



Register of Wills

Notice

To: Kent County General Public
From: Harold K. Brode, Register of Wills
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Re: Transfer of Property Upon Death

The Kent County Register of wills does not change, update, correct or otherwise amend deeds to real property. We advise you to contact an attorney to make any changes to property records. Or you may contact the Recorder of Deeds for information on recording and indexing property records, such as deeds. Their office is located on the first floor of the Kent County Levy Court in Dover, DE.

Under the Delaware Code, Chapter 25, Section 8, the Register of Wills furnishes information to the Board of Assessment regarding the transfer of real property upon the death of an owner of said real property. Essentially, the Register of Wills updates the tax records.

§ 2508. Report of real estate transfers to Board of Assessment.

Each Register of Wills shall furnish to the Board of Assessment of each county a description of each parcel of real estate devised or descending by virtue of will or by operation of law insofar as the records of the Register's office will enable. The Register shall also furnish the date of the transfer, the name of the deceased and the name and the address of the transferee. The Register shall furnish such information promptly after the filing in the Register's office of an inventory and appraisalment.

If someone you know has passed away and owns real estate in Kent County, please contact our office at 302-744-2330 or visit us in-person. Our office is also located on the first floor of the Kent County Levy Court in Dover, DE.