

## **WYOMING COUNTY REGISTER OF WILLS**

### **A WORD ABOUT SHORT CERTIFICATES:**

If a person needs a “short certificate” for any type of estate business, someone must open or probate the Estate. If there is a WILL, the person named in the WILL must apply to become the personal representative (Executor). If no WILL, the closest relative can make an application to become the Administrator of the Estate. Either would then be entitled to get a “short certificate”. The “short certificate” simply attests to the fact that an Estate has been filed for the decedent and identifies the duly appointed personal representative.

Our office cannot give legal advice or help in completing these forms. Generally, some legal help is needed so an attorney should be consulted.

State laws provide special instances where money can be paid out of a bank account to the person who paid or guaranteed payment of the funeral bill. Up to \$20,000.00 can be disbursed from a bank account of a decedent for this purpose.

See [Act 50 of 2025](#) for more information.