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THE COURT: I believe we're talking about the Payne RMUE Church, plaintiff v Payne Church Incorporated, defendants is that correct?

MR. JOHNSON: Yes, sir.

MR. CURRY: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: And I understand ---

MR. CURRY: --- Your Honor?

THE COURT: Pardon?

MR. CURRY: In name because we had a consolidation but in name only but I do have some motions before we start this trial.

THE COURT: Okay. First of all I'd like to put on the record that I had a pretrial conference with the attorneys Mr. Thomas Johnson and Eduardo Curry last week and informed the parties that I was going to do some bifurcation in this case. And the bifurcation is I am going to bifurcate out the non-jury issues with the jury issues.

And the court is of the opinion that the non-jury issue as to ownership of the real estate and the property that is attached thereto is a non-jury issue and we are going to try that first. The remaining jury issues as to the conversion and what was the other cause of action?

MR. CURRY: Slander, violating the agreement ---

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1 THE COURT: --- liable and slander, that's right
2 would be a jury issue which we can determine at a later
3 date with a jury trial. And that was the court's
4 decision and informed the attorneys last week so they
5 could be prepared this week for trial accordingly. Now
6 Mr. Curry you say you have some motions as to that?

7 MR. CURRY: Yes, Your Honor, I do.

8 THE COURT: Before we get there let me ask you a
9 couple of questions. I've been reading in the history
10 that you had provided to me with the Doctrines and
11 Disciplines of the Reformed Methodist Union Episcopal
12 Church. And there are some holes there in the history
13 and I just wanted to ask you some questions if anybody
14 can fill in these holes, okay?

15 MR. CURRY: Yes, Your Honor.

16 THE COURT: Number one let me see we had AME Church
17 and the history first is a northern portion of AME and a
18 southern portion of AME. What geographical area are we
19 referring to back in the 1800's when the AME was one in
20 the same?

21 MR. CURRY: Judge, I am the right person to answer
22 that question since I do some work for the southern
23 Episcopal district or the African Methodist Episcopal
24 Church. At one point the African Methodist Episcopal
25 Church was part of two actual states North Carolina and