

BRIEF OF APPELLANT  
THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Court Pleas  
[In The Supreme Court]

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APPEAL FROM SUMTER COUNTY  
Court of Common Pleas

Michael Jordan, Master in Equity Judge

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CASE NO. 2025-002220

Celestine Parker  
Loretta Black

Appellants,

v.

Valarie McCray

Respondent

John Doe, Jane Doe, Richard Roe, Mary Roe, Infants, Insane Persons and Incompetents, Being Fictitious Names, Designating as a Class Any Unknown Person or Persons, Whose True Names are Unknown, Who May be and Heir, Distributee, Devisee, Legatee, Widow, Widower, Issue, Personal Representative, Executor, Administrator, Successor, Creditor, Assign and/or alienee of Phillis Weathers; Valarie McCray, Harry Burns, Alma Jackson, Lynn Neely, Matthew Peterson, Carolyn Dupree, Gary Dupree, Gregory Dupree, Edith Davis, May Thelma McGee, Rodney Pitts, Denise Pitts, Sheryl James, Marie Gillespie, Eugene Canty, Ethel Swain, Amanda Canty, Connie Canty, Alexander Canty, Clarence Canty Jr., Daniel Canty, Luther Brogdon, Everette Brogdon, Naomi Brogdon, Obar Davis, Wilaba Brogdon, Michelle Thompson, Harold Brogdon Jr., Janice Brogdon, Lillie Mae Cleaveland Payton, Brian Canty, Gloria Canty, Herbert Canty, Randolph Gaymon, Alvin L. Gaymon, Ernestine Gaymon, Aaliyaa Hasan, Taheedah Griffin, Eugene Dowling, Geline Graham, Christopher Dowling, Sheryl Dowling, Donna Dowling, Sherly Richards, Gail White, Debra White, Dana White, Damon White, Danielle White, Also Any and All Other Persons or Legal Entities, Known and Unknown, having or Claiming Any Right, Title, Estate, Interest In or Lien Upon the Real Property Described in the Complaint,  
Defendants,

of whom Valarie McCray is Respondent.

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## STATEMENT OF ISSUES ON APPEAL

1. DID THE JUDGE ERR IN FAILING TO INCLUDE EVIDENCE PRESENTED BY APPELLANTS THAT COULD PROVE RESPONDENT IS NOT A DESCENDENT.
2. DID THE COURT ERR IN STATING THIS CASE WAS ABOUT LAND, WHICH IT WAS NOT.

## STATEMENT OF THE CASE

On May, 27 2025, this case was brought before Master in Equity, Judge Michael Jordan. It was a Quiet Title case to determine if the respondent was a descenden of Phyllis Weathers. The respondent states her grand mother was the daughter of Phyllis's daughter, Percilla Weathers Gynes., Edna E. Williams.

Edna Williams died in 1996, intestate and in all of her eighty years, she never stated she was a descendent because she knew she was not. A will showed up a year or so later and nothing was stated about being a descendent or an interest in the property

It all started when the son and daughter of Edna had a Lawyer Willie Williams and Juliette Blanding filed a deed, giving them 1/3 interest. The Lawyer stated in writing that he did what Willie Williams told him three years later in 2000.

Willie Died, I am not sure when as I was not notified. Juliette Died in 2023 and I was not notified. We found out in 2024 , I was selected to be the contact person for the family and I paid the taxes on thiis property for 27 years and doing that time, no one ever contacted me as my name was in the Clerk of Court's Office and in the tax Office. Had I not been paying the taxes, we would not be in any court.

In 2024. I did not receive the statement for taxes on that property, so I inquired as to why. I went to the Auditor's office and found that Valarie had taken my nmae off and put her name on. We also found out that her Lawyer had gone to Probate Court and filed , giving Valarie total ownership of Heirs property. No one again contacted me or any other family at any time. We were shocked and surprised that this kind of action was done.

Valarie's :Lawyer was also Guardian ad Litem when the Department came through and got 00.25 acres for a sidewalk. I was at that hearing so her Lawyer knew me and knew that I was a descendent as my mother was a grand daughter of Phyllis Weathers. I was shocked to find out that this same Lawyer was Valarie's Lawyer, which was the same family he was Guardian ad Litem for.

We went to a hearing in the Master in Equity Court in May 27,2025, and we received a Memorandum from the Judge in July, 2025. The Memorandum was denoting the mother of Edna Williams and that was not what the hearing shoukd have been about. We were there to determind if one of the Ellas presented by the respondent was the daughter of Priscilla Weathers Gynes.

Willie Williams and Juliette Blanding presented a death certificate to the courts that Ella Willis was Priscilla's daughter and the mother of Edna Willis Williams, however, this Ella Willis died in 1915 and Edna was born in 1916. This was in 2000. In 2024, the respondent came up with another Ella, Ella C. Murphy who was born in 1912 and died in 1974. Again her daughter, Edna was born in 1916. I researched and found that this Ella Murphy was born in 1888 and died in 1974. Priscilla was born in 1876., died in 1937 .in Ashville N.C.

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### FACTS

The deed given to Willie Williams and Juliette Blanding was invalid as the Attorney stated he took the word of Willie Williams and did not do a title search.

Ella Willis could not be Edna Williams's mother as she died before Edna was born. Ella C Murphy could not be Priscilla's daughter as Priscilla was only twelve years old when Ella Murphy was born.

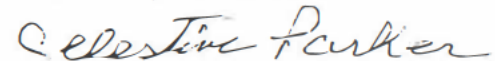
In my mother's lifetime and the life of ten of the thirteen children that Lena Weathers, Cantey, ten of whom I personally knew, there was never a mention of an Ella or that Priscilla having any children.

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### CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated, we ask the courts to render a verdict in the Appellant's favor that Valarie McCray is not a descendant of Phyllis Weathers and her grand mother, Edna Williams is not the grand daughter of Priscilla Weathers Gynes. as Ella C. Murphy is not the natural daughter of Priscilla Weathers Gynes.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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