for Genealogical and Historical Research, Samford University, Birmingham, AL, 2013.
- Multiple state and virtual genealogical conferences and webinars, annually.

Exhibit A

Exhibit A — Genealogist's Resume, Page 2 of 2

COMMUNITY / RECOGNITIONS

- 2023 - Subject Matter Expert (SME), Core Competencies, Investigative Genetic Genealogy Accreditation Board, responsible for developing questions related to the certification exam.
- 2020 - Woman of the Year in History and Genealogy field for community contributions and accomplishments, Bartow History Museum and Archives, Cartersville, Georgia.
- 2019 - Assessment of historical and genealogical value of Archive's vertical files and records, Bartow History Museum and Archives, Cartersville, Georgia. This assessment resulted in Digital Library of Georgia Grant being awarded to the Museum and Archives.

PUBLICATIONS

- "The Tangled Web." Alabama Genealogical Society Magazine, vol 54, (Spring/Summer 2022).
- "Finding Annie: DNA Evidence Helps Resolve the Identity of An Early 19th Century Female Who Lived in Burned Alabama Counties & Provides Supporting Evidence of Her Kinships." TheGeorgiaGenealogist.com. (2016).
- "Cass Station Crime and Cover Up: Using Indirect Evidence to Identify a Discarded Deceased Baby." Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly, 52, (Summer 2016).
- "An Honorable Mention: Using Indirect Evidence to Identify the Parents and Some Slave Siblings of Manumitted Slave Alfred Keith of Little Rock, Arkansas." Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly, 53, (Summer 2017).
- "Review of Patriots in Georgia Revolutionary War Engagements, 1776–1782." The National Genealogical Society Quarterly, 105 (December 2017).
- "A Mill Village Kid Learns a Few Lessons." Georgia Backroads Magazine. (Winter, 2011).

[REDACTED], Estate Case 2021-2214

Exhibit B — Decedent’s Family Tree with Relationships and Lineage of Heir at Law¹⁹

For Reference, the Lineage of the Administrator of the Estate is also included in Relationship to the Decedent.

Exhibit B

¹⁹ “[REDACTED] Estate” privatized and unsearchable tree, updated 23 January 2026, Ancestry.com (accessed 22 January 2026), created by The Georgia Genealogist team and Yvonne Mashburn Schmidt, CG® [Vidalia, Georgia], pursuant to the Letter of Agreement with [REDACTED], Administrator of the Estate of [REDACTED].

[REDACTED], Estate Case 2021-2214

Exhibit C — Delayed Certificate of Birth and Affidavit, [REDACTED]²⁰

Exhibit C

²⁰ [REDACTED] County, Georgia, “Delayed Certificate of Birth,” [REDACTED], 2 December 1899, No. 214143; citing Georgia Department of Public Health, Office of Vital Records, Atlanta.

[REDACTED], Estate Case 2021-2214

Exhibit D — Certificate of Death, [REDACTED]²¹

Exhibit D

²¹ [REDACTED] County, Georgia, “Certificate of Death,” [REDACTED], 29 July 1982, Certificate No. 10646; citing Georgia Department of Public Health, Office of Vital Records, Atlanta.

[REDACTED], Estate Case 2021-2214

Exhibit E — Certificate of Death and Exemplification Letter, [REDACTED] ²²

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[REDACTED], Estate Case 2021-2214

Exhibit F — Marriage License, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]²³

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²³ [REDACTED] County, Georgia, Marriage License, no. 1228, [REDACTED] and Miss [REDACTED], 5 December 1924; 5th floor, Closed Records, unnamed ledger on shelf, Superior Court, Atlanta. (Exhibit F).

[REDACTED], Estate Case 2021-2214

Exhibit G — Divorce Complaint, Motions, Final Decree and Contempt Filings,

[REDACTED] vs [REDACTED]²⁴

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Exhibit H — Marriage License, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]²⁵

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²⁵ [REDACTED] County, Georgia, “Application for Marriage License,” [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], 11 August 1930; Probate Court, Atlanta. Also, [REDACTED] County, Georgia, “Marriage License,” No. 15029, Mr. [REDACTED] and Miss [REDACTED], 16 August 1930, Book 43, p. 343, Probate Court, Atlanta.

[REDACTED], Estate Case 2021-2214

Exhibit I — Certificate of Death and Exemplification Letter, [REDACTED] ²⁶

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²⁶ [REDACTED] County, GA., Exemplification Letter and Certificate of Death, state fileno.024963, local file no. 001310, [REDACTED], 28 Nov. 1924-19 May 2003; citing Georgia Department of Public Health, Office of Vital Records, Atlanta.

[REDACTED], Estate Case 2021-2214

Exhibit J — Delayed Certificate of Birth, [REDACTED]²⁷

Exhibit J

²⁷ [REDACTED] County, GA, “Delayed Certificate of Birth,” [REDACTED], 9 September 1906, No. 213423; citing Georgia Department of Public Health, Office of Vital Records, Atlanta.

[REDACTED], Estate Case 2021-2214

Exhibit K — Petition for Year's Support, [REDACTED]²⁸

Exhibit K

²⁸ [REDACTED] County, Georgia, "Petition for Year's Support, Affidavit," Estate of [REDACTED] by [REDACTED], 4 Nov. 1982, daughters identified as interested persons were [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (from a prior marriage); Probate Court, Decatur.

[REDACTED], Estate Case 2021-2214

Exhibit L — Certificate of Death, [REDACTED]²⁹

Exhibit L

²⁹ [REDACTED] County, Georgia, “Certificate of Death,” [REDACTED], 19 February 2000, File no. 00720; Georgia Department of Public Health, Office of Vital Records, Atlanta.

[REDACTED], Estate Case 2021-2214

Exhibit M — Certificate of Birth, [REDACTED]³⁰

Exhibit M

³⁰ [REDACTED] County, GA, “Certificate of Birth,” [REDACTED], No. 827, 23 Nov. 1933; citing Georgia Department of Public Health, Office of Vital Records, Atlanta.

[REDACTED], Estate Case 2021-2214

Exhibit N — Certificate of Death, [REDACTED]³¹

Exhibit N

³¹ [REDACTED] County, GA, “Certificate of Death,” [REDACTED], No. 2020 GA000079571, 18 Oct. 2020; citing; Georgia Department of Public Health, Office of Vital Records, Atlanta.

[REDACTED], Estate Case 2021-2214

**Exhibit O — Affidavit of Personal Knowledge, [REDACTED], Administrator of the
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[REDACTED], Estate Case 2021-2214

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[REDACTED], Estate Case 2021-2214

Exhibit Q — Communications Log for [REDACTED]

Georgia Diligent Search Communication Log				
Documenting Communication Efforts for Diligent Search in the State of Georgia				
DECEDENT NAME:		[REDACTED]		
HEIR NAME:		[REDACTED]		
Date	Method of Contact	Person/Organization Contacted	Notes	Result
Jan. 18, 2026	Facebook message	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	No response
Jan. 19, 2026	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Left message	No response
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	No answer	
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Neighbor [REDACTED], disconnected, [REDACTED]	No response
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	VM not set up	
Jan. 20, 2026	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Neighbor [REDACTED], [REDACTED]	No response
	Facebook message	[REDACTED]	Yvonne's childhood friend who is a retired [REDACTED] Co. deputy. She shares a common friend [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] on FB. [REDACTED] lives in [REDACTED], GA, where friend and I grew up. FB: [REDACTED]	Will reach out to [REDACTED] and others she knows at [REDACTED] PD.
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Left message.	No return call
Jan. 22, 2026	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Left message. Texted again. She responded and went to Mr. [REDACTED]'s apt. Spoke to Mr. [REDACTED] who believes this is a scam. Mr. [REDACTED] would not provide phone no.	No return call
Jan. 23, 2026	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] followed up in a text. I was able to speak to Mr. [REDACTED] who confirmed his lineage to me and provided contact information.	
Summary of Efforts Mr. [REDACTED] would not provide his phone number. He would not speak to me. [REDACTED] relayed the information I				