

IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

IN THE DISTRICT REGISTRY OF ARUSHA

AT ARUSHA

PROBATE & ADMINISTRATION CAUSE NO. 25 OF 2021

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE

CAROLINE HANNAH MAEDA.....DECEASED

AND

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION

FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION BY

WALTER SEKUMBO MAEDA & MARTHA JUDITH MAEDA.....PETITIONERS

RULING

25/11/2021 & 23/12/2021

GWAE, J

The petitioners namely; **Walter Sekumbo Maeda and Martha Judith Maeda** being son and daughter respectively of the deceased person one **Caroline Hannah Maeda** are before this court petitioning for letters of administration of the estate of their late mother who died intestate on 3rd May 2021 at Mount Meru Hospital. The deceased at the time of her death is said to have a fixed place of abode at Corridor Area, Uzunguni in Arusha Region.

The petition is to the effect that the deceased is survived by two sons and four daughters namely; Walter Sekumbo Maeda, Martha Judith Maeda, Lilian Rose Maeda, Elizabeth Joyce Maeda, Daniel David Maeda and Mary Beatrice Soka. The estate that is likely to be administered by the petitioners' is of an estimated value of Tshs. 1,000,000,000/= and the same includes movable and immovable properties but not limited to;

HOUSES

- i. Corridor Area Plot No. 72, Arusha
- ii. Corridor Area Plot No. 86, Arusha
- iii. Moshono, Arumeru District, Arusha.

FARMS

- i. Mateves, Arumeru District, Arusha
- ii. Moshono, Arumeru District, Arusha
- iii. Kisongo, Arumeru District, Arusha.

FARM ANIMALS

- i. 10 Cattle
 - ii. 40 goats
- }located at Kimandolu Farm

VEHICLES

- i. Land Rover Discovery T 632 AGT
- ii. Toyota Prado T 273 AUN

BANK ACCOUNTS

- i. NBC

ii. EXIM

SHARES

- i. East African Breweries Limited
- ii. Tanzania Breweries Limited
- iii. CRDB Bank Plc
- iv. Twiga Cement

At the hearing, the petitioners through their advocate Mr. Maeda, informed the court that they have made the requisite citation through **Mwananchi** Newspaper dated 15th November 2021 and no caveat that has been entered in respect of the petition. He went further to state the relationship between the deceased and petitioners. Therefore, it was his prayer that this application be granted.

One Mary Maeda also testified in this court in support of the petition by stating that, she is familiar with the petitioners as they are siblings and that, the family members have consented for the sought letters of administration by the petitioners through a family meeting. Together with this petition, the petitioners have attached a copy of the death certificate and the minutes of the clan meeting appointing them.

I have considered the petition, so to speak, I have found no reason as to why letters of administration should not be granted to the petitioners for the reasons that, **firstly**, that, ever since the petition has been filed in this court together with the citation to the public, no caveat has been entered in respect of the petition or whatsoever,

Secondly, I have gone through the minutes of the clan meeting the petitioners appears to have been dully appointed by the family members including other children of the deceased with no reservations to petition for letters of administration of the estate of their late mother and **Thirdly**, the petitioners are the deceased's heirs, they are inevitably interested persons in the deceased person's estate and eligible persons to be granted letters of administration.

Having said so, I am of the considered view that since the petition has disclosed that the deceased left valuable properties, it is thus prudent that such properties fall under the administration of an administrator (s) dully appointed by this court so that to ensure that, the said properties are protected from being misappropriated by dishonest people.

That being said and done, the petitioners, **Walter Sekumbo Maeda** and **Martha Judith Maeda** are hereby appointed as administrators of the estate of their late mother **Caroline Hannah Maeda**.

The appointed administrators are hereby directed to administer the deceased person's estate in accordance with the law. They are further to make and exhibit inventory of the deceased's estate in this court within **six (6)** months from the date of this ruling and present final accounts after **twelve (12)** months from the date of this order.

It is so ordered.


M.R. GWAE
JUDGE
23/12/2021

COURT: Mention on 23/06/2022 for ascertainment of the filling of the inventory by the administrators any other related matters.


M.R. GWAE
JUDGE
23/12/2021

