

Instructions for completing  
**Heirs-at-Law – Estate without Will**  
(NHJB-2151-P)

Form use. This form is used to identify the heirs-at-law. List all the persons and/or entities who are entitled to receive the deceased's personal or real property under intestacy succession laws if there is no will. (This form should not be used if the deceased died prior to January 1, 2003.)

Top part of form

- **COURT NAME:** Enter the name of the county probate court where the document will be filed. (example: Belknap County Probate Court; Rockingham County Probate Court).
- **CASE NAME:** Enter the name of the deceased (example: Estate of John Adams; Estate of Susan Jones).
- **CASE NUMBER:** Leave blank if not yet assigned by court OR fill in case number if it is known.

Under title "Heirs-at-Law – Estate without Will", put an "X" next to **ORIGINAL** if this is the first time you have filed this form in the estate; put an "X" next to **AMENDED** if you have previously filed this form with the court and are now changing the information.

Numbered part of form

1. If the spouse survived the deceased, list the spouse's name and complete mailing address including zip code.
2. List the children born or adopted by the deceased who were living at the time the deceased died. Also fill in the complete mailing address with zip code for each person. Indicate by checking either the yes or no box whether the child was also a child of the surviving spouse, and write their age in the space provided. If the specific age is not known, enter "18+" to indicate someone 18 years of age or over, and "-18" to indicate a minor less than age 18.
3. List the children born or adopted by the deceased who were NOT living at the time the deceased died. Also put their date of death on the form in the appropriate space. (If there is more than one deceased child, or if more space is needed, attach additional pages.)

In the second section of #3, follow the instructions closely and list the surviving children of the deceased person named in #3. Fill in the complete mailing address with zip code for each person, their relationship to the person listed in the first part of #3, and their age. A relationship is considered a sister, son, mother, friend, etc. If the specific age is not known, enter "18+" to indicate someone 18 years of age or over, and "-18" to indicate a minor less than age 18. **If the deceased person named in #3 has no surviving children, enter the word "NONE".**

4. If the deceased had no surviving children or grandchildren, list the deceased's parents if still living. Fill in the complete mailing address with zip code.

5. If the deceased had no surviving spouse, parents, children, grandchildren, etc., list the heirs as defined under RSA 561:1. (Check the statute carefully since the list may include persons up to four degrees of kinship.) Fill in the complete mailing address with zip code for each person, their relationship to the deceased person, and their age. A relationship is considered a niece, nephew, great-niece, grandmother, etc. If the specific age is not known, enter "18+" to indicate someone 18 years of age or over, and "-18" to indicate a minor less than age 18. **If there are no heirs to list in this category, enter the word "NONE".**
6. If the surviving spouse has children who are not children of the marriage to the decedent, check either the yes or no box. See RSA 561:1, I (d).

Signature section on second page of form

Sign the form on the **Petitioner** signature line, and date it in the appropriate space to the left. If there are two petitioners, both must sign and date the form.

**Review the completed form for accuracy prior to filing it with the court. If completing this form on-line, some fields may be filled in automatically based on entries in other fields. If more space is needed for any question, please attach additional sheets of paper.**