

SURROGATE'S COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

In the Matter of the Estate of

\_\_\_\_\_,

STAPLE AFFIDAVIT

Deceased.

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_)

ss:

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_\_, (insert name), being duly sworn, deposes and says:

**(CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING IN THIS SECTION)**

1. \_\_\_\_ I make this Affidavit to explain the presence of staple holes at the top of the cover page used to assemble the Will of the decedent.
2. \_\_\_\_ I make this Affidavit to explain the presence of removed and then reinserted staples at the top of the cover page used to assemble the Will of the decedent
3. \_\_\_\_ I make this Affidavit to explain the presence of no staple holes at the top of the cover page used to assemble the Will of the decedent.

**(CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING IN THIS SECTION)**

4. \_\_\_\_ I removed the staples from the Will for the purpose of [please explain in detail]:
5. \_\_\_\_ The Will has never had staples and was originally assembled: (check one)
  - \_\_\_\_ held in a binder
  - \_\_\_\_ clasp/paper clip
  - \_\_\_\_ unknown
  - \_\_\_\_ other [please explain]
6. \_\_\_\_ The staples were removed by [please specify who removed the staples, his/her relationship to the decedent, how the Will came into your possession and its condition when you obtained possession and other information concerning the circumstances surrounding the staple removal]

7. \_\_\_\_\_ I do not know who removed the staples from the Will. The original Will was given to me by \_\_\_\_\_ in the condition it was in when filed with the Court. I did not remove the staples from the Will.

8. No pages were added, deleted or substituted during the time the Will was in my possession.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Sworn to before me this  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public