

1 State of South Carolina) Court of Common Pleas
 2 County of Richland) Fifth Judicial Circuit
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 4 Samuel C. Brown,) Transcript of Record
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 5 Plaintiff,)
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 6 vs.) 2023-CP-40-06441
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 7 Timothy Truesdale and)
 Maudy Truesdale,)
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 9 Defendants.)

10 December 10, 2024
 11 Columbia, South Carolina

12 B E F O R E:

13 The Honorable Daniel Coble, Judge

14 A P P E A R A N C E S:

15 Samuel Brown, Pro Se Plaintiff
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1 (The following proceedings were held December 10,
2 2024, beginning at 11:00 a.m.)

3 BAILIFF: All rise. Court come to order, please.

4 THE COURT: All right. You may be seated.

5 All right. We are back on the record on the case
6 of Samuel Brown versus Timothy Truesdale, et. al. This
7 is Case Number 2023-CP-40-6441. Mr. Brown is present.
8 This is a non-jury case, which is on the roster for this
9 week.

10 Mr. Brown filed his summons and complaint, filed
11 a notice of publication. There's been no response.
12 There's no one for the defense present. Mr. Brown's
13 filed a complaint regarding abandoned property.

14 All right. Mr. Brown, do you plan on giving
15 testimony or do you have a witness here for you?

16 MR. BROWN: I gave my testimony affidavit to --

17 THE COURT: All right. Raise your right.

18 MR. BROWN: -- in my complaint.

19 (Whereupon, Samuel Brown was duly sworn by the
20 Court.)

21 THE COURT: All right. So your complaint states
22 that -- it's essentially one paragraph here, that the
23 estates you claiming title to is as owners is abandon,
24 vacant and unclaimed. The County has found you on
25 neglecting on paying his or her taxes and out of go faith

1 I will convey to recover real property as possessors
2 and owner. See Section 15-67-10, 20 and 30.

3 All right. You can go ahead and present your case.

4 MR. BROWN: Yeah, that's pretty much
5 self-explanatory. It's vacant land and it's -- it was
6 up for sale while I was occupying it, so I figured I
7 would go ahead and convey to it so Mr. Truesdale ain't
8 coming to redeem or recover his land or any of his heirs
9 aren't either. I served everyone by publication. My
10 affidavit, notice of -- Register of Deeds, I tried to
11 get registered with John Hopkins. My affidavit to claim
12 is pretty much -- that's in the record also. The
13 lis pendens, I put a lis pendens on it, and I'm just
14 trying to get my affidavit recorded that stands as truth.

15 THE COURT: So why are you entitled to this piece of
16 property?

17 MR. BROWN: It's vacant. Section 15-67-10 you've
18 got there how to bring an action against any person that's
19 allowing that land to be vacant or absentee landlord, at
20 least one action in the state of South Carolina, and that
21 -- I can pull it up for you.

22 THE COURT: No, I've read the statute. It's adverse
23 possession.

24 MR. BROWN: Right, and no one's here to rebut it, so
25 it stands as true.

1 THE COURT: No, that's not how it works. You
2 still have to prove your case about how you're entitled
3 to this piece of property.

4 MR. BROWN: Well, they need to rebut, then -- and
5 other than that if someone was interfering with -- with
6 my testimony and that's tampering with, and I don't -- I
7 don't understand what you're trying to get out of me.

8 THE COURT: I'm just -- if you'll present evidence --

9 MR. BROWN: I've got bills. I've got light bills,
10 I've got water bills that I was occupying the residence.
11 If you want me to present that, I can do that.

12 THE COURT: Whatever you want to present to show
13 that this is your property.

14 You can hand that to this deputy here and he'll hand
15 it to the clerk.

16 MR. BROWN: That's one of my old bills, but -- the
17 City of Columbia, I got a water bill, I paid it last
18 week. And just right now they tried to sell the property
19 from under me while I was occupying it and wouldn't let
20 me pay the taxes because it was still in Mr. Truesdale's
21 name, so I -- I swore the truth. I swore -- I'm under
22 oath, I'm under penalty of perjury, you know, I'm not
23 telling no story here. If so, Mr. Truesdale or someone
24 would be here to rebut it. But, like I said, no one's
25 here. I'm just trying to get my affidavit recorded in

1 the Register of Deeds. I don't see what's the issue.

2 THE COURT: All right. I'll take this under
3 advisement. I'll review the pleadings before I make
4 my decision, okay?

5 MR. BROWN: Thank you, sir.

6 THE COURT: You'll get something in the mail when I
7 make my decision.

8 MR. BROWN: Yes, sir.

9 THE COURT: We will mark this as --

10 MR. BROWN: I've got more. I can upload it to the
11 docket at any time if you want me to. I've got all my
12 bills.

13 THE COURT: All right. Take -- we'll hand this back
14 to you. You can file anything you would like, but you
15 have to do it today.

16 MR. BROWN: Another thing, too. I was thinking
17 about it, if you don't grant it, I want to do a motion
18 to change the venue. I did an affidavit on that. I just
19 need to get it notarized.

20 THE COURT: Change of venue to where?

21 MR. BROWN: To a higher court.

22 THE COURT: Change it to a higher court?

23 MR. BROWN: Well, to the next court or to --

24 THE COURT: No, the process -- after I make my
25 decision, you can appeal it to that higher court, okay?

1 MR. BROWN: Or -- or to another judge. Change the
2 judge. Venue for my judge.

3 THE COURT: You can't pick and choose judges.

4 MR. BROWN: Okay.

5 THE COURT: All right. I'll take this under
6 advisement. Thank you, sir.

7 MR. BROWN: Thank you.

8 THE COURT: All right. Court is adjourned.

9 (Whereupon, the proceedings were concluded at
10 11:06 AM.)

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I, Stacy S. Johnson, Official Court Reporter for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of the State of South Carolina, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, accurate and complete transcript of record of all the proceedings had and the evidence introduced in the hearing of the captioned case in Circuit Court on the 10th day of December, 2024.

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April 29, 2025

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