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**REGISTER OF WILLS OF  
BUCKS COUNTY ANNOUNCES  
PAPERWORK ELIMINATION**

***Executors and Administrators No Longer Need to File an Estate Information Sheet***

DOYLESTOWN, PA – Don Petrille, Bucks County Register of Wills and Clerk of the Orphans' Court, today announced the elimination of the Estate Information Sheet presented upon the opening of estates in the Register of Wills office. The elimination of the document is part of the overall automation of the office Petrille has spearheaded during his time in office.

Effective immediately, executors, administrators and lawyers opening estates or filing inheritance tax returns will no longer have to provide an Estate Information Sheet with the other documents required to open the estate. This document helped the Department of Revenue process inheritance tax payments paid to the Register of Wills. With the advent of the office's automated system, this information is now collected electronically. This improvement will reduce paper use and save the public time and expense. It will also reduce processing delays resulting from customers forgetting to complete or provide the old form.

Further reducing expenses to the public, inheritance tax payment information is now transmitted via a secure electronic portal directly to the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue, eliminating the expenses associated with mailing paper receipts to Harrisburg.

"We are very proud that we are reducing expenses to both state and county government by being a leader statewide in records automation," said Petrille. "This initiative is just the latest example, along with our online records searches and online marriage applications, of our commitment to making government more accessible to all."

The office of Register of Wills and Clerk of the Orphans Court is responsible for admitting wills to probate, appointing administrators of intestate estates, collecting inheritance taxes on behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, issuing marriage licenses and processing filings involving estate disputes, incapacitated persons and adoptions which are heard before the Orphans' Court Division of the Court of Common Pleas. Don Petrilie has served in the office since 2012.

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