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THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF **WILLIAM JOSEPH LEWIS**, deceased, Docket No. **P08690** County Court at Law Bosque County, Texas, **SIARA LEWIS** filed in the County Court at Law of Bosque County, Texas, on the **23rd day of September, 2024** an **APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP, FOR LETTERS OF INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION & FOR APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY AD LITEM**. Said application will be heard and acted on by said Court **no earlier than 10:00 am** on the **first Monday** next after the expiration of ten days, from the date of posting this citation, the same being the **7th day of October, 2024** at the County Court at Law Judicial Annex in **MERIDIAN, TEXAS**.

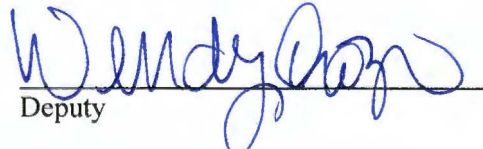
All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at said above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so.

The officer executing this citation shall post the copy of the citation at the Courthouse Door of the county in which proceedings are pending, or at the place in or near said Courthouse where public notices customarily are posted, for not less than 10 days before the return day thereof, exclusive of the date of posting and return the original copy of this citation to the Clerk stating in a written return thereon the time when and the place where he posted such copy.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT in Meridian, Texas. This the **24th day of September, 2024**.




TABATHA FERGUSON
Bosque County Clerk


Deputy

OFFICER'S RETURN ON CITATION

Came to hand on the 24 day of Sept, 2024, at
2:39 o'clock P M. and executed on the 24 day of Sept, 2024
by posting a copy of the within citation for ten days, exclusive of the day of posting,
before the return day hereof, at the County Courthouse door of Bosque County,
Texas, or at the place in or near the said courthouse where public notices customarily are
posted, that is from 9/24, 2024, through 10/7,
2024, inclusive.


CONSTABLE
BOSQUE COUNTY, TEXAS

Printed name: Scott Ferguson

5. At the time of his death, Decedent owned business and residential properties, personal bank accounts, investment accounts, and assorted personal effects of a probable value in excess of \$100,000.00.
6. An independent administration of the Decedent's Estate pursuant to Section 401.003 of the Texas Estates Code is advisable, necessary, and in the best interests of the Decedent's Estate and of the heirs and distributees of the Decedent's Estate. Thus, Applicant requests that an Independent Administration be created pursuant to Tex. Est. Code § 401.003(a).
7. Applicant requests that the Court waive the requirement of a bond for her appointment as Independent Administrator.
8. Applicant requests that she be appointed Independent Administrator of this Estate. Applicant is qualified and not disqualified by law to serve as administrator of this Estate and to be issued Letters of Administration and would be entitled to such letters.

Application for Determination of Heirship

In support of this Application for Determination of Heirship and in addition to the above facts, Applicant would show the Court the following:

9. It is necessary and in the best interest of the Estate for the Court to determine who are the heirs and only heirs of Decedent. The names, physical addresses where service can be had of the Decedent's heirs, the relationship of each heir to the Decedent, whether each heir is an adult or minor, and the true interest of the applicant and each of the heirs in the Decedent's estate as follows:

Name and Address	Relationship to Decedent	Adult or Minor	Share and True Interest in Decedent's Texas Estate
Siara Lewis 431 County Road 2594 Iredell, Texas 76649	Spouse	Adult	1/3 rd of all separate personal property Life estate in 1/3 rd of all separate real property All of the community estate
Taitum Lewis 431 County Road 2594 Iredell, Texas 76649	Daughter	Minor	2/3rds of all separate personal property Remainder of all separate real property None of the community estate

10. Decedent married Siara Lewis on May 17, 2014 and remained married until Decedent's death. All of Decedent's marriages have been listed.
11. Taitum Lewis, born September 11, 2015 in Fort Worth, Texas, is the only child born to or adopted by Decedent. The Decedent was not preceded in death by any children. All children born to or adopted by the Decedent have been listed above.
12. To the best of the Applicant's knowledge, Decedent died intestate. No administration of the Decedent's Estate has been granted as of the date of this Application.
13. There is no need for the appointment of appraisers.
14. This application does not omit any information required by Tex. Est. Code § 202.005.

Application for Appointment of Attorney Ad Litem


15. Pursuant to Tex. Est. Code § 202.009, Applicant requests that the Court appoint an *attorney ad litem* to investigate the existence of, and to represent the interests of, any unlocated, unknown, minor, or incapacitated heirs of the Decedent.

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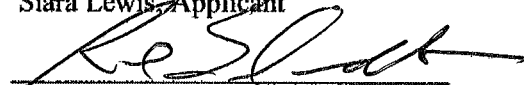
WHEREFORE, Applicant prays that:

- i. Citation with respect to this Application be issued to all persons interested in this Estate as required by the Texas Estates Code unless waived;
- ii. The Court appoint Siara Lewis as Independent Administrator of this Estate and that Letters of Independent Administration be issued to her;
- iii. The Court appoint an *attorney ad litem* to investigate the existence of, and to represent the interests of, any unlocated, unknown, minor, or incapacitated heirs of the Decedent;
- iv. On final hearing hereof, this Court determine and declare who are the heirs of Decedent and their respective shares and interests of such heirs in the Estate of Decedent under the laws of descent and distribution of the State of Texas;
- v. Bond for Independent Administration be waived; and
- vi. This Court issue its Orders for such other and further relief to which Applicant may show herself justly entitled and that the Court may deem necessary and proper.

Respectfully submitted,



Siara Lewis, Applicant



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Associated Case Party: Siara Lewis

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