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APPEAL FROM BEAUFORT COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

The Honorable Marvin H. Dukes, III

Case No.: 2017-CP-07-02110
Appellate Case No. 2024-001053

Charles Willis Gardner.....Respondent,

v.

Taylor Reuben Adams, and Beaufort County, South Carolina, Defendants,
of which Taylor Reuben Adams is the Appellant.

AND

Beaufort County, South Carolina is a Respondent.

SUPPLEMENTAL RECORD ON APPEAL
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August 14, 2025

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	)	FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF BEAUFORT	)	CIVIL ACTION NO.: 2017-CP-07-02110
	)	
CHARLES WILLIS GARDNER,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	CONSENT ORDER OF REFERENCE
	)	
vs.	)	
	)	
TAYLOY REUBEN ADAMS,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	
	)	

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED, that the within action be referred to The Honorable Marvin H. Dukes, III, the Master in Equity for Beaufort County, for the purpose of making appropriate findings of fact and conclusion of law with the authority to enter a final judgment in this case. Any appeal from any order or judgment issued by the master shall be to the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeals as provided by the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules.

The Plaintiff is responsible for paying the Reference Fee as set forth in South Carolina Code of Laws Section 14-11-310; however, if the Plaintiff's case has ended, any remaining party seeking Affirmative Relief shall be responsible for the fee. If the case is a Partition Action or Lien Foreclosure the fee amount is \$100.00; for all other types of cases the fee is \$50.00. The Reference Fee shall be paid to the Office of the Master in Equity for Beaufort County within 30 days of the date of this Order or the Master will dismiss the case for non-payment of the Reference Fee without further notice.

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So Ordered

s/Jerri Ann Roseneau, Beaufort County Clerk of
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF BEAUFORT

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

CASE NO: 2017-CP-07-02110

Charles Willis Gardner,

Plaintiff(s),

vs.

Taylor Reuben Adams, et al.,

Defendant(s).

ORDER

This case before me May 3rd, 2023, on Plaintiff, Charles Willis Gardner's Motion for Temporary Injunction that was filed on May 24th, 2022. After hearing from parties and review of the file, I hereby respectfully deny the motion without prejudice.

Additionally, Plaintiff will file an Amended Summons and Complaint.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Honorable Marvin H. Dukes, III
Master in Equity and Special Circuit Court Judge
for Beaufort County

May ____, 2023
Beaufort, South Carolina



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s/Marvin H. Dukes III #3069

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF BEAUFORT

CHARLES WILLIS GARDNER,

Plaintiff,

vs.

TAYLOR REUBEN ADAMS,

Defendant.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
 FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 CIVIL ACTION NO.: 2017-CP-07-02110

MOTION TO REOPEN DEFAULT

TO: G. HAMLIN O'KELLY, III, ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:

The Defendant, by and through his undersigned attorney will move before the Beaufort County Master in Equity on the tenth (10th) day after service hereof or as soon thereafter as is convenient to Court and counsel for an Order relieving the Default alleged against Defendant on the grounds that the default date is June 22, 2023 at the earliest, surprise and/or excusable neglect, to-wit:

1. Defendant's counsel was out of the country from May 18-31, 2023 and out of the state from June 8-11, 2023.
2. Defendant's counsel is unaware of any order prior to May 23, 2023 which allows Plaintiff to amend its Complaint. The filing of the Amended Complaint on May 10, 2023 was not authorized.
3. The Answer to the Amended Complaint attached hereto as Exhibit A is timely pursuant to the May 23, 2023 Court Order and the Amended Summons which gives Defendant 30 days to file an answer.
4. Counsel for Defendant was with Plaintiff's counsel on June 7, 2023 for a deposition of Defendant. At no time did counsel for the Plaintiff mention he was going to file an Affidavit of Default next day.

Defendant requests that this Court rule that the Answer to the Amended Complaint and Counterclaim be deemed timely filed under the May 23, 2023 Order and Amended Summons.

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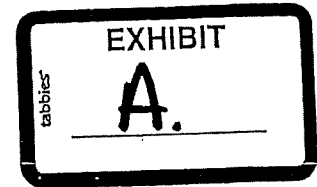
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF BEAUFORT)
CHARLES WILLIS GARDNER,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.)
TAYLOR REUBEN ADAMS,)
Defendant.)

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CIVIL ACTION NO.: 2017-CP-07-02110

ANSWER TO AMENDED
SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

The Defendant, Taylor Reuben Adams, by way of Answer to the Amended Complaint, would allege that:

FOR A FIRST DEFENSE

1. Each and every allegation of the Amended Complaint not hereinafter admitted, qualified or explained is denied.
2. Defendant admits only so much of Paragraph 1 as alleges Plaintiff owns property on Warsaw Island. Defendant denies Plaintiff has any easement.
3. As to the allegations of Paragraph 2 of the Amended Complaint, Defendant admits he owns real property in Beaufort County, Defendant denies Plaintiff has an easement over Defendant's property.
4. Defendant admits Paragraph 3 of the Amended Complaint.
5. As to the allegations of Paragraph 4 of the Amended Complaint, Defendant would allege that the records of the Register of Deeds speak for themselves.
6. Defendant admits Paragraph 5 and 6 of the Amended Complaint.
7. As to the allegations of Paragraph 7 of the Amended Complaint, Defendant admits the Court has jurisdiction.
8. Paragraph 8 of the Amended Complaint needs no further response.
9. Defendant admits the allegations of Paragraph 9 of the Amended Complaint.
10. Defendant denies the allegations of Paragraph 10 of the Amended Complaint.

11. As to the allegations of Paragraph 11 of the Amended Complaint, Defendant denies he has trespassed on Plaintiff's property.

12. Defendant denies the allegations of Paragraph 12 of the Amended Complaint.

13. Paragraph 13 of the Amended Complaint needs no further response.

14. Defendant denies the allegation of Paragraphs 14, 15, and 16 of the Amended Complaint.

15. Paragraph 17 of the Amended Complaint needs no further response.

16. Defendant denies the allegation of Paragraphs 18 through 21 of the Amended Complaint..

17. Paragraph 22 of the Amended Complaint needs no further response.

18. Defendant denies the allegations of Paragraph 23 through 27 of the Complaint and would allege that the Court of Appeal ruling was based only upon the Record of Appeal and additional evidence will be introduced in the trial of this case.

FOR A SECOND DEFENSE

19. Each and every allegation of the First Defense is realleged as fully as if repeated verbatim herein.

20. The Plaintiff's claims are barred by the Doctrine of Res Judicata in that all issues raised the Plaintiff have been previously litigated in a Quiet Title Action in Beaufort County bearing Civil Action No.: 1989-CP-07-879.

FOR A THIRD DEFENSE

21. Each and every allegation of the First and Second Defenses is realleged as fully as if repeated verbatim herein.

22. Plaintiff's action is barred by the Defense of Unclean Hands.

FOR A FOURTH DEFENSE AND BY WAY OF COUNTERCLAIM

23. Each and every allegation of the First through Third Defenses is realleged as fully as if repeated verbatim herein.

24. The property in question is owned by the Defendant by virtue of the 1989 Quiet Title Action, the Defendant's deed and chain of title and the plats of record.

25. The Plaintiff has engaged upon a consistent pattern of trespass and harassment towards the Defendant.

26. The Plaintiff has been given multiple trespass warnings, including a warning from the Beaufort County Sheriff's Department, yet the Plaintiff continues to trespass upon the Defendant's property.

27. The Defendant prays that the Court restrain the Plaintiff from any further trespasses on his property and grant the Defendant actual and consequential damages for the consistent and continual trespass by the Plaintiff.

FOR A FIFTH DEFENSE AND BY WAY OF A SECOND COUNTERCLAIM

28. Each and every allegation of the First through Fourth Defenses is realleged as fully as if repeated verbatim herein.

29. The Defendant believes that the Plaintiff's claim violates the South Carolina Civil Frivolous Civil Procedures Sanctions Act and the Defendant, accordingly, requests that he be rewarded his reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

FOR A SIXTH DEFENSE AND BY WAY OF A THIRD COUNTERCLAIM

30. Each and every allegation of the First through Fifth Defenses is realleged as fully as if repeated verbatim herein.

31. The Plaintiff has continuously and maliciously engaged in conduct that has interfered with Defendant's quiet enjoyment of his lawfully owned property and infringing on Defendant's privacy rights.

32. Plaintiff has, among other things, engaged in the following deliberate and malicious conduct:

a. Installing music speakers on the edge of his property pointed towards Defendant and playing loud music with purposeful intent of disturbing Defendant and his wife;

b. Installing video cameras pointing at Defendant's property to spy on Defendant and his wife with the purposeful intent of disturbing Defendant and his wife;

c. Yelling, shouting, and using continual profanity, directed at Defendant and his wife;

d. Cleaning fish on the border of the property and leaving fish refuse to harass Defendant;

e. Plaintiff has violated mutual Restraining Orders and was incarcerated by a Beaufort County Magistrate for such violations;

f. Plaintiff has encouraged others to engage in similar behavior while on Plaintiff's property; and

g. Has interfered with Defendant's attempts to market and sell his property.

33. This conduct of Plaintiff is willful, wanton, and deliberate.

34. This conduct has caused Defendant actual and consequential damages.

FOR A SEVENTH DEFENSE AND BY WAY OF A FOURTH COUNTERCLAIM

35. Each and every allegation of the First through Sixth Defenses is realleged as fully as if repeated verbatim herein.

36. The conduct of the Plaintiff constitutes a nuisance with Defendant's ownership, use, and enjoyment of his property.

37. Plaintiff has been under Court Orders to stop such conduct and he has ignored said Orders.

38. As a direct and proximate result of the nuisance, Defendant has suffered actual and consequential damages and is entitled to punitive damages.

FOR A EIGHTH DEFENSE AND BY WAY OF A FIFTH COUNTERCLAIM

39. Each and every allegation of the First through Seventh Defenses is realleged as fully as if repeated verbatim herein.

40. Defendant request that Plaintiff be temporarily and permanently enjoined from harassing Defendant and interfering in any way with Defendant's lawful quiet enjoyment of his property.

WHEREFORE, Defendant prays that Plaintiff's and the County's causes of action be dismissed, that Plaintiff be awarded all damages requested herein and/or appropriate attorney fees and costs, and for such other relief as is just and proper.

FINGER, MELNICK & BROOKS, P.A.

s/Terry A. Finger

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
COUNTY OF BEAUFORT) CIVIL ACTION NO: 2017-CP-07-02110

CHARLES WILLIS GARDNER,
Plaintiff,

vs.

TAYLOR REUBEN ADAMS,
Defendant.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY
JUDGMENT

TO: ALL COUNSEL OF RECORD:

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the Intervenor, Beaufort County, will move on the tenth day after service hereof, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, for an Order of this Court granting Summary Judgment to Beaufort County and declaring Beaufort County the owner of the road and boat ramp and the property which is the subject of this action. This motion is made upon the following grounds:

Subsequent to the filing of the original Summons and Complaint in this matter, the Defendant was granted partial summary judgment regarding ownership of the subject property.

That ruling of the Circuit Court was appealed in the South Carolina Court of Appeals. That upon hearing the case, the South Carolina Court of Appeals ruled that the subject property is a Beaufort County public road and is not owned by either the Plaintiff or the Defendant in this matter.

The South Carolina Court of Appeals issued that ruling in the case *Gardner vs. Adams*, Appellate Case No: 2018-001635 filed on April 27, 2022.

In its ruling, the Court of Appeals found a reasonable interpretation of the master-in-equity's 1990 order is that the "unpaved county road," "unpaved Beaufort County road," and "thirty (30) foot dirt road" are all the same road. Neither Leroy Gardner, Sr. nor John Howard owned the road; thus, neither Charles Gardner nor Adams (through his position in the Howard Property's chain of title) owns it now.

Neither the Plaintiff nor the Defendant appealed the ruling of the South Carolina Court of Appeals and, therefore, the aforementioned ruling of the Court of Appeals is the law of this case.

Beaufort County respectfully requests that this Honorable Court inquire in the matters herein and issue an Order declaring Beaufort County the owner of the roadway which is the subject of this litigation and the boat ramp located on or adjacent to the subject property.

This motion shall be based upon the statutory and common laws of the State of South Carolina, the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, the pleadings, affidavits and discovery documents exchanged herein.

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June 26, 2023

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I served the foregoing Motion for Summary Judgment upon all counsel of record by electronically filing with the Court on 26th day of June, 2023.

By: s/Robert W. Achurch, III
Robert W. Achurch, III

RULE 11 CERTIFICATION

I certify pursuant to Rule 11 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure that:

- ☐ I have consulted with opposing counsel and have been unable to resolve the matter.
- ☒ Consultation with opposing counsel would serve no useful purpose or is not required.
- ☐ Consultation with opposing counsel could not be timely held.
- ☐ I certify that there is no duty of consultation for the attached motion (to dismiss, for summary judgment, for new trial, for judgment NOV, in real estate foreclosures, or with pro se litigants.)

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Plaintiff,	)	
vs.	)	AFFIDAVIT OF DEFAULT
	)	
Taylor Reuben Adams and Beaufort County,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

G. Hamlin O'Kelley, III, being first duly sworn deposes and states as follows:

1. I am an attorney with the firm of Buist, Byars & Taylor, LLC, in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, and our firm represents the Plaintiff in the above-referenced matter.

2. As evidenced by the filed Certificate of Electronic Notification attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein, the Defendant, Taylor Reuben Adams, was served with the filed Amended Summons and Complaint in the above-referenced matter by Electronic Notification to Defendant's counsel, Terry A. Finger, on May 10, 2023.

3. The Defendant has not sought an extension to answer or otherwise plead and more than fifteen (15) days have passed since service.

4. The Defendant has not answered, moved or otherwise pled and no answer, motion or other responsive pleading has been served on the Plaintiff or its attorney by the Defendant within the time prescribed by Rule 55 SCRPC.

5. More than fifteen (15) days have lapsed since the service of the Defendant.

6. I am informed and believe that the Defendant is in default as to the Summons and Complaint filed by the Plaintiff pursuant to Rule 15 and Rule 55 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure.

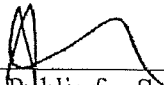
7. I am informed and believe that the Plaintiff, is entitled to all relief as more fully set forth in its Complaint, and

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Mount Pleasant, South Carolina

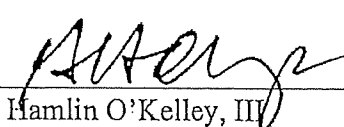
June 8, 2023

Sworn to before me this 8th day
of June, 2023



Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires: _____





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Document(s) Submitted: Amended/Amended Summons And Complaint

Filed by or on behalf of: George Hamlin O'Kelley, III

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be served by traditional means:

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF BEAUFORT

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Plaintiff,

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Defendants.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
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AFFIDAVIT OF NON-MILITARY SERVICE

PERSONALLY APPEARED before me G. Hamlin O'Kelley, III, Attorney for the Plaintiff, who, being duly sworn, says that he is familiar with provision 50 U.S.C.A., § 520, Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act of 1940, and to induce the court to enter a default judgment against the Defendant, Taylor Reuben Adams, he represents to the court that from his file in this matter the Defendant, Taylor Reuben Adams, is not a member of the armed services of the United States, and, therefore, is not entitled to the protection of Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act of 1940 or any amendments thereto, and

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Mount Pleasant, South Carolina

June 8, 2023

Sworn to before me this 8th day
of June, 2023

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This confirms the trial dates of January 22nd, 2024 through January 24th, 2024, starting at 9:30 a.m. Please mark your calendars, as this is the only notice you will receive from the Court. Please send notice to anyone who needs to attend this hearing. Also, please see the below regarding your Court Reporter responsibilities.

Attention:

We no longer have a Court Reporter, therefore you are responsible for bringing your own, should you choose to have one. If there is even a possibility of live testimony at the hearing, you are REQUIRED to bring your own Court Reporter. Failure to do so will result in the cancellation and rescheduling of the hearing.

Please contact us immediately if you are:

1. Waiting on a ruling and it has been more than 30 days.
2. Ready to schedule a Trial date.
3. Have a motion older than 30 days and need to schedule a hearing.

Thanking You in Advance,

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YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a three (3) day trial hearing in the above-captioned matter will be held before the Honorable Marvin H. Dukes, III, Master in Equity for Beaufort County, located at the Beaufort County Courthouse, 102 Ribaut Road, 2nd Floor, Beaufort, SC 29902 starting on Monday, January 22, 2023 through Wednesday, January 24, 2023, starting at 9:30 A.M.

PLEASE BE PRESENT IF SO MINDED.

Respectfully submitted,

Mt. Pleasant, SC
September 18, 2023

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*Re: Charles Willis Gardner v Taylor Reuben Adams et al.,
C/A No.: 2027-CP-07-02110
Client File No.: 9961.0001*

Dear Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Notice of Trial Hearing in the above-referenced matter.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact our office at your convenience. With warm regards, I remain

Yours very truly,

G. Hamlin O'Kelley, III

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Enclosures

Cc: (w/ Encl. via SC E File)
The Honorable Marvin H. Dukes, III

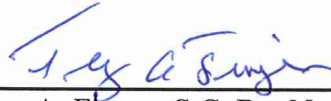
CERTIFICATE OF COUNSEL

The undersigned hereby certifies that the Supplemental Record on Appeal contains all material proposed to be included by any of the parties and not any other material.

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