

WILLS

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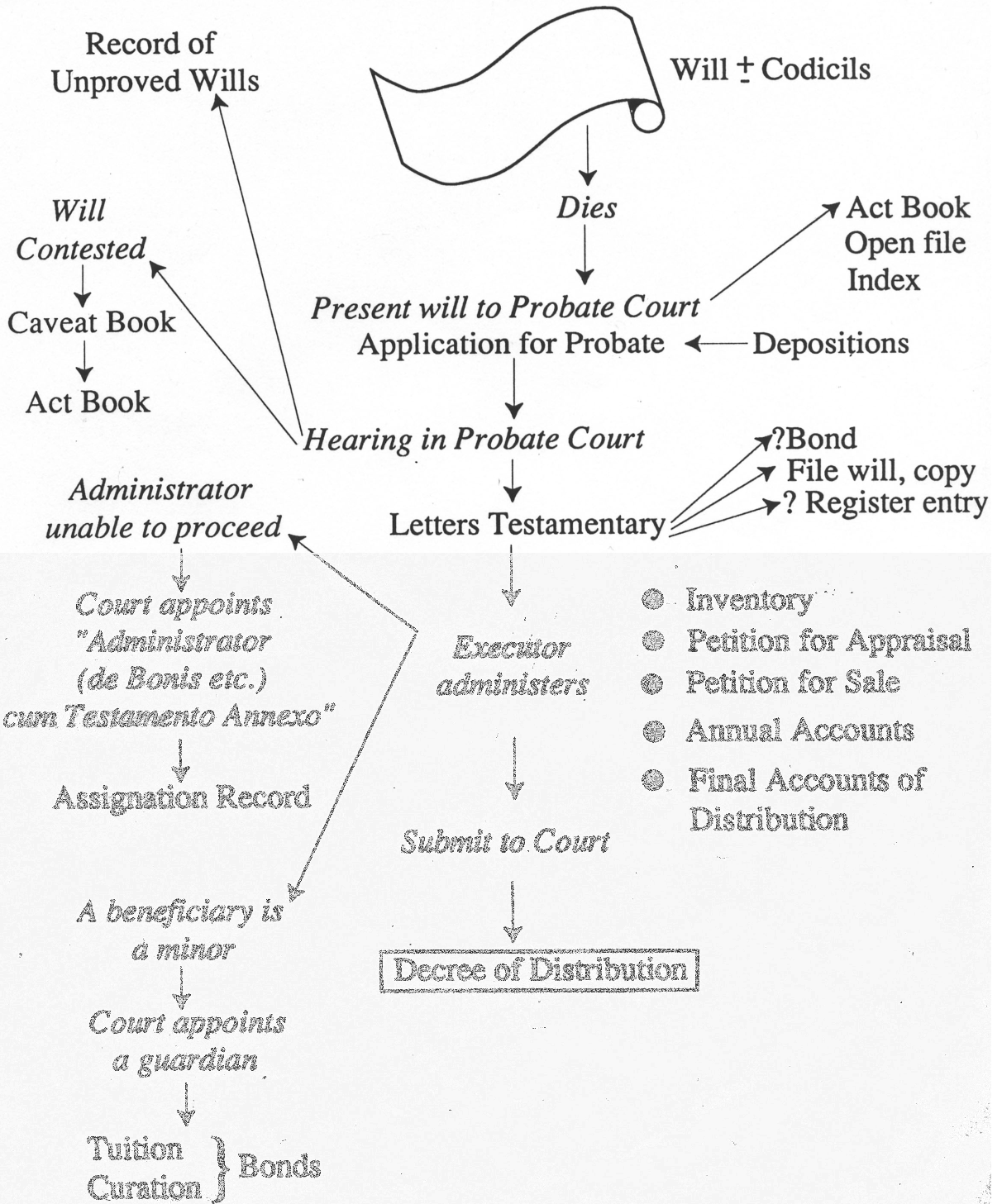
PROBATE

When estates are settled either with or without a will, there is an extensive paper trail. The two charts shown here show the various steps that can take place in settling an estate and the consequent paper trail.

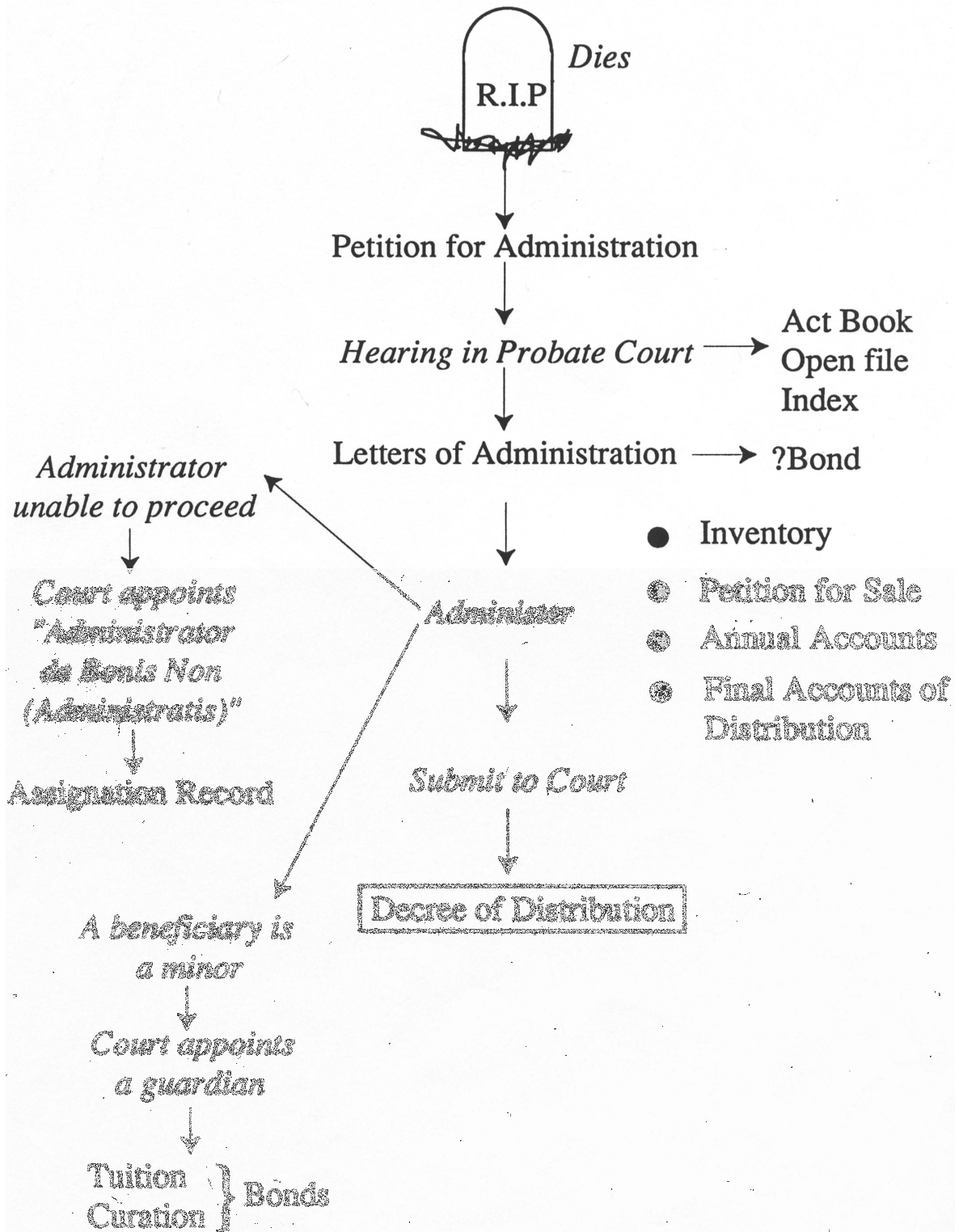
The first chart, Testate, shows the paper trail when the deceased has a will. The second chart, Intestate, shows the paper trail when there is no will and there is an Administrator appointed.

In the United States they make up Probate Packets, which are files of all documents relating to the settlement of an individuals estate. These Packets can also be called Probate Files, Probate Estate Paper, Case Files or Estate Files.

TESTATE



INTESTATE



FINDING PROBATES AND WILL

A. Find and read about Probate records in the Research Guide for the area you are researching.

- 1. <http://www.familysearch.org>**
- 2. Click on - View maps, forms, guides and other research helps.**
- 3. Click on letter for your location - say O for Ontario**
- 4. Scroll to Ontario Research Guide.**
- 5. Find Probate in Table of Contents.**
- 6. Read about probate. Don=t forget to read the hotlinks.**

B. Find films of probate and wills.

- 1. Go to Home page of familysearch.org and click on Family History Catalogue.**
- 2. In Place search type in Ontario.**
- 3. Look for probate or administration records.**
- 4. Look for index to probate.**
- 5. Order film at FHC for year person died. You may have to search several years to find the probate.
(Check to see if film it is in FHC)**

C. When you find the year of probate then search for a film on wills for that year and place an order for that film.

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