

Details of grave

Grave deeds **must be** produced with this application, if deeds are not available please complete section A

Name of Cemetery: Grave no.: Grant no.:

Grave owner: Purchase date:

Applicant details

I the applicant (please print name) :

of (print address):

..... Post code:

Do solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:

a. The grave deeds cannot be produced because

b. I wish to be registered as the successor in title to the Exclusive Right of Burial appertaining to the above grave as the previous owner died on

1. I hereby declare that I am entitled to be named as the successor (no person precedes me in the order of succession as overleaf) in title as the rightful person to arrange a burial and memorial in the above grave for the following reasons, I am the

☐ Spouse of the deceased grave owner

☐ Only child of the grave owner

☐ A child of the deceased grave owner.

☐ Other nearest next of kin

All other siblings have signed Page 2 (Form of Renunciation)

Please explain below

2. To the best of my knowledge and belief (name of grave owner) had never assigned the benefits of the grave rights to any other person or specified any reservation of the grave for any particular person in accordance with item 10(6) in the Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977.

3. I hereby declare that I will indemnify the Sandwell Council against all actions, proceedings, demands, costs and expenses of any nature whatsoever (including the exhumation of any burial) should it be subsequently proved my claim as aforesaid is unfounded and that I have no title to exercise the rights in this grave.

4. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Statutory Declaration Act 1835

Declaration

Declared at

thisday of

Signature of applicant

before me (name of J.P. or Commissioner of Oaths)

Signature

Office address

Sandwell Bereavement Services

Sandwell Valley Crematorium, Newton Road, West Bromwich, B71 3SX

0121 569 6707 ■ bereavement_burials@sandwell.gov.uk

What is a Statutory declaration?

The statutory declaration exists to ensure that burial and memorial rights are exercised by the rightful person when there is no owner available or if the deeds have been lost. This helps to protect both the owner of those rights and the council. It is used by most burial and cremation authorities in England and is supported by the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management. **If there is a Will please call us on 0121 569 6707 as a separate form may be required.**

Form of renunciation (page two)

This section of the form is to be signed by anyone of equal kinship i.e. brother/sisters/cousins etc. to the person who will be completing the Statutory Declaration. The signatures on this page can be witnessed by anyone who knows the person.

Order of succession (page three)

The order of succession is to be used as guidance to identify the rightful person to exercise the burial and memorial rights. If there is more than one person of equal kinship i.e. three brothers and/or sisters then **all will have to sign the form.**

It is up to the family to identify one person to sign and complete page one.

The order of succession **always starts** with the original grave owner.

Statutory declaration (page four)

This section is to be completed by the **one person** who will be granted permission to arrange a burial and/or memorial in/on the grave.

This section of the form needs to be signed in front of a J.P. or Commissioner of Oaths.

Deeds

If you send in original deeds these will be updated to acknowledge the new registered owner and returned to the person who completed page four.

If no deed is produced new deeds will be issued for the remainder of the initial lease when the Statutory Declaration has been accepted .

Form of Renunciation

I/We, the undersigned hereby renounce all my/our interest in
Grave No. Grant no.
in Cemetery (name of Cemetery), and desire that the
said rights shall be vested in my/our (relationship to applicant) the applicant on page one of this
document (name of applicant on page one) of (address of applicant on page
one)
.....
Date:

Details of all siblings / cousins etc.
Name: Address: Signature:
Name: Address: Signature:
Name: Address: Signature:
Name: Address: Signature:
Name: Address: Signature:
Name: Address: Signature:
Name: Address: Signature:

Witnesses details
Name: Address: Signature:
Name: Address: Signature:
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Next of kin

Order of succession for the applicant
for exclusive right of burial when grave owner is deceased

Name of grave owner:

- 1. The surviving lawful husband or wife
- 2. The children of the deceased
- 3. The grandchildren of the deceased
- 4. The father and mother of the deceased
- 5. Whole blood brothers and sisters of the deceased
- 6. Whole blood nephews and nieces of the deceased
- 7. Half blood brothers and sisters of the deceased
- 8. Half blood nephews and nieces of the deceased
- 9. Grandparents
- 10. Whole blood uncles and aunts of the deceased
- 11. Children of whole blood uncles and aunts of the deceased (full cousins)
- 12. Half blood uncles and aunts of the deceased
- 13. Children of half blood uncles and aunts of the deceased (half blood cousins)
- 14. Other persons with an interest in the estate may apply