

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
 COUNTY OF CHESTER )  
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 Mary Simpson Carpenter Crowder by and )  
 through Michael Paul Swearingen, as )  
 Special Administrator for Estate of )  
 Mary Simpson Carpenter Crowder, )  
 Plaintiff, )  
 )  
 v. )  
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 Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Deacons of )  
 Cedar Grove Baptist Church, a/k/a Cedar )  
 Grove Providence Church, SCBT and )  
 South State Bank, )  
 Defendants, )  
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 Cedar Grove Baptist Church, )  
 Third-Party Plaintiff, )  
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 v. )  
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 James Wiley Crowder, III, )  
 Third-Party Defendant. )  
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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
 SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

C/A No. 2023-CP-12-00288

VERDICT FORM

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DEFINITIONS

1. "Estate" means the Estate of Mary Simpson Carpenter Crowder, the plaintiff.
2. "Church" means the Cedar Grove Baptist Church, the defendant and third-party plaintiff.
3. "Jim Crowder" means James Wiley Crowder, III, the third-party defendant.

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I. Answer the following AS TO THE ESTATE'S CLAIM FOR PRESCRIPTIVE EASEMENT:

Do you find that the Estate has established its entitlement to a prescriptive easement by clear and convincing evidence? (Answer only "Yes" or "No")

ANSWER: NO

II. Answer the following AS TO THE CHURCH'S CLAIM FOR TRESPASS AGAINST THE ESTATE:

Do you find that the Church has proven its claim for trespass against the Estate by a preponderance of the evidence? (Answer only "Yes" or "No")

ANSWER: NO

III. Answer the following AS TO THE CHURCH'S CLAIM FOR TRESPASS AGAINST JIM CROWDER

Do you find that the Church has proven its claim for trespass against Jim Crowder by a preponderance of the evidence? (Answer only "Yes" or "No")

ANSWER: yes

IV. If you answered "Yes" to the questions in Section II and/or Section III, then also complete the following:

1. We, the jury, find that Defendant is entitled to actual damages in the amount of (S 7,500.00) dollars.

2. We, the jury, find that Defendant is entitled to punitive damages in the amount of (S 50,000.00) dollars.

Plus all legal fees.

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