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APPEAL FROM CLARENDON COUNTY Family Court of the Third Judicial Circuit

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SC Court of Appeals

Case No. 2004-DR-14-243 & 315

William Robert Simpson, Jr	Appellant
V.	
Becky H. Simpson and Wade Ingle, Defendants, of Whom Becky H. Simpson is ,	Respondent.
RECORD ON APPEAL VOLUME III (Simpson II)	

May 6, 2007

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ECKY H. SIMPSON,) Defendant.)	COVER SHEET CLAREN CLEN CLE
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ature of Motion: Vacate and	Court Reporter Needed - Yes/ No
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) COUNTY OF CLARENDON	IN THE FAMILY COURT FOR THE		
WILLIAM R. SIMPSON, JR	DOCKET NO: 2004-DR-14-243		
Plaintiff,) Vs.		2004 SEP	CLAR
)	MOTION TO VACATE		
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Defendant)	ORDER AND SET ASIDE AGREEMENT DE COPY CERTIFIED IN THIS OFFICE OF ORIGINAL FILED IN THIS OFFICE	PM 1	0011
To Scott L. Robinson, attorney for	Plaintiff above named: A. Rabutt	2 44	RT SC
	- FOR OF COURT		~-

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to Rule 60 (b)(1), (2) and (3), South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, Defendant by and through the undersigned counsel, hereby moves for the issuance of an order relieving Defendant from and vacating the Decree of Separate Maintenance and Support dated August 20, 2004 and filed August 24, 2004 (Exhibit 1) and setting aside purported Property and Separation Agreement dated July 30, 2004 that was purportedly approved by that Order (Exhibit 2).

The grounds for this Motion are that the foregoing agreement and order were procured by and through fraud and misrepresentation on Defendant and this Court, together with other misconduct based upon which Defendant, through excusable neglect, signed an agreement while she was undergoing psychotherapy and taking medications and without receiving full financial disclosure, and likewise allowed an order to be issued for the same reasons. Defendant has now secured counsel and evidence of which she was not aware previously and which prevented her from moving for reconsideration under Rule 59.

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This Motion is also based upon the grounds that Rule 20, SCRFC was not complied with; that Plaintiff and Defendant were not physically separated and were cohabitating in the same home at the time the agreement was signed and at the time the order executed, together with the attached affidavit and Exhibits and such other grounds as may be apparent at the hearing of this matter.

PARTIES AND JURISDICTION

- 1. Becky H. Simpson (Wife) married William R. Simpson, Jr., on September 3, 1989 when she was 17 years of age.
- 2. Two (2) children were born of this marriage, William Robert Simpson, III on July 30, 1991 and Lynda Kaitlin Simpson on June 26, 1995.
- 3. Wife and Husband physically separated on or about August 6, 2004, not on July 27, 2004 as fraudulently stated in that agreement.
- 4. In early 2004, Wife was diagnosed with a bipolar mental disorder which has been exacerbated over the years by Husband's continuous intimidation and placing stress on her. Wife has been taking a number of medications including, but not limited to Depocote, Risperdal and Welbutrin, and was taking the same at the time the agreement was signed and when she was before this Court.
- 5. Husband removed Wife from the family health insurance in early 2004, telling Wife she was "breaking him" because of her needs for treatment and medications.
- 6. Since that time, Wife has been going to the Mental Health Clinic in Manning, South Carolina where she is on a low-income plan that provides her with free medication because Husband would not pay for the same. Previously,

for the same reasons, her family physician was been getting samples of medication for her because Husband has failed and refused to provide insurance and funds for her to secure necessary treatment and medication.

- 7. Throughout the marriage, Husband has caused Wife to be totally dependent upon him, has not shared any information about his holdings, has berated her, intimidated her, placed undue stress upon her, and has made her life miserable. Early in the marriage he rubbed her face in chicken excrement to teach her who was boss, and the relationship continued in that fashion since that time.
- 8. Despite her efforts to become educated and employed (she married husband at age 17), Husband has refused to be supportive of her, in order to keep her under his thumb and dependent upon him financially and otherwise. She worked at Clarendon Hall, first in the lunchroom and then as a preschool teacher for three year olds.
- 9. Husband has taken control of both of the children of this marriage and turned them against the Wife, just as Husband directed Wife to turn the children against their paternal grandmother, Daisy Simpson, after Daisy Simpson brought a matrimonial action against the Husband's father and Husband that is pending in this Court, Docket Number 03-DR-14-128.
- 10. The situation between Wife and Husband reached intolerable limits on or about the 27th or 28th of July, 2004 at which time Wife told Husband she wanted him out of the house. Since Wife had no money and Husband refused to provide funds to her, she was unable to secure independent counsel. Husband told Wife his attorneys, who not only represent him in this action, but also

represent him and his father in the Daisy Simpson action, would prepare the agreement.

- 11. Therefore, while they were still living together in the same house as Husband and Wife, Husband caused Wife to go to his lawyer's office on or about July 30, 2004, knowing she was dependent, had no money with which to hire an attorney, was heavily medicated and vulnerable, and would sign anything to be out from under Husband's control. In addition, Husband's attorneys knew that Wife had been diagnosed with a bipolar mental illness and was heavily medicated as, when Daisy Simpson's lawyers attempted to depose her herein in 03-DR-14-128, Husband's attorneys secured a physician's statement attesting to her instability (Exhibit 3) and represented to counsel that Defendant could not appear at deposition on at least two occasions (Exhibit 4).
- 12. Despite Wife's condition, Husband and his lawyer met Wife and her grandfather at Husband's lawyer's office and, for three and a half (3.5) to four (4) hours, provided various drafts of agreements to Wife for her to sign and intimidated and threatened her.
- 13. Wife had absolutely no knowledge of Husband's holdings, income, or debts, even though she contributed her services and funds and efforts to the relationship since they married on September 3, 1989.
- 14. Husband's counsel also knew that Husband and Wife were still living together under the same roof at the time the Agreement was signed.
- 15. Page 1, Paragraph 3 of the Agreement, falsely states that Husband and Wife "...are no longer living together and they never intend to reside together again. The Husband and Wife last resided together as Husband and Wife on or

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about July 27, 2004." This representation is false and was known by these parties and Husband's counsel to be false when the Agreement was prepared and signed by the vulnerable, unrepresented Wife.

- 16. Wife had no money with which to hire an attorney, and was never told that if she brought an action against Husband, based upon her economic and circumstances, the Court could award her temporary and permanent attorney's fees and suit money.
- 17. Paragraph 5, Page 2 of the Agreement falsely represents that Wife had an opportunity to review the Agreement with a lawyer of her choice but chose not to do so, as Wife did not have the funds to hire counsel and was not offered funds with which to do so. In addition, Wife asserts that Mr. Robinson knew about her medication and illness during the discovery process in the Daisy Simpson case when her deposition was put off twice because of "instability."
- 18. As of July 30, 2004, Wife had never seen a financial statement or financial declaration of her Husband. While she signed tax returns, she did not understand the same and was not given copies. Wife did not know her Husband's income, and did not know the extent of his holdings at the time the agreement was signed on July 30, 2004 or on when the Court held the approval hearing on August 3, 2004. Therefore, the assertion in Paragraph 6 that both Husband and Wife had full financial disclosures is false. Wife did not receive any financial disclosure and therefore could not have relied upon the same, and Wife never prepared or was furnished with a financial declaration that is mandatory pursuant to Rule 20, SCRFC.

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- 19. Wife's mental condition, her medication, and the stress placed on her by Husband made it impossible for her to freely and voluntarily enter into Agreement. This is especially true in light of knowledge of Husband and his attorney who asserted Wife's mental instability just months before July 30, 2004 when they represented that Wife was not capable of testifying at a deposition because of her mental condition and that placing stress on Wife caused her condition to deteriorate. Wife's vulnerability made it impossible for Paragraph 8, -- which asserts that it was entered into freely and voluntarily -- to be accurate.
- 20. Wife was told that by Husband's attorney that she would not be required to complete any documents or appear before the Court if she signed a "Pro Se Answer" (Exhibit 5.prepared by Plaintiff's attorney) and accepted service and signed a Waiver of Notice on July 30, 2004 (Exhibit 6), by which she purportedly consented to the matter being heard as quickly as possible without her presence, and purportedly waived her thirty (30) day time period in which to file an answer.
- 21. Wife was told that Plaintiff's attorney, Mr. Robinson, had a hearing scheduled before Judge McFadden in Sumter, South Carolina on August 3, 2004, and that the agreement could be approved on that date without Wife being present. However, Wife was called in the early afternoon of August 3, 2004 by her Husband and told to come to Sumter, South Carolina, as the Judge wanted her at the hearing.
- 22. At the time of the hearing, Wife was handed a document entitled "Financial Declaration of William R. Simpson, Jr." dated August 3, 2004 (Exhibit 7) for the first time. This document reflects that Husband has holdings of



\$706,235.00, including a half-interest in W.R. Simpson Farms, LLC, which was valued at \$397,400.00 pursuant to "W.R. Simpson Farms, LLC from Tracy Amos Marital Addendum" as of March 14, 2003. This is the same document introduced in the Daisy Simpson trial earlier this year.

- 23. Wife did not know that her Husband's worth exceeded \$700,000.00, and is informed that the properties titled in W.R. Simpson Farms, LLC were transferred to Husband based upon his labor during the marriage that was not reported as income. Husband, whom wife has now learned never reported much income, was given property instead of income, and therefore W.R. Simpson Farms, LLC is marital property to which Wife is entitled to equitable division. Further, she believes that Husband was provided additional income and funds by his father, William R. Simpson, Sr., and used the same to purchase property titled in his name.
- 24. Wife did not know until she walked into the courtroom on August 3, 2004 -- and did not have time to digest the same -- that Husband was reporting income of only \$1,730.76 per month, while asserting expenses of \$4,250.00 per month, including \$790.00 for a house payment, \$750.00 for child support and temporary alimony, and \$400 for private school. These three (3) entries total \$1,840.00 and, in and of themselves, exceed Husband's asserted monthly income as stated, and which Wife believes is fraudulent. Based on information now in possession of Wife, she believes that assets and money are being moved from her father-in-law to her husband without being reported on tax returns.
- 25. The July 30, 2004 Property and Separation Agreement approved by the Court is not fair or equitable in any respect, and Wife was intimidated and



forced to execute the same due to her vulnerability. For example, Husband agreed for Wife to have a separate house only a stone's throw from their residence, so Husband could continue to keep her under his thumb. Of more than \$700,000.00 in assets acquired by Husband, Wife is to receive approximately 5 percent (5%) which is totally unreasonable and far from equitable.

- 26. Since the Agreement was signed, both children have been asking the Wife regularly where she was, what she had been doing, and whom she had been seeing, questions unlike they had ever asked before.
- 27. Knowing that the Honorable R. Wright Turbeville, Judge of this Court, has been hearing the case of "Daisy Simpson vs. William R. Simpson, Jr., William R. Simpson. Sr., W.R. Simpson Farms, LLC," Husband and his attorney knew they could not go to Judge Turbeville to secure an approval of this Agreement that affects assets at issue in that proceeding. The property that this Agreement purports to affect is subject to a restraining order issued by Judge Turbeville on April 3, 3003, which was well known to Husband and his attorney. Specifically, on page 5 of a purported final agreement between Husband and Wife that was prepared by Mr. Robinson and approved by this Court, Husband agreed as follows:
 - B. FARM LAND: Each child of the parties shall receive 25% interest in the following farm property when they attain the age of 18; Clare ndon County tax map parcel numbers: 128-00-00-34, 090-00-03-016-00, 089-00-00-017, 089-00-00-018, 089-00-00-019, 089-00-00-014, 089-00-00-025, and 089-00-00-026; Sumter County tax map parcel numbers: 257-00-03-2-020, 258-00-01-003, and 214-00-01-007. The wife waives any and all other interest in the farm property.

- C. HOME SPOT: The husband shall provide the wife with a one acre tract of land upon which to build a home and reside with the parties' minor daughter. Provided, however that should wife re-marry or co-habitate with another man, the wife shall sell her home to the husband at appraised value and shall immediately move to another location. The parties agree that this home spot shall be on Home Branch Road where Robbie Giddens currently resides if available. In the event said location is not available, husband will make every effort to provide a one acre site as close as possible to that location as is possible.
- 28. The land in question was the subject of a restraining order issued in the Daisy Simpson Case. And therefore, instead of waiting for the hearing to be scheduled in Manning, South Carolina, Husband and his counsel caused the matter to be set on an emergency basis before the Honorable Judge George M. McFadden, Jr., not telling Judge McFadden that (1) Wife had mental disabilities, was unstable, and was taking medications, and (2) that the property listed in the Agreement as going to go to the children of this marriage when each attained age of 18 years was, in actuality, property in dispute in the Daisy Simpson case in which Husband is a party
- 29. When the matter was heard on August 3, 2004, Judge Turbeville was immediately down the hall from Judge McFadden, but was not told of this hearing, an effort by Husband and his counsel to get Judge McFadden to approve this Agreement that affects the outcome of other litigation now pending in this Court before Judge Turbeville without making such disclosure.
- 30. The Order and the Agreement were secured by fraud on the Court and fraud on the Wife, and should be set aside and vacated.
- 31. Wife demands that the Husband be required to reinstate her health insurance immediately, that Husband pay a reasonable sum of temporary



alimony, suit money, and attorneys fees in order for Wife to continue this action.

Wife also requests that she be allowed to file and answer and counterclaim.

- 32. Wife should be granted discovery; Wife should be granted fees; and Wife should be granted access to her children as Husband has poisoned the minds of the children against her since. Wife requests access to the children at reasonable times, and requests that Husband be required to hire sitters for the children and not drop them off at the Buck-n-Bull Store where they are seen in the afternoons without appropriate supervision while Husband is working.
- 33. Due to the poisoning of these children against her, Wife insists that Husband be evaluated by a psychiatrist, and that the children be evaluated by a psychiatrist at the expense of the Husband.
- 34. Wife also requests that a Guardian ad Litem be appointed for the children by this Court.
- 35. Wife has no funds, and is entitled to an immediate hearing before this Court, and she requests that the hearing be held before Judge McFadden who issued the Order approving this Agreement.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) IN THE FAMILY COURT		
COUNTY OF CLARENDON) THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT		
WILLIAM R. SIMPSON, JR.)		
Plaintiff))	.1	
VS) OF WILLIAM R. SIMPSON,		
BECKY H. SIMPSON) OI WILLIAM IC. SIMPSON,	J.C.	
Defendant) FILE NO. 2004-DR-14-243		
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Husband: William R. Simpson, Jr.	Wife: Becky H. Simpson		
Address: 2827 Home Branch Road	Address: 2052 Billie Road		
Manning, SC 29102	Manning, SC 29102		
Age: 34 SSN: 251-61-9628	Age:31	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Occupation: farmer/store owner	Occupation: homemaker		
Employer:	Employer:		
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PART A: INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT	Husband	Wife	
(a) Gross monthly income from:			
Salary and wages (including commissions, bonuses,			
and overtime) payable weekly/monthly/etc			
Pensions and retirement	0.00		
Social Security	0.00		
Disability and unemployment insurance	0.00		
Public assistance (AFDC payments, etc)	0.00		
Child/spousal support (prior marriage)	0.00		
Dividends and interest	0.00		
Rents	0.00		
Other	• 		
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TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME	\$1,730.76		
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(b) Itemize deductions from gross income:			
Income taxes (state and federal)	0.00		
· Social Security	0.00		
Disability insurance	0.00		
Medical or other insurance	0.00		
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Retirement or pension fund	0.00		
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TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	\$ 0.00 \$		
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(c) NET MONTHLY INCOME	<u>1,730.76</u>		

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			Husband	Wife
Rent		\$	0.00	\$
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Real property taxes (residence	ce)		0.00	
Real property insurance (resi	dence)		65.00	
Maintenance (residence)			35.00	
Food and household supplies	************		180.00	
Utilities	*************		375.00	
Telephone	••••••	-	75.00	
Laundry and cleaning			70.00	
Clothing			50.00	
Medical			100.00	
Dental			225.00	
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Child Care			0.00	
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School			400.00	
Entertainment			100.00	
Incidentals	7g/w - 1		50.00	
Auto expenses(insurance,gas			150.00	
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Pee Dee Farm Credit	home loan		\$ 0.00	\$ 80,000.0
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Pee Dee Farm Credit	land loan		\$ 0.00	\$ 16,000.0
Pee Dee Farm Credit	equipment loan		\$ 0.00	\$ 15,000.0
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All property of the parties known to me includes the following:

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Cash on hand	\$_	35.00	\$	
Money in checking accounts	\$_	2,400.00	\$	
Money in savings accounts	\$_	500.00	\$	
Money in credit union	\$_	0.00	\$	
Money in any other accounts or deposits	\$	0,00	\$	
Retirement or pension fund	\$_	0.00	\$	
Life insurance cash value	\$	5,000.00	\$	
Value of any stocks & bonds	\$_	0.00	\$	
Value of real estate	\$	272,900.00	\$	
Value of all other property	\$_	20,000.00	\$	
TOTAL PROPERTY	. \$	300,835.00	\$	·
Sworn to and Subscribed before me)			
this 3td day of August, 2004)			
this day of hugust, 2004)			
Doanno B. Y Jolle)			
Notary Public for South Carolina Signature) Sig	gnature ///	/	
My Commission expires 3/29/05),			

WR Simpson Farms, LLC From Tracy Amos Marital Addendum

As of March 14, 2003

Total Assets for WR Simps	on Farms, LLC		
Checking accounts	\$59,805:00		
Investments	\$92,324.00		•
Real Estate	\$937,500.00		•
Auto & Farm Equipment	\$209,065.00		•
 Crops in Ground 	\$26,470.00		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,325,164.00	,	$\frac{1}{2}$ = \$662,582.00
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LLC Liabilities

Bank Notes	(\$228,948.00)	
Other Notes	(\$219.954.00)	
Mortgages	(\$81,322.00)	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	(\$530,224.00)	$\frac{1}{2}$ = \$265,112.00

TOTAL NET WORTH OF \$397,470.00

	MR. STODDARD: Okay. That's really all I have.
	MR. McKENZIE: A couple of questions relating to
that	•
Q	UESTIONS BY MR. MCKENZIE:
Q.	Does Cody know that you are living with Mr. Ingle?
A.	Yes.
Q.	Okay. Has he expressed any concern about that?
A.	No.
Q.	How did he find out that you were living with Mr.
Ingl	e?
A.	(NO RESPONSE)
Q.	Did you tell him?
A.	Yes. I think I did.
Q.	Okay. And tell me about how it came about that
your	husband got the children, or was taking care of
the (children and your children were asking where you
were	•
A.	Oh. I had gone to visit my grandparents.
Q.	Did you stay with them for a period of time?
Α.	No.
Q.	Okay. Prior to the Court issuing its Order in
this	case, the children were living with your husband.
Is th	nat correct?
Α.	Well, I was supposed to have custody of Kaitlin,
but 1	guess with Cody being over there with Bill, she

1	wan	ted to be over there as well, so I was mostly left
2	alo	ne.
3	Q.	Okay. And you were in the marital home?
4	A.	Yes.
5	Q.	Okay. And this is prior to you living with Mr.
6	Ing	le?
7	A.	Yes.
8	Q.	Okay. Do you recall when that was?
9	A.	When I left
10	Q.	Yes.
11	A.	When I went to live with him?
12	Q.	Yes.
	A.	Sometime in October.
13 14	Q.	Did you spend the night with Mr. Ingle prior to
	Octo	ober?
15	A.	Yes.
16	Q.	How many occasions? Do you remember?
17	A.	No. I don't remember. It was no. It wasn't
18 19	Octo	ber. We didn't start living together in October.
	Q.	When did you start living together?
20 21	Α.	It was probably more towards November or December.
	Q.	Okay.
22	A.	It was because it was yeah. It was in
23 24	0cto	ber. I'm sorry.
	Q.	Okay. So, it was in October?
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)	IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE
COUNTY OF CLARENDON)	THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DOCKET NO.: 04-DR-14-213
WILLIAM R. SIMPSON, JR.,)	
Plaintiff,)	
vs.)	PRO SE ANSWER
BECKY H. SIMPSON,)	
Defendant.)	
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The Defendant, responding to the	e allegations	of the Plaintiff's Complaint, states
follows:	·	2 P
1. The Defendant admits each	ch and every	allegation contained in the Plaintiff's
Complaint.		8. X. S. L. L. S. L. S. L. L. L. L. S. L.

2. The Defendant joins in the Plaintiff's prayer for relief.

WHEREFORE, having fully responded to the Plaintiff's allegations, the Defendant respectfully prays that the Court hold a hearing and issue its Order granting the relief sought in the Complaint and for such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

BECKY H. SIMPSON

July 30 70, 2004.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE
COUNTY OF CLARENDON) THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT) DOCKET NO.: 04-DR-14-243
WILLIAM R. SIMPSON, JR.,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.) ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE
BECKY H. SIMPSON,	AND WAIVER OF NOTICE
Defendant.)

DUE AND LEGAL SERVICE of the Summons, Complaint and Agreement accepted by the undersigned, Becky H. Simpson, Defendant in the above entitled action, and copies thereof retained at 16 N. Brooks St., Manning, SC 29162 this day of July, 2004. The Defendant specifically consents to this matter being heard as soon as possible without her presence. In so doing, the undersigned hereby specifically waives her thirty (30) day time period in which to Answer and encloses her Answer herewith.

BECKY H. SIMPSON

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CLERK OF COUNTY, SC
CLARENDON COUNTY, SC
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- 1. The hearing on the merits in this cause shall be held on June 10th and June 11th 2004, beginning each day at 9:30 A.M. at the Clarendon County Judicial Annex.
- 2. All discovery shall be completed not later than the close of business on May 15, 2004. If discovery has not been completed by that time, counsel for the aggrieved party or parties shall contact the Court.
- 3. The deposition of William Robert Simpson, Sr. shall be taken at the offices of his counsel on Friday, April 23, 2004 beginning at 10:00 A.M. The deposition of Becky Simpson, who previously submitted a doctor's certificate regarding her inability to appear, shall be taken at the offices of Defendants' counsel on the 23rd of April, 2004 at 3:00 P.M.; provided, however, that should Becky Simpson serve another physician's excuse for not attending the deposition, she shall not be allowed to testify at trial.
- 4. Pursuant to statements of Defendants' counsel, the discovery which Plaintiff asserts Defendants have not provided shall be provided to Plaintiff's counsel during the week of April 5, 2004.
- 5. Plaintiff and Defendant shall each submit settlement proposals, in writing, to the other by May 15, 2004.
- The matter of attorneys' fees as requested by Plaintiff's counsel (no fees have been requested by Defendants) shall be handled by Affidavit and written submission to the Court at the end of trial on June 11, 2004. After issuing an Order in the main case and holding fees and expenses in abeyance, the Court will receive from counsel for the parties said offers of compromise and shall utilize the same in the establishment of counsel fees for Plaintiff.
- 7. Plaintiff and Defendant shall submit to each other a list of household personal property on or before May 1, 2004.



8. Appraisers are in entitled to access to the farm equipment and other inventory and assets of the farming operation, at a time to be arranged with counsel for Defendants. The same to take place prior to May 1, 2004.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Presiding Family Court Judge

Third Judicial Circuit

At Chambers
Manning, South Carolina
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Date:____

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Certified Fellow, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers
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April 28, 2004

Steven S. McKenzie, Esquire Scott Robinson, Esquire 16 North Brooks Street Manning, South Carolina 29102

RE: Simpson v. Simpson et al.

Docket Number 2003-DR-14-128

Dear Gentlemen:

When I deposed Mr. Simpson Sr. this past Friday, we were provided some tax records and computer generated, general ledgers. We may want to look at the raw material after we submit the same to Mark Hobbs, CPA. Mr. Simpson's deposition has been left open.

We have received another doctor's statement from Becky Simpson. We therefore confirm your representation that Becky Simpson will not testify at trial.

Regarding Mr. Simpson Jr., we will need his 2003 tax returns and all schedules along with the general ledger information which we assume Mr. Gibbons (or Simpson Jr.'s tax preparer) utilized. Please provide us with this.

Mr. Simpson Sr. said he would get Steve his credit card statements (Platinum Plus at Wachovia) and we would request the monthly statements from March 2003 to date.

We would also request an up-to-date financial declaration as quickly as possible. We do not want to have this on the day of the trial. We will exchange the same with you.

I am enclosing herewith Notice of Motion and Motion for an Order Authorizing Supplemental Complaint alleging a ground for divorce on the basis of one-year continuous separation, a copy of the proposed complaint that is being filed with the notice, and consent order.

1122 Lady Street, suite 1200 Post Office Box 2628 Columbia, South Carolina 29202 Telephone (803) 799-0554 Facsimile (803) 799-2517

113 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 100 POST OFFICE BOX 10352 ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA 29730 TELEPHONE (803) 329-8656 FACSMILE (803) 325-2973 Steven S. McKenzie, Esquire Scott Robinson, Esquire April 28, 2004 Page 2 of 2

I do not assume anyone would have an objection to this. If you do, please let me know so we can schedule a hearing prior to our merits hearing. If satisfactory, please return the Consent Order to me after the Judge has signed the same.

Please advise by letter or fax exactly what other information you are requesting from our client. This will confirm that on the date her deposition is taken, we will take the deposition of Mr. Gibbons. Enclosed herewith and served upon you is Notice of Taking his Deposition.

I have put a call in to Agent Owned Realty to try to get the document you have requested. Apparently, there is no such document in the Clarendon County office.

Yours truly,

Jan L. Warner JLW(sre

Enclosures

cc: James T. McLaren, Esquire (w/encl.)

Ms. Daisy Simpson (w/encl.)

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA CLEDIN THE FAMILY COURT FOR THE CLARENDON THIRD PUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF CLARENDON)DOCKETING 12003-DR-14-128 DAISY WALLACE SIMPSON, PLAINTIFF, PRETRIAL ORDER VS. WILLIAM ROBERT SIMPSON, SR. individually and as shareholder/ member of W. R. Simpson Farms, Inc. and William R. Simpson, Jr., as a shareholder/member of W. R. Simpson Farms, Inc., DEFENDANTS. PRESIDING JUDGE: R. WRIGHT TURBEVILLE DATE OF HEARING: **APRIL 2, 2004** ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF: JAN L. WARNER JAMES T. MCLAREN ATTORNEYS FOR DEFENDANTS: STEVEN S. MCKENZIE

This matter came before the undersigned on the 2nd day of April 2004 for a pretrial conference.

SCOTT L. ROBINSON

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Present and appearing were the Plaintiff and one of her counsel, Jan L. Warner. All Defendants appeared through their counsel, Scott L. Robinson and Steven S. McKenzie.

I received a pretrial brief from Plaintiff's counsel which, as stated into the record, did not list all of the issues nor the witnesses, and the same will be updated.

Based upon the status of this matter and my review of the issues with counsel for the parties, I find that the following Pretrial Order should be issued:

Therefore, it is accordingly,

ORDERED:

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RF:

Daisy Wallace Simpson v. William Robert Simpson, Individually and as shareholder/member of W.R. Simpson Farms, Inc. and William R. Simpson, Jr., as a shareholder/member of W.R. Simpson Farms, Inc. Docket No: 03-DR-14-128

Gentlemen:

Following up with the depositions on September 29, 2003, during which Becky Simpson did not appear, I am writing to confirm that I have given you one (1) week to work out that situation and reschedule her deposition. If not, I will move the Court for appropriate relief. Please let me hear from.

With kindest regards, I am

Very Truly Yours,

James T. McLaren

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cc:

Daisy W. Simpson

Jan L. Warner, Esquire

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separate maintenance be entered in any Court with competent jurisdiction in any proceeding currently pending or in the future, then this Agreement shall be submitted to the Court as a Property, Separation and Support Agreement and Stipulation to be incorporated and merged with any judgment for Decree of Divorce or separate maintenance entered between the parties.

- AGREEMENT: The husband and wife acknowledge that according to the S. C. Code Ann. (1976, as amended), the Court has a right, duty, and/or obligation to review the Property and Separation Agreement at a hearing on the merits of an action for divorce between the parties; both parties specifically waive the right, duty and/or obligation for the Court to review this Property and Separation Agreement at a hearing on the merits of an action for divorce, which may be later instituted between the parties, and both parties specifically consent to being bound by the Property and Separation Agreement without further review, modification, and/or scrutiny by the Court.
- 16. <u>RELEASE OF ESTATE RIGHTS</u>: Each party waives the right to share in the estate of the other party and specifically waives the right to any elective share of the estate of the party to which they otherwise may be entitled.
- be modified or changed except by mutual consent and agreement of the parties expressed in writing or by Court Order. Nothing in this paragraph is to be construed to prohibit either party from petitioning the Court for an increase or decrease in the child support obligations of the parties as permitted pursuant to the statute and case laws of the State of South Carolina.
- 18. <u>SEVERABILITY</u>: Should one or more provisions of this agreement become null and void, all remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

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19. <u>ATTORNEYS FEES</u>: Each party shall be responsible for any and all attorney's fees and costs incurred by that party pursuant to this matter.

WHEREFORE, we subscribe our names to the end of this instrument consisting of 8 typewritten pages on one side only of each page and for the purpose of identification, we have subscribed our initials on the bottom of each preceding page on the date as herein below indicated.

DATED AT MANNING, SOUTH CAROLINA THIS 30TH DAY OF JULY, 2004.

WITNESSES:

WILLIAM R. SIMPSON

WITNESSES:

BECKYH SIMPSON

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month period, the husband will be responsible for payment of the house payment, light bill, phone bill, hazard insurance on the home and property taxes on the home. At the end of the 12 month period the wife shall receive the sum of \$22,500.00 within 10 days of the expiration of the 12 month period. In addition, the wife shall receive annual payments of \$5,000.00 beginning November 1, 2006 and continuing on the first of November of each year through November 1, 2008. These payments represent the value of any interest or equity the wife may claim in the marital home. Thereafter, the husband shall have the exclusive use, ownership and possession of the marital home and shall be responsible for all indicia of ownership for the home and shall indemnify and hold the wife harmless therefrom.

- B. FARM LAND: Each child of the parties shall receive 25% interest in the following farm property when they attain the age of 18: Clarendon County tax map parcel numbers: 128-00-00-34,090-00-03-016-00,089-00-00-017,089-00-00-018,089-00-00-019, 089-00-00-014, 089-00-00-025, and 089-00-00-026; Sumter County tax map parcel numbers: 257-00-03-2-020, 258-00-01-003, and 214-00-01-007. The wife waives any and all other interest in the farm property.
- C. HOME SPOT: The husband shall provide the wife with a one acre tract of land upon which to build a home and reside with the parties' minor daughter. Provided, however that should the wife re-marry or co-habitate with another man, the wife shall sell her home to the husband at appraised value and shall immediately move to another location. The parties agree that this home spot shall be on Home Branch Road where Robbie Giddens currently resides if available. In the event said location is not available, husband will make every effort to provide a one acre site as close to that location as is possible.

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- 9. <u>DEBTS AND OBLIGATIONS</u>: Each party shall pay all debts in their name incurred by him or her before or after the date of this Agreement and shall indemnify and hold harmless the other party against any responsibility or liability therefor.
- 10. <u>EXECUTION OF NECESSARY INSTRUMENTS</u>: The parties in each and every event shall hereafter execute all instruments necessary to carry out the terms of this Agreement.
- 11. <u>RELEASE</u>: Both parties hereby release and discharge the other for themselves, their heirs, their personal representatives and assigns, as well as any known or potential third parties, of and from all manner of actions, causes of actions, suits, debts, counts, judgments, claims and demands whatsoever in law or equity (except any debts or obligations specifically assumed by either party pursuant to these agreements) which occurred or may have occurred at any time during the marriage and through the date of the approval of these agreements.
- 12. <u>COURT APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT</u>: The parties hereto agree that this Agreement shall be submitted to the Court for approval, and if approved, shall be incorporated and merged with the Order of the Court.
- 13. <u>BINDING EFFECT</u>: This Agreement shall be binding upon the parties, their respective heirs, executors administrators, and assigns, and shall in any event be governed by the laws of the State of South Carolina.
- as a consent or condemnation for divorce in favor of either party, nor shall it be a bar to any action or proceeding for divorce to be hereinafter instituted; it is a Property and Separation Agreement, which is contractual in nature and intended as a binding settlement of the parties rights, duties, and responsibilities regarding all matters dealt with herein. Should a judgment or Decree of Divorce for

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is to be made an Order of the Court. It is the intention of the parties that the Family Court of the Third Judicial Circuit retain jurisdiction hereof, including the jurisdiction to enforce the affirmative acts required of the husband and wife, or either of them, by Contempt or by such other proceedings as may be necessary to insure enforcement hereof. Should a Decree of Divorce or Separate Maintenance be granted to either the husband or wife by this Court, or any other Court of competent jurisdiction, the Agreement, if approved, shall vest said Court with full jurisdiction for all purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual and binding covenants and agreements of the parties, which are set forth hereinafter, and in addition thereto of the good and valuable considerations, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by each party with adequacy of the consideration set forth in the terms of this Agreement, the parties hereto do hereby agree as follows:

- 1. <u>LIVING SEPARATE</u>: The parties may and shall hereafter live separate and apart. Each party shall hereafter reside at such place or places as he or she may select.
- 2. <u>NO MOLESTATION OR INTERFERENCE</u>: Neither party shall molest nor interfere with the other, nor compel or attempt to compel the other to cohabit or dwell with him or her by any means whatsoever by legal action or otherwise.
- 3. <u>CUSTODY</u>: The parties shall share joint custody of their children. The parties' daughter will reside with the mother and the parties' son will reside with the father. The children will be allowed to visit the other parent freely and liberally and come and go between the residences of the parents as they please.
- 4. <u>CHILD SUPPORT</u>: The husband shall be responsible for payment of all school expenses and clothing for the parties' children for a period of 12 months commencing on August 1, 2004 and continuing through July 31, 2005. In addition, the Husband shall pay the Wife the sum

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of \$300.00 per month in child support for the support of the parties' minor daughter until such time as the daughter attains the age of 18. The husband shall also be responsible for payment of the private school tuition for the parties' minor children so long as they are enrolled in a private school.

- 5. REHABILITATIVE ALIMONY: The husband shall pay rehabilitative alimony to the wife in the amount of \$450.00 per month for 40 months, beginning August 1, 2004 and payable directly to the Wife on the 1st day of each month thereafter until January 31, 2008. Both parties waive their right to receive any additional alimony of and from the other party upon the expiration of the period of rehabilitative alimony.
- 6. PERSONAL PROPERTY: All property will be divided between the parties to their mutual satisfaction. Each party shall keep their own personal property. The wife will receive whatever furniture and personal property she desires from the marital home and the remainder will stay with the husband. The parties shall retain the possession of the vehicles currently in their possession. The husband shall be responsible for payment of 1 tank of gas per week for the wife's GMC Yukon, payment of taxes, insurance, payments and maintenance on said vehicle for a 12 month period, beginning August 1, 2004. At the end of the 12 month period, the wife shall receive the title to the vehicle and will then be responsible for the taxes, insurance, maintenance and payments thereon.
- 7. TAXES: The parties shall file separate income tax returns for the 2004 tax year. The parties will each claim one child as a dependant for the 2004 tax year and for every year to follow.

8. REAL PROPERTY:

A. <u>MARITAL HOME</u>: The wife will enjoy the exclusive use and possession of the marital home for a period of 12 months, beginning on August 1, 2004. During this 12

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE
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This Agreement is entered into this 30th day of July, 2004, by and between WILLIAMER SIMPSON, JR., hereinafter referred to as the HUSBAND, and BECKY H. SIMPSON, litereinafter referred to as the WIFE. The wife resides in Clarendon County, South Carolina, and the husband resides in Clarendon County, South Carolina.

- 1. The husband and wife were duly married at a time when both parties were capable of entering into a contract of marriage on September 3, 1989, in Clarendon County, South Carolina, and have thereafter lived together as husband and wife.
- 2. Two children have been born of this marriage, to wit: William Robert Simpson, III, whose date of birth is July 30, 1991; and Lynda Kaitlin Simpson, whose date of birth is June 26, 1995.

 No other children have been born and none are expected.
- 3. The marital differences between the husband and wife are as such that they are no longer living together and they never intend to reside together again. The husband and wife last resided together as husband and wife on or about July 27, 2004.
- 4. The husband and wife intend, and it is the purpose of this Property and Separation Agreement, to make a complete and final settlement of all claims that the parties may have against

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each other, alimony and/or support, or any maintenance, and to finalize their agreement as to division of property, of every nature and description, owned by them jointly, or either of them individually, and the settlement of all issues arising out of the marital relationship of the parties and/or all matters dealt with in this Agreement.

- 5. The husband is presently represented by counsel, Scott L. Robinson, of the Clarendon County Law Firm of Johnson, McKenzie & Robinson. The wife is not represented, however, she realizes she has the right to retain counsel and she waives her right to counsel. Further, the wife asserts that she has had ample opportunity to review this Property and Separation Agreement with an attorney if it was her desire, however, she does not desire to review it with counsel, and she fully understands the ramifications of same. The wife understands that Mr. Robinson represents only the husband and the wife has the right to counsel should she so desire.
- 6. The husband and wife both affirmatively assert that in the negotiation and execution of this Agreement, each has made a full financial disclosure, one to the other, of all aspects of the entire marital situation, and it is based upon the full financial disclosures on which the husband and wife each have relied, that this Agreement is entered into.
- 7. This Agreement is intended by the husband and wife to be a binding determination of the issues set forth herein, and the husband and wife each fully realize their respective rights and obligations hereunder.
- 8. The husband and wife each hereby acknowledge that this Agreement was entered into freely and voluntarily by and between them, without duress or threat to the husband or wife.
- 9. The husband and wife request that this Agreement be submitted to the Family Court for the Third Judicial Circuit for approval, and that if same be approved, then the said Agreement

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time. They are also aware that the issues of custody, child support and visitation are never final and are subject to change.

Both parties assured the Court that they understood that the alimony paid by the Plaintiff to the Defendant is for 40 months and thereafter ends forever and is not modifiable. They each further understand that it is taxable as income to the Defendant and deductible by the Plaintiff.

Both parties believe the agreement to be fair to themselves and to their children.

I have reviewed the pleadings that have been filed in this matter, the Agreement that has been entered into between the parties, and have heard the statements from the parties. Based on the pleadings filed, the arguments of the parties, and the testimony received, I make the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

- 1. This Court has continued jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter herein, and this matter is properly before the Court.
- 2. The Plaintiff and Defendant are husband and wife and last resided as husband and wife in the County of Clarendon, State of South Carolina. At the time of filing, the Plaintiff and Defendant were both citizens and residents of Clarendon County, South Carolina, and had been for more than one (1) year prior to the commencement of this action.
- 3. That the Plaintiff and Defendant are Husband and Wife have been duly married on September 3, 1989, and lived as husband and wife until their separation. I also find that the parties separated on July 27, 2004, and have lived separate and apart since that time and have expressed their intention to continue to reside separate and apart from one another. The parties have two (2) children, to wit: William Robert Simpson, III, whose date of birth is July 30, 1991; and Lynda Kaitlin Simpson, whose date of birth is June 26, 1995. No other children have been born and none are expected.

4. This Court has jurisdiction to grant a Decree of Separate Maintenance and Support pursuant to § 20-7-420 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976).

5. I find that the Property and Separation Agreement, dated July 30, 2004, entered into by the parties and attached hereto has been entered into knowingly and freely and voluntarily by the parties, and is reasonable under the circumstances, and should be approved by this Court and made a part of the order of this Court.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that:

1. The Property and Separation Agreement of the parties, dated July 30, 2004, and attached hereto, is hereby approved and made an Order of this Court, enforceable by this Court or any law enforcement officer.

2. That a Decree of Separate Maintenance and Support be, and hereby is, granted between the Plaintiff and Defendant.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

Sumter, South Carolina

George M. McFaddin, Jr. Presiding Judge
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IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DOCKET NO.: 2004-DR-14-243

DECREE OF SEPARATE MAINTENANCE

TRIAL DATE:
TRIAL JUDGE:
PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY:
DEFENDANT'S ATTORNEY:

AUGUST 3, 2004

THE HONORABLE GEORGE M. MCFADDING SCOTT L. ROBINSON

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CRYSTAL JACKSON

This matter comes before me this 3rd day of August, 2004, pursuant to a Summons and Complaint whereby the Plaintiff is seeking a Decree of Separate Maintenance and Support and other relief from the Defendant. Present at the hearing were the Plaintiff, William R. Simpson, Jr., represented by Scott L. Robinson, of the Clarendon County Bar, and the Defendant, Becky H. Simpson. The Defendant appeared Pro Se and had filed a Pro Se Answer, Acceptance of Service and Waiver of Notice of Hearing.

Prior to the commencement of the hearing, the Court informed the Defendant of her right to have an attorney and inquired of her if she deemed one necessary and/or desired to represent herself.

The Court is satisfied, based on the responses of the Defendant, that she is fully aware of her right to have an attorney present, that she wishes to proceed without one, and that she is capable of representing herself.

Prior to the taking of any testimony, the parties indicated to the Court that they had reached 00039

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an agreement as to all matters properly before the Court. The parties have entered into a Property and Separation Agreement, dated July 30, 2004, and are requesting that the Court review said Agreement and if approved, to incorporate the Agreement into this Decree of Separate Maintenance and Support.

Both parties advised the Court that the Property and Separation Agreement was read by each of the parties before signing, that the agreement was entered into freely and voluntarily with no force, threats or pressure from either party. Both parties assured the Court that they had enough time to consider the agreement and that this was the only agreement before the Court at this time.

The Plaintiff presented his Financial Declaration and the Defendant testified that she was familiar with the financial situation of the parties. The Defendant did not file a Financial Declaration and the Plaintiff testified that he did not need to see it, that he was aware of her financial situation.

Both parties testified to the Court that they understood the consequences and contents thereof, and agreed with it in each and every particular. Both parties advised the Court that they felt the agreement was fair and just under the circumstances and that they intended said agreement to be a full, final and binding agreement as to all issues addressed therein. Both parties advised the Court that they had entered into the agreement freely and voluntarily. The Plaintiff advised the Court that he was satisfied with the agreement and with the work that his attorney had done for him. The Defendant advised the Court that she had discussed this matter with an attorney, but did not retain him or review this Agreement with him, but that she was satisfied with the agreement and that she had the opportunity to discuss the agreement with an attorney if she had so desired and that she did not need more time to review said agreement with an attorney.

Both parties are aware that certain portions of the Agreement are final and complete at this

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CERTIFICATION

The undersigned hereby certify that they did not communicate orally or in writing with counsel prior to filing the attached motion because such would serve no useful purpose.

September 19, 2004 Columbia, South Carolina

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VS DAVIS, DANIEL ✓ 04-1387 DAVIS, JESSICA 9:00 am PRO SE COMMENTS: DOMESTIC ABUSE 15 MINUTES 7.03-14-324 DOCTOR, ALFONZA VS HANNETT, MARQUITA 9:15 am

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COMMENTS: DEPMANENCY PLANNING COMMENTS: PERMANENCY PLANNING

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- 20. I never filed a financial declaration. I feel that I have been taken advantage of throughout this marriage and now my husband has been turning my children against me. My husband has been physically abusive to me. He pushed me down and caused compressed vertebrae in my back years ago and I was by him to tell the hospital that I had fallen down some stairs.
- 21. I have residual injury because of this. My mother died of ovarian cancer when I was two years of age, and I am concerned about my health because I have had problems with my cervix in the past, but don't have the funds to afford to get a pap smear and other tests. I can't afford to get my new prescription for my contacts and glasses and an eye exam which will cost more than \$560.
- 22. I ask for a full hearing. I want my health insurance reinstated immediately. I want temporary alimony and an award of attorneys' fees and a reasonable equitable division of the assets. I want my husband to pay for my medical necessaries.
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Columbia, South Carolina September 19, 2004

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) IN THE FAMILY COURT FOR THE) THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF CLARENDON)
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PLAINTIFF,)) AFFIDAVIT OF) BECKY H. SIMPSON
VS.)
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DEFENDANT.))
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF RICHLAND

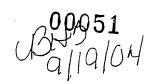
Personally appeared before me Becky H. Simpson who, being duly sworn, says:

- 1. I am the defendant in this action
- 2. I have read the attached motion and each and every allegation stated therein is true and correct, and I incorporate the same into the terms of this affidavit
- 3. I had never known the specifics of my husband's holdings or finances as he did not discuss them with me. I have been subservient to my husband throughout our marriage.
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- 20. I never filed a financial declaration. I feel that I have been taken advantage of throughout this marriage and now my husband has been turning my children against me. My husband has been physically abusive to me. He pushed me down and caused compressed vertebrae in my back years ago and I was by him to tell the hospital that I had fallen down some stairs.
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Vs.) ATTORNETS TEL ATTIBAVIT
BECKY H. SIMPSON, AND WADE INGLE,	,) ,
Wife.	/ \

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, James T. McLaren and Jan L. Warner, who, each being duly sworn, swear and depose that if called as witnesses in the above-entitled action they would truthfully and accurately testify as follows:

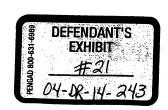
QUALIFICATIONS OF COUNSEL

1. We are the attorneys representing the Wife.

AS TO MR. McLAREN:

- 2. I am a partner in the law firm of McLaren & Lee of Columbia, South Carolina.
- 3. I graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1976, and was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in November of 1976. I am also admitted to practice before the Federal Courts of the District of South Carolina; and before the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. I have been in private practice since November of 1976.
- 4. I am a member of various professional organizations, principally in the area of family law. These organizations include the South Carolina Bar, the South Carolina Trial Lawyers Association, the American Bar Association, and the American





Trial Lawyers Association. I have served as Chairman (and in other capacities) of the Family Law Section of the South Carolina Trial Lawyers Association. I have served as Chairman (and other capacities) of the Family Law Section of the South Carolina Bar. I have served on Council to the Family Law Section of the South Carolina Bar. I am a member of the Practice and Procedure Committee of the South Carolina Bar, particularly on subcommittees concerned with family law matters. I am also a member of the Family Law Sections of the American Bar Association and the American Trial Lawyers Association. I have been a member of the Fee Dispute Board of the South Carolina Bar for the Fifth Judicial Circuit. I have spoken at various Continuing Legal and Judicial Education Seminars and other functions on family law topics. I am a Fellow in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and President of the South Carolina Chapter for the year 2001-2002. I am named in the 1993-2006 editions of The Best Lawyers in America under the Family Law designation for South Carolina. I am a certified as both a Matrimonial Arbitrator and a Matrimonial Mediator by the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. I have received the "AV" designation by Martindale Hubbell.

5. My practice primarily involves litigation in matrimonial disputes.

Approximately 95% percent of my current case load involves matrimonial disputes.

AS TO MR. WARNER

6. I am a partner in the law firm of Warner Payne & Black, LLP. I received my A.B. and J.D. degrees from the University of South Carolina (1965 and 1968) and obtained a Master of Legal Letters (L.L. M.) in Taxation from Emory University School

of Law in Atlanta, Georgia in 1986, and have been a member of the South Carolina Bar since 1968.

- 7. I am admitted to practice in all state courts, Federal District Courts in South Carolina, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court.
- 8. I am a Certified Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. I belong to many bar and other professional associations and organizations. I have been trained and qualified as a matrimonial arbitrator by the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and serve in that capacity. My practice is limited to matters affecting the family.
- 9. I co-author two weekly newspaper columns, FlyingSolo, that deals with divorce issues and appears in newspapers throughout the United States via the Knight-Ridder Tribune News Service, and NextSteps that is syndicated by United Media.

LEGAL AUTHORITIES

Rule 1.5 of the Rules of Professional Conduct, and further call the attention of the Court to the holdings in Nienow v. Nienow, 268 S.C. 161, 232 S.E.2d 504 (1977), Atkinson v. Atkinson, 279 S.C. 454, 309 S.E.2d 14 (S.C. App. 1983); EDM v. TAM, 307 S.C. 471, 415 S.E. 2d 812 (1992); Sherman v. Sherman, 307 S.C. 280, 414 S.E. 2d 809 (S.C. App. 1992); and Glasscock v. Glasscock, 304 S.C. 158, 403 S.E. 2d 313 (1991), concerning the factors and criteria which should be considered in setting of attorney fees. We rely upon the discretion of this Court in determination of the amount of fees based, among other things, upon the Court's file, the Court's knowledge of the litigation



between these parties, which reflects nature, extent and difficulty of the services rendered, the time necessarily devoted to the case, the beneficial results accomplished, the fact that there is no contingency compensation in domestic relations cases, the professional standing of counsel, and fees customarily charged in this area for similar legal services.

11. The undersigned are informed and believe that the Family Court is authorized by statute to order the payment of suit money, including attorney fees, to either party in a divorce action <u>South Carolina Code of Laws</u> Ann. Section 20-3-120, 130 (1985); <u>Miller v. Miller</u> 280 S.C. 314, 313 S.E. 2d 288 (1984).

HISTORY OF MARRIAGE AND LITIGATION

- 1. Becky H. Simpson (Wife) married William R. Simpson, Jr. (Husband), on September 3, 1989 when she was 17 years of age. She graduated from high school after her marriage.
- 2. Two (2) children were born of this marriage, William Robert Simpson, III on July 30, 1991 and Lynda Kaitlin Simpson on June 26, 1995, who are presently in the custody of Husband.
- 3. Early in the marriage he rubbed her face in chicken excrement to teach her who was boss, and the relationship continued in that fashion since that time. He pushed her down the stairs causing her to fracture her vertebrae.
- 4. At the time of the marriage, Wife had Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) in a CD that she inherited. Husband had no assets. Throughout the marriage, Husband caused Wife to be totally dependent upon him, refused to allow her to go to nursing



school, berated her, intimidated her, manhandled her, placed undue stress upon her, and made her life miserable.

- 5. Despite her efforts to become educated and employed, Husband refused to be supportive of her in order to keep her under his thumb and dependent upon him financially and otherwise. When the younger child went to kindergarten, Wife worked at Clarendon Hall, first in the lunchroom and thereafter as a preschool teacher for three year olds. Her employment resulted in not only income that went toward the marriage, but also a fifty (50%) percent reduction in the children's tuition.
- 6. In early 2004, before the agreement, Wife's emotional state required treatment due to Husband's continuous intimidation and placing stress on her. Wife was prescribed a number of medications by her physician.
- 7. Husband terminated Wife from the family health insurance, telling her she was "breaking him" financially because of her needs for treatment and medication. He refused to pay her doctor's bills.
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- 9. Husband took control of both of the children and turned them against Wife, just as Husband had directed Wife to turn the children against their paternal



grandmother, Daisy Simpson, after she brought a matrimonial action against the Husband's father in this Court, Docket Number 03-DR-14-128.

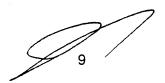
- 10. The situation between Wife and Husband reached intolerable limits on or about the 27th or 28th of July, 2004. Since Wife had no money and Husband refused to provide funds to her, she was unable to secure independent counsel. Husband told Wife his attorneys, who not only represent him in this action, but also represented him and his father in the Daisy Simpson action, would prepare the agreement.
- Husband and Wife, Husband caused Wife to go to his lawyer's office on or about July 30, 2004, knowing she was dependent, had no money with which to hire an attorney, was medicated and vulnerable, and would sign anything to be out from under his control. Husband and his counsel knew that Wife was vulnerable because when Daisy Simpson's lawyers attempted to depose her in 03-DR-14-128, Husband's attorneys secured a physician's statement stating that Wife could not appear at deposition on at least two occasions. By orders of April 21, 2004 in the Daisy W. Simpson v. William R. Simpson, Sr. case, Wife was prohibited from being deposed based upon her condition.
- 12. Despite the foregoing, Husband and his lawyer met Wife and her grandfather at Husband's lawyer's office and, for three and a half (3.5) to four (4) hours, provided various drafts of agreements to Wife for her to sign without full financial disclosure.
- 13. Wife had no knowledge of Husband's holdings, income, or debts, even though she contributed her services and funds and efforts to the relationship since they married on September 3, 1989. All assets were titled in Husband's name.

- 14. Wife had no money with which to hire an attorney, and was never told that if she brought an action against Husband, based upon her economic circumstances, the Court could award her not only temporary support and alimony but also temporary and permanent attorney's fees and suit money.
- 15. As of July 30, 2004, Wife had never seen a financial statement or financial declaration of her Husband. While she signed tax returns, she did not understand the same and was not given copies. Wife did not know her Husband's income, and did not know the extent of his holdings at the time the agreement was signed on July 30, 2004 or when the Court held the approval hearing on August 3, 2004.
- 16. The agreement called for Wife to have use of the home for one year; for Husband to have custody of the son; wife to have custody of the daughter; wife to receive a defeasible interest in a piece of property next to the marital home; for wife to receive Thirty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$37,500.00) in equitable division payable over a number of year; and child support. Wife's "equitable share" was less than five (5%) percent of Husband's worth.
- declaration of August 3, 2004 was provided to Wife for the first time. Husband reported an income of One Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Dollars and Seventy-Six Cents (\$1, 730.76) and asserted expenses of Four Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$4,250.00) per month, including Seven Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$790.00) for a house payment, Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) for child support and temporary

alimony, and Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) for private school. These three (3) entries alone total and exceed Husband's asserted monthly income.

- 18. Wife and Husband physically separated on or about August 3, 2004 (not on July 27, 2004) after Husband had Wife go to his attorney's office, without representation and financial disclosure, to sign a property and support agreement that was first approved by Judge McFaddin, and then was set aside based on Wife's Motion.
- 19. In September of 2004, Wife hired the undersigned to represent her in an action to set aside the August 20, 2004 Order approving the July 30, 2004 Agreement and to secure her a just result. Because Husband continued to harass her and refused to make payments, Wife left the martial home, leaving the children with Husband because she had no friends or place to keep them.
- 20. On Wife's behalf, we filed and served a Notice of Motion and Motion to Vacate Order and Set Aside Agreement on September 21, 2004, with a hearing date was scheduled for December 28, 2004 before Judge McFaddin who vacated the August 20, 2004 Order and set aside the underlying Agreement by Order dated January 6, 2005.
- 21. After Wife's Motion was filed, Husband took children to "Helping Hands" to get an evaluation for custody purposes even though the event complained of occurred months before Husband agreed for Wife to have custody of the daughter.
- 22. On September 23, 2004, Husband brought an action for divorce on the ground of Wife's adultery that took place after the separation.

- 23. A temporary hearing was held on January 7, 2005. Judge Marion Myers issued an Order dated February 8, 2005 which, among other things, dealt with temporary custody, visitation, and child-related relief; gave Husband the temporary exclusive use and possession of the marital residence; required Husband to immediately pay Wife Thirty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$37,500.00) as an advance against equitable division; restrained the parties from disposing of marital assets and from personal contact; appointed a Guardian *ad* litem; granted discovery; and granted the paternal grandmother's Motion to Intervene.
- 24. On January 21, 2005, the undersigned received a Hearing Notice from Husband's counsel setting this case for May 2, 5, and one-half day on May 6, 2005 without prior notice and were required to move for a continuance.
- 25. On February 11, 2005, Husband filed an application for Judge Myer's to clarify his Temporary Order dated February 8, 2005, alleging that the award of Thirty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$37,500.00) was improper due to Wife's alleged misconduct. Husband did not pay the Thirty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$37,500.00).
- 26. A Rule to Show Cause was issued by Judge Turbeville on February 15, 2005 which required Husband to appear on March 11, 2005 to show cause why he should not immediately comply with the Court's Temporary Order dated February 8, 2005 and to pay Thirty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$37,500.00), and why he should not be held in contempt.
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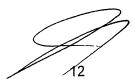


that Wife take a pregnancy test; and to require that Wife be required to submit to a hair follicle drug test. We filed a Return to Husband's Motion to Amend Pleadings on March 9, 2005, asserting Husband's motions were frivolous, were meant to embarrass and annoy Wife, were without good faith basis, and should not be granted. We also sought costs and fees.

- 28. We also filed a Notice of Motion and Motion to Appoint an appraiser.
- 29. On March 9, 2005, Judge McFaddin signed another Rule To Show Cause directing Husband to show cause why he had not complied with the Order dated February 8, 2005 by which he was restrained from disposing of marital assets, and why he should not be held in contempt and punished accordingly by reason of his efforts to auction off certain marital property.
- 30. On March 9, 2005, Judge Myers issued an Order Denying Husband's Motion to Reconsider his Order of February 8, 2005. Husband appealed this Order and Judge Myers' February 8, 2005 Order to the South Carolina Court of Appeals, and Husband refused to pay the Thirty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$37,500.00).
- 31. A hearing was held on March 1 , 2005 before the Honorable Jeffrey Young on the two (2) Rules to Show Cause wherein Wife sought a finding of contempt against Husband for (A) not paying her the Thirty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$37,500.00); (B) for not complying with the restraining order relating to the disposition of assets with regard to an auction Husband scheduled for March 12, 2005. Wife also sought an award of attorneys' fees as required by the Temporary Order of February 8, 2005.

- 32. Judge Young issued an Order of Contempt and Enforcement on March 22, 2005 finding Husband in civil contempt and sentencing him to serve sixty (60) days in the Clarendon County Corrections Center unless he purged himself of contempt by delivery of a cashier's check for Thirty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$37,500.00). The auction scheduled for March 12, 2005 did not take place.
- 33. Judge Young issued an order on March 24, 2005 wherein he ordered Husband to pay to Wife, through her counsel, the sum of Three Thousand Three Hundred Forty Dollars (\$3,340.00) as attorneys' fees and costs.
- 34. After a hearing on March 23, 2005, Judge Myers issued a Bifurcated Decree of Divorce granting Husband a divorce based upon Wife's adultery which occurred subsequent to the separation of the parties in August 2004. This Order stated that it could not be construed as making any finding relative to the issues of fault of either party as to the cause of the marital breakup as may affect equitable division, custody, visitation, counsel fees, suit money, or any other issues that remained open. All other issues were held open and preserved pending a final order of this Court after a hearing on the merits. The hearings scheduled for May 3, 5, and 6, 2005 were continued.
- 35. On April 13, 2005, Husband filed a contempt action alleging that Wife was in contempt of the February 8, 2005 Order because she had failed to pay the taxes and insurance on a 1996 Chevrolet Suburban and she had failed to provide to Husband with her physical and mental health records. An Order for Rule to Show Cause was issued by Judge Turbeville on April 12, 2005 and a hearing was scheduled for May 6, 2005. Wife filed a Return denying the material allegations.

- 36. On May 18, 2005, Judge Young issued an order denying Husband's request for contempt, finding Wife's actions not to be willful, and finding that Husband had unclean hands.
- 37. After a hearing on Husband's Notice of Motion and Motion to Amend Pleadings, Judge Kinard Johnson issued an Order on April 22, 2005 allowing Husband to amend his pleadings to implead Wade Ingle as a party to the action and requiring that Wife submit a pregnancy test at a doctor of Husband's choice. The Court denied Husband's application to have Wife submit to a drug test.
- 38. On May 6, 2005, Wife filed a Return to Husband's Request for Privileged Medical Records, citing the Rules of this Court, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, and the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Accountability Act of 1986.
- 39. On May 16, 2005, Husband's counsel filed a Notice of Motion and Motion for Relief and a Notice of Motion and Motion to Compel discovery. Wife's counsel filed a Return to Husband's Notice of Motion and Motion to Compel on July 26, 2005.
- 40. On July 27, 2005, Husband's Motions to Compel and For Child Support were heard by Judge Young who issued an Order dated August 9, 2005 requiring Wife to sign the necessary documents to release her medical records and required Wife to pay a total weekly payment of Fifty-Seven Dollars and Seventy-Nine Cents (\$57.79) to Husband as child support.
 - 41. We filed a Request for Final Hearing on August 23, 2005.
- 42. On September 1, 2005 Husband's counsel filed a Notice of Motion and Motion for Protective Order from Husband giving a deposition on September 21, 2005.



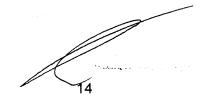
Wife's counsel moved to dismiss because the Motion was sent to them by facsimile which is not sufficient service.

- 43. On September 7, 2005, Judge Young issued a Qualified Protective Order directing access to Wife's protected health information, but prohibiting Husband from using or disclosing the information for any purpose other than those directly raised to this litigation and any retained medical expert of Husband; Thereafter said information would be either destroyed or maintained within the attorney's closed file at the end of this litigation.
- 44. On January 3, 2006, Husband's counsel served Notice to Quash a Subpoena from Wife's counsel to the Bank of Clarendon as not requesting information relevant to the distribution of marital property. Husband's counsel withdrew the motion.
- 45. In addition to the foregoing, addendum hereto sets forth discovery accomplished in this case and the difficult issues.

TIME AND COSTS

- * The undersigned are informed and believe that during this case the time that has been spent, as set forth more fully hereafter, was necessary to the protection of our client's interests and in order to make as concise and clear a presentation to the Court as possible in connection with the issues now before the Court.
- * James T. McLaren, in accordance with the time and expense records of the offices of McLaren & Lee, Attorneys, which are maintained on a daily basis, state to the Court that the following time expenditures have necessarily been made through and including the completion of the merits hearing and follow up work relating to same through February 16, 2005 (including estimates for trial).

- A. 19.00 hours by James T. McLaren through February 13, 2006;
- B. 16.00 hours Estimated Trial Time and Preparation
- C. 3.75 hours by Paralegal; and,
- D. Costs: \$82.71
- * Jan L. Warner, in accordance with the time and expense records of the offices of Warner, Payne & Black, LLP, which are maintained on a daily basis, states to the Court that the following time expenditures have necessarily been made through and including the completion of the merits hearing and follow up work relating to same through February 16, 2006 including estimates for trial time.
 - A. 190.55 hours by Jan L. Warner through February 13, 2006;
 - B. 25.00 hours Estimated Trial Time and Preparation
 - C. 185.25 hours by Associate Attorneys, through February 13, 2006;
 - D. 20.00 hours for Trial; and,
 - D. 82.45 hours by Paralegals.
- * Our normal and customary hourly rates range from \$375.00 to \$500.00 per hour for senior attorney time; \$175.00 to \$250.00 for associates, and from \$75.00 to \$125.00 per hour for paralegal time. We believe that \$400.00 per hour for attorney time, \$200.00 per hour for associates, and \$100.00 per hour for paralegal time is appropriate to this case in light of the issues involved, the complexity of proof, and the magnitude of the case.
- *. Upon the undersigned being retained, Wife agreed to pay a retainer of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), and expense deposit of Five Thousand Dollars



(\$5,000.00) and to pay for attorney time at the rate of \$400.00 per hour and paralegal time at the rate of \$100.00 per hour, plus costs. However, she had no money.

- *. Wife has incurred separate fees and costs associated with experts who Mark Hobbs, CPA, Mr. Hobb's fees and costs to date total in excess of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00). W. Burke Watson, Jr. was appointed by the Court and his fees should be paid by Husband.
- *. The following is an accurate summary of all time and costs incurred and including the completion of the merits hearing and follow up work relating to same through February 13, 2006, including an estimate of trial preparation and trial time on February 14 and 16, 2006:

\$14,000.00
\$86,220.00
\$41,050.00
\$375.00
\$8245.00
\$ 82.71
\$6,107.11

Total:

\$ <u>156,079.82</u>

Fees and costs by Mark Hobbs, CPA:

\$<u>8000.00</u>

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JAMES T. McLAREN

SWORN to and subscribed before me this 13th day of February, 2006.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

My Commission Expires: May 2,2015

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SWORN to and subscribed before me this 13th day of February, 2006.

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ADDENDUM

DEPOSITIONS

In addition to the foregoing work and services, the following depositions were taken to deal with the issues in this case:

- 1. Deposition of William Simpson, Jr. on October 10, 2005
- 2. Deposition of Otis Prince on April 6, 2005
- 3. Deposition of Leanne Greene on August 18, 2005
- 4. Deposition of Daisy Simpson on July 25, 2005
- 5. Deposition of Becky Simpson on March 24, 2005
- 6. Deposition of Wade Ingle on March 24, 2005
- 7. Deposition of Robin Prosser on December 28, 2005

DISCOVERY REQUESTS

The following discovery was submitted by Wife to Husband:

- 1. Defendant's First Request to Produce to Plaintiff dated February 9, 2005
- 2. Defendant's First Set of Interrogatories dated February 9, 2005
- 3. Defendant's Answers to Plaintiff's Requests for Admission dated March 2, 2005.
- 4. Defendant's Responses to Plaintiff's First Set of Interrogatories dated March 14, 2005.
- 5. Defendant's Responses to Plaintiff's Production Requests dated March 14, 2005.
- 6. Defendant's Supplemental Requests to Produce to Plaintiff dated March 29, 2005.
- 7. Defendant's Requests for Admission to Plaintiff dated September 16, 2005.

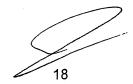
The following discovery was submitted by Husband to Wife:

- 1. Plaintiff's Request for Admission dated February 4, 2005
- Plaintiff's First Set of Interrogatories To Defendant dated February 10, 2005
- Plaintiff's Request for the Production, Inspection, and Copying of Document's and Things dated February 11,
- 4. Plaintiff's Response to Defendant's First Request for Production dated February 28, 2005.
- 5. Plaintiff's Response to Defendant's First Set of Interrogatories
- 6. Plaintiff's Response to Defendant's Request for Admission dated September 22, 2005

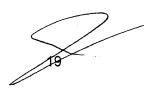
7. Plaintiff's Answer to Defendant's Supplemental Request to Produce dated April 15, 2005.

UNUSUAL AND DIFFICULT ISSUES

- 1. While reporting not more than \$18,000.00 in any year during this 15-year marriage and not paying any income taxes on the same, Husband has accumulated \$1,000,000 in marital assets.
- 2. Clearly, not only has he had the ability to pay for Wife's health insurance and the \$37,500.00 awarded to her by the Court in the February 8, 2005 Temporary Order, but this Court has also found that it has been extremely difficult to determine both Simpson, Sr.'s and Husband's income due to the "confusing" and untruthful ways in which they operate Simpson Farms, LLC. The Final Decree issued by Judge Turbeville seriously calls into question the credibility of Husband and his father due to the fraudulent practices in which they both have engaged that continue to this day. As will be shown by the evidence, after Wife left in January 2004, Husband spent more Ten Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$10,300.00) in cash for landscaping and concrete work at the former marital home.
- 3. It was necessary to secure the services of a Certified Public Accountant due to the fact that Husband's initial financial declaration of August 3, 2004 recited monthly gross and net income of One Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Two Dollars (\$1,732.00) and expenses of Four Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$4,250.00) together with assets approaching Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) excluding farm equipment, vehicles, crops in the ground, crops in the bin, boats, and the like.

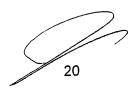


- 4. On the other hand, Husband's financial declaration dated July 2005 recited gross and net monthly incomes of Eight Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$8,350.00) and expenses of Three Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Nine Dollars (\$3879.00) with assets and liabilities "to be determined."
- 5. Throughout this case, Husband has been untruthful about his income and his assets, and has been at a loss to explain where the money comes from to pay his \$4,250 per month in expenses with a monthly income of \$1,730.76, including being able to pay for his children at a private school and the purchase of a brand new truck for himself valued at or around \$40,000.00.
- 6. As found by Judge Turbeville in his December 31, 2004 Decree in which Husband was a party, Husband, like his father, has difficulty telling the truth. Based upon the prior testimony of the Certified Public Accountant and the testimony to be provided at this trial, Husband's acquisition of in excess of One Million Dollars of assets between 1989 and 2004 is virtually impossible given the fact that husband never reported sufficient income.
- 7. Husband's interest in Simpson Farms, LLC was the result of "sweat equity"—that is, husband working for One Twenty Dollars (\$120.00) per week (and therefore not paying income taxes on the true value of his services) in return for property having a net value of Two Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars (\$299,824.00) as found by Judge Turbeville this finding was not appealed by Husband.
- 8. Each year, husband an his father "pool" all of their crops, Husband's father sells the same, and, according to findings of Judge Turbeville, distributes funds



as the parties need them. Making it virtually impossible to determine the income or expenses of either husband or his father.

- 9. Husband also recently purchased a new Ford Truck, has a boat, sends both of the children to private school, and lives an affluent lifestyle.
- 10. There is no way that income reported by Husband in anyway is sufficient to support the lifestyle or acquisition of assets by Husband.
- 11. In addition to issues dealing with unreported income, Wife, was forced to leave the marital home and the children because she lacked funds. At present, wife is medication free as, having removed the stress of husband from her life, she is productive and is currently employed as shown on her financial declaration.
- 12. The issue of visitation has been difficult in this case due to the fact that despite the Order with regard to visitation, Husband has not always brought the children on a timely basis or on the dates.
- 13. Husband has not allowed wife access to secure personal property, including property inherited by her from her parents (both of whom are deceased) and her grandmother. This includes china and other valuable items.
- 14. Husband has taken wife's handmade Christmas and other seasonal decorations and put them in the back of a truck which has been exposed to the elements for more than year.
- 15. Wife has not been given the opportunity to go through all of the boxes that husband has packed up or go through the residence to secure her personal property to which she is entitled. Husband was aware that wife had no place to store the same and



husband has withheld access to and storage of her personal property preferring to leave it outside or otherwise exposed to the elements.

In a prior action, *Daisy W. Simpson v. William R. Simpson, Sr., et al*, William R. Simpson, Jr., husband herein, was impleaded as a party Defendant.

In that action, the trial judge made the following findings and rulings with regard to William R. Simpson Jr., which have not been appealed by William R. Simpson, Jr.:

- 1. PAGE 15, PARAGRAPH (v) I find as a fact that the credibility of the Defendant's Simpson, Jr., and Simpson, Sr. are subject to significant question.
- 2. PAGE 20, PARAGRAPH 55....The Court can only conclude that the Defendants (Simpson, Sr. and Simpson, Jr.) intentionally resisted discovery and any effort to accurately disclose the exact nature of their holdings.
- 3. PAGE 14, PARAGRAPH (r) <u>Based upon the swapping of money</u> and property between Defendants Simpson, Sr. and Simpson, Jr., the discovery process has been significantly extended and confusion has reigned supreme.
- he turns all of his crops over to Simpson, Sr. who sells all crops, collects all monies from the sales, and places the proceeds into his Simpson Farm account. From this account, Simpson, Sr. pays all the farm expenses and then divides the remaining balance with Simpson, Jr. in a non-descript manner. Simpson, Jr. testified that, on occasion, Simpson, Sr. loaned him money and, when he did not pay it back, Simpson, Sr. would repay the loan from the proceeds of the sale of the next year's crops. Simpson, Jr. confirmed the Court's concern that no one could tell from year to year who will get what, because he and his father sit down



every year and "work out" what the respective families needs may be. I find that Simpson, Sr. and Simpson, Jr. are and have been shifting income to suit their purposes so that it is practically impossible to trace.

- 5. PAGE 6, PARAGRAPH 21. It has been very difficult for the Court to determine the income, expenses, and wealth of these parties.
- 6. PAGE 7, PARAGRAPH 28. <u>Defendant Simpson</u>, <u>Jr. admitted that he relied pretty much on his father to determine his income in any year. He admitted that his monthly expenses exceeded his income by more than \$2,500.00, but he could not explainhow he paid the same.</u>
- 7. PAGE 7, PARAGRAPH 29. Each year, Simpson, Sr. and Simpson, Jr. pool their crops, which are then sold by Simpson, Sr. The proceeds are deposited into Simpson, Sr.'s bank account. Simpson, Jr. admitted that the division of the crop sales proceeds is based upon which of them needed what that year, all of which is controlled by Defendant Simpson, Sr. Neither of them followed any corporate formalities nor did they pay debts or distribute income based on their purported 50-50 shares in the LLC.
- 8. PAGE 12, PARAGRAPH (i) It is now clear to the Court that the Husband's income and assets greatly exceed that which has been reported on his Financial Declarations....Husband, on a discretionary basis, determines the amount of distributions to his son from the farming operation each year. These distributions vary from year to year and are without any type of written agreement or supervision. Thus, Husband can and has adjusted his income and his son's as he deemed fit.

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- 9. PAGE 13, PARAGRAPH (j) I find that Simpson, Sr. has obfuscated his true income and assets. For example, there are significant checks written to third persons, including his real estate partners, as "loans" which do not appear to have been repaid, and the funds that have been distributed to Simpson, Jr., (referred to as "loans" or "advances") have been expensed by Husband.
- The Financial Declaration of PAGE 13, PARAGRAPH (o) 10. Simpson, Jr. is also before the Court (Plaintiff's Exhibit 68). According to the testimony of Mark Hobbs, CPA, and the exhibits, Simpson, Jr. never had adjusted gross income of more than \$18,000.00 annually. Mr. Hobbs testified that Simpson, Jr. had improperly expensed more than \$14,000.00 used to purchase real property on his income tax return. Simpson, Jr.'s Financial Declaration reflects income of \$1,730.76, per month, more than he has reported, after taxes, on any prior income tax return. His expenses are \$4,250.00 monthly. Simpson, Jr.'s assets shown on the 3rd page of his August 3, 2004 Financial Declaration show real estate values of \$272,900.00 and other property of \$300,835.00. His total indebtedness for his home, farm, land, and equipment loans is \$125,000.00. The addendum to his Financial Declaration was prepared by Ms. Amos using Simpson, Sr.'s values and reflects total LLC assets of \$1,325,164.00, of which Simpson, Jr. owns his \$662,582.00. The LLC liabilities according to his Financial Declaration are \$530,224.00, one-half of which he allocates to himself. He asserts that his total interest in the LLC is \$397,470.00. There is no breakdown of the "liabilities".

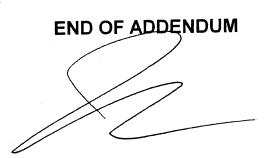


- 11. PAGE 14, PARAGRAPH (p) The addendum to Simpson, Jr.'s Financial Declaration asserts LLC real estate values at \$937,500.00, farm equipment at \$209,000.00, and the balance in investments, checking accounts, and other assets including crops, while the only evidence before the Court is that the LLC holds only real estate.
- 12. PAGE 14, PARAGRAPH (q) Simpson, Sr. testified that he purchased property with cash so that sellers could avoid taxation. He also testified he did not know the value of his assets. He admitted that he made decisions of how much to pay his son from the sale of the crops. Thereby making the consideration shown on the face of deeds unreliable.
- 13. PAGE 21, PARAGRAPH 58. According to uncontradicted testimony of William C. Coffey, a corporate attorney retained by Simpson, Sr. to form the LLC, Simpson, Sr. and Simpson, Jr. did not follow his instructions about the operation of the LLC. . . .
- 14. PAGE 22, PARAGRAPH 59. Defendant Simpson, Jr. testified both in deposition and at the trial that he worked on the farm from 1981 to 1989 at a reduced wage of \$120.00 per week (and sometimes did not make anything at all) in order to get an interest in the property. Simpson, Jr. testified that he could not put a value on his hard work and sweat, but he farmed the marital land so he could earn an interest in the property....
- 15. PAGE 22, PARAGRAPH 60. Despite the fact that Simpson, Sr., and Simpson, Jr. denied the existence of a joint bank account, the evidence before the Court reflects that a joint account was opened on July 19, 1999, and

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a \$78,500.00 account receivable that is not shown on his Financial Declaration, and I find receivable to be an asset of the marriage.

- 23. PAGE 29, PARAGRAPH 82. Plaintiff's Exhibit # 38, prepared by Mr. Hobbs shows a \$64,509.00 cost basis of Simpson, Jr.'s equipment as reported on his tax returns; however, Simpson, Jr. reported that he owned \$150,000.00 in equipment on his financial statement to banks.
- 24. PAGE 29, PARAGRAPH 83. Plaintiff's Exhibit # 39, also prepared by Mr. Hobbs, compares Simpson, Jr.'s financial statements given to banks from 1999 through March of 2003. The value of farm equipment increased from \$24,000.00 in 1999 to \$35,000.00 in 2000, from \$41,000.00 in 2001 to \$150,000.00 in 2002, and stayed at \$150,000.00 each year thereafter. According to Mr. Hobbs, there is no evidence of sufficient income or indebtedness in Simpson, Jr.'s tax returns that explain how he acquired this farm equipment.
- 25. PAGE 30, PARAGRAPH 84. According to Mr. Hobbs, Simpson, Jr.'s home mortgage in 1999 at \$53,900.00 had been paid down to \$23,933.00 in 2003. This reduction was not justified by the income reported on his tax returns.



Odom Auction Company S.C.A.L. #627 803-433-2696

Re: Appraisal of Buck & Bull Country Store - Contents of building

1.	(4) fire extinguishers	50.00
2.	6ft s.s. sink with drain	250.00
3.	44ft wall mount metal shelving	225.00
4.	24ft gondola shelving	250.00
5.	24ft warehouse shelving (pallet rack)	240.00
6.	Other assorted shelves & racks	90.00
7.	Small lot P.V.C. pipe	100.00
8.	Reel of rope	50.00
9.	Warehouse cart/dolly	125.00
10.	Hardware bins with nuts, bolts, etc.	375.00
11.	Assorted nails	60.00
12.	(9) Assorted boxes hardware	90.00
13.	(22) bags limestone pellets	110.00
14.	Pallet salt bricks (52)	150.00
15.	(2) feeders	80.00
16.	Pony saddle	75.00
17.	Shelf unit of bird feeders & supplements	45.00
18.	(2) bird houses	20.00
19.	(20) small bags of sulphur	60.00
20.	(2) bags of bug killer	30.00
21.	Security mirror	20.00
22.	Secretary chair, 2 drawer file cabinet & boo	kcase 45.00
23.	6ft folding table	20.00
24.	(2) 6ft glass display cases	175.00
25.	4ft glass display case	150.00
26.	5ft glass display case	100.00
27.	Glass display cigar and cigarettes case	60.00
28.	(2) barstools, (2) rockers, (6) stack chairs	65.00
29.	(2) tool boxes	10.00
30.	Revolving nail bin and contents	90.00
31.	Hardware bins & contents	50.00
32.	(2) pallets potting soil & fertilizer	50.00
33.	Assorted feeders & mixers	25.00
34.	Bird cage	15.00
35.	Boat anchor& electric fence booster	25.00
36.	Assorted hand tools	30.00
37.	Paper supplies	45.00
38. 🤈	(2) tv's used - if work	50.00
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39.	Display water sprinklers, nozzles & gauges	90.00
40.	Small assorted batteries	35.00
41.	Battery operated clocks	45.00
42.	Sharpshooter targets & miscellaneous	100.00
43,	Oil lamps	70.00
44.	Oil lanterns	20.00
45.	Candles, lamp oil, light bulbs	35.00
46.	(3) used hydrolic jacks	45.00
47.	Charcoal & fluid	25.00
48.	Display caps & t-shirts	45.00
49.	Electric scooter	60.00
50.	In storage trailer booth seats	75.00
•	miscellaneous lot of yard sale & flea market item used Christmas, clothes, toys, houseware & miscellaneous	s <u>200,00</u>

TOTAL

\$4,345.00

USING THE AUCTION APPROACH AS TO APPRAISING - I BELIEVE THIS FIGURER REFLECTS FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE SALEABLE MERCHANDISE LISTED.

DUE TO OBVIOUS VANDALISM, RATS, EXPIRED DATE MERCHANDISE, IT IS MY OPINION THAT ANOTHER \$400 TO \$500 NOT FIT FOR SALE.

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Paid to Becky from Original Agreement

1.	House payment	4 months at \$ 800.00	\$ 3,200.00
2.	Light bill	4 months at \$ 250.00	\$ 1,000.00
3.	Phone bill	4 months for a total	\$ 400.00
4.	Fuel for SUV 1 tank per week	4 months	\$ 1,147.00
5.	Up keep and Maintenance on SUV	4 months	\$ 1,000.00
6.	Maintenance on and repairs to Home		
	after Becky moved out prior to		
	Temporary Order (Judge Myers)		\$ 5,525.00
7.	Alimony & Child Support	4 months	\$ 3,000.00
8.	Suspension of drivers licenses	1.2	\$ 500.00
9.	Taxes & Insurance on Suburban		\$ 240.00
			\$ 16,012.00



Pee Dee Farm Credit Debt

Loan #	Funds used to purchase	Debt
2	Diana Harvin (Part of 110 acres)	\$ 19,300.00
3	Hay bailer & 1033 stack liner	\$ 13,000.00
5	Equipment loan	\$ 8,600.00
6	50 acres even	\$ 14,000.00
7	Former marital home Total	\$ 78,600.00 \$ 133,500.00

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COUNTY OF CLARENDON)) THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT				
BILL SIMPSON, JR. Plaintiff vs		ANCIAL DECLARA BILL SIMPSON, JF			
BECKY SIMPSON					
Defendant)) FILE	NO. 04-DR-14-3	15 & 243		
Husband: Bill Simpson, Jr.	Wife: Beck	cy Simpson			
Address: 2052 Billie Road	Address:				
Manning, SC 29102	_				
Age: 35 SSN: 251-61-9628					
Occupation: Farmer	Occupation	:			
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PART A: INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT]	Husband	Wife		
(a) Gross monthly income from:					
Salary and wages (including commissions, bonuses, and overtime) payable weekly/monthly/etc Pensions and retirement	\$	8350.	\$		
Social Security					
Disability and unemployment insurance					
Public assistance (AFDC payments, etc)	· 				
Child/spousal support (prior marriage)		237.53			
Dividends and interest					
Rents					
Other					
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TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME		8587.53			
(b) Itemize deductions from gross income:					
Income taxes (state and federal)		TBD			
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(c) NET MONTHLY INCOME	\$	8 5 87.53	\$		

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		Husband	Wife
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Real property taxes (residence)		300.00	
Real property insurance (reside Maintenance (residence)		400.00	
Food and household supplies		650.00	
Utilities		450.00	
Telephone		350.00	
Laundry and cleaning		100.00	
Clothing		300.00	
Medical		250.00	
Dental		200.00	
Insurance (life, health, accident,	•	380.00	
Child Care		300.00	
Payment of child/spousal support		600.00	
School		300.00	
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Incidentals		400.00	
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Other Installment payment(s)		6290.00	
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Creditor's Name	For	Payment	Balance
Bank of Clarendon	Truck Payment	\$ 710.00	\$37,000.0
Bank of Greeleyville	Land Payment	\$ 710.00	\$20,000.0
Various Land Rental	Rent of Land	\$ 1100.00	\$
Bank of Greeleyville (2)	Land Payment (2)	\$ 900.00	\$ 100,000 \$ 2500.0
Clarendon Memorial	Cody/Kaitlin Hospital	_ \$	\$2300.0
		_ \$	\$
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Other	For	Payment	Balance
Cody's Contacts	Contacts	\$ 66.00	S
Cody's Braces	Braces	- \$ <u>250.00</u>	\$
Fuel Payments	Fuel	\$ 300.00	\$
Helena Chemical Co.	chemicals	\$ 131.00	\$
Orangeburg Milling	Feed	\$ 180.00	\$
Helena Chemical Co.	Fertilizer	\$ 432.00	\$
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TOTAL EXPENSES		\$3,879.00	\$
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TOTAL OTHER DEBTS AND	OBLIGATIONS		\$10769.00

All property of the parties known to me includes the following:

	Husband	wife
Cash on hand	\$ 30.00	\$
Money in checking accounts	\$ 175.00	\$
Money in savings accounts	\$	\$
Money in credit union	\$	\$
Money in any other accounts or deposits	\$	\$
Retirement or pension fund	\$ 0	\$
Life insurance cash value	\$ TBD	\$
Value of any stocks & bonds	\$	\$
Value of real estate	\$ TBD	\$
Value of all other property	\$ TBD	\$
TOTAL PROPERTY	\$0.00	\$
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BANK OF CLARENDON MANNING, SC 29102

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March 2, 2005

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RE: William R. Simpson, Jr. v. Becky H. Simpson Docket Number 2004-DR-14-243, & 315

Dear Gentlemen:

I enclose herewith and serve upon you by mail a copy of Defendant's Answers to Plaintiff's Requests for Admission.

Yours truly,

Jan L. Warner

Enclosures:

Answers to Requests for Admission

Certificate of Service

cc:

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)	IN THE FAMILY COURT FOR THE
·)	THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF CLARENDON)	
)	DOCKET NO.: 2004-DR-14-243, & 315
WILLIAM R. SIMPSON, JR.)	
	,	DEFENDANT'S ANSWERS TO
Plaintiff,	,	PLAINTIFF'S REQUESTS FOR
)	ADMISSION
Vs.)	
)	
BECKY H. SIMPSON,)	
Defendant)	
Defendant.)	
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TO: PLAINTIFF WILLIAM ROBERT SIMPSON, JR. AND HIS ATTORNEYS, STEVEN S. MCKENZIE AND SCOTT ROBINSON:

1. Admit that you have been and are currently romantically involved with an individual by the name of Wade Ingle.

Defendant objects to Request based on the grounds that there are two Requests in one and Request can't be admitted or denied. Notwithstanding this objection, Defendant admits that she is currently involved with Wade Ingle.

2. Admit that you are currently living with Mr. Ingle on the 3910-B, Wedgefield Highway.

Admitted.

4. Admit that you have engaged in sexual intimacy with Wade.

Admitted.

5. Admit that you are pregnant with Wade's child.

Denied.

6. Admit that you have and are currently using illegal drugs.

Defendant objects to Request based on the grounds that there are two Requests in one and Request can't be admitted or denied. Notwithstanding this objection, Defendant denies using illegal drugs.

7. Admit that you have and are currently using legal drugs.

Defendant objects to Request based on the grounds that there are two Requests in one and Request can't be admitted or denied. Further, Defendant doesn't know what "drugs" are legal. Notwithstanding this objection, Defendant admits using prescription drugs prescribed by her doctor.

8. Admit that on April 11, 2004, that you had an altercation with your minor son, Cody Simpson.

Admitted.

9. Admit that on the evening of September 10, 2004 that you left the minor daughter, Kaitilyn Simpson with several other children at the home of Debbie Green all night until 7:30 a.m. the next morning.

Denied.

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ATTORNEYS FOR DEFENDANT

Columbia, South Carolina Dated: March 2005

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CLARENDON) IN THE FAMILY COURT FOR THE) THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
WILLIAM R. SIMPSON, JR	DOCKET NO: 2004-DR-14-243, & 315
Plaintiff,	j
Vs.) CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
BECKY H. SIMPSON	
Defendant.)) _)

I, Candace Abel, a paralegal for the law firm of Warner, Payne & Black, L.L.P. attorneys for Becky H. Simpson, do hereby certify that on this date I caused a copy of the **Defendant's Answers to Plaintiff's Requests for Admission** to be served upon the parties listed below by depositing a copy of same in the United States Mail, postage paid envelope and addressed to the following:

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Steve McKenzie 16 North Brooks Street Manning, South Carolina 29102

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Columbia, South Carolina March 2, 2005

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Mark Hobbs - direct by Mr. Warner

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BY THE COURT: Have ya'll seen all you need to see out of the big box here? I mean, the rules for summaries is that she have it in the courtroom during her testimony so ya'll can review it. And she's had it here, and ya'll have reviewed it.

BY MR. ROBINSON: We've had that opportunity.

BY THE COURT: Okay, you can be excused and take the big box with you. Have a good vacation. All right, it's now five after one, so be back at two fifteen. And I don't know many places in Manning you need more than an hour to eat.

BY MR. WARNER: Is it all right if I stay in here and clean some of my stuff up?

BY THE COURT: Yes, sir. You can stay here, but we'll all be back at two fifteen.

NOTE: Court is in recess until two twenty.

MARK THOMAS HOBBS, first being duly

18 sworn, testifies:

19 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. WARNER:

20 Q. Would you state your name please?

21 A. Mark Thomas Hobbs.

22 Q. And, Mr. Hobbs, what is your occupation?

23 A. CPA, certified public accountant.

24 Q. And where do you practice?

25 A. I practice with my firm in Columbia, South Carolina.

- 1 It's the Hobbs Group.
- 2 |Q. Would you tell the Court the benefit of your experience
- 3 and education in the field of certified public accounting and
- 4 | what you do?
- 5 A. Okay. I have been practicing since May of 1979.
- 6 practiced with Burchton Winney (sic) from May of 1979 to
- 7 | 1986. I started my own practice in 1986. I started doing
- 8 some litigation work in the late 70's or mid 80's with RGC,
- 9 and did some litigation work there. But I have a full
- 10 service firm that does accounting and auditing and tax
- 11 services with about fifteen employees in Columbia.
- 12 Q. Mr. Hobbs, from a standpoint of experience in this
- 13 |field, are you regularly retained, and do you participate in
- 14 matrimonial and probate actions relating to assets and
- 15 valuation of assets and audits and this type thing?
- 16 A. Yes. I get involved in more family cases that have
- 17 situations where there's documents or general ledgers or
- 18 instances where someone may suspect fraud or some type of
- 19 improper transfers. I do not really consider myself an
- 20 expert on family law. I'm an accountant, a general ledger
- 21 type auditry background.
- 22 Q. And in this case, the Simpson case, when did you receive
- 23 | the bulk of the material?
- 24 A. Well, I started receiving material along and along.
- 25 wasn't sure exactly everything that I was going to be doing

- 1 until earlier this week or this weekend when I got a lot of
- 2 the information prepared. But I have been receiving it over
- 3 a year, but it was bits and pieces. We have still yet to
- 4 receive all the information we've requested. And we really
- 5 | were unsure -- I was really unsure as to how much work we
- 6 were going to do until we had a full evaluation or snapshot
- 7 evaluation of how the real estate stood.
- $oldsymbol{8}$ Q. Your Honor, we submit Mr. Hobbs as an expert in the
- 9 | field of certified public accounting.
- 10 BY THE COURT: Do you want to voir dire him on his
- 11 qualifications?
- BY MR. MCKENZIE: No, sir.
- BY THE COURT: All right, I find him qualified by
- 14 education and experience as a certified public accountant.
- 15 CONTINUED BY MR. WARNER:
- 16 Q. Mr. Hobbs, were you present at the taking of the
- deposition of Mr. Al Gibbons, which has been introduced into
- 18 evidence here as exhibit number twenty-two? Were you present
- when that deposition was taken?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. At the time that deposition was taken, had you ---
- BY THE COURT: Is that Plaintiff's twenty-two?
- BY MR. WARNER: Yes, sir.
- 24 | CONTINUED BY MR. WARNER:
- A. Had you received Mr. Simpson's tax returns at that time?

- 1 A. I had not received all the information for our
- 2 | evaluation. I don't have a chronological log of the dates I
- 3 | received the tax returns.
- 4 Q. What about the general ledger?
- 5 A. We did not have a complete general ledger. We were
- 6 missing -- we did not have balance sheets or financial
- 7 statement information on partnerships Mr. Simpson was
- 8 invested in. And we did not have a general ledger that made
- 9 any sense from our standpoint of trying to show a complete
- 10 picture of his farm activity.
- 11 Q. Were you present at the taking of the deposition of
- 12 Tracy Amos?
- 13 A. Yes, I was.
- 14 Q. Did you receive information attached to her deposition
- 15 that she had gotten that you had never seen before?
- 16 A. That was the first time I recall getting a complete
- 17 general ledger was at her deposition.
- 18 Q. And when was her deposition taken?
- 19 A. I can't remember the date.
- 20 Q. How many weeks' ago?
- 21 A. Two weeks' ago I think, back before I went on vacation.
- 22 Q. When did you complete your analysis sufficient for you
- 23 | to be here to testify today?
- 24 A. Well, we finished it just a little while ago, just
- 25 | before I left Columbia, because we were uncertain of the

- 1 amount of work we were going to have to do until we received
- 2 | final information on the real estate values.
- 3 Q. And so when did you receive that?
- 4 A. Sunday or Monday morning.
- 5 Q. Now, did you prepare a list of the exhibits that you
- 6 reviewed and which are in the courtroom today?
- 7 A. Yes, I have.
- 8 Q. Would you provide that please? And have you made a
- 9 number of copies so we can hand them out?
- 10 A. I did.
- 11 Q. We would offer these documents that he received.
- BY THE COURT: Thirty-two?
- BY MR. WARNER: Yes, sir, thirty-two. And these
- 14 documents were reviewed in connection with testimony in
- 15 Simpson versus Simpson.
- BY MR. ROBINSON: Just for the record, this is a list of
- 17 the documents.
- BY THE COURT: That's what I understand. It's a list of
- 19 the documents he reviewed.
- 20 BY MR. ROBINSON: I just wanted to make sure.
- 21 BY THE COURT: It's a list of the documents.
- BY MR. WARNER: A list of the documents.
- 23 Plaintiff's ex. #32 list of documents witness reviewed
- 24 | CONTINUED BY MR. WARNER:
- Q. Mr. Hobbs, when did you provide -- until you walked

- 1 | in this courtroom today, had I seen your work product in this
- 2 | case?
- 3 A. No, you haven't. Now, I may have e-mailed you some
- 4 schedules late last night at about twelve thirty or so that
- 5 you may have gotten, and I don't know if you looked at them.
- 6 But I e-mailed you some that I prepared last night. I'm not
- 7 | sure if you looked at them.
- 8 Q. When you completed your schedules for today, did you fax
- 9 | them to counsel for Mr. Simpson?
- 10 A. I did. I faxed them to your office and to his office.
- 11 Q. Let me ask you first about the LLC. Are you familiar
- 12 with the LLC in this case?
- 13 A. Yes, sir, a little 1 t.
- 14 Q. You heard Mr. -- did you hear Mr. Al Gibbons testify?
- 15 Did you have any information on the LLC, or what do you have?
- 16 What information were you provided on the LLC that was
- 17 created in 2000 when these assets were transferred?
- 18 A. The only information I have seen on the LLC is reference
- 19 in Mr. Simpson's application for Farmer of the Year, and the
- | documentation I got I received at Tracy Amos' deposition,
- 21 which included the articles of incorporation to the secretary
- 22 of state, an operation agreement that was included in that
- 23 package, and an application for a Federal ID number.
- Q. And that is exhibit number twelve, Your Honor, of the
- 25 Plaintiff. Mr. Hobbs, other than that, have you seen any

- 1 | records of meetings of the LLC members?
- 2 A. No, I have not.
- 3 Q. What is the rule if you have an LLC that contains more
- 4 | than one member?
- 5 BY MR. ROBINSON: Your Honor, could he be a little more
- 6 specific as to what rule he's talking about? He's a CPA, and
- 7 now he's talking about LLC rules, and I just want to clarify
- 8 what rule he's talking about.
- 9 BY THE COURT: Well, I mean, he's asking him about the
- 10 rule, and I assume if it doesn't have anything to do with
- 11 accounting, he's not going to know about it. But we'll see
- 12 what he's got to say.
- BY MR. ROBINSON: Okay.
- 14 CONTINUED BY MR. WARNER:
- 15 O. Go ahead.
- 16 A. A multi-member LLC defaults to a partnership unless an
- 17 election is filed with the IRS for it to be taxed as a
- 18 corporate entity. So any time you have a multi-member LLC,
- 19 you have an annual filing with the secretary of the state
- 20 that's required and was required during the time this LLC
- 21 existed. And you would also have to file a partnership tax
- 22 return reporting the income and expenses of that activity.
- 23 Q. Have you seen any evidence of any tax return or income
- 24 either paid into this LLC or revenue paid out of this LLC?
- 25 A. No.

- 1 Q. Is that unusual from the standpoint of the formation of
- 2 | an LLC based on your practice as an accountant?
- 3 \mid A. It appears that the purpose of this entity to be set up
- 4 has no substance because it hasn't had any activity. And it
- 5 seems like it would defeat the purpose for having it, because
- 6 often time we recommend to our clients to create an LLC to
- 7 assist them with liability. It can also help -- we
- 8 recommend it to assist in liability protection, but when you
- 9 get into piercing a corporate veil, you have to have
- 10 meetings. You have to act like a corporate entity. You
- 11 | would have to have transactions between the farm operation or
- 12 the farm activity and the property owner, and none of that
- 13 has occurred. If this had been my client, I would be very
- 14 | concerned about whether or not setting up the LLC did him any
- 15 | good.
- 16 Q. Assuming that this LLC was established and Eight Hundred
- 17 Thousand Dollars of real estate was transferred into the LLC,
- 18 and assuming the LLC contains farm property, did you see any
- 19 evidence of any rent being paid to the LLC?
- 20 A. No activity with the LLC.
- 21 Q. Have you seen any evidence of improvement of properties
- 22 owned by the LLC?
- 23 A. I saw evidence of repairs and maintenance expenses in
- 24 | the farm activity, and whether or not that was the property
- 25 owned or supposedly that was contributed to the LLC, I don't

- 1 know the answer to that. I couldn't tell the difference.
- Q. Mr. Hobbs, in reviewing the tax returns for Mr. Simpson,
- 3 Sr. and Jr., and I believe you reviewed both of those sets of
- 4 | returns, right?
- 5 A. Yes, sir.
- 6 Q. And the general ledgers of both?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. Did you ever see -- I'm sorry, go ahead.
- 9 A. The only general ledger I had was of Simpson Farms. I
- 10 never saw a general ledger on Bill Simpson, Jr.'s farm.
- 11 There was only one general ledger. And we can talk about
- 12 that a little later. We'll get to that.
- 13 Q. Did you have those for 2002 and 2003?
- 14 A. I do.
- 15 Q. There is a store testified to this morning called the
- 16 Buck and Bull. Are you familiar with that store?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Have you seen any evidence on anybody's tax returns,
- 19 Simpson, Jr. or Simpson, Sr., a Schedule C in the operation
- 20 of this store that has gasoline and general merchandise?
- 21 A. No.
- Q. Have you seen any depreciation taken on anybody's tax
- 23 returns relating to the operation of this store or the
- 24 |building or anything else?
- A. Well, the building itself may be included on another

- 1 depreciation schedule, but I have not seen that activity
- reported on anybody's tax return. That's correct.
- 3 Q. If the Buck and Bull Store, photographs of which are in
- 4 evidence, either had a gain or loss, you have not seen
- 5 anything on that on anybody's tax returns. Is that true?
- 6 A. That is true.
- 7 Q. Now, let me show you exhibit thirteen of the Defendant
- 8 which purports to be an agreement dated 1989 and signed by
- 9 Mr. Simpson, Sr. but not Jr., where Simpson agreed to pay his
- 10 son One Hundred and Twenty Dollars a week, and the son
- 11 provides free labor for the farm in consideration for an
- 12 equal ownership. Is that what that document purports to say?
- 13 A. Let me just read it. Yes, that does appear to be what
- 14 this agreement says.
- 15 Q. Now, Mr. Hobbs, assume for a minute that by deed after
- 16 Mr. and Mrs. Simpson reconciled in 2000 that Eight Hundred
- 17 Thousand Dollars of real estate was transferred into this LLC
- 18 that belonged fifty percent to Mr. Simpson and fifty percent
- 19 to his son. Is there a taxable issue in your opinion as a
- 20 CPA based on the labor performed and what was done to get
- 21 | this ownership?
- 22 A. Well, there certainly is an issue. And the issue can be
- 23 one of two things. It's either compensation to Mr. Simpson,
- 24 Jr. for his labor, which is what this 1989 agreement says, or
- 25 as Ms. Amos says in her deposition, it is a gift. And a

- 1 gift tax return should have been filed. And a gift tax
- 2 return should have been filed April 15th following the date of
- 3 | the gift.
- 4 Q. So if the gift was made in May of 2000, the gift tax
- 5 | return should have been filed when?
- 6 A. April 15th, not counting extensions, but I haven't seen
- 7 any extensions, and I don't think there's any evidence that
- 8 any gift tax returns have been filed.
- 9 Q. What year?
- 10 A. 2001.
- 11 Q. Have you seen any evidence that Simpson, Jr. reported
- 12 any of the interest in this LLC that he received based on his
- 13 labor on his tax returns? Did you see a Two or Three Hundred
- 14 | Thousand Dollar ---
- 15 A. No, no, I have not.
- 16 Q. So if Simpson, Jr. received Four Hundred Thousand
- 17 Dollars worth of real estate in this transaction or Three
- 18 Hundred Thousand, what should have been reported if it was
- not a gift?
- 20 A. It should have been taxable income. If it was not a
- 21 gift, it should have been taxable income to the son.
- 22 Q. And you sat through the deposition of Sr., and have you
- ever heard anybody talk about a gift before Ms. Amos'
- 24 | deposition?
- 25 A. I sat through the deposition of Ms. Amos. And I think

- 1 | that was the first time I heard it mentioned that it was a
- 2 gift.
- 3 Q. All right, sir. Now, you -- let's talk first about Mr.
- 4 Simpson's general ledger, Simpson, Sr. Anybody produce a
- 5 | gift tax return?
- 6 A. I have not been provided with one.
- 7 Q. Let's talk for a minute about Simpson, Sr.'s general
- 8 ledger. Did you prepare a schedule based on that general
- 9 | ledger, or can we talk about that general ledger? Do you
- 10 have it?
- 11 A. Yes, I brought copies of the general ledger that I was
- provided for 2002 and 2003 to put as exhibits. I did not
- prepare any schedules or exhibits from that general ledger.
- 14 Q. All right, let's talk about the general ledger first.
- 15 What is a general ledger?
- 16 A. A general ledger accounts for all cash activity or
- financial activity of a business entity.
- 18 Q. All right, sir. Let's go ahead and get that in. Is
- 19 this the 2002 and 2003 ledgers?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Your Honor, we would offer both of Mr. Simpson, Sr.'s
- general ledgers as one exhibit, and I will leave them in the
- 23 folder.
- 24 BY THE COURT: All right, that's thirty-three.
- 25 BY MR. ROBINSON: Yes, sir.

- 1 | Plaintiff's ex. #33 2002 and 2003 general ledgers
- 2 | CONTINUED BY MR. WARNER:
- 3 Q. Mr. Hobbs, in exhibit thirty-three let's talk just for a
- 4 minute about compensation paid to or funds directed to
- 5 Simpson, Jr. from Simpson, Sr.'s account, okay?
- 6 A. Yes, sir.
- 7 Q. Simpson, Sr. testified that he handled all farming
- 8 operations and everything went through him, Jr. and his
- 9 expenses, and Jr. had free use of the equipment, and he paid
- 10 Jr. an amount based on some formula that he and Simpson, Sr.
- 11 determined. How do these general ledgers show that Mr.
- 12 Simpson, Sr. treats the money that was distributed to
- 13 Simpson, Jr. from this farming operation?
- 14 A. Well, if you go to December 31, 2002, you'll see on that
- 15 first page receivable employees near the bottom of the page,
- 16 account number 124.
- 17 Q. Yes, sir, I see it.
- 18 A. There are four different advances, and it says "Bill
- 19 advances". And it's my understanding that those advances are
- 20 to Bill, Jr. And they total Forty-four Thousand One Hundred
- 21 Dollars for 2002.
- 22 Q. All right, sir, was a 1099 ever delivered that you ever
- 23 | saw from Simpson, Sr. to Simpson, Jr. for these revenues?
- 24 A. I have no information on that.
- 25 Q. Have you ever seen one?

- 1 A. No, sir.
- 2 Q. How was this treated, this Forty-four Thousand and some
- 3 odd Dollars, how was it treated on the Simpson tax return?
- 4 BY THE COURT: For Jr. or Sr.?
- 5 BY MR. WARNER: Sr.
- $oldsymbol{6}$ A. It appears when I attempted to reconcile the tax return
- 7 filed by Simpson Farms on Mr. Simpson's personal tax return,
- 8 it appears that these advances had been taken out of income.
- 9 And that kind of corresponds with what Mr. Gibbons says about
- 10 | the amount allocated to the son. It's just not treated as
- 11 income to Mr. Simpson. It's just taken out. So it's netted
- 12 | in his revenue.
- 13 Q. So out of the gross sales this amount would be a cost of
- 14 | sale that Mr. Simpson would write off?
- 15 A. Well, you could do it as a cost of sales, but it's
- 16 really a contra-revenue account. It really just comes out of
- 17 | the income. It does not show as a line item on the return.
- 18 It comes out of the revenue.
- 19 Q. Is that unusual if you're paying somebody revenue based
- on giving you his crops for you to sell them and pay some
- 21 money back?
- 22 A. I don't know if that's that unusual. It's unusual in
- this general ledger the way it's treated. And there's some
- 24 other issues on the general ledger that I hope we're going to
- 25 get to chat about. But the general ledger, it's unusual that

- 1 the general ledger is so different from the tax return, and
- 2 | we didn't have those adjustments and couldn't reconcile them
- 3 and talk about them. That's what's more unusual than
- 4 anything else.
- 5 Q. Did you see on Jr.'s tax return for 2002, which is the
- 6 last year that we had, and did you see an entry for Forty-
- 7 | four Thousand or whatever it is?
- 8 A. I did not see that specific entry. But he did have farm
- 9 | revenue in excess of that amount.
- $oxed{10}$ Q. Okay, sir. What else is unusual about this general
- 11 |ledger?
- 12 A. Well, the payments -- this is 2002, and the payments to
- 13 Bill are in receivable. In 2003, they're classified as
- 14 miscellaneous.
- 15 Q. In 2002 they were considered to be a receivable?
- 16 A. Yes, sir, I just showed you on page one.
- 17 Q. So that means ===
- 18 A. And that's in the general ledger.
- 19 | O. That is a loan?
- 20 A. Yes, sir. But on a tax return they're taking out of
- 21 revenue from what I can calculate. Now, when you get to
- 22 2003, those same payments appear to be reflected as
- 23 miscellaneous expense on the general ledger. I reckon, and
- 24 | the only thing I can say consistent about the general ledgers
- 25 that I reviewed is that they're inconsistent. They're

Mark Hobbs - direct by Mr. Warner haphazard. There's no consistent application of anything. 1 And as an auditor, it's an indication -- it's a heightened 2 fraud risk, because any time you see records as mixed up and 3 confusing as we're seeing here, it's an indication that 4 people kind of want to wiggle where they can classify it one 5 way one year and another way another year. 6 indication for me as an auditor. So that then heightens my 7 degree of trying to figure out what's actually going on with 8 the numbers. Example, the cash account, it's a huge negative 9 10 number on the general ledger. That should agree with the bank statement. We've got property on the general ledger 11 reflected at a Couple Hundred Thousand Dollars. On the tax 12 return it's reflected at about a Million Dollars. So I have 13 about concluded that this general ledger has only been used 14 by Mr. Gibbons as almost an area to pull out cash activity, 15 and he must have some other records in his office where he 16 posts to get a carry forward balance, because it doesn't 17 18 really serve a purpose for any kind of formal bookkeeping 19 records. If this was a loan to Simpson, Jr., the Forty-four 20 21 Thousand Dollars, and it was forgiven, is that income to Jr.? It could be a gift. If it's forgiven, it would probably 22 23 be more of a gift. 24 Have you seen a tax return or gift return Q. filed

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concerning that?

- 1 A. No.
- 2 Q. Do either of these general ledgers reflect an accounts
- 3 | receivable due to Mr. Simpson, Sr. from employees?
- 4 A. There is ---
- 5 | O. In addition to this I mean?
- 6 A. Well, including that in 2003, because in 2003 there's
- 7 that receivable from employees, and it's on the one called
- 8 the general ledger, and it's printed 3-24-04, and it's dated
- 9 12-31-03, and it's on the second page.
- 10 Q. The second page of the general ledger?
- 11 A. That's right, for 2003. It's up at the top. You might
- 12 see a question mark by it. And it shows that Fifty-four Two
- Ninety-five carrying over from the previous year, but on the
- 14 tax return apparently it was expense. But it's still carried
- over in the general ledger. So that's an inconsistent
- 16 application. If I'd had this general ledger when we deposed
- Mr. Gibbons, I might have had some more questions for Mr.
- 18 |Gibbons.
- 19 Q. All right.
- 20 A. Because I don't understand exactly how he was doing
- 21 that. But in addition, on that account you will see a bunch
- of information to Tidwell, the Tidwell loan. About -
- 23 there's some to Sumter Family Court, One Thousand Fifty
- 24 Dollars. But you will see a Fifteen Thousand Dollar entry,
- 25 and some check numbers. I'm assuming those are check

- 1 numbers. I am assuming they're check numbers, like fifty-
- 2 | seven sixty-nine, fifty-seven ninety-one and fifty-eight-0-
- 3 five. That's in excess of Twenty Thousand Dollars related to
- 4 |a Mr. Tidwell.
- 5 O. Mr. Hobbs, regarding page two of the 2003 general
- 6 ledger, which is part of exhibit thirty-three, and page one
- 7 of the 2002 general ledger, Fifty-four Two Ninety-five is
- 8 carried forward in the ledger. Is that correct?
- 9 A. Yes, and that would normally be a thing you would do,
- 10 except that from tying in the revenue, it appears that the
- 11 Fifty-four or some of that Fifty-four was taken out of Mr.
- 12 Simpson's revenue. So then it would have been expense that
- 13 should have been taken off the receivable ledger.
- 14 Q. And that's how the tax returns were filed?
- 15 A. Yes. The tax return looks like that was filed
- 16 appropriately.
- 17 Q. Now, what is the account receivable according to the
- 18 general ledger owed to Mr. Simpson from the Family Court
- 19 Arnold Tidwell loan and the two other Tidwell loans totaling
- 20 | in excess of Twenty-two Thousand Dollars?
- 21 A. Well, for that activity for that period it's Twenty-
- 22 three Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars, and then prior to that
- 23 there was that balance carried forward of Fifty-four Two
- 24 Ninety-five, which included the Forty-four Thousand and some
 - 25 odd Dollars that Bill, Jr. received.

- 1 Q. Now, you saw the financial declaration that was faxed
- 2 last night, Mr. Simpson, Sr.'s most recent financial
- 3 | declaration, right?
- 4 A. I did see it.
- 5 Q. Did you see an asset on that financial declaration of
- 6 | Seventy-eight Thousand Ninety-five Dollars as an account
- 7 | receivable from employees?
- 8 A. No, I didn't.
- 9 Q. All right, sir. What else is unusual about this or
- 10 | these general ledgers?
- 11 A. Well, I mentioned that the fixed asset and equipment
- 12 records do not reconcile to the depreciation schedules on the
- 13 tax returns.
- 14 Q. Let's talk about those for just a minute. What do the
- 15 fixed asset and depreciation schedules show on the general
- 16 |ledger?
- 17 A. Well, you can see it on that same page for 12=31=03 for
- 18 equipment. There's equipment. Then there's vehicles. And
- 19 there's office equipment with no balances. But you see he
- 20 just has only two equipment balances. And those balances are
- 21 Two Hundred and Fifty-nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-
- 22 three Dollars and Five Cents. And vehicles is Eighty-seven
- 23 Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty-six Dollars. And that's
- 24 supposed to represent the cost basis of all the assets Mr.
- 25 | Simpson is using in his farm operation. And it's my

- 1 understanding it's supposed to be his and his son's, because
- 2 his son uses that equipment. And that is substantially below
- 3 what's on the tax returns. In Mr. Gibbons' deposition the
- 4 tax return showed -- I think it's in his deposition that it
- 5 was almost a Million Dollars for depreciable assets cost
- 6 basis.
- 7 Q. There's about a Seven Hundred Thousand Dollar
- 8 difference?
- 9 A. It's a Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollar difference.
- 10 Q. Have you been able to justify in your own mind or
- 11 explain why if there would be a Seven Hundred Thousand Dollar
- difference between the general ledger and the tax return?
- A. The only thing that Ms. Amos mentioned in her deposition
- 14 is that perhaps whoever is currently running the general
- 15 ledger did not carry over the predecessor's accounting. But
- Mr. Gibbons has been the accountant for an awful long time
- 17 except for one year I think he went to Mr. Lowder in Sumter.
- 18 | So I really haven't been able to do that, unless Mr. Gibbons
- has some other records he's keeping that may reconcile these
- 20 numbers.
- 21 Q. All right, sir. Let's talk just a minute about Mr.
- 22 Simpson, Sr.'s tax return. Will you get what you have there,
- and we'll call that number thirty-four what you're getting
- out. What years are these tax returns?
- A. These tax returns go back to 1997 to 2003.

- 1 Q. And you did a summary of these tax returns based on
- 2 | these documents?
- 3 A. The summary is included in those manila files, along
- 4 with the tax returns for each year.
- 5 Q. Your Honor, we would offer the file that contains the
- 6 | tax returns and the summary as thirty-four.
- 7 BY THE COURT: Plaintiff's thirty-four. Mr. McKenzie?
- 8 BY MR. MCKENZIE: No objection.
- 9 BY THE COURT: All right, he has no objection.
- 10 BY MR. ROBINSON: Is that summary the one that Mr. Hobbs
- 11 | finished up today?
- 12 BY THE COURT: I don't know when he finished it.
- BY MR. ROBINSON: If that's the one he finished today,
- 14 then obviously I don't have an objection. But if that's been
- 15 prepared for sometime, then I have an objection.
- BY THE COURT: Mr. Hobbs, this is a summary of these
- 17 | income tax returns?
- 18 A. Yes, sir. And this was finished this morning.
- 19 BY THE COURT: All right, finished this morning.
- 20 A. We probably had started some of it, and we didn't get
- 21 | some information. And to be honest with you, Your Honor, we
- 22 didn't want to embark on this time effort to prepare all
- 23 these things unless we felt there was an indication we needed
- 24 to. And whenever we heard the real estate values were as
- 25 high as we heard they were earlier this week, that's when we

Mark Hobbs - direct by Mr. Warner 1 embarked on finishing these schedules and submitting them. 2 We had hoped we didn't have to do all these schedules, because I'm sure we would have liked to look at something 3 4 else in all this paper work. 5 Plaintiff's ex. #34 - tax returns & summaries 1997 - 2003 6 CONTINUED BY MR. WARNER: Now, Mr. Hobbs, Mr. Simpson, Sr. showed on a financial 7 8 declaration filed under oath with this Court in March of 2003 9 that he had income of I think Thirty-six Hundred and Nine 10 Dollars a month and expenses of Thirty-six Hundred and Nine 11 Dollars a month. Let's talk first about what in fact in 2002 and 2003 were Mr. Simpson's actual available money to spend? 12 13 Well, I scheduled it out and tried to look at it from 14 1997 forward, and you can see it starts -- and this is 15 really abstracted from his farm schedule and ties back to his 16 farm activity. I've added back the depreciation expense 17 which is highlighted at the top. And you can track along and see in 1997 he had One Hundred Twenty-four Thousand Two 18 19 Hundred and Forty Dollars of available funds after you add 20 back depreciation, and you follow that on across. 21 was just an awful year from what I can see. drought year or something, and it was a very poor year. And 22 he did prepare that declaration in the Spring of 2003. So he 23 24 based that on 2002. And that might be a reason why he might 25 have used that number. But if you consider included in those

- 1 expenses in 2002 is the advance to Bill Simpson of Forty-four
- 2 Thousand One Hundred Dollars, and in 2003 the miscellaneous
- 3 expense which I think was around Fifty Thousand Dollars.
- 4 Q. So the advance to Simpson, Jr. in 2002, if you add that
- 5 back in, Mr. Simpson has positive cash flow?
- 6 A. He did.
- 7 Q. All right, sir. And again you have seen nothing to
- 8 indicate where that advance went or how it was treated except
- 9 to be expensed on Mr. Simpson, Sr.'s tax returns?
- 10 A. The only thing I -- and it's an estimate, but it
- 11 appears he took it off his tax return. And he took it out of
- 12 revenue for that year. And that's it unless somebody knows
- 13 more about it than what I've been able to discover.
- 14 Q. Let's look at 2003 at Mr. Simpson's return, and it has
- 15 Fifty-three Thousand One Hundred and Twenty-four Dollars
- 16 after taxes?
- 17 A. That's correct. And then there were some legal fees,
- 18 and I think that pretty much coincides with Ms. Amos's
- 19 revised schedule. I think she comes up with about Five
- 20 Thousand Dollars a month, which would translate into about
- 21 Sixty Thousand Dollars a year, Judge. And the only
- 22 difference we've got there maybe is that miscellaneous
- 23 expense of Fifty Thousand Two Hundred and Fifteen Dollars,
- 24 which appears to be a method to kind of judge and be able to
- 25 allocate your income.

- 1 Q. So what you're saying is that Mr. Simpson, Sr., since
- 2 | there is no formula with which to pay Jr. or the manner in
- 3 which he pays him, can shift income or do whatever he wants
- 4 | to do with the schedule?
- 5 A. Yes. I looked at Mr. Simpson's deposition to see if
- 6 there was any kind of method or procedure to allocate that.
- 7 And it looks like it's pretty haphazard and allows for a lot
- 8 of flexibility.
- 9 Q. Mr. Simpson, Sr. says he pays him what he thinks is
- **10** | fair?
- 11 A. I think -- I don't know if that's the quote he says,
- 12 but I recall that seems to be the comment he made.
- 13 Q. Let's look for a minute at Simpson, Jr.'s tax returns
- 14 and a summary that you may have done of those please. Would
- 15 you tell me what years, Mr. Hobbs, you have and do you have a
- 16 | summary of Mr. Simpson, Jr.'s tax returns?
- 17 A. Yes, I have.
- 18 Q. For what year?
- 19 A. I looked at his tax returns for 1995 to 2002, and I have
- 20 not been provided 2003.
- 21 Q. From 1995 to 2002?
- 22 A. That is correct.
- 23 Q. We would offer this as number thirty-five, the entire
- 24 | file folder with the summary on the top.
- 25 BY THE COURT: Plaintiff's thirty-five.

- 1 BY MR. MCKENZIE: No objection.
- 2 BY THE COURT: Without objection.
- 3 Plaintiff's ex. #35 tax returns & summary for Simpson, Jr.
- 4 | CONTINUED BY MR. WARNER:
- 5 Q. Could I first look at the summary just a minute? Does
- 6 Mr. Simpson, Jr. show farm expenses?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Do you see anything in Simpson, Sr.'s deposition that
- 9 would indicate that Simpson, Jr. had a separate operation
- 10 account for chemicals and this type thing?
- 11 A. I don't recall that.
- 12 Q. All right, sir. What is the most income Mr. Simpson,
- $\dot{1}\bar{3}$ | Jr. has reported on his tax returns between $\dot{1}\dot{9}\dot{9}\ddot{5}$ and $\dot{2}\dot{0}\dot{0}\dot{2}$?
- 14 What's his best year? And I'm talking about adjusted gross
- 15 | income or whatever income is after taxes.
- 16 A. Do you want to know his best adjusted gross income year?
- 17 Q. Yes, sir.
- 18 A. His best adjusted gross income year was 1997, and it was
- 19 Twenty-five Thousand One Hundred and Ten Dollars. His next
- 20 best year was 2002 for Twenty-four Thousand Twenty-eight
- 21 Dollars.
- 22 Q. And you have, have you not, reviewed about three or four
- months of checks which we received by Mr. Simpson, Jr.?
- 24 A. We did.
- 25 Q. Did we ever get the rest of the checks we asked for?

- 1 A. I don't recall it. I don't recall seeing any additional
- 2 checks.
- 3 Q: What was his average spendable income during this period
- 4 of time? Did you do a chart on that?
- 5 A. I did.
- 6 Q. Can I see that please?
- 7 A. This is a copy.
- 8 Q. Would you tell the Court what is in this document?
- 9 A. This is an analysis of 2002 taxable income and his
- 10 income as compared to the four months of cash activity I had
- 11 from 2003 trying to identify his living expenses and
- 12 household expenses to evaluate Mr. Simpson, Jr.'s financial
- 13 condition.
- 14 Q. We offer that as thirty-six, Your Honor.
- BY THE COURT: Thirty-six.
- 16 BY MR. MCKENZIE: No objection.
- 17 BY THE COURT: Without objection.
- 18 Plaintiff's ex. #36 Simpson, Jr. expense analysis
- 19 CONTINUED BY MR. WARNER:
- 20 Q. I'm short one copy of the summary. You don't happen to
- 21 have an extra copy, do you? Judge, would the Court mind
- 22 looking at this one? Thank you. Mr. Hobbs, taking 2002, how
- 23 did you approach what Mr. Simpson, Jr. had available to spend
- 24 to acquire assets in 2002?
- A. I used 2002 because this was one of his higher years

- 1 for that time period from 1995 to 2002. And in addition it's
- 2 real close to the period of time that we had the four months
- 3 of his actual cash activity out of his Quicken or his
- 4 accounting software package. And what I did is I took his
- 5 total income off his tax return of Twenty-six Thousand Two
- 6 Hundred and Sixty-four Dollars, and I added back the
- 7 depreciation that he claimed on his tax return. He does have
- 8 depreciation reported in just about every year on his
- 9 personal tax return. And the depreciation is added back to
- 10 get a total available of right at Thirty-two Thousand
- 11 Dollars. It's Thirty-one Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-
- 12 six Dollars. And I re-casted that to be a monthly amount of
- 13 right at Twenty-six Hundred and Forty-eight Dollars and
- 14 Eighty-three Cents.
- 15 Q. You understand Mr. Simpson, Jr. has a wife and two
- 16 children?
- 17 A. Yes, I do.
- 18 Q. All right, sir, and two children in private school,
- 19 | correct?
- 20 A. That is correct.
- 21 Q. What does Mr. Simpson have left after he pays -- what's
- 22 in the checking account after he pays his mortgage and pays
- 23 | for vehicles?
- 24 A. It appears he would have about Six Hundred Dollars a
- 25 month to pay for personal utilities and property taxes and

- 1 Mark Hobbs direct by Mr. Warner
- 2 | Insurance, entertainment, gifts, Church contributions and
- 3 | those type things. Not a tremendous amount of money.
- 4 Q. Mr. Hobbs, is there any extra money you see there to
- 5 | service a debt on property that may have been purchased?
- 6 A. No. The only thing I did see unusual about the property
- 7 was in one year a certain property was expensed on the tax
- 8 return. The land acquisition was expensed.
- 9 Q. Could you look back on thirty-five and tell the Court
- 10 | what year that is?
- 11 A. Yes, I'll be glad to. The purchase of land shown on
- 12 that summary about fourth from the bottom, the purchase of
- 13 | the land for Fourteen Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty Dollars
- 14 was expensed in 2001.
- 15 Q. When you say expensed, what does that mean?
- 16 A. It was written off.
- 17 Q. How can you write off the purchase of real estate?
- 18 A. You're not supposed to. It's inappropriate. There is
- 19 no ability to expense land acquisitions.
- 20 Q. So the Fourteen Thousand -- did you say Fourteen
- 21 Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty Dollars in real estate, and
- 22 | did you see a debt associated with that?
- 23 A. No, sir. The tax returns do not have debt. They just
- 24 | have income and expense.
- 25 Q. In 2001 when the Fourteen Thousand Dollars worth of real
- 26 estate was expensed, what was the income available that year

- 1 |according to exhibit thirty-five?
- 2 A. Well, adjusted gross income in 2001 was Seventeen
- 3 Thousand Four Hundred and Seven Dollars.
- 4 Q. Seventeen Thousand Four Hundred and Seven Dollars?
- 5 A. That's correct. If you had added back the expensing of
- 6 the land, that would have been a good year.
- 7 Q. That would have been a good year?
- 8 A. A better year.
- 9 Q. Basically when you took the land off, that's about
- 10 | Thirty-four Thousand Dollars in income?
- 11 A. That's correct.
- |Q.| What happens when you expense something like that from a
- 13 | tax standpoint? What does it do to your cash flow?
- 14 A. Well, it increased your cash flow because you're not
- paying income taxes on an asset that should be an investment.
- 16 Land is an investment. The only thing you can write off is
- 17 land improvements or something that's going to depreciate.
- 18 Land does not depreciate.
- 19 Q. You mentioned that Simpson, Jr. had some depreciation on
- 20 his tax returns. Is that correct?
- 21 A. Yes, that is correct.
- Q. Until you received these tax returns, did you know if
- there was any equipment other than what Simpson, Sr. owned?
- 24 A. No. All I received on Bill Simpson, Jr. was tax
- 25 returns. I had not seen any books or general ledgers then.

- 1 Q. As far as Simpson, Sr. is concerned, does he treat the
- 2 equipment personally or as property of the LLC?
- 3 A. Everything is treated personally.
- 4 Q. Personally. Have you done a summary of Simpson, Jr.'s
- 5 depreciation and value of equipment?
- 6 A. I have.
- 7 Q. Could I see that please?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Would you tell the Court where you got the information
- 10 | that went into this summary?
- 11 A. Since I didn't have a set of records, financial records,
- 12 and I didn't have a general ledger or any kind of property
- 13 detail, I used the tax return as a basis for re-casting an
- 14 estimate of what the farm equipment would be worth in today's
- 15 dollars so to speak.
- 16 Q. What is included in this file?
- 17 A. You have a summary that shows three different methods of
- 18 calculating what the value of the equipment is, the farm
- 19 equipment. You have a useful life schedule, and that's the
- 20 method I used to amortize the farm equipment.
- 21 Q. Is that a regularly accepted accounting method of
- 22 handling that type of transaction?
- 23 A. It is. It is. Using useful life and amortize or
- 24 depreciate an asset is what accounting is all about,
- 25 attempting to match the life of the asset with its earning

Mark Hobbs - direct by Mr. Warner 1 potential. All right, sir. We'd offer that as number thirty-seven, 2 3 Your Honor. 4 BY THE COURT: Plaintiff's thirty-seven. Now, this has 5 to do with Simpson, Sr.? 6 BY MR. WARNER: Yes, sir. 7 BY THE COURT: I think when you asked him you said Jr. BY MR. WARNER: It's Sr. We'll get to Jr. in a minute. 8 9 Is this Sr.? 10 Α. Yes, it is. 11 I have a question, and I don't know BY MR. ROBINSON: whether to object or not, but where did the values on this 12 schedule come from? Before it comes in, I'd like for him to 13 least establish where his values came from 14 before 15 admitting it in evidence. BY THE COURT: Well, okay, Plaintiff's thirty-seven for 16 17 identification then. Plaintiff's ex. #37ID - Simpson, Sr./2003 tax returns and 18 19 asset analysis 20 CONTINUED BY MR. WARNER: Mr. Hobbs, what did you do -- you understood we could 21 not get a viewing appraisal of the equipment, correct? 22 23 Α. I've heard that. BY MR. ROBINSON: Your Honor, I'm going to object to 24

That's hearsay. He said he had heard that.

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Mark Hobbs - direct by Mr. Warner BY THE COURT: That's right. Let me hear from Mr. 1 2 Warner. BY MR. WARNER: Judge, that's for the effect on him of 3 why we asked him to attempt to value the equipment based on 4 another method because I couldn't get an appraisal. 5 witness testified this morning that six people wouldn't 6 7 appraise it. BY THE COURT: He can testify -- he can testify that he 8 did not have equipment appraisal available to him. You know, 9 he may not be the witness to testify as to why he didn't. 10 But he can testify that he didn't have one. And since he 11 didn't have one, he used this method. 12 BY MR. ROBINSON: I have no objection to that. 13 CONTINUED BY MR. WARNER: 14 Now, Mr. Hobbs, did you have appraisals? 15 Α. 16 No. What did you have in order to attempt to evaluate the 17 18 farm equipment? I had a depreciation schedule which is supposed to list 19 Α. 20

A. I had a depreciation schedule which is supposed to list all assets being used by the farm activity, and it's attached as part of this exhibit. And I had to exclude items that would be picked up by the real estate appraiser, because a lot of items on this asset list were real property in nature like grain bins and sheds and buildings. And so I had to exclude those. Other than that, this is just extracted from

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- 1 the tax returns prepared by Mr. Gibbons.
- 2 Q. And whose tax returns are these?
- 3 A. Mr. Simpson's.
- 4 Q. All right, sir, and what was the cost basis of the farm
- 5 equipment according to Mr. Simpson, Sr.'s tax returns?
- 6 A. Well, the cost basis of that equipment as reflected on
- 7 page two of that exhibit was Nine Hundred Twenty-three
- 8 | Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty Dollars.
- 9 Q. All right, sir, how did you, or what accounting method
- 10 did you use to attempt to come to a present value of this
- 11 | equipment?
- 12 A. I used the method called depreciation where I used the
- useful lives off the little schedule in the exhibit, and I
- 14 attempted or I did calculate the use of that equipment over
- 15 the years that it had been in service.
- 16 Q. Now, I'm looking at something called useful life
- 17 |schedule.
- 18 A. Yes, sir.
- 19 Q. Tractors, combines and such, and where did you get that
- 20 | information?
- 21 A. That information was accessed from the state useful life
- 22 schedule for farm equipment.
- 23 Q. And is that a recognized schedule in your field?
- 24 A. Useful life or whatever is reasonable, and in my opinion
- 25 it would be a reasonable basis. I know some tractors last a

- 1 | lot longer than this. But I thought it was reasonable.
- 2 |Q. Using the useful life, did you basically re-cast the
- 3 | depreciation schedule?
- 4 A. I did.
- 5 Q. So instead of taking accelerated depreciation that I
- 6 assume Mr. Simpson took, correct?
- 7 A. That is correct.
- 8 Q. You took it and spread it over what you determined to be
- 9 | the useful life of the equipment?
- 10 A. That is correct.
- 11 Q. And did you feel that what you did was reasonable?
- 12 A. I did think it was reasonable.
- 13 Q. Now, based on your calculations, what are the three
- 14 methods of valuation that you used?
- 15 A. Well, I took depreciation down to a certain level, and I
- 16 did three different methods. Method one, method two and
- 17 method three. And method one I allowed the asset to be
- 18 written down to ten percent of its original cost. So if you
- 19 had an asset that cost Twenty Thousand Dollars, it would be
- 20 written down to Two Thousand Dollars. But if it's still in
- 21 | service, it's going to stay that Two Thousand Dollar value.
- 22 | Some people refer to it as a salvage value. And if you want
- 23 to call it that, you could. But method two I used twenty
- 24 percent of original cost. And method three I used twenty-
- 25 | five percent of original cost.

- 1 Q. In your opinion, given the farm equipment today, and do
- 2 you do tax work for other farmers?
- 3 A. I do.
- 4 Q. Do you do it for many of them?
- 5 A. A fair amount, and I grew up on a farm.
- 6 Q. Okay. Which of these calculations do you believe to be
- 7 | the most reasonable?
- 8 \mid A. I would say it's in that range, and I would probably
- 9 lean toward the middle of that range based on the useful
- 10 | life. I haven't observed the property, but I've seen some
- 11 pictures of it. But I would say this would be a good
- 12 approximation of it.
- 13 Q. Three Hundred Twenty-nine Thousand Five Hundred and
- 14 | Thirty-six Dollars?
- 15 A. That's right. That's right.
- $oxed{16}$ Q. Is there any other way you know of to get any valuation
- of this material before the Court?
- 18 A. Well, an appraiser, and if you had an appraiser or an
- 19 auctioneer or something, and that might be another way.
- 20 Q. All right, sir, let's talk about Mr. Simpson, Jr. But
- 21 | first, Judge, I now offer number thirty-seven in evidence.
- BY THE COURT: Mr. Robinson?
- BY MR. ROBINSON: My question, Your Honor, and I'm
- 24 trying not to object unnecessarily. My original objection
- 25 was the values listed on here and he's explained how he came

- 1 | up with the values with method one, method two and method
- 2 three. My question or concern was did he use the values Mr.
- 3 Simpson listed on his depreciation schedule, or did he use
- 4 | fair market value, and I just don't want to let something in
- 5 evidence that I don't know what the basis for the starting
- 6 | value is. And you can certainly let it in over my objection,
- 7 but that's what I'm trying to determine.
- 8 BY THE COURT: Well, I understand I can do that. But my
- 9 understanding is that he started with the depreciation
- 10 | schedules with the tax returns.
- 11 BY MR. ROBINSON: Okay, and if that's the case, then I
- 12 | have no objection.
- 13 BY THE COURT: And that that was the starting point, and
- 14 that he went to useful life instead of accelerated.
- 15 A. Yes, sir.
- 16 BY MR. ROBINSON: Then I have no objection.
- 17 BY THE COURT: Thirty-seven is now in evidence.
- 18 Plaintiff's ex. #37 now in evidence
- 19 CONTINUED BY MR. WARNER:
- 20 Q. Mr. Hobbs, Simpson, Jr.'s equipment, did you do a
- 21 | schedule on that based on information you had?
- 22 A. I did.
- 23 Q. May I see that please? Where did you receive this
- 24 information?
- 25 A. Well, this information I did the same approach I did

- 1 with Mr. Simpson, Sr. However, the detail of the property
- 2 was not attached to Mr. Simpson, Jr.'s tax return, so I kind
- 3 of had to estimate what the assets were based on looking at
- 4 | the prior tax returns. I had to estimate the classification.
- 5 The description is not near as thorough because the detail
- 6 | wasn't there. I had some items. They had some items in
- 7 | there. But it wasn't as detailed as Mr. Simpson, Sr.'s.
- 8 There was Eleven Thousand Dollars you see on the second page
- 9 of that schedule as an unknown Eleven Thousand Dollars that
- 10 I'm not sure what that is. The description wasn't very good.
- 11 I was able to identify total cost basis off the old tax
- 12 returns of about Sixty-four Thousand Five Hundred and Nine
- 13 Dollars.
- 14 Q. Sixty-four Thousand Nine Hundred and what?
- 15 A. No, sir. Sixty-four Thousand Five Hundred and Nine
- 16 Dollars.
- Q. All right, sir. And you took that off of Simpson, Jr.'s
- 18 tax returns?
- 19 A. I extracted it off the different years that are in that
- 20 other exhibit of his income tax returns.
- 21 Q. We offer this as number thirty-eight.
- BY THE COURT: Plaintiff's thirty-eight. Mr. Robinson?
- BY MR. ROBINSON: No objection.
- 24 BY THE COURT: Plaintiff's thirty-eight without
- 25 objection.

- 1 | Plaintiff's ex. #38 Simpson, Jr./2003 asset analysis
- 2 CONTINUED BY MR. WARNER:
- 3 Q. Now, Mr. Hobbs, looking at Plaintiff's thirty-eight,
- 4 from the Sixty-four Thousand Dollars that's what he showed
- 5 his cost basis on his tax returns?
- 6 A. From what I could gather from his tax returns.
- 7 |Q. And you attached the questionable items, is that
- 8 | correct?
- 9 A. It had some items that I thought may have should have
- 10 been capitalized and were expensed on the tax return, like
- 11 moving a house or the purchase of land that we've already
- 12 talked about, you know, and different things, and I just put
- 13 those things on there.
- 14 Q. Tell me about moving a house.
- 15 A. I don't know anything about that other than that's
- 16 expensed. There are some other expense items included as
- other expense on Schedule F that may should be considered as
- 18 capital in nature.
- 19 Q. Instead of being written off?
- 20 A. That's correct.
- 21 Q. All right, sir, and number thirty-eight includes that
- 22 and the valuation method for Simpson, Jr.'s equipment?
- 23 |A. That's correct.
- 24 Q. And you can't do it the same way?
- 25 A. That's correct.

- 1 Q. In your opinion which of the three methodologies on the
- 2 first page, the Sixty-four Hundred, the Twelve Nine or
- 3 | Sixteen One, is the most in your opinion accurate valuation?
- 4 A. Well, I would probably lean toward the middle one, too.
- 5 However, Mr. Simpson, Jr. on his personal financial
- 6 statements reports his equipment at One Hundred and Fifty
- 7 Thousand Dollars.
- 8 Q. I want to ask you about that. Do you have that?
- 9 A. I do. That's in another exhibit. And I don't know if I
- 10 | could use this number because there's such a big discrepancy
- 11 between what he's putting on his personal financial
- 12 statements and what I came up with here. I didn't have a big
- 13 problem with what I calculated to be Mr. Simpson, Sr. and
- 14 what he had looking at all the detail, because I'm not sure
- 15 | if his original list I got as part of Ms. Amos' files
- 16 | included everything that was on the tax returns.
- 17 Q. So Mr. Simpson, Jr. reported Sixty-four Thousand plus
- 18 | cost basis for farm equipment. Is that correct?
- 19 A. That is correct.
- 20 Q. And what financial statement do you have of Jr.'s?
- 21 A. I've got it on his schedule.
- 22 Q. Is that all of Jr.'s financial statements that you have?
- 23 A. These are copies of the financial statements that I was
- 24 able to have as well as the summary on top.
- 25 Q. All right, sir, and you summarized the exhibits that

- 1 were provided through the discovery process?
- 2 A. I summarized the financial statements on the cover
- 3 sheet.
- 4 Q. Your Honor, we would offer the financial statements of
- 5 Simpson, Jr. from 1999 through March of 2003 and the
- 6 | summaries as thirty-nine.
- 7 BY MR. ROBINSON: Your Honor, I'm going to object to
- 8 these. If we produced them, obviously I don't have an
- 9 objection. But I don't recall producing these documents, nor
- 10 have I seen them before. And obviously Mr. Hobbs has had
- 11 these prior to today or yesterday. Now, I understand the
- 12 | summaries may not have been completed. But I don't believe
- 13 | that these have been produced to us prior to today. And I'm
- 14 | relatively certain that we have not produced these. So I
- 15 | would move to exclude this exhibit.
- 16 BY MR. WARNER: Your Honor, we moved to produce all of
- 17 these, and we got the same answer that they would be produced
- 18 prior to trial. Let me ask him.
- 19 | CONTINUED BY MR. WARNER:
- 20 Q. Mr. Hobbs, where did you get these?
- 21 A. Where did I get the financial statements?
- 22 | Q. Yes, sir.
- 23 A. I'm not sure where I got them from. I got them at all
- 24 different times. We had stuff coming into our office. I did
- 25 | not analyze them and prepare this summary sheet until we

Mark Hobbs - direct by Mr. Warner realized we had to earlier this week, because we didn't 1 2 realize the property was going to come in the way it did. COURT: Robinson, 3 THE Mr. it's your client's 4 financial statement. How can it be a surprise? If they're putting something in evidence that you haven't seen or don't 5 know anything about, I mean, that's one thing. But it's your 6 client's own statement. BY MR. ROBINSON: Well, I guess I'm quite frankly, Your 8 9 Honor, a little confused to the purpose of it even coming in. I know my client was named, but it was my understanding of 10 the pleadings that it related to the LLC. 11 12 BY THE COURT: Well, you've shifted gears now. You've shifted over to relevance now. 13 14 BY MR. ROBINSON: Well, yes, I have. But that's why I 15 I'm not surprised about what's on there. haven't --I'm 16 surprised why it's being produced in this. 17 BY MR. WARNER: Our position is that Mr. Simpson, Sr. is 18 moving income and assets into his son's name in order to 19 deplete the marital estate, and that there's no way Jr. could 20 have acquired Four Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars worth 21 of real estate plus One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars 22 worth of equipment based on the income he's got, none of 23 which has exceeded Twenty-six Thousand Dollars a year. 24 think it's a shell game. And we believe these fellows are 25 shifting monies back and forth to suit their purposes.

- Mark Hobbs direct by Mr. Warner
- 1 | we think the evidence is going to show that.
- BY THE COURT: All right, Plaintiff's thirty-nine is in.
- 3 | Plaintiff's ex. #39 Simpson, Jr./1999 through March, 2003,
- 4 assets and liabilities financial statements
- 5 | CONTINUED BY MR. WARNER:
- 6 O. Looking at exhibit thirty-nine, first starting in 1999,
- 7 and these are Mr. Simpson, Jr.'s statements, correct?
- 8 A. That's correct.
- 9 O. How much farm equipment did he show starting from 1999
- 10 | and to from July 5, 1999, moving up to 2003?
- 11 A. In 1999 Twenty-four Thousand. Three months later in
- 12 | 1999 Twenty-four Thousand. In 2000 Thirty-five Thousand. In
- 13 2001 in January Forty-one Thousand. August, 2001, One
- 14 Hundred and Fifty Thousand. May 16, 2002, One Hundred and
- 15 Fifty Thousand. And March 6, 2003, One Hundred and Fifty
- 16 Thousand.
- 17 Q. Now, these financial statements were submitted to Pee
- 18 Dee Farm Credit and other governmental bank agencies, is that
- 19 |correct?
- 20 A. That's correct. And the name to who they were submitted
- 21 to is indicated above the date.
- 22 Q. For the purposes of securing credit?
- 23 A. That is correct.
- 24 Q. Now, if we look at the tax return of Jr. between
- 25 January 26, 2001, and August 29, 2001, can you see any way

- 1 | this gentleman debt-wise or otherwise can pick up One Hundred
- 2 | and Nine Thousand Dollars worth of farm equipment?
- 3 A. No, sir. Nothing that I see, absence of a gift or some
- 4 type of inheritance would support the assets he has
- 5 accumulated, based on his personal financial statement.
- 6 Q. Have you seen large interest payments on his tax
- 7 | returns?
- 8 A. They do not have a lot of debt.
- 9 Q. They do not have a lot of debt?
- 10 A. Not a lot of debt, not for a farmer.
- 11 |Q. Let's look please at \hat{T} arm acreage, and I see the house
- 12 at One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars, and let's look at
- 13 | farm real estate. From 1999 to 2003, what did he start at,
- 14 and how did it increase?
- 15 A. In 1999 he reflected Eighty-seven Thousand, and in 2003
- 16 he reflected Two Hundred and Forty Thousand.
- 17 Q. Do you see any evidence or any way based on the tax
- 18 returns and the other exhibits or mortgage debt of how this
- 19 gentleman could have made acquisitions to this extent?
- 20 A. I don't know how.
- 21 Q. Total assets from Three Hundred Eighty-seven Five to
- 22 Five Hundred and Ninety-one Thousand in a period of four
- 23 | years, is that correct?
- 24 A. That's correct.
- Q. Do you see any way based on his income that this

- 1 gentleman was able to acquire these assets?
- 2 A. Not to my knowledge.
- 3 Q. The home mortgage, what did it start at in 1999? This
- 4 One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollar house, what did it show
- 5 as a balance on the home mortgage?
- 6 A. Fifty-three Thousand Nine Hundred.
- 7 Q. And what is the balance of it as of March 6, 2003?
- 8 A. He reported Twenty-three Nine Thirty-three.
- 9 Q. A reduction of Thirty Thousand Dollars?
- 10 A. That's correct.
- 11 Q. Have you seen any way based on the information that you
- 12 have seen through discovery, tax returns or whatever, how he
- 13 |could justify this?
- 14 A. No, I do not.
- 15 Q. Do you see any income from hunting clubs on Jr.'s
- 16 | returns?
- 17 A. Yes, there was a Schedule C that reflected a loss one
- 18 year from a hunting club operation, like Fifteen Hundred
- 19 Dollars. It wasn't a significant amount.
- 20 Q. Did you see a debt for turkey farms or turkeys?
- 21 A. No, I -- what I concluded that was and there's
- 22 references to chickens and produce, and that's where they
- 23 sell their grain. They're selling their grain to those
- 24 agricultural houses, those chicken houses. That's who
- 25 they're selling their grain to. And they're probably getting

- 1 |a little better price and probably a good business decision.
- 2 |Q. Mr. Hobbs, next do you have statements given by Simpson,
- 3 | Sr. and a summary of those statements based on what's been
- 4 produced through discovery?
- 5 A. Yes, I do.
- 6 Q. Did you do a summary of those?
- 7 A. Yes, I did, the same way.
- 8 Q. Your Honor, we would offer into evidence as one exhibit,
- 9 and I will staple them together, but the financial statements
- 10 of Simpson, Sr. of January 23, 1990, through January 6, 2004,
- 11 along with a one page summary.
- BY THE COURT: Any objection, Mr. Robinson?
- BY MR. ROBINSON: Let me be clear what he's offering
- 14 again.
- 15 BY MR. WARNER: Financial statements and a summary
- 16 produced through discovery on your client, Sr., from 1990
- 17 | through 2004.
- 18 BY MR. ROBINSON: I don't have any objections.
- 19 BY THE COURT: Plaintiff's forty.
- 20 Plaintiff's ex. #40 Simpson, Sr.'s financial statements and
- 21 summary January, 1990, through January, 2004
- 22 CONTINUED BY MR. WARNER:
- 23 Q. Looking at exhibit forty, Mr. Hobbs, anything jump out
- 24 | at you regarding these statements?
- 25 A. Really the only thing that I did was compile the

- 1 information on Mr. Simpson's tax returns -- I mean, on his
- 2 financial statements. That's what I prepared here. He
- 3 doesn't have a lot of debt on these personal financial
- 4 statements. He has a net worth on each one of these
- 5 statements of almost a Million Dollars and total equity of
- 6 One Million One Thirty-one.
- 7 Q. As of what year?
- 8 A. January 6, 2004.
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 A. Then we had April 30, 2004, a little bit less than that.
- 11 And I didn't notice anything that stood out, but obviously
- 12 he's been a very successful farmer. He's a very good farmer
- 13 I would say. He's been a successful farmer.
- 14 Q. From January 23, 1990, Pee Dee State Credit or Pee Dee
- 15 Credit through the NBSC financial statement of January 6,
- 16 2004, net worth according to these statements went- Seven
- 17 Hundred and Seventy-nine Thousand to a Million Four Hundred
- 18 | Seventy Thousand, correct, or I'm sorry, Five Sixty-nine to
- 19 about One point One Million?
- 20 A. That's correct.
- 21 Q. About double?
- 22 A. That's correct. And, you know, the only thing I'm
- 23 curious about is I'm curious as to whether he's reflected the
- 24 fifty percent of Simpson LLC on these personal financial
- 25 statements.

- 1 Q. That's what I was going to ask you. When we talk about
- 2 real estate and land, what does it start at in 1990?
- 3 A. In 1990 ---
- 4 Q. The real estate and land.
- 5 A. In 1990 real estate and land was Four Hundred and
- 6 Ninety-seven Thousand Dollars.
- 7 Q. What was it in 1999, the year before the LLC?
- 8 A. In 1999 Eight Hundred and Seventy-five Thousand Dollars
- 9 and ---
- 10 Q. What about January 1, 2001, before the LLC?
- 11 A. You mean January, 2000?
- 12 | Q. Yes, sir.
- 13 A. Real estate and land was Eight Hundred and Seventy-five
- 14 Thousand.
- 15 Q. How about May 11, 2001, one year after this and before
- 16 | the transfer to the LLC?
- 17 A. Eight Hundred and Seventy-five Thousand.
- 18 Q. What about October 3, 2002, two and a half years after
- 19 the LLC?
- 20 A. One Million Forty-five Thousand.
- 21 Q. What happened about twelve days later?
- 22 A. Showed it as Eight Hundred and Seventy-five Thousand
- 23 | Dollars.
- 24 Q. And a loss on real estate of Two Hundred Thousand
- 25 | Dollars?

- 1 A. Well, it was a different number he reported on his bank
- 2 | statement record.
- 3 Q. How about April 30, 2004, and what did it go to?
- 4 A. Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars.
- 5 Q. And January 6, 2004?
- 6 A. One Million Forty-five Thousand Dollars.
- 7 Q. What did he show as his income? Does he show it on
- 8 | these financial statements?
- 9 A. There is one or several that show income.
- 10 Q. Would you tell the Court what they are?
- 11 A. If I can put my hands on it. On the one dated -- I
- 12 |don't seem to be able to put my hand on it, but we did have
- 13 one that reflected like One Hundred and Thirty-five Thousand
- 14 Dollars of annual income. It was a large amount. I can
- 15 probably find it in a second. I'm probably looking over it.
- 16 That was on one of the statements or attachments. It was a
- 17 large number.
- 18 Q. Let's move on. Whatever it is, it is. And it's in
- 19 evidence. Did you do an analysis of S & T Land Development?
- 20 A. Yes, I did.
- 21 Q. And my subpoena -- when did we receive that?
- 22 A. Well, we have copies of all the tax returns since
- 23 | conception, 1999, of S & T.
- 24 Q. 1999 through what year?
- 25 A. 2003.

- 1 Q. And these were subpoenaed through Mr. Tidwell?
- 2 A. I do not know who provided them, but there they are.
- 3 And I've got a little summary of them.
- 4 Q. Mr. Tidwell was Mr. Simpson's partner, is that right?
- 5 A. Yes, I believe he was.
- 6 Q. S & T is Simpson and Tidwell?
- 7 A. That's my understanding is what it stands for.
- **8** Q. These are partnership returns?
- 9 A. Yes, they are.
- 10 Q. 1999 through 2003, is that correct?
- 11 A. That is correct.
- 12 Q. Do you understand that on March 10, 2003, there was a
- 13 deed that's in evidence where Mr. Simpson transferred his
- 14 half interest to Ray Tidwell -- or Anthony Tidwell, Arnold
- 15 Tidwell's brother, for Five Dollars?
- 16 A. I'm aware of that. I've got that referenced on that
- 17 first summary sheet.
- 18 Q. Your Honor, we would offer the summary and the returns
- 19 in evidence.
- BY THE COURT: Plaintiff's forty-one, Mr. Robinson?
- 21 BY MR. ROBINSON: No objection.
- BY THE COURT: Plaintiff's forty-one without objection.
- 23 | Plaintiff's ex. #41 S & T tax returns and summary
- 24 | CONTINUED BY MR. WARNER:
- Q. Mr. Hobbs, a partnership -- do you see any debt in

- 1 | this partnership?
- 2 A. No debt.
- 3 Q. If a partnership -- if you and I go out and buy
- 4 property together and we incur an indebtedness as partners,
- 5 and this is a partnership, right?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. How do we deal with the debt? On the individual returns
- 8 or on the partnership returns?
- 9 A. Generally the debt is reported on a partnership tax
- 10 returns. There are some instances where I've seen it's not,
- 11 but it's not the normal rule. The interest expense and the
- 12 debt should be reflected on this partnership return.
- 13 Q. I think you testified previously that there were about
- 14 Twenty-three or Twenty-five Thousand Dollars worth of loans
- 15 for Mr. Simpson on his general ledger to Mr. Tidwell in 2003?
- 16 A. There were some cash payments to Mr. Tidwell that were
- 17 | classified as receivables.
- 18 Q. Receivables from employees?
- 19 A. I think that's what it was.
- 20 Q. Did you ever see Mr. Tidwell doing any farming or
- 21 anything?
- 22 A. No, I don't know anything about that.
- 23 Q. Let's look -- did anything in these tax returns jump
- 24 | out at you as being unusual?
- 25 A. Yes, sir.

- 1 Q. What was that?
- 2 A. There are a lot of unusual things in these tax returns.
- 3 They have -- if you look at the summary, what I've got is
- 4 the partnership activity reflected kind of in the middle of
- 5 that schedule. And what's real unusual is that in the
- 6 initial year and in year two and in 2003 we had interest
- 7 income, but in the year 2001 and 2002 we didn't have any
- 8 interest income.
- 9 Q. What does that tell you?
- 10 A. I don't know. I don't know. It tells me something is
- 11 very unusual. I can't tell you why.
- 12 Q. Attached to these returns are installments and sale's
- 13 income.
- 14 A. There's land contracts, but it still should be
- consistent from year to year on a partnership return. I'm
- 16 not sure why that changed and why it was reported like that
- in those different years. But what those tax returns report
- 18 is it reports the sales of those land contracts as capital
- gain, and the short term capital gain is next to the last
- column under partnership activity. And the long term capital
- gain is the other amount. And Mr. Simpson, Sr. started with
- 22 a fifty percent interest. He had a fifty percent interest in
- 23 | 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002. And then in 2003 his interest went
- 24 to zero on the partnership return. So he disposed of it in
- 25 2003, but Mr. Simpson does not report that on his 2003

- 1 personal ten forty return. And Mr. Gibbons, in his
- 2 deposition, mentioned he probably needed to report that.
- 3 Q. Report what?
- 4 A. Report the sale of that interest.
- 5 Q. So if Mr. -- is this an economically viable partnership?
- 6 A. Yes, very successful.
- 7 Q. And why do you say it's successful?
- 8 A. Because they're taking agricultural land it appears and
- 9 converting it to residential lots. And they're about
- doubling their money. They're taking a piece of land that
- 11 they paid Two Thousand Dollars for, and they're getting Four
- 12 or Five Thousand Dollars out of it.
- 13 Q. All right, sir, and what interest rates are in a lot of
- 14 these contracts?
- 15 A. I didn't analyze their interest rates, but the other
- 16 client's rates are anywhere from ten to twelve to fourteen
- 17 percent.
- 18 Q. I notice that in 2003 it appears that S & T had rental
- 19 income of Forty-five Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Dollars.
- 20 Can you explain that?
- 21 A. No, I cannot. But the partnership tax returns show
- houses that were being rented.
- 23 Q. How much does Mr. Simpson receive out of this?
- 24 A. That information, the value of the real estate, I got by
- 25 phone yesterday from that real estate professional you had.

- 1 Q. Ms. Linhardt?
- 2 A. Yes. And I think ya'll must have heard from her this
- 3 morning. She gave me that number over the phone yesterday,
- 4 | Six Hundred and Thirty-seven Thousand Dollars. And this is
- 5 another one of those schedules that I didn't really realize I
- 6 was going to have to prepare until I realized how much value
- 7 is in there. And then I'm curious about whether that value
- 8 includes the receivables, the note receivables, on those land
- 9 contracts. I don't know the answer to that yet. I assume it
- 10 does.
- 11 Q. Is there any way you can tell based on the information
- 12 | we've been provided?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. Did Mr. Simpson receive positive cash flow from this
- 15 entity every year?
- f 16 f A. He should have. I haven't traced any receipts, but he
- 17 should have. It was a successful venture.
- 18 Q. Based on the K-1 from the partnership?
- 19 A. Based on what I've seen, any investor would like to be
- 20 in S & T Partnership.
- 21 Q. So to transfer this interest for Five Dollars, six days
- 22 after the filing of this lawsuit, does that make economic
- 23 sense to you as a CPA?
- 24 A. It may make some sense, but I can't comment on it.
- 25 |don't understand it.

- 1 Q. Do you see any debt?
- 2 A. There was no debt.
- 3 Q. Do you have any other charts or summaries?
- 4 A. No, sir. I think you've got most of it.
- 5 Q. Thank you.
- $oldsymbol{6}$ A. I do have one other factor. This document has another
- 7 | financial statement in it.
- 8 Q. What is this document?
- 9 A. This is Mr. Simpson's application for Farmer of the
- 10 Year.
- 11 Q. What year was that?
- 12 A. 2001. It has a lot of interesting information in it.
- 13 Things about his farm and his crop and his acreage and how
- 14 much he owns and how much he rents.
- 15 Q. Your Honor, we would offer this into evidence.
- BY THE COURT: Plaintiff's forty-two. Is that right,
- 17 | Madam Court Reporter?
- BY REPORTER: Yes, sir.
- 19 BY MR. ROBINSON: No objection.
- 20 Plaintiff's ex. #42 Farmer of the Year application
- 21 A. And it showed the current net worth of a Million Two.
- 22 Q. A Million Two Hundred Thousand.
- 23 A. One Million One Hundred and Eighty-one Thousand.
- 24 Q. Can you tell if that includes or doesn't include the
- 25 | LLC?

- 1 A. I could not tell.
- 2 Q. How many acres does Mr. Simpson farm -- Simpson, Sr.?
- 3 A. Well, this document talks about on page seven that he
- 4 had seven hundred acres of wheat, a thousand fifty acres of
- 5 corn and eight hundred and fifty acres of soybeans.
- 6 Q. What does that total?
- 7 A. About twenty-six hundred acres. I've got a calculator.
- 8 About twenty-six hundred acres.
- 9 Q. About twenty-six hundred acres?
- 10 A. Yes, sir.
- 11 Q. Does this refer to any of the farming done by Simpson,
- 12 Jr. on his property?
- 13 A. I don't know.
- 14 Q. You don't know if it includes that?
- 15 A. I would imagine it may include it, but I can't tell for
- 16 sure.
- 17 Q. Do these folks have pretty good yields based on the
- 18 | records you've seen, yields per acre?
- 19 A. You know, obviously 2002 looks like a real bad farm
- 20 year, but the other years it looks like they were very
- 21 successful farmers. They take a lot of accelerated
- 22 depreciation for tax purposes, you know, depreciation of
- 23 | Eighty and Ninety Thousand Dollars a year, and getting rid of
- 24 the assets they're buying. They look like they run a good
- 25 operation.

- 1 Q. Mr. Simpson, Sr., and look at exhibit forty-one I think
- 2 | it was, and look at the January 6, 2004, copy.
- 3 A. Can I look at yours? Mine have been all mixed up here.
- 4 |Q. Sure. Look at the January 6, 2004, NBSC statement.
- 5 BY THE COURT: Did you say forty or forty-one?
- 6 BY MR. WARNER: We couldn't find that while ago.
- 7 A. It's dated January 6, 2004.
- 8 BY MR. WARNER: That's forty, Your Honor.
- 9 BY THE COURT: Okay.
- 10 | CONTINUED BY MR. WARNER:
- 11 Q. What does it show as income?
- 12 A. It shows farm annual income of One Hundred and Fifty
- 13 | Thousand Dollars.
- 14 BY THE COURT: And that's January 6, 2004?
- 15 A. Yes, sir.
- 16 Q. Mr. Hobbs, you may have this in your package, but we
- 17 received and I show you this document that came from the
- 18 deposition in the material provided to Ms. Amos. Have you
- 19 seen that before it was provided to you after her deposition?
- 20 A. I have seen some of this information.
- 21 Q. Before or after?
- 22 A. It was definitely after. It was during her deposition
- 23 | that this was available.
- 24 Q. Two weeks ago?
- 25 A. I think this was in her file.

- 1 Q. Two weeks ago?
- 2 A. That's correct.
- 3 Q. What is the date that was faxed to her? When was it
- 4 faxed?
- 5 A. Well, the date that's on here was April 27, 2004,
- 6 Tuesday at eleven thirty, Johnson & McKenzie LLC.
- 7 Q. April 27, 2004, and you saw it after her deposition?
- 8 A. That's when I recall seeing it.
- 9 Q. When we issued a subpoena to her to get the records?
- 10 A. That's when I remember seeing that. That's correct.
- 11 Q. Your Honor, we would offer this into evidence. That's
- Mr. Simpson's personal data for his tax returns. And I want
- 13 to ask Mr. Hobbs a few questions about it.
- BY THE COURT: Plaintiff's forty-three. Any objections?
- BY MR. ROBINSON: No, sir.
- 16 BY THE COURT: No objections.
- 17 Plaintiff's ex. #43 Simpson, Sr.'s data for tax returns
- 18 CONTINUED BY MR. WARNER:
- 19 Q. I don't have a copy for the Court, Your Honor. Mr.
- Hobbs, this purports to have Mr. Simpson's handwriting on it.
- 21 What does that form look like to you as an accountant?
- 22 A. Oh, this is his organizer that he used to fill out so
- 23 his CPA can key it into the tax package to prepare his tax
- 24 | returns.
- 25 Q. Do you do that for your clients?

- 1 A. Yes, sir.
- 2 Q. And is that what you generally do to prepare tax
- 3 | returns?
- 4 A. Well, clients that have a general ledger system of
- 5 bookkeeping generally produce a general ledger that would
- 6 eliminate the need for this type of compilation, because the
- 7 accounts in the general ledger are intended to communicate
- 8 the information to the reader. So this was in place of a
- 9 general ledger.
- 10 Q. So we have a general ledger for 2003, and then we have
- 11 this handwritten for 2003 in Mr. Simpson, Sr.'s handwriting?
- 12 A. That's right.
- 13 Q. Now, does anything stand out to you as far as income or
- 14 whatever it is on that page, and what page is that of the
- 15 document? And for the record that's number forty-three.
- 16 A. Page five of this attachment, and it appears to be page
- 17 | forty-four of the fax.
- 18 Q. Okay. And that was delivered to Ms. Amos by fax, and
- 19 what does Mr. Simpson show as far as income or cash flow or
- 20 whatever it is on that compilation form?
- 21 A. Well, he's showing income of apparently substantially
- 22 more than what I think ended up getting reported it looks
- 23 like. I don't have a total here.
- 24 O. Just tell us what the numbers are.
- 25 A. I can read off the numbers.

- $1 \mid Q$. Okay.
- 2 A. That looks to be an expense, Fifty Thousand Two Hundred
- 3 and Sixteen Dollars, and that would just be an expense.
- 4 | Sales of livestock, produce or grain, Two Hundred and Twenty-
- four Thousand Nine Sixty-four. Cooperative distributions,
- 6 Fourteen Hundred and Sixty-eight Dollars, all taxable.
- 7 Agricultural program payments, One Hundred and Twenty-two
- 8 Thousand Two Seventy-three. And crop insurance proceeds,
- 9 Twenty-five Thousand Three-0-one Thirty.
- 10 Q. What do those total?
- 11 A. Well, you want to net the expense?
- 12 Q. Right.
- 13 A. Three Seventy-four-0-eighteen, and then after you back
- 14 out the Fifty-two Sixteen, the total is Three Twenty-three
- 15 Eight-0-two.
- $oxed{16}$ Q. And is the Three Twenty-three Eight-0-two circled and
- written in hand at the bottom of the page?
- 18 A. Three Twenty-three Eight-O-two is written, but it's not
- 19 circled or anything.
- Q. All right, sir. Now, turn to the next yellow tab on
- 21 | that please, sir. What is that?
- 22 A. That appears to be a schedule of the expenses.
- 23 Q. Now, the Fifty Thousand in expenses you just testified
- 24 about, is that the same Fifty Thousand that was paid to the
- 25 son, or do you know?

- 1 A. I don't know.
- 2 Q. The amount paid to the son was about Fifty-some Thousand
- 3 | Dollars, was it not?
- 4 A. Yes, it is. It certainly would appear to be close. It
- 5 | might be the same number. But I don't know for sure.
- 6 Q. Okay. What's that next page?
- 7 A. The next page has a total farming expenses, and they're
- 8 detailed out and has a subtotal written at the bottom of Two
- 9 Hundred and Seventy-four Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty-five
- 10 Dollars.
- 11 Q. Okay. Interest payments?
- 12 A. Interest expense, we have mortgage of Two Thousand Eight
- 13 | Hundred and Forty-seven Dollars and ---
- 14 Q. Twenty-eight Forty-seven?
- 15 A. Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-seven Dollars. And
- 16 then other interest, and this would be on his crop farm
- 17 advances, Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Dollars.
- 18 Q. So about Ten Thousand Dollars interest?
- 19 A. That's correct.
- 20 Q. Now, from a debt standpoint and what you have seen,
- 21 where does Mr. Simpson, Sr. and Jr. have their debt? What do
- 22 | they borrow money on?
- 23 A. Well, they have production loans. They have production
- 24 loans, which most farmers do. They borrow and have kind of a
- 25 | working line of credit with Pee Dee Credit Bank. That's

- 1 their primary debt. They have some real estate debt, but a
- 2 lot of it's related to their production.
- \mathfrak{Z} Q. The -- do you see a corresponding asset with the value
- 4 of the crops?
- 5 A. Yes, there would be a value to the crops.
- 6 Q. Have you seen that value surface?
- 7 A. I think there was a number reflected on that most recent
- 8 addendum that I received last night. I think it was a little
- 9 under Thirty Thousand Dollars. It's kind of a hard number to
- 10 quantify. I think it's under Thirty Thousand Dollars on that
- 11 revised addendum. Going back and looking at Mr. Simpson's
- 12 statements over the years, it ranges anywhere from over One
- Hundred Thousand Dollars to Thirty Thousand Dollars. So it's
- 14 certainly a low number.
- 15 Q. Look just a minute at number forty-two at Sunbelt
- 16 Agriculture Exposition. Look at Roman numeral five or three
- | 17 | on the financial statement, and what does he show as the
- value of crops and supplies on hand?
- 19 A. Seventy Thousand Dollars.
- 20 Q. Seventy Thousand Dollars?
- 21 A. Yes. And it's about the same time of the year as the
- 22 | filing in March.
- 23 Q. Who would control the value of what those crops are
- 24 worth? How would you ever make a determination of what those
- 25 crops are worth?

- 1 A. Mr. Simpson is the only one who can do that really.
- 2 Q. The same way he handles the income for his son?
- 3 A. He'll be the one that will manipulate -- who would
- 4 determine how much he's got in the grain bins and he has a
- 5 good ability. Matter of fact, on his farm application he
- 6 says he has the ability to hold his grain in his own bins
- 7 until the price is what he wants. So it could be manipulated
- **8** | a lot.
- 9 Q. Do we know how many pounds of grain or whatever it may
- 10 be are in those bins?
- 11 A. No. But I saw pictures of them, and he appears to have
- 12 | a large capacity. But I don't know how much.
- 13 Q. Mr. Hobbs, have you spent a lot of time in this case?
- 14 A. I have.
- 15 Q. And do you know what your bill is?
- 16 A. No, I do not. I can look at it and bring it back to
- 17 you. I burned the midnight oil trying to get down here
- 18 today.
- 19 Q. Your Honor, I would ask that Mr. Hobbs' affidavit be
- 20 | submitted at the same time the attorneys' fees affidavits.
- 21 BY THE COURT: Do you want to be heard on that, Mr.
- 22 Robinson?
- 23 BY MR. ROBINSON: Well, Your Honor, I'm sure he had an
- 24 | idea coming into the last couple of days what it was, and
- 25 | certainly I don't think it would be very hard to determine

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Mark Hobbs - direct by Mr. Warner
    what it would have been, you know. He's got an hourly rate
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        charges or daily rate or whatever his charge
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    prior to today. Maybe not for the last couple of days, but
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    certainly prior to that I would think he would have had the
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    time.
         BY THE COURT: I'll allow him to submit that at the time
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    you to call him on that and on that alone, all you've got to
    do is tell me you want to do that. And you'll be allowed to
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    do that at that time.
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         BY MR. ROBINSON:
                          Thank you, Your Honor.
         BY MR. WARNER: Nothing further from Mr. Hobbs, Your
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    Honor.
         BY THE COURT: Are you ready, or do you want to take
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    about five minutes?
         BY MR. ROBINSON: I'd like about five minutes, Your
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    Honor.
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               Five minute recess
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         BY THE COURT: All right, are you going to do the cross?
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         BY MR. ROBINSON: Yes, sir, Your Honor.
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         BY THE COURT: For scheduling purposes and depending on
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    how long we go with this witness, I had an emergency at nine
    o'clock in the morning, and that has been rescheduled.
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    could start at nine instead of nine thirty if ya'll can get
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- 1 here by nine in the morning. And that would give us a little
- 2 extra time. Okay.
- 3 CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. ROBINSON:
- 4 Q. Mr. Hobbs, let me ask you a couple of general questions
- 5 before I get into any detail on this. What -- tell me again
- 6 when you received the real estate information? I believe you
- 7 testified until recently you didn't realize you were going to
- 8 have to do this many schedules until the real estate values
- 9 came back so high. And that's when you had to prepare some
- 10 extra schedules. Is that right?
- 11 A. That is correct.
- 12 Q. When did you receive that information?
- 13 A. Well, I was on vacation until Sunday night, and I didn't
- 14 really get it back until Monday.
- 15 Q. Tell me what type of information you got Monday.
- 16 A. Well, I saw -- I talked to the real estate appraiser,
- 17 and she was saying the values of the real estate was like Two
- 18 or Three Million Dollars, and that Bill Simpson, Jr. had Four
- 19 or Five Hundred Thousand Dollars in his name, and there was a
- 20 lot of property, and a lot of things may be a lot higher than
- 21 what was on his previously disclosed financial information.
- As a matter of fact, it appeared to be a lot higher than what
- 23 was on his personal financial statements.
- 24 Q. Did you talk with her that Sunday night?
- 25 A. I think it was Monday.

- 1 Q. And prior to Monday, had you compared any schedules or
- 2 | anything of that nature?
- 3 A. You know, I think at my deposition I told you that we
- 4 had prepared some schedules, but we weren't sure we were
- 5 going to use them. Some of those schedules had been keyed
- 6 into a package, but we didn't realize we were going to
- 7 produce them. And at that time, the time I gave my
- 8 deposition, I had no idea that we were going to be asked to
- 9 present all this information today. I found that out --
- 10 really found that out on Monday.
- 11 Q. So the schedules that you had keyed in and prepared, you
- had prepared them in advance, not realizing you were going to
- use them until the real estate values came back?
- 14 A. Well, as you recall in my deposition, I think I used the
- words that I had prepared some summaries of the tax return
- 16 information and some of the financial statement information
- 17 and provided it to counsel. I had that back at my office if
- 18 you wanted to see it. But we didn't anticipate at that time
- having to use it in this trial. Or something to that effect.
- Q. You testified, and correct me if I'm wrong, but that you
- 21 had not been asked to prepare any written report?
- 22 A. That was correct.
- Q. Okay, and I asked you did you prepare notes or exhibits,
- 24 and you said yes, and they would be available for trial to
- 25 disclose what your findings are. Is it your testimony that

- 1 you already had some exhibits prepared at the time of your
- 2 deposition?
- 3 A. They were not prepared. If you'll let me look at my
- 4 deposition I might can find the part where I made the comment
- 5 to you that we had prepared some schedules, some preliminary
- 6 | schedules, at that time. I didn't think I was going to have
- 7 to present that information.
- 8 BY THE COURT: Do you have the original deposition, Mr.
- 9 Robinson?
- 10 BY MR. ROBINSON: Yes, sir, Your Honor. I haven't
- 11 broken the seal yet. I didn't know if we were going to offer
- 12 | it.
- BY THE COURT: Well, you don't have to offer it unless
- 14 you're going to use it. But if you do, we'll need to look at
- 15 | it.
- 16 | CONTINUED BY MR. ROBINSON:
- 17 Q. On page seventeen, or excuse me page twelve, line
- 18 seventeen, you said, "Now, other than the initial affidavit
- 19 | you told me you were working on a more thorough report. Ir
- 20 the interim have you provided any reports or any statements
- 21 to the Plaintiff's counsel or to the Plaintiff herself?"
- 22 A. And I responded on line twenty-two about summaries of
- 23 some information from the son's tax returns, and that's why
- 24 | we looked at the financial statement information and farm
- 25 equipment. But at that time I was just doing a work

- 1 product. I didn't realize it was going to be incorporated as
- 2 | a part of this testimony.
- 3 Q. Okay. Your response to that question was that the only
- 4 thing you may have provided was back about a year ago, and
- 5 that would have been a year from June 22nd, give or take, and
- 6 that's not the exact date, but sometime in 2003, and that you
- 7 had prepared some summaries from Mr. Simpson, Jr.'s tax
- 8 returns, and that you had not prepared anything since that
- 9 |time?
- $oxed{10}$ A. Yes. It was -- I think it was from 1995 through a
- 11 couple of years. It wasn't all the way to current. We
- 12 updated it. All we did was abstract off the tax returns.
- 13 Q. So at the time of your deposition which was June 22,
- 14 2004, the only thing that you had prepared in this case were
- 15 the initial affidavit that you offered at the temporary
- 16 hearing and some summaries related to the tax returns of
- 17 | William R. Simpson, Jr. Is that right?
- 18 A. Summaries of the tax returns, and it may have included
- 19 some of the financial information. I can go back and look at
- 20 our records and see. Everything we've provided today is just
- 21 abstracted from their information.
- 22 Q. Okay.
- 23 A. Everything else was prepared since Sunday.
- 24 Q. Since Sunday?
- 25 A. Yes, sir.

- 1 Q. Okay. Did you receive a written statement of values
- 2 | from the real estate appraiser?
- 3 A. No, sir. I have -- I had what I thought -- I went to
- 4 Jan's office, the counselor for the Plaintiff, on Monday, and
- 5 | there was a schedule sitting on the desk, but it wasn't
- 6 | final. It was a preliminary schedule that they were looking
- 7 at. And that's when I realized all those values on Monday
- 8 morning.
- 9 Q. Did counsel tell you about a real estate appraisal?
- 10 A. Well, I don't know who prepared it, but it was in their
- 11 office, and I assumed that was coming from the real estate
- 12 professional, whoever that real estate person is.
- 13 Q. All right, let me ask you this. You have certainly
- 14 introduced quite a few exhibits and given us a lot of
- 15 information, and I'm not sure what any or all of it means.
- 16 But let me do my best to wade through some of this. Now, let
- me ask you first of all about Plaintiff's exhibit number
- 18 forty-two. It was introduced through you as Mr. Simpson,
- 19 Sr.'s application for the Sunbelt Agricultural Expo Farmer of
- 20 | the Year. Is that right?
- 21 A. That's correct.
- Q. Do you have any idea who prepared this document?
- 23 A. No.
- 24 Q. Do you have any idea where the information came from on
- 25 this document?

- 1 A. No.
- Q. When is the first time that you saw this document?
- A. I can't recall the first time I saw it.
- 4 Q. Was it recently, or have you known about this document
- 5 | for some time?
- 6 A. Well, I knew he had been named Farmer of the Year. And
- 7 I looked at that on the internet. And I don't know exactly
- 8 when I saw that document. I don't think it's been that long.
- 9 Q. Did the Plaintiff ever tell you that she typed this
- 10 document or helped Mr. Simpson prepare this document?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. You never had discussions about this document with the
- 13 | Plaintiff?
- 14 A. No.
- Q. Okay. Now, these pages aren't numbered. But it looks
- 16 like it's the eighth page, paragraph B, and it lists other
- 17 farm or related business enterprises, and it describes size
- 18 and importance via the total operation. Do you see that?
- 19 A. Yes, I do see that.
- 20 Q. What was the response on that document?
- 21 A. It says, "My son and I have a limited liability
- corporation, W. R. Simpson Farms, LLC, which we started in
- 23 | 1997. The corporation covers twenty-three hundred and fifty
- 24 acres of corn, wheat and soybeans. We also bale and sell
- 25 wheat straw and coastal Bermuda hay."

- 1 Q. Now, as far as you know, and you testified earlier I
- 2 believe that you estimated the best number at twenty-six
- 3 hundred acres, give or take, as to what they farm according
- 4 to what you could determine?
- 5 A. What I used was the acres provided in that document,
- 6 because I was doing a reasonableness test of the revenue on
- 7 the farm schedule based on the bushels and the yield and the
- 8 price for those years.
- 9 Q. Okay. So that number seemed pretty close?
- 10 A. When I did an analysis of the price showing 2002 was a
- 11 | bad year and the other years, it made sense what we reported
- 12 | for farm revenue. That's correct.
- 13 Q. Do you know when this document was prepared?
- 14 A. No, sir.
- 15 Q. You said you did realize he was named 2001 Farmer of the
- 16 Year?
- 17 A. I think there's a date on that first letter there.
- 18 Q. June 25, 2001?
- 19 A. Yes, that's what I referred to.
- 20 Q. So this application was prepared to the best of your
- 21 knowledge around 2001?
- BY THE COURT: The signature is dated, too, Mr.
- 23 Robinson, if you look at it.
- 24 BY MR. ROBINSON: I'm sorry, Your Honor. I looked over
- 25 | that.

Mark Hobbs - cross by Mr. Robinson BY THE COURT: May 25, 2001. BY MR. ROBINSON: What page is that on, Judge? THE COURT: It's right there about the fourth or fifth page. Both of them signed it. BY MR. ROBINSON: Okay, okay. I see that. I'm sorry. Thank you. That's what I was looking for. CONTINUED BY MR. ROBINSON: So apparently in 2001 Mr. Simpson in his application stated that he and his son farmed an LLC together that they started in 1997, and actually I think the documentation shows it was 2000 when it was actually formed? That's what the LLC paper work states. Α. This application was actually signed by Mr. Simpson? 0. It looks like it was signed May 25, 2001. Α. Okay. Now, let me ask you this. You have talked about a number of different things. And the exhibit that you prepared related to what you called a work sheet that came from Ms. Amos through discovery, do you recall that? The tax organizer work sheet? Α. Q. Yes, sir.

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- 21 I recall it. I don't think I kept that.
- 22 indulgence, Your Honor. Ι'm looking
- Plaintiff's seven and forty-three I think, Your Honor. 23 Ι
- just want to make sure I'm identifying them correctly. 24 Ι
- 25 think we can identify them.

- 1 BY THE COURT: Well, let's try to keep them straight.
- 2 |Carol can't possibly keep them in order as many as they are
- 3 and you're pulling them out.
- 4 | CONTINUED BY MR. ROBINSON:
- 5 Q. Let me ask you about what I believe to be forty-three,
- 6 the farm income and farm expense, and I believe Mr. Warner
- 7 | went over that and had you total those figures, and they were
- 8 |actually written down there?
- 9 A. That's correct.
- 10 Q. What was the total for the farm income page?
- 11 A. Three Twenty Three and Eight Hundred.
- 12 Q. Let me show you what is part of Plaintiff's exhibit
- 13 seven, profit or loss for farming, Mr. Simpson's 2003 tax
- 14 returns, and does the amount on line eleven for gross income
- 15 | coincide with the figure you just read to me?
- 16 A. Yes, it does.
- 17 Q. Okay. And does this figure for expenses on here reflect
- 18 |depreciation?
- 19 A. No, it apparently does not.
- 20 Q. So we've got an expense that does not reflect
- 21 depreciation, and the profit or farm income matches what is
- 22 reported as gross income on the 2003 tax return?
- 23 A. That is correct.
- 24 Q. So there is no inconsistency between the total on that
- 25 document and the total on the 2003 tax returns. Is that

- 1 | right?
- A. I haven't prepared the expenses. I can if you want me
- 3 to, but I didn't do that.
- 4 Q. But as far as the income is concerned ---
- 5 A. Yes, sir, yes, sir.
- 6 Q. Now, let me ask you this. In preparation for the
- 7 valuation of the farm equipment, you said that the starting
- 8 point was Mr. Simpson's depreciation schedule off his income
- 9 tax returns. Is that right?
- 10 A. That's correct.
- |Q| If in fact that schedule was incorrect and there's
- properties no longer in existence or no longer in his
- possession, would that affect the accuracy of your summary?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Okay. Now, let me make sure and I know you've already
- 16 testified, but let me summarize for a layman like myself, and
- 17 the way you valued that equipment is basically you took the
- 18 cost basis, what they paid for it, and they reported they
- paid for that property, and depreciated it over the life?
- 20 A. That's correct.
- Q. And you testified that those useable life figures came
- 22 |from where?
- A. There was a source, a web site that we printed off, and
- we've got it in the boxes back there if you'd like to see it.
- 25 And it had suggested agricultural useful lives off the North

- 1 | Carolina Department of Revenue.
- 2 Q. That's where it came from, the North Carolina Department
- 3 of Revenue?
- 4 A. Yes, sir.
- 5 Q. South Carolina Department of Revenue doesn't provide
- 6 such numbers or details or anything of that nature?
- 7 A. That's correct.
- 8 Q. Okay. Now, as far as valuation of the farm equipment,
- 9 did you include in your valuation any sheds or attachments?
- 10 A. I attempted to exclude anything that wasn't covered by
- 11 the real estate appraiser. If there's anything that we've
- 12 got on that schedule that's an attachment to real property,
- 13 | it would need to be adjusted. But I backed off about five or
- 14 six or eight items.
- 15 Q. Any attachments, and I don't want to put words in your
- 16 mouth, but any attachments or fixtures, would you agree with
- 17 | that?
- 18 A. Any land improvements such as bins, grain bins, sheds,
- 19 we tried to exclude. I didn't want to double count.
- 20 Q. And they should be excluded?
- 21 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And if they're in there, they're in there by error?
- 23 A. That's correct.
- 24 Q. Were there any of those items of that nature that you
- valued and may be attached to rented farm land that would

- 1 stay a part of that property? In other words, if they had
- 2 made an improvement to a piece of property they were simply
- 3 renting and put a shed on it or barn or something like that,
- 4 | would that have been included in your schedules?
- 5 A. Everything that was on the depreciation schedules it
- 6 | included, and if they have things that they do not have any
- 7 kind of interest in if they quit renting it, that would be
- 8 | another adjustment.
- 9 Q. Now, part of your summary of Mr. Simpson's tax returns,
- 10 and I'm going to have to check the exhibit number because I
- didn't write it on that one. The summary that was attached
- 12 to Plaintiff's exhibit forty, there is Nine Thousand Six
- 13 Hundred and Seventy Dollars in legal fees down at the bottom
- 14 | right-hand corner. Do you see that?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Explain to me exactly what that means.
- 17 A. I just had that on there for my purposes, just for my
- 18 information. I noticed some legal fees, and I'm not sure if
- 19 they were deducted as a farm expense or not. I was trying to
- 20 consider whether that was operating or not. I'm not sure
- 21 whether it was deducted as legal fees.
- 22 Q. How did you treat that? Did you treat it as a
- 23 | deduction?
- 24 A. I just reported it for information purposes. I think
- 25 the Judge can decide that and figure out whether it's an

- 1 expense or not.
- 2 Q. Have you added it back into the income?
- 3 A. I did add it back into the total funds available.
- 4 Q. And if these legal fees were not deducted on Mr.
- 5 Simpson's 2003 tax returns, why would you have added them
- 6 back as income?
- 7 A. If they were not deducted, then they probably should not
- 8 be added back.
- 9 Q. So if the 2003 tax return does not show the deduction of
- 10 Nine Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy Dollars for legal fees,
- 11 | then it would be improperly added back?
- 12 A. Well, it depends on whether it's legal fees related to
- 13 that farm activity or whether it was really a personal
- 14 expense, and I just thought it was important. It looked like
- 15 it wasn't a normal farm operating expense, and I thought it
- 16 | should be highlighted for the Court to see.
- 17 Q. Okay. So that should be adjusted?
- 18 A. That would be a question mark about that.
- 19 Q. That's not anything you're concerned about. That's just
- there for information purposes?
- 21 A. That's why I put it there.
- 22 Q. Let me hand you the profit or loss farming page from
- 23 Plaintiff's exhibit seven of Mr. Simpson's 2003 income tax
- 24 return. Can you look over that page, and is that where it
- would be proper to deduct the Nine Thousand Six Hundred and

- 1 Seventy Dollars for legal fees if they were going to be
- 2 | deducted? Would they be listed on that page?
- 3 A. They probably would be -- I don't really believe
- 4 | that's' related to a farm expense. So probably it relates --
- 5 you're right, and that probably would be an itemized
- 6 deduction. I don't think it's been deducted.
- 7 Q. You have reviewed this 2003 tax return, and you don't
- 8 | see anywhere on there where he's deducted that expense?
- 9 A. Not that I recall seeing.
- 10 Q. Okay. So based on your earlier testimony, you can
- 11 actually take that number off the bottom number of your
- 12 | figure, because you added it in?
- 13 A. That's correct.
- 14 Q. You added it in so it would need to be taken off?
- 15 A. That's right.
- 16 Q. Now, the Fifty Thousand Two Hundred and Fifteen Dollars
- 17 in miscellaneous expenses and you believed it was on the
- 18 general ledger as income to the son, or at least that's what
- 19 you thought it was, and you have added that back in as well
- 20 to Mr. Simpson's income?
- 21 A. Well, we've got a lot of discussion here whether Mr.
- 22 Simpson, Jr. was working for free in order to get this
- 23 interest in this LLC when he's obviously been paid that. And
- 24 | that's just presented for the Court's information. That's
- 25 really up to the Court to decide.

- 1 Q. How much is that?
- 2 A. Mortgage interest of Two Thousand Eight Hundred and
- 3 | Forty-seven Dollars and other interest of Eight Thousand
- 4 Seven Hundred and Twenty Dollars.
- 5 Q. That's an interest expense?
- 6 A. That is correct.
- 7 Q. And that's on the tax return but not noted in the
- 8 general ledger?
- 9 A. That is correct.
- 10 Q. Is there any depreciation in the general ledger that you
- 11 | recall?
- 12 A. Depreciation estimated account is zero in the general
- 13 |ledger.
- 14 Q. Okay. What about on the tax return?
- 15 A. I remember there is a depreciation expense on the tax
- 16 | return.
- 17 Q. Is there any adjustment, and I'm not going to make you
- 18 go through that if you recall it, but is there any
- 19 adjustments on the general ledger by Al Gibbons to adjust
- 20 | asset or debt accounts?
- 21 A. Not that I can tell.
- 22 Q. From an accounting standpoint, is it possible the
- 23 general ledger is prepared to assist the preparation of
- 24 Schedule F farming activities and to give a balance sheet or
- 25 | financial statement type information?

1 over there numbering every one of these exhibits.

2 BY MR. ROBINSON: Well, I was, Your Honor. But Mr.

3 McKenzie grabbed a couple of them. He intercepted a couple

4 of them, and I didn't get to write the number on them.

5 BY MR. MCKENZIE: I'm just sitting here minding my own

6 business, Judge.

7 BY THE COURT: All right, let's go.

8 BY MR. WARNER: I think it's Plaintiff's thirteen or

9 fourteen.

10 BY THE COURT: I think that's Plaintiff's thirty-three

11 that he's looking for. When you find that folder, Mr.

12 Robinson, write Plaintiff's thirty-three on it.

BY MR. ROBINSON: Okay.

14 | CONTINUED BY MR. ROBINSON:

15 Q. All right, Plaintiff's thirty-three, which is 2002 and

16 2003 general ledgers of Billy Simpson Farms, and that's what

17 it's titled, and can you look through there and see if in

18 fact there is interest expense?

19 A. There is no interest expense reported in this 2003

20 general ledger.

21 Q. Let me hand you a copy of Plaintiff's exhibit seven,

22 | specifically the 2003 tax return, and it's not stapled, but

23 can you look in there and see if there's any interest expense

24 on the tax return?

25 A. Yes, there is.

- 1 Q. So again if that was added in, that's simply one way of
- 2 | calculating it, and that's not your absolute determination
- 3 that that's the way it should be, and that's just for
- 4 | information purposes?
- 5 A. That's a decision for the Court to make.
- 6 Q. For the Court to make, okay. Now, have you seen the
- 7 document that was introduced, the farming agreement, and we
- 8 have it listed as Defendant's thirteen, Your Honor, but it
- 9 | may have come in as the Plaintiff's exhibit. I'm not sure.
- 10 BY THE COURT: Defendant's thirteen.
- 11 Q. The agreement dated March 31, 1989, have you had an
- 12 opportunity to review that document?
- 13 A. Yes, I've read this document.
- 14 Q. Okay, now, based on some of the transactions or the
- 15 expenses you have noticed, would those be inconsistent and
- 16 I'm talking about the transfers, etcetera, and would those be
- 17 | inconsistent to this operating agreement between Mr. Simpson,
- 18 | Sr. and Mr. Simpson, Jr.?
- 19 A. I've only seen payments to Simpson, Jr. for two years.
- 20 I don't know if it happened before then. I don't know if it
- 21 happened since 1989. I don't have the information on that.
- 22 | I don't have the answer to that. I know that from that
- 23 agreement it looks like he's going to get an interest from
- 24 | working free labor and a certain amount of allowance it looks
- 25 | like. I don't know how long it's supposed to last. It

- 1 doesn't really address that.
- 2 Q. What two years was that you saw payments?
- 3 A. On the general ledger for 2002 and 2003.
- 4 Q. For 2002 and 2003, so the exhibit, Plaintiff's exhibit
- forty-two, which is the 2001 Farmer of the Year Expo
- $oldsymbol{6}$ application states that Mr. Simpson, Jr. and Sr. own an LLC
- 7 together and farm twenty-three hundred and fifty acres. And
- 8 after that you show the income to Mr. Simpson, Jr., and would
- 9 that lead you to any conclusions?
- $oxed{10}$ A. No, I'm not sure what they were doing. I'm not sure I
- 11 understand the plan.
- 12 Q. From an accounting standpoint, would it be reasonable if
- 13 this agreement had been fulfilled by 2001 and after that
- 14 application lists that Jr. was for lack of a better term
- fully vested, and in 2002 and 2003 he was receiving wages?
- 16 A. That's possible.
- Q. Okay. Let me ask you this. Is there any interest
- 18 expense noted on the general ledger that you reviewed for
- 19 | 2002 and 2003?
- 20 A. I can't recall.
- 21 Q. Do you need to look at it?
- 22 A. Yes, I can look at it and see if there is. And I might
- need to get the exhibit. Mine have gotten kind of mixed up.
- 24 Q. Join the club.
- BY THE COURT: Mr. Robinson, I thought you were sitting

- 1 A. As I said earlier, I think it was used primarily to
- 2 assist in accumulating the cash activities, the cash ins and
- 3 | the outs.
- 4 Q. So everything that shows on his tax return may not
- 5 necessarily be on there because of the way that it was
- 6 | handled or prepared?
- 7 A. That's correct.
- 8 Q. That doesn't necessarily indicate that it was done
- 9 | improperly, but it was just done by a different method?
- 10 A. That's correct.
- 11 Q. Are you aware, or have you seen any financial statements
- 12 prepared by Mr. Gibbons?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. Is it possible that based on that information that you
- 15 have already told me about in the general ledgers that the
- 16 accountant preparing Mr. Simpson's tax returns would need to
- 17 make certain adjustments in order for the general ledger to
- 18 be used to produce a financial statement?
- 19 A. That's very probable. That's an accurate statement.
- 20 Q. You're not aware of the accountant preparing any
- 21 | financial statements or anything of that nature?
- 22 A. No, I am not.
- 23 Q. So based on that and the way this general ledger is
- 24 prepared, and in reasonable accounting terms, is it possible
- 25 that the accountant is basically extracting income from it?

- f 1 $ar{\sf A}$. Yes. That's right. That's what I tried to say a little
- 2 earlier. They're just using the general ledger to keep track
- 3 of the ins and outs.
- 4 Q. And there's nothing illegal about that?
- $\mathsf{5}$ $|\mathsf{A}.$ No, there's nothing illegal about it.
- $\mathbf{6}$ Q. It's just not as thorough as you might recommend if they
- 7 | had been your client?
- 8 A. That's correct.
- 9 Q. Is that true about a lot of the inconsistencies or the
- 10 differences that you noted that doesn't necessarily provide
- 11 you with any proof of any wrongdoing, but it's just things
- 12 | that you would not normally do or recommend to your clients?
- 13 A. Well, the American Institute of CPA's puts out a fraud
- 14 risk alert and things we're supposed to be alert for,
- 15 especially after ENRON and all the financial crises we've
- 16 had. And inaccurate financial records is supposed to
- 17 increase our awareness as auditors and accountants for
- 18 potential fraud.
- 19 Q. Now, you had testified earlier that you prepare tax
- 20 returns and do accounting work for several farmers. Is that
- 21 | correct?
- 22 A. I do.
- 23 Q. Do they all keep meticulous and accurate records?
- 24 A. No. Some of them aren't too different from Mr.
- 25 Simpson's. I won't say that all of them keep meticulous

- Mark Hobbs cross by Mr. Robinson/redirect by Mr. Warner
- 1 records. Some of -- I'm not saying that's unusual. But
- 2 when you're in a conflict situation, it gives cause to
- 3 | whether -- you know.
- 4 Q. But you have personally dealt with clients who prepare
- 5 or keep records similar to this, and there's no fraud going
- 6 on to your knowledge in those cases. Is that correct?
- 7 A. Well, I haven't made that determination.
- 8 Q. Do you have clients you represent and you have not
- 9 determined whether or not they are committing fraud?
- 10 A. No. That's a legal definition. I can't make that
- 11 determination. I have some clients that sometimes when they
- 12 keep records like this it makes me wonder whether or not
- 13 they're trying to keep something from me. Sometimes I think
- 14 | that. And I won't sign the return if I know it.
- 15 Q. And they're farming clients?
- 16 A. Yes, sir, that's correct.
- 17 Q. Okay. I don't have any other questions, Your Honor.
- 18 BY THE COURT: Redirect?
- 19 REDIRECT BY MR. WARNER:
- 20 Q. Mr. Hobbs, the wages that he's talking about paying to
- 21 Simpson, Jr., I just want to make sure we're talking about
- 22 the same things. Do you see any wages paid in the general
- 23 | ledger or tax return to Simpson, Jr.?
- 24 A. Well, I wasn't sure he used the word wages. I have seen
- no wages paid to Bill Simpson, Jr. in any year from the farm.

Mark Hobbs - redirect by Mr. Warner

- 1 Q. Have you seen compensation paid to Jr. from the farm?
- A. Well, there are payments to him that we talked about in
- 3 | 2002 and in ---
- 4 Q. Taxable compensation, have you seen any evidence there
- 5 was compensation other than the receivables and the
- 6 miscellaneous?
- 7 A. Other than that, no.
- $\mathbf{8}$ Q. How would there be interest on the tax returns but not
- 9 on the general ledger?
- 10 A. The general ledger is just inaccurate.
- 11 Q. Inaccurate?
- 12 A. It's wrong. They just used the general ledger to keep
- 13 track of cash activities.
- 14 Q. Who did?
- 15 A. This client, this company.
- 16 Q. Who prepares the general ledger?
- 17 A. I'm not sure. We never asked that. I didn't have this
- general ledger when we deposed Mr. Gibbons. I'm not sure who
- prepares this document. I don't know.
- 20 Q. Do you prepare general ledgers for your clients?
- 21 A. We have some we assist them in preparing general
- 22 |ledgers, and we have others who do it themselves.
- Q. Have you ever turned out a product that looks like this?
- 24 A. Well, that makes me think that this may be internally
- 25 prepared. No, we wouldn't have something like this.

Mark Hobbs - redirect by Mr. Warner

- 1 Q. If you filed a tax return for a farmer, would the
- general ledger look like this?
- 3 A. We do have some farming clients that we use their
- 4 general ledger as a source of cash activity, but we maintain
- 5 a trial balance in our office that supports the chain between
- 6 | the years. And I haven't seen that document yet.
- 7 Q. Is there a trial balance here that matches up between
- 8 | the general ledger and the tax return?
- 9 A. I have not seen one.
- 10 Q. Is there any balance that matches up?
- 11 A. No. In essence the tax return is prepared from that
- 12 organizer sheet.
- Q. If Mr. Simpson just gives Mr. Gibbons the checks at the
- 14 end of the year and gives him that form forty-three and
- 15 that's it, is that enough to prepare a tax return?
- 16 A. It is enough to prepare a tax return. And it does
- 17 appear that may be what's happening here.
- 18 Q. Is there any way to get any rhyme or reason out of what
- 19 is being done business-wise by doing it that way?
- 20 A. Well, there's nothing wrong with a business or farm
- 21 operation or sole proprietorship doing it that way. There's
- nothing wrong with it. It's not illegal or anything.
- Q. From the standpoint of tracking and following and
- 24 knowing what's going on, is there any way that you know that
- we can figure out how cash and property is being put back

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COMMENTS:

Dear Carrie:

I have now had an opportunity to speak with my client and your client may retrieve her personal belongings on Sunday, September 25, 2005.

Sincerely yours,

Steven S. McKenzie

SSM:qpc

CC:

Bill Simpson



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COMMENTS:

Dear Carrie:

I have now had an opportunity to speak with Mr. Simpson about your client retrieving her personal belongings and Mr. Simpson has agreed to box up Ms. Simpson's remaining personal items and have them delivered to either our office or another destination of Ms. Simpson's choosing for her to pick up.

Sincerely yours,

Steven S. McKenzie

SSM:gpc

CC:

Bill Simpson

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COMMENTS:

Dear Jan:

Mr. Simpson has no problem getting Ms. Simpson her personal items (i.e., make-up, clothing, shoes) which still remain in the storage building at the former marital home, however, any furniture and the like that remains at the home is still considered marital property and will be divided at a final hearing .

Sincerely yours,

Steven S. McKenzie

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COMMENTS:

Dear Carrie:

Should Ms. Simpson be concerned that my client will not include all of her personal belongings in the items in which he agreed to box up, I would suggest that she submit a list of personal belongings in which she would like to have. I will have Mr. Simpson box up these items and make them available to Ms. Simpson at our office or at another location of her choosing.

Sincerely yours,

Steven S. McKenzie

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COMMENTS:

Dear Carrie:

On January 7, 2005, the parties were before Judge Marion D. Myers wherein he issued a Temporary Order of the court. This order allowed Ms. Simpson to return to the marital home to retrieve her personal items. During the first of February (unsure of approximate date) Ms. Simpson returned to the home and retrieved some of her personal things. Deputy Tommy Brewer was present. Again on April 9, 2005 Ms. Simpson returned to the former marital home to retrieve more personal items. Deputy Brewer was present at this time as well. There were several time Ms. Simpson has returned to the home when a deputy hasn't been present. In fact on one of these occasions she set off the security alarm in the home. It wasn't until when the incident with the alarm occurred did Ms. Simpson begin to coordinate her retrieval of personal items through the attorney's offices.

Ms. Simpson simply cannot continue returning to the former marital home on her every whim and desire. Our concern is that Ms. Simpson wishes to return to the home to get things that aren't personal as has been done in the past. If Ms. Simpson simply can not list out the items in which she wishes to retrieve it only solidifies the fact that Ms. Simpson has intentions of retrieving items that are not of a personal nature.

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Mr. Simpson again reiterates his offer to box up the personal items of Ms. Simpson and deliver them to a place of Ms. Simpson's choosing.

Sincerely yours,

Steven S. McKenzie

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COMMENTS:

Dear Carrie:

Ms. Simpson's personal belongings have been packed and are ready to be delivered. Please advise as to a time and place where Mr. Simpson may deliver the same.

Sincerely yours,

Steven S. McKenzie

SSM:gpb

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September 29 & 30, 2004

October 22 & 26, 2004

February 4, 2005

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Crystal Jackson & Deborah Thomas

(In Order)

The issue now before the Court is the Plaintiff's request for attorney's fees and costs. Neither Defendant seeks attorney's fees and costs, but both take the position that the Plaintiff should be responsible for her own fees and costs. The Court notes that while Simpson, Jr. was successful in defending the transfer of certain property into the LLC, he seeks no reimbursement for his fees and costs. However, the Court of Appeals has held that beneficial results obtained are only one of several factors to be considered by the family court in deciding whether or not to award fees. Wooten vs. Wooten, 358 S.C. 54, 594 S.E. 2d 854 (Ct. App. 2003).

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The Plaintiff asserts that the grand total of her fees and costs is \$361,220.97. Of that total, \$51,000.00 are charges by Beth Lindhart, and \$23,458.88 are charges by Mark Hobbs. \$61,300.00 are 153.25 hours billed by James T. McLaren at \$400.00 per hour, and \$172,540.00 are 431.35 hours billed by Jan L. Warner at \$400.00 per hour. \$11,420.00 are 57.10 hours of associate attorney time at \$200.00 per hour. There are 179.95 paralegal hours billed at \$100.00 per hour (total \$17,995.00), and the balance is reflected as costs.

In deciding whether to award attorney's fees, the family court should consider: (1) the parties' ability to pay their own fees; (2) the beneficial results obtained by counsel; (3) the respective financial conditions of the parties; and (4) the effect of the fee on each party's standard of living. E.D.M vs. T.A.M., 307, S.C. 471, 415 S.E. 2d 812 (1992); Shirley v. Shirley 342 S.C. 324, 536 S.E. 2d 427 (Ct. App. 2000). Our Supreme Court has identified the following factors for determining a reasonable attorney's fee: (1) the nature, extent, and difficulty of the case; (2) the time necessarily devoted to the case; (3) the professional standing of counsel; (4) contingency of compensation; (5) beneficial results obtained; and (6) customary legal fees for similar services. Glasscock v. Glasscock, 304 S.C. 158, 403 S.E. 2d 313 (1991). Lache v. Lache, (Court of Appeals Opinion No. 3920, Heard December 7, 2004, Filed January 10, 2005).

FACTORS CONSIDERED IN WHETHER TO AWARD A FEE

1. The parties ability to pay their own fees: The Plaintiff is a licensed real estate agent. She has the ability to earn at least \$30,000.00 per year, and her earning capacity is more likely to improve than is that of Simpson, Sr.

While Simpson, Sr. has the ability to earn \$150,000.00 per year, his farming operation will be affected by the in kind division of property. Simpson, Sr. offered no

evidence as to what this effect would be, and the Court will not speculate on that effect.

Of a total marital estate of \$2,327,654.00, the Plaintiff will receive \$784,055.00 and the Defendant will receive \$1,543,599.00. The Plaintiff is to receive \$244,904.00 in cash from Simpson, Sr. and \$83,442.00 in the Edward R. Jones account. While Simpson, Sr. receives almost twice the property of the Plaintiff, the assets he receives, with few exceptions, are not liquid.

In addition, the Plaintiff will receive and Simpson, Sr. will pay \$1,000.00 per month in alimony.

While Simpson, Sr. earns substantially more than the Plaintiff, she will receive assets out of which she can pay fees, \$328,346.00 of which are in cash or liquid accounts.

2. The beneficial results obtained by counsel: The Plaintiff failed to prevail on the issue of bringing her son's share of the LLC back into the marital estate. The Court has considered all of the factors set forth herein and concluded that the son should not be required to contribute to his mother's fees.

While the Plaintiff prevailed on the issue of permanent, periodic alimony, she did not receive the amount of alimony she sought nor did she receive any retroactive increase in alimony.

The Plaintiff prevailed to a great extent on the identity and valuation of the marital estate (except as to inclusion of the son's share of the LLC). The Plaintiff prevailed on the issue of transmutation of the marital home.

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The Plaintiff received approximately 34% of the total marital estate which is less than the 50% she sought.

The Plaintiff failed in her effort to have Simpson, Sr. and his banker, Mr. Jonte, held in contempt of court.

The Court found the Plaintiff's earning ability and annual income to be more than she claimed on her financial declaration.

Simpson, Sr. did not prevail in his desire to deny the Plaintiff all alimony or in his identification and valuation of the marital estate, including his effort to exclude the marital home.

On May 14, 2004, the Plaintiff offered to settle for \$3,750.00 per month retroactive alimony (with a formula for some reduction depending upon cash she received in equitable division), 50% of all marital assets (no value set forth in offer), health insurance on the Plaintiff, and \$75,000.00 attorney's fees and costs.

On May 21, 2004, the Defendants responded claiming assets of \$1,107,700.00, debts of \$646,831.00, with net assets of \$460,869.00. They offered \$1,000.00 per month for ten (10) years (\$120,000) towards marital property plus \$8,000.00 per year for ten (10) years (\$80,000), no attorney's fees and no alimony.

On July 8, 2004, the Plaintiff offered to settle for \$750,000.00 cash payment within thirty (30) days, \$2,000.00 per month alimony, with the Wife paying her own fees and costs.

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In a July 13, 2004 letter Plaintiff restated the above agreement as well as her willingness to accept \$900,000 tax free (\$400,000 to \$500,000 up front with the balance paid over 7-10 years), no alimony and no attorney's fees.

All offers by the Plaintiff required a total cash payment with very little in kind division.

On July 7, 2004, the Defendants offered to settle for \$825,000.00 paying \$25,000.00 within thirty (30) days, \$75,000.00 at \$7,500.00 per year over ten (10) years and two pieces of property which the Plaintiff's expert valued at \$725,000.00. The Plaintiff in her attorney fee affidavit failed to mention this offer by the Defendant.

It appears to the Court that at that point the parties were fairly close in value, the Plaintiff wanting \$750,000.00 plus \$2,000.00 per month in alimony or \$900,000.00 with no alimony, and the Defendants offering \$825,000.00 mostly in property and no alimony.

Under the facts of this case, considering the nature of the property involved, it was unreasonable for the Plaintiff to demand an all cash settlement. The Plaintiff could be awarded some parcels of property, as the Court ultimately did, without running the risk of leaving her in business with the Defendants. The land in question is severable from the farming operation.

Likewise, it was unreasonable for Simpson, Sr. not to offer some alimony and/or a larger up front cash payment.

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On June 6, 2004, Mr. McKenzie wrote the Plaintiff's attorney confirming the fact that the Defendants offered to mediate and the Plaintiff's attorney refused. Even though

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the letter indicated Plaintiff's attorney said no counteroffer would come, the Court notes that in July 2004 other offers were made by both parties.

In July 2004, the parties were only \$75,000.00 apart in their offers; the Court is not aware of either party exploring other settlement options after that point.

3. The respective financial conditions of the parties: The Plaintiff's annual income is substantially less than that of Simpson, Sr., and the total value of her property is slightly more than one-half that of Simpson, Sr. However, a greater portion of her assets are liquid than those of Simpson, Sr. Either party will have to borrow some money to pay fees, but both will receive property which could be used to secure such a loan.

This factor was discussed more fully in Number 1 above.

4. The effect of the fee on each party's standard of living: Any fee required to be paid by Simpson, Sr. will have to be borrowed by him adding more debt to his operation. He is already required to make a substantial cash payment to the Plaintiff.

The Plaintiff would have to use up all of available cash and/or sell some of her property to pay her fees. This event would reduce the availability of those funds and/or income from her property which she could otherwise apply to her living expenses.

FACTORS CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING A REASONABLE FEE

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1. The nature, extent, and difficulty of the case: The Court begins by acknowledging that the valuation of a family farming operation is a difficult process. As W.C.

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Coffey, Jr., long-time Clarendon County attorney, indicated in his testimony, much of it has to do with just the customary way family farmers do business.

The process is made easier and less expensive by the free exchange of information. In this case, the process was made more difficult by Simpson, Sr.'s failure to respond timely and fully to discovery requests.

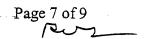
The Plaintiff's first set of interrogatories were served January 19, 2004. The Defendants' Answers are dated April 2, 2004. Of thirty-two (32) questions, "this information is not available at this time" was given as an answer to ten (10). Question 16 asked for certain specific information regarding real property, and the answer was: "Enclosed please find copies of all real estate titles in our possession, all farm equipment titles will be made available prior to hearing".

Question 15 regarding financial records received the same general answer in spite of having asked for specific information regarding each account.

The Court believes Simpson, Sr. could have simplified matters, and possibly strengthened his own position, if he had presented a concise schedule of all real property, personal property, and debts (with supporting documents). While admittedly that requires a lot of work, that is precisely what litigation of this sort requires.

However, Ms. Lindhart's appraisal and schedule is admittedly incomplete and inaccurate. It is difficult for the Court to value that work at \$51,000.00 when it leaves so many questions regarding property unanswered.

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Also, by July 6, 2004, an affidavit by Mary Gales in Defendants' attorney's office indicates that person's in Plaintiff's attorney's office indicated they had all the documents they had requested. The Court notes that the first day of trial was July 7, 2004.

- 2. Time necessarily devoted to the case: Lack of responsiveness in discovery certainly increases the amount of time required by attorneys or paralegals. While it is unclear exactly how much additional time was required as a result of Defendants slow and incomplete discovery responses, it is clear that conduct increased the time required by Plaintiff's counsel and experts.
- 3. **Professional standing of counsel:** It is undisputed that both attorneys for the Plaintiff are well respected domestic lawyers in South Carolina.
- 4. Contingency of compensation: The Plaintiff has received enough property that she could pay her attorney's fees, but it would deplete her equitable division award by about 50%. Her equitable division award was a factor considered by the Court in the award of alimony and that effect must be considered in determining attorney fees.
- 5. Beneficial results obtained: Discussed in detail above.
- 6. Customary legal fees for similar services: Both of Plaintiff's attorneys are billing at \$400.00 per hour. Their associate attorneys are billing at \$200.00 per hour. The paralegals are billing at \$100.00 per hour. J. Mark Taylor's affidavit asserts that these rates are comparable to rates of other family law experts who regularly take cases and try them in the Third Judicial Circuit as well as neighboring circuits.



Based on the testimony of Ray E. Chandler, W.C. Coffey, Jr., and experience, I find

that customary fees for similar work in this area is \$185-\$250 per hour. Hourly fees

that exceed this amount in this area are unusual rather than customary.

Litigants are entitled to employ lawyers of their choice...and they are entitled to

employ any number of lawyers they so choose. The Court is not bound by the

contract between the Plaintiff and her lawyers, and one important factor to be

considered in determining legal fees is customary legal fees for similar services.

However, that is only one factor among many to be considered by the Court.

Considering and weighing all factors set forth above, I conclude that the Plaintiff is

entitled to some contribution toward her attorney's fees. I find that in addition to the fees

awarded at the temporary hearing, an additional contribution of \$85,000.00 would be reasonable.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Defendant W. R. Simpson, Sr. pay to the

Plaintiff the sum of \$85,000.00 within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order as a contribution

towards her attorney's fees.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

At Chambers:

February /7 , 2005

R. Wright Turbeville

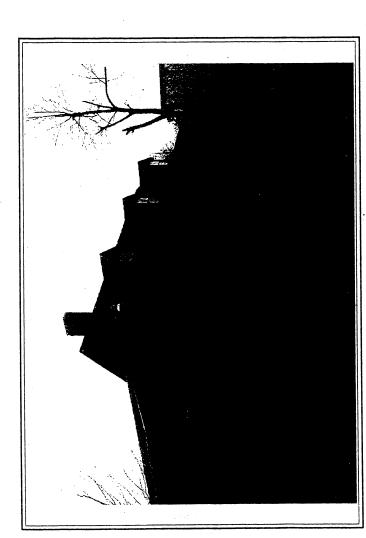
Family Court Judge

Third Judicial Circuit

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APPRAISAL OF



LOCATED AT:

5145 Heritage Road (2052 Billie Road) Manning, SC 29102

FOR:

Judge Jeff Young 108 North Magnolia Stgreet Sumter, South Carolina 29150

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Simpson Vs. Simpson

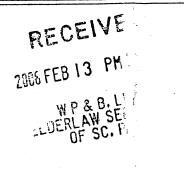
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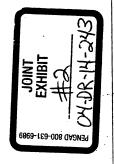
AS OF:

August 24, 2004

BY:

W. Burke Watson, Jr. CG#341





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Watson Appraisal Services 772 West Liberty Street, Sumter, SC 29150

File No. 2052Her

February 8, 2006

Judge Jeff Young 108 North Magnolia Stgreet Sumter, South Carolina 29150

File Number: 2052Her

Dear Judge Young,

In accordance with your request, I have personally inspected and appraised the real property at:

5145 Heritage Road (2052 Billie Road) Manning, SC 29102 The purpose of this appraisal is to estimate the market value of the subject property, as improved. The property rights appraised are the fee simple interest in the site and improvements.

In my opinion, the estimated market value of the property as of August 24, 2004

\$140,000 One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars The attached report contains the description, analysis and supportive data for the conclusions, final estimate of value, descriptive photographs, limiting conditions and appropriate certifications.

Please call me if I can be of further assistance in anyway.

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Land use change

X Not likely Likely
In process U Vaca N/A /Mo | Commercial Composition of the neighborhood are not appraisal factors. North by Beulah Cuttino Road, west by Highway 15 South, south by Sumter-Clarendon County. Market conditions in the subject neighborhood (including support for the above conclusions related to the trend of property values, demand/supply, and marketing time
-- such as data on competitive properties for sale in the neighborhood, description of the prevalence of sales and financing concessions, etc.):

Supply and demand appear to be in balance. Sellers willing to pay limited closing costs and discount points for purchasers in this market. Most homes wil market within six months. Factors that affect the marketability of the properties in the neighborhood (proximity to employment and amenities, employment stability, appeal to market, etc.):

Subject is located near the Clarendon County line in Sumter County. Area is mostly rural agricultural in nature. Houses and manufacutred dwellings are scattered throughout the area. Manning and Sumter are approximately nine and twelve miles away respectively. Most residents shop in Sumter. Nearest fire department located in the Bethel area, 6 miles away. Children attend schools in District No. 2. YES X NO e subject project N/A Zp Code 29102 HOA\$ 19.02 ad)

I ax Year 2004 R.E. Taxes \$ 1,010...

In the companies of the compani It. Occupant: (X) Owner Condominum (HUD/NA only) HC 258-00 | Commercial County | Project Information for PUDs (If applicable) - - Is the developer/builder in control of the Home Owners' Association (HOA)?

Approximate total number of units in the subject project N/A

Describe common elements and recreational facilities: N/A

Dimensions 242.61 X 344.47 X 262.31 X 343.83

Site area 2.00 Acres

Comer Lot Yes X No Size Neighborhood boundaries and chars line, east Old Manning Road. Factors that affect the marketability

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UNIFORM RESIDENTIAL APPRAISAL REPORT

Comments on Cost Approach (such as, source of cost estimate, site value, square foot calculation and for HUD, VA and FmHA, the estimated remaining economic life of the property):

Cost from Marshall and Swift Residential Handbook, market and local contractors. Site value based on the most recent land comparables available. See building sketch and square footage calculations. The remaining economic life of the building is 46 years. Age/life method used for depreciation and an economic penalty imposed for subject's rural location. Did Not +2,000 12,480 134,380 -5,000 +2,000 4,500 2,620 -9,000 -8,000 +5,000 of Comparable | Net: 6.0% \$ 135,620 | Net: -0.1% \$ 149,780 | Net: -1.9% \$ 134,38 |

Comments on Sales Comparison (including the subject property's compatibility to the neighborhood, etc.): No similar sales in the immediate area of subject property. All of the sales are located in Sumter. Sales 1 and 3 are located in restricted neighborhoods. All of the sales are superior to sujbect in location. Sales 1 and 2 are log homes. All of the sales exceeded normal guidlines as to gross adjustment. Sale No. 1 is just over a year old but did not present a valuation problem. Most emphasis placed on Sales 1 and 2. Inspect Property Final Reconditation: Most weight placed on the market data approach as it reflects on current trends between typical buyers and sellers in the marketplace. The Cost Approach supports. The income approach was not applicable on this single family residence. | Date, Price and Data | None + (-) \$ Adjustm The purpose of this appraisal is to estimate the market value of the real property that is the subject of this report, based on the above conditions and the certification, contingent and limiting conditions, and market value definition that are stated in the attached Freddie Mac Form 439/Fannie Mae Form 1004B (Revised 6-93).

I (WE) ESTIMATE THE MARKET VALUE, AS DEFINED, OF THE REAL PROPERTY THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS REPORT, AS OF AUGUST 24, 2004

(WHICH IS THE DATE OF INSPECTION AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS REPORT) TO BE \$ 140,000

SUPERVISORY APPRAISER; (ONLY IF REQUIRED):

Signature

Signature COMPARABLE NO. 3
2830 Sun Valley Drive
Sumter,SC (2080103002)
6 Miles-NVV COMPARABLE NO. 3 MLS/Appraiser's File Public Records

DESCRIPTION Residential MasoniteSdg-Ave Masonite Average
EHP/Central
Ins Wds
No Carport
CovPorPatFe Conventional No CC 7/15/2004 Suburban 220 (+ X) Grass: 36.8% 149,780 Net: -1.9% Fee Simple +2,000 -1,000 -10,000 150,000 -3,000 +3,000 -5,000 +1,000 17,280 -4,500 + (-) \$ Adjustment COMPARABLE NO. 2
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Sumter, SC (2110001032)
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502 Sq. Ft. @\$ 15.00 = (X) + () -Gross: 41.2% Net: 6.0% 3485 Leach No Pool External Est. \$5.215.... 5.00 INDICATED VALUE BY COST APPROACH
ITEM SUBJECT Signature K 1 700.

Name W. Burke Watson, Jr.

Date Report Signed February 8, 2006

State Certification # CG#341

Or State License # 0.00 3.00 Inspection Public Records DESCRIPTION Rural
Fee Simple
2.00 Acres
Farm property Average EHP/Central Ins Wds Det-Carport CovPorDeck SUBJECT Sq. Ft. @\$_ Country
Log Sdg
9 Years
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7 4: Functional Garage/Carport 856 Sq. Fl. @
Total Estimated Cost New
Less 55 Physical Functional
Depreciation \$29,489
Depreciated Value of Improvements 8/24/2004 No Pool FP "As-is" Value of Site Improve ation Section STIMATED SITE VALUE ITEM 5145 Heritage Road Address Manning, SC ITEM
Date, Price and Data
Source for prior sales
within year of appraisal Verification Sources
VALUE ADJUSTMENTS Gross Living Area Basement & Finished Rooms Below Grade Functional Utility Net Adj. (total) Adjusted Sales Price Garage/Carport Porch, Patio, Deck, nity to Subject Design and Appeal Quality of Construction easchold/Fee Simple Sales or Financing Fireplace(s), etc

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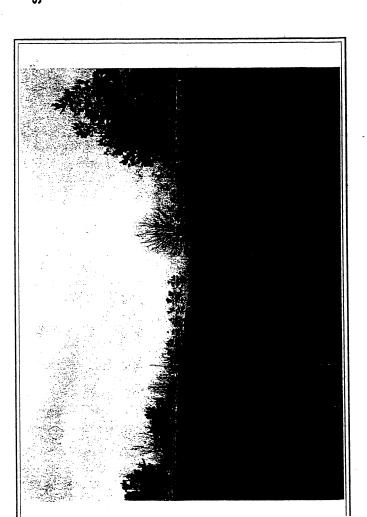
FRONT VIEW OF SUBJECT PROPERTY

Appraised Date: August 24, 2004 Appraised Value: \$ 140,000



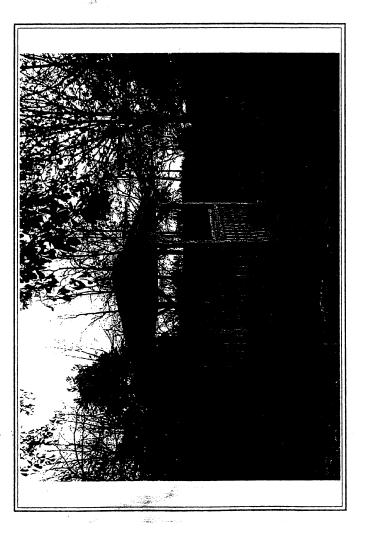


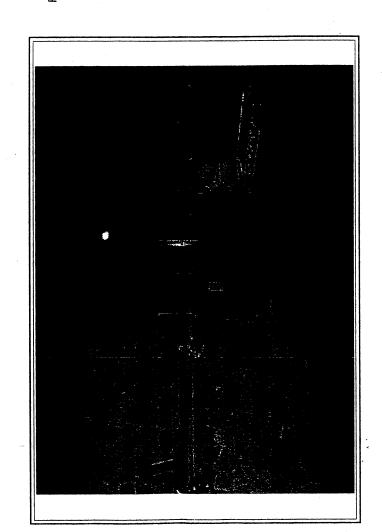
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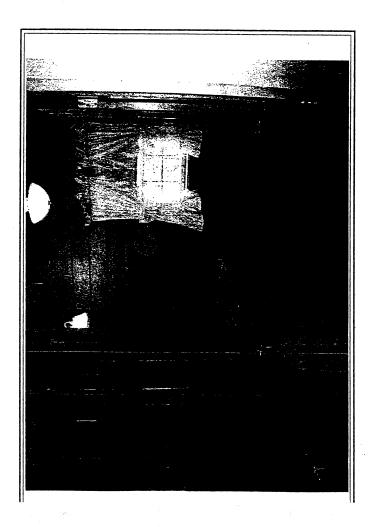




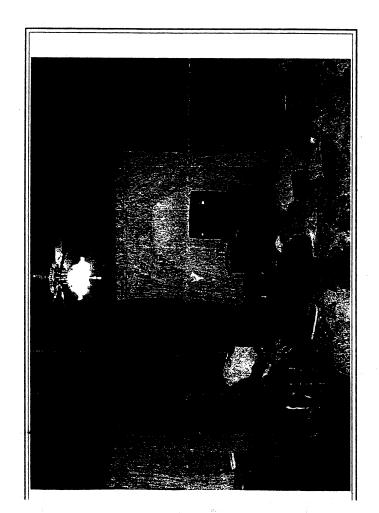


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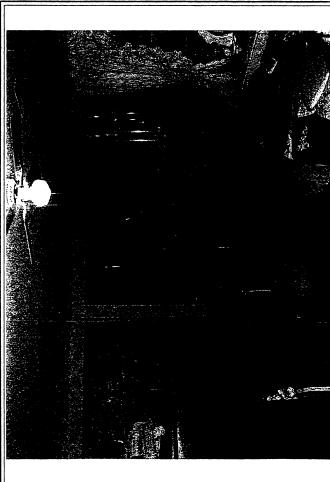
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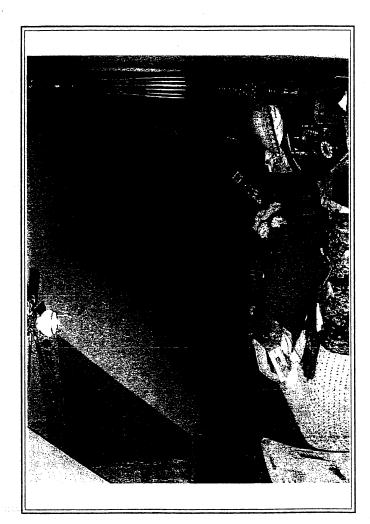


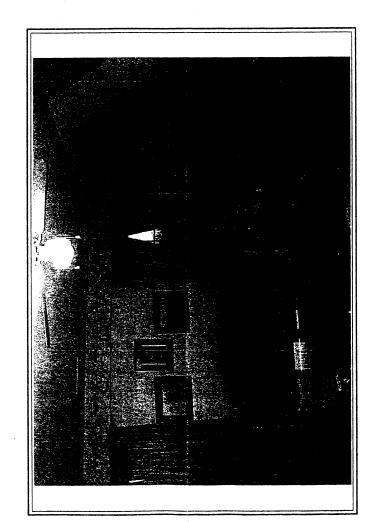
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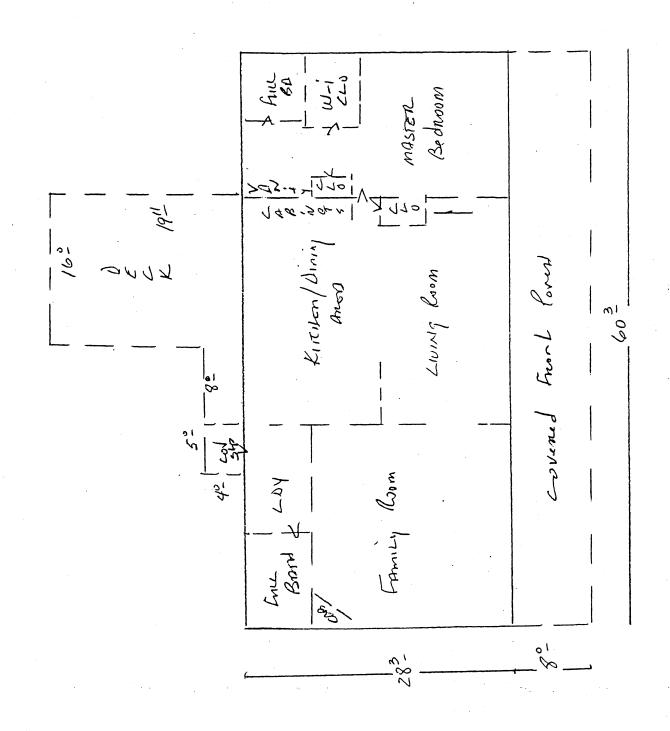


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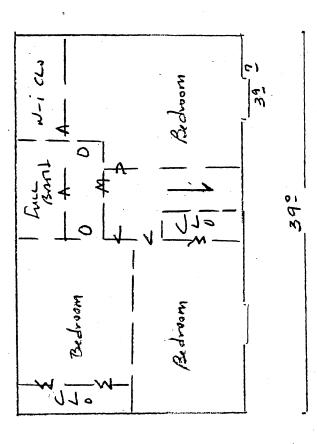


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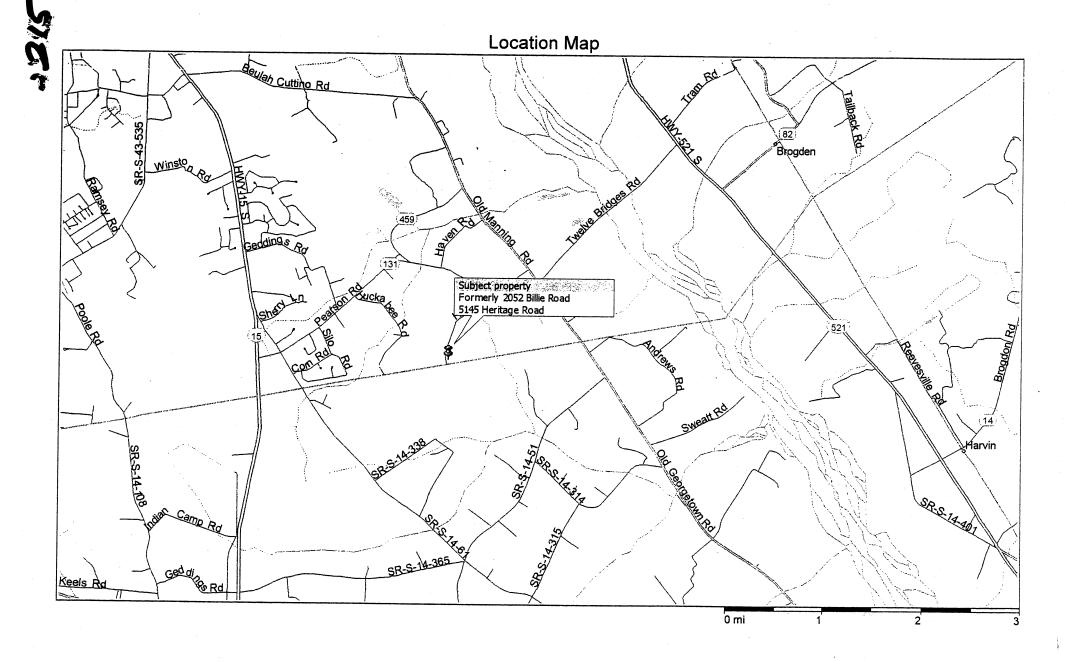


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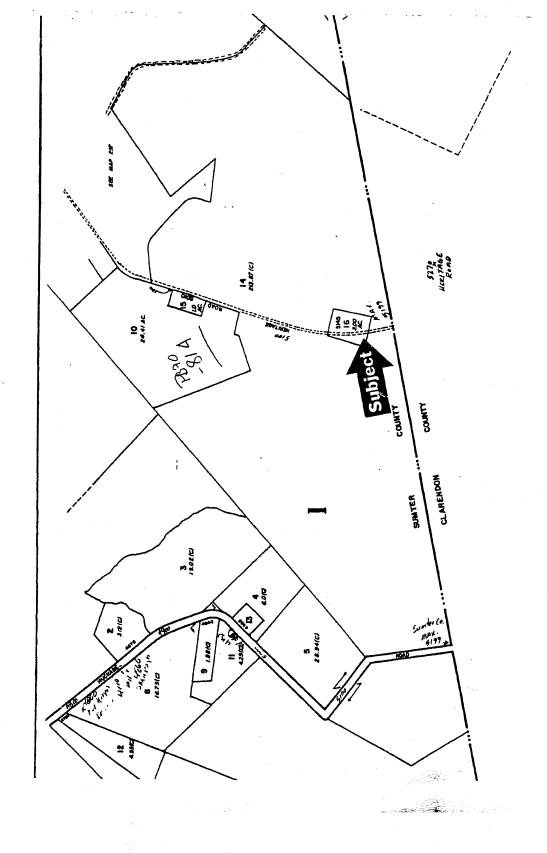
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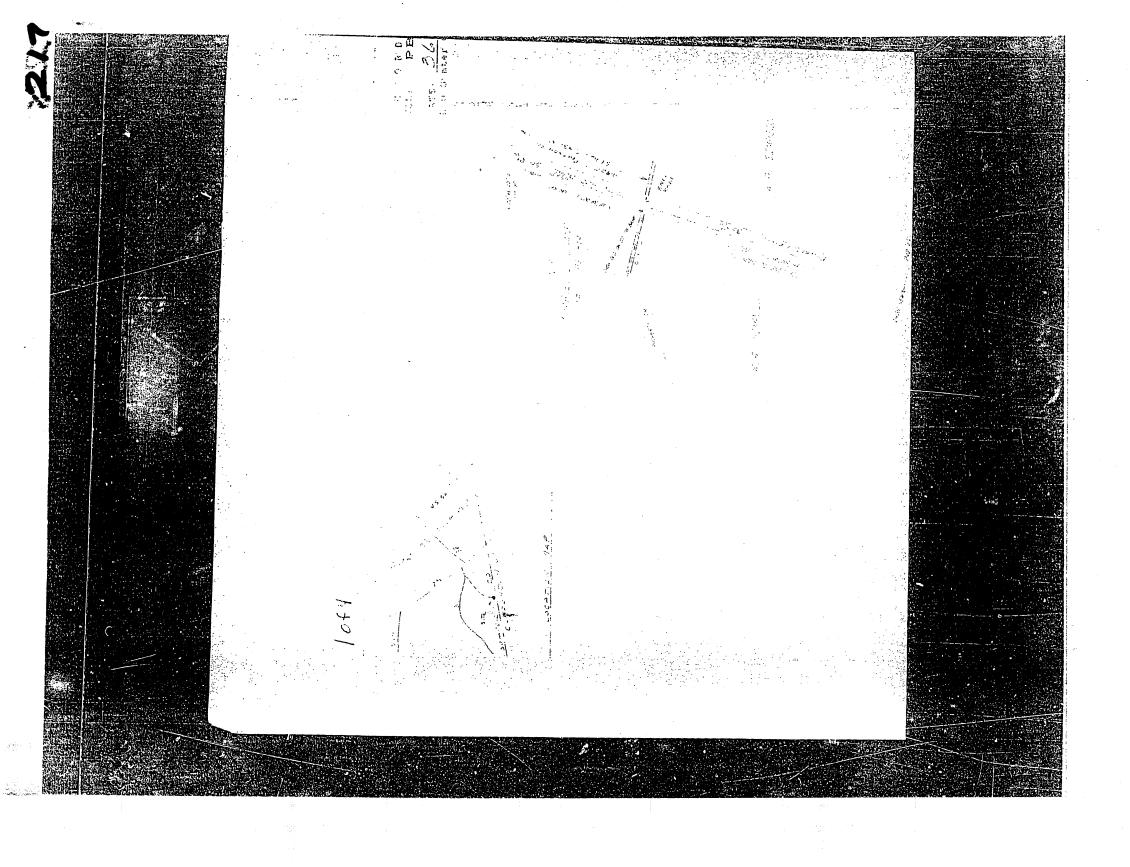
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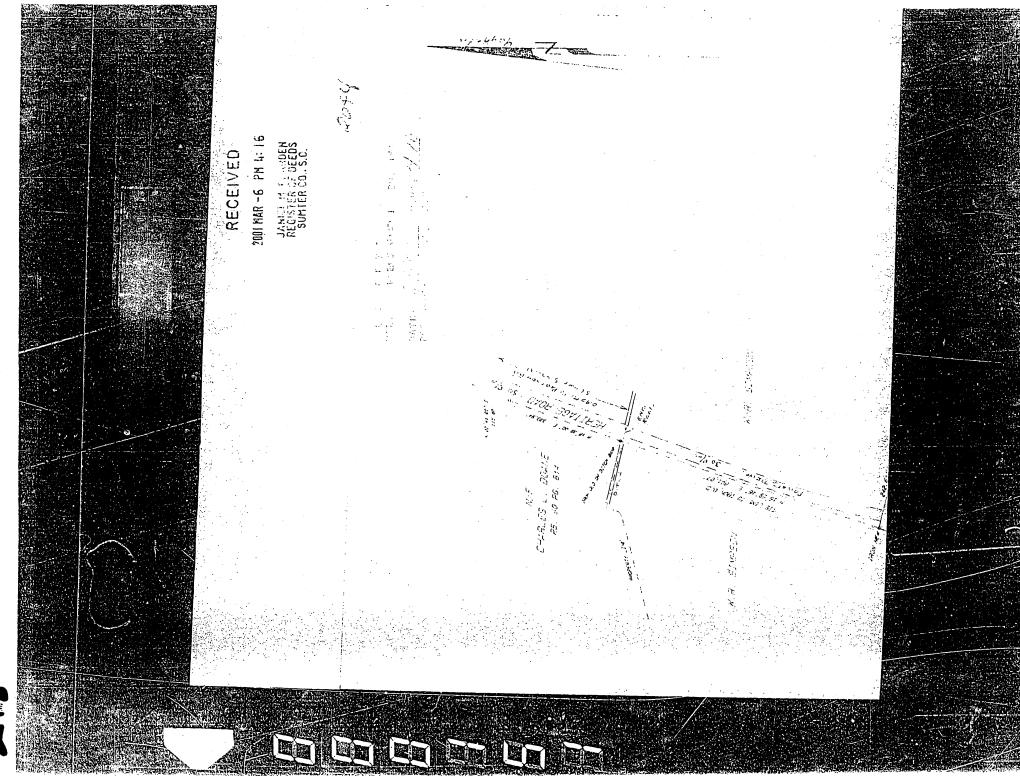
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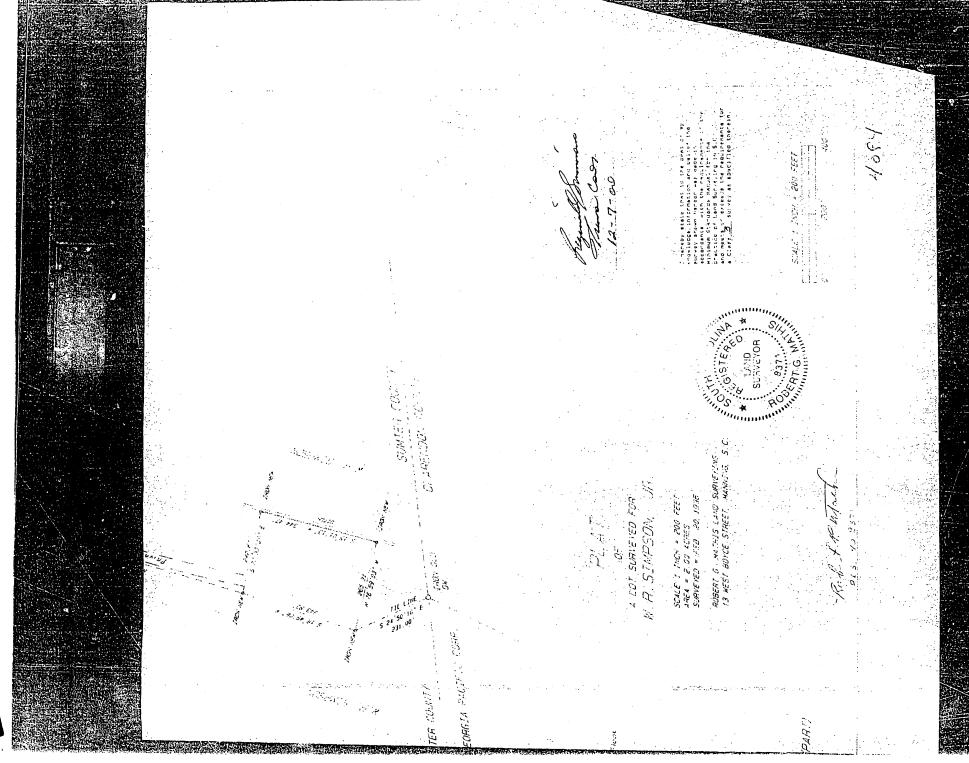
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referred to as "Grantor" whether singular or plural) for and in consideration of the sum of Five

no other consideration, to the Grantor paid by William R. Simpson, Jr. (hereinafter referred to as "Grantee" whether singular or plural) in the State (\$5.00) Dollars Love and Affection and

acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold and released, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell and release unto the said Gran aforesaid, the receipt of which is hereby

following described property:

and lying, being and situate in Privateer Township, Sunter County, State of South Carolina, and having such shape, metes, courses and distances as will more fully appear by reference unto a plat thereof made by Robert G. Mathis, R.L. S. dated February 20, 1996, and being bounded, now or formerly, as follows. On the North by lands of W. R. Simpson, Sr. and Heritage Road and measuring thereon 242.61 feet; on the East by a ditch and lands of W. R. Simpson, Sr. and measuring thereon 265.31 feet; and on the West by lands of W. R. Simpson, Sr. and measuring thereon 265.31 feet. All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land containing 2.00 acres, more or less and lying, being and situate in Privateer Township, Sumter County, State of South Carolina, and having such shape, metes, courses and distances as will more

This being a portion of the 380 acre property conveyed to the Grantor by of Lucille D. Handleman, David S. Doane, Marion D. Harvey, Charle Doane, Jeannette D. Jarrett, and Ruth B. Doane; dated November 14, 1988, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County in Deed B

Said premises further identified as a portion of Sumter County, Tax Map No. 258, 00-01-010-00. \$ 258-00-01-014 TOGETHER with all and singular, the rights, members, hereditame to the said premises belonging or in any way incident or appertaining.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, in fee simple absolute, all and singular the premises before mentioned unto the said Grantee, his heirs and Assigns forever

to warrant and forever defend all and singular the said premises unto the said Grantee and the Grantee's Heirs and Assigns, against the Grantor and the Grantor's Heirs and against every And the Grantor does hereby bind the Grantor's Heirs, Executors and Administrators, person whomsoever lawfully claiming, or to claim, the same

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day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred ninety-six. and in the two hundred and nineteenth year of the Sovereignty and Independence of the United States of America. WITNESS the Hand and Seal of the Grantor this

SIGNED. SEALED AND DELIVERED IN THE PRESENCE OF

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

J. R. J.

COUNTY OF CLARENDON

PROBATE

PERSONALLY appeared before the undersigned witness and made oath that (s)he saw the within named Grantor sign, seal and, as the Grantor's act and deed, deliver the within Deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and that (s)he, with the other witness whose signature appears above witnessed the execution thereof.

SWORN to before me this | 5 th

W. R. Simpson, Jr. Rt. I. Box 754 Manning, South Caro GRANTEE

GRANTOR

W. R. Simpson, St. Rt. 1, Box 862 Manning. South Care

THIS DOCUMENT WAS FILED ON:

XXX No Tide Search Prepared by Geddings Law Firm Post Office Box 89 Manning; SC 29102 (803) 435-4770

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6) The deed recording fee is computed as follows:

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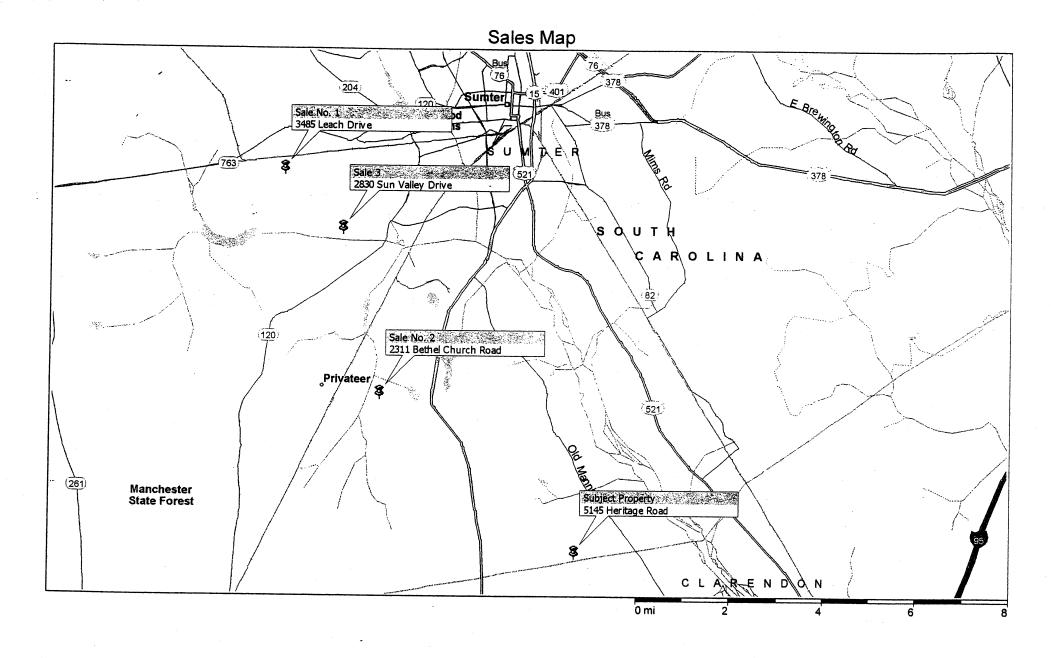
I understand that a person required to furnish this affidavit who willfully furnishes a false or fraudulent affidavit is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than one year, or both. 6

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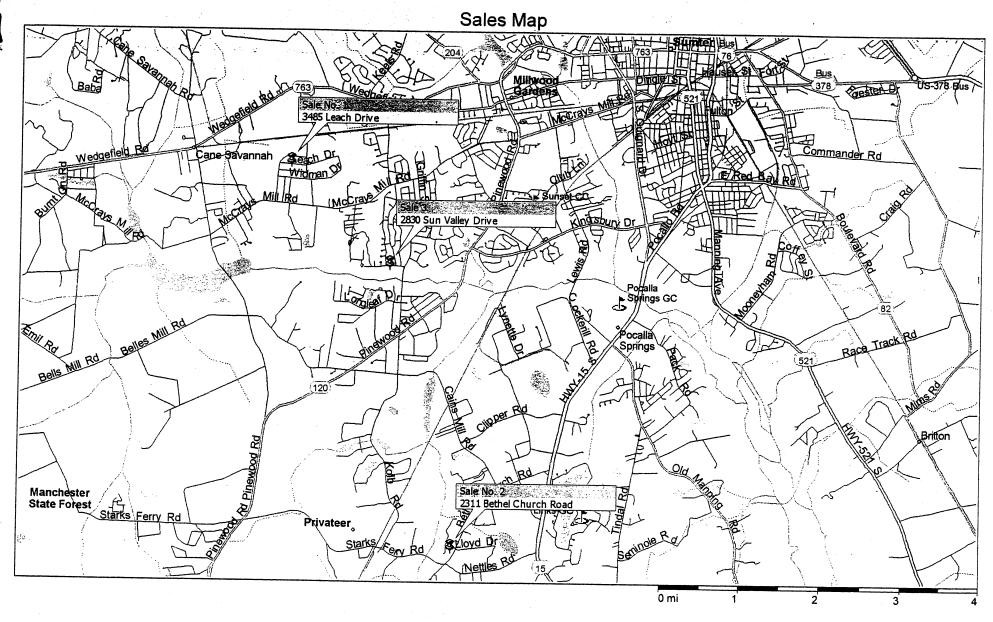
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COMPARABLE PROPERTY PHOTO ADDENDUM



COMPARABLE SALE #1

3485 Leach Sumter, SC (1820201032) Sale Date: 6/2/2003 Sale Price: \$ 127,900

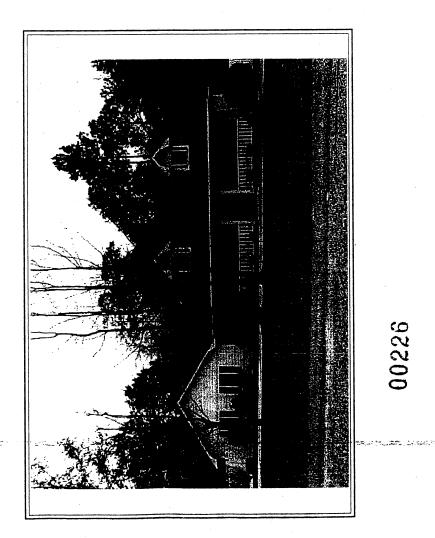


2311 Bethel Church Road Sumter, SC (2110001032) Sale Date: 10/2/2003 Sale Price: \$ 150,000



COMPARABLE SALE #3

2830 Sun Valley Drive Sumter, SC (2080103002) Sale Date: 7/15/2004 Sale Price: \$ 137,000



Additional Comments The following were noted and adjusted accordingly under line item "condition" on the URAR Form: Apply sufficient coverage of water sealer or stain to exterior of dwelling and deck, repair area and double french door at rear of house, repair utility bath floor and install new vinyl floor covering, sand and refinish master bath floor, replace carpet upstairs and also master bedroom, and repaint walls on second floor. Estimated cost-\$7,500. The intended users are Judge Young, Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Warner Zip Code 29102 Certification Supplement 1. This appraisal assignment was not based on a requested minimum valuation, a specific valuation, or an approval of a loan. 2. My compensation is not conlingent upon the reporting of a predetermined value or direction in value that favors the cause of the client, the amount of the value estimate, the attainment of a stipulated result or the occurrence of a subsequent event. History of Property Current listing information: The subject property is not on the market and has not transferred within the past three years. FIRREA / USPAP ADDENDUM Effective date/Report date: State SC Supervisory Appraiser(s): Personalty (non-realty) Transfers No personal property included within the final estimate of value. Borrower Simpson Vs. Simpson Properly Address 5145 Heritage Road (2052 Billie Road) Cily Manning Ceunty Sumter Lender/Client Judge Jeff Young Intended Use / Intended User The intended use of the report is for property settlement. 8 t Purpose See USPAP Compliance Addendum Scope See USPAP Compliance Addendum 3 Effective date/Report date: February 8, 2006 Exposure Time / Marketing Time See USPAP Compliance Addendum. m Appraisen(s): 6/7 / 3 N. Burke Watson, Jr. Prior sale: N/A



USPAP COMPLIANCE ADDENDUM

File No. 2052Her Zip Code 29102 State SC Client Reference # Order # Borrower Simpson Vs. Simpson
Property, Address 5145 Heritage Road (2052 Billie Road)
City Manning County Sumter
Lender/Client Judge Jeff Young

Only those items checked (X
PURPOSE, FUNCTION AND INTENDED USE OF THE APPRAISAL
The purpose of the appraisal is to provide an opinion of market value of the subject property as defined in this report, on behalf of the appraisal company facilitating the assignment for the referenced client as the intended user of the report. The only function of the appraisal is to assist the client mentioned in this report in evaluating the subject property for lending purposes. The use of this appraisal by anyone other than the stated intended use, is prohibited.
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TYPE OF APPRAISAL AND APPRAISAL REPORT
X This is a SUMMAIY Appraisal written in a FOrm Report format and the USPAP Departure Rule has not heen invoked. This is a Limited Appraisal written in a Report format and the USPAP Departure Rule has been invoked as disclosed in the body or addenda of the report. The client has agreed that a Limited Appraisal is sufficient for its purposes.
SCOPE (EXTENT) OF REPORT
The appraisal is based on the information gathered by the appraiser from public records, other identified sources, inspection of the subject property and neighborhood, and selection of comparable sales, listings, and/or rentals within the subject market area. The original source of the comparables is shown in the Data Source section of the market grid along with the source of confirmation, if available. The original source is
presented first. The sources and data are considered reliable. When conflicting information was provided, the source deemed most reliable has been used. Data believed to be unreliable was not included in the report nor used as a basis for the value conclusion. The extent of analysis applied to this assignment may be further imparted within the report, the Appraiser's Certification below and/or any other Statement of Limiting Conditions and Appraiser's Certification such as may be utilized within the Freddie Mac form 439 or Fannie Mae form 1004b (dated 6/93), when applicable.
MARKETING TIME AND EXPOSURE TIME FOR THE SUBJECT PROPERTY
X A reasonable marketing time for the subject property is 180 day(s) utilizing market conditions pertinent to the appraisal assignment.
PRAISER'S CERTIFICATION
 The statements of fact contained in this report are true and correct. The reported analyses, opinions, and conclustions are limited only by the reported assumptions and limiting conditions, and are my personal, impartial, and unbiased professional analyses, opinions, and conclusions.
I have no involved,
My engagement in this assignment was not contingent upon developing or reporting predetermined results. My compensation for completing this assignment is not contingent upon the development or reporting of a predetermined value or direction in
value that favors the cause of the client, the amount of the value opinion, the attainment of a stipulated result, or the occurrence of a subsequent event directly related to the intended use of this appraisal. My analyses, opinions, and conclusions were developed and this report has been prepared in conformity with the Uniform Standards of
Professional Appraisal Practice. I have X or have not made a personal inspection of the property that is the subject of this report. (if more than one person signs this report this certification must clearly specify which individuals did and which individuals did not make a personal inspection of the appraisal property.)
 No one provided significant professional assistance to the person signing this report. (If there are exceptions, the name of each individual providing significant professional assistance must be stated.) NOTE: In the case of any conflict with a client provided certification (i.e., Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac), this revised certification shall take preparation.
- Supervisory Appraiser's Certification: If a supervisory appraiser signed the appraisal report, he or she cortifies and agrees that: I directly supervise the appraiser who prepared the appraisal report, have reviewed the appraisal report, agree with the statements and conclusions of the appraiser, agree to be bound by the appraiser's certifications numbered 2-7 and 9 on the second page of Freddie Mac Form 439 6-93/Fannie Mae Form 1004B 6-93, or the third page of Form 2055, and am taking full responsibility for the appraisal report.
APPRAISER'S AND SUPERVISORY APPRAISER'S SIGNATURE
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The Appraiser certifies and agrees that: **CERTIFICATION: APPRAISERS**

- 1. I nave researched the subject market area and have selected a minimum of three recent sales of properties most similar and proximate to the subject property for consideration in the sales comparison analysis and have made a dollar adjustment when appropriate to reflect the market reaction to those items of significant variation. If a significant item in a comparable property is superior to, or more favorable than, the subject property, I have made a negative adjustment to reduce the adjusted sales price of the comparable and, if a significant item in a comparable property is inferior to, or less favorable than the subject property, I have made a positive adjustment to increase the adjusted sales price of the comparable.
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- 4. I have no present or prospective interest in the property that is the subject to this report, and I have no present or prospective personal interest or bias with respect to the participants in the transaction. I did not base, either partially or completely, my analysis and/or the estimate of market value in the appraisal report on the race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin of either the prospective owners or occupants of the subject property or of the present owners or occupants of the vicinity of the subject property.
- E y my current or future employment nor I have no present or contemplated future interest in the subject property, and neither compensation for performing this appraisal is contingent on the appraised value of the property.
- 6. I was not required to report a predetermined value or direction in value that favors the cause of the client or any related party, the amount of the value estimate, the attainment of a specific result, or the occurrence of a subsequent event in order to receive my compensation and/or employment for performing the appraisal. I did not base the appraisal report on a requested minimum valuation, a specific valuation, or the need to approve a specific mortgage loan.
- 7. I performed this appraisal in conformity with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice that were adopted and promulgated by the Appraisal Standards Board of The Appraisal Foundation and that were in place as of the effective date of this appraisal, with the exception of the departure provision of those Standards, which does not apply. I acknowledge that an estimate of a reasonable time for exposure in the open market is a condition in the definition of market value and the estimate I developed is consistent with the marketing time noted in the neighborhood section of this report, unless I have otherwise stated in the reconciliation section.
- 8. I have personally inspected the interior and exterior areas of the subject property and the exterior of all properties listed as comparables in the appraisal report. I further certify that I have noted any apparent or known adverse conditions in the subject improvements, on the subject site, or on any site within the immediate vicinity of the subject property of which I am aware and have made adjustments for these adverse conditions in my analysis of the property value to the extent that I had market evidence to support them. I have also commented about the effect of the adverse conditions on the marketability of the subject property.
- 9. I personally prepared all conclusions and opinions about the real estate that were set forth in the appraisal report. If I relied on significant professional assistance from any individual or individuals in the performance of the appraisal or the preparation of the appraisal report, I have named such individual(s) and disclosed the specific tasks performed by them in the reconciliation section of this appraisal report. I certify that any individual so named is qualified to perform the tasks. I have not authorized anyone to make a change to any item in the report; therefore, if an unauthorized change is made to the appraisal report, I will take no responsibility for it.

Ħ APPRAISER'S CERTIFICATION: SUPERVISORY

and agrees that: I directly supervise the appraiser who statements and conclusions of the appraiser, agree to be be full responsibility for the appraisal and the appraisal report.	and agrees that: I directly supervise the appraiser who prepared the appraisal report, have reviewed the appraisal report, agree with the statements and conclusions of the appraiser, agree to be bound by the appraiser's certifications numbered 4 through 7 above, and am taking full responsibility for the appraisal and the appraisal report.
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Name: W. Burke Watson, Jr.	Name:
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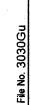
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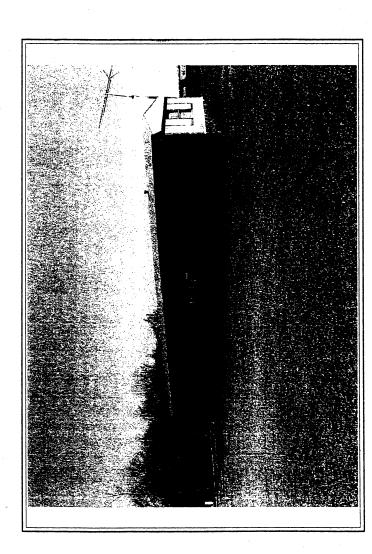
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APPRAISER:	SUPERVISORY APPRAISER (only if required)
Signature: W Surke Watson Ir	Signature:
Date Signed: February 8, 2006	Date Signed:
or State License #:	or State License #:
State: SC Expiration Date of Certification or License: 06-30-2006	State: Expiration Date of Certification or License:
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APPRAISAL OF



LOCATED AT:

3030 Gunter Road Manning, SC 29102

FOR:

Judge Jeff Young 108 North Magnolia Street Sumter, South Carolina 29150

BORROWER:

Simpson Vs. Simpson

AS OF:

August 24, 2004

BY:

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Watson Appraisal Services 772 West Liberty Street, Sumter, South Carolina 29150

February 10, 2006

Judge Jeff Young 108 North Magnolia Street Sumter, South Carolina 29150

File Number: 3030Gu

Dear Judge Young,

In accordance with your request, I have personally inspected and appraised the real property at:

3030 Gunter Road Manning, SC 29102

The purpose of this appraisal is to estimate the market value of the subject property, as improved. The property rights appraised are the fee simple interest in the site and improvements.

In my opinion, the estimated market value of the property as of August 24, 2004

\$14,000 Fourteen Thousand Dollars

The attached report contains the description, analysis and supportive data for the conclusions, final estimate of value, descriptive photographs, limiting conditions and appropriate certifications.

Please call me if I can be of further assistance in anyway.

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W. Burke Watson, Jr. CG#341

UNIFORM RESIDENTIAL APPRAISAL REPORT

Property Description	scription			UNIFORM RESIDENTIAL	ESIDEN		PPRAI	APPRAISAL REPORT	PORT	2		3	
Property Ad	Property Address 3030 Gunter Road	Gunter R	oad		AT .	City	City Manning		1 t	State SC		9102	?
	Legal Description PBS-46-78, DB530-81 Assessor's Parcel No. 129-00-03-024 & 024-010	46-78, DE 9-00-03-0	6530-81 024 & 024-(010		Tax	Tay Year 2004	- 1	COL	ī	ndon	V) (V	П
Borrower S	Borrower Simpson Vs. Simpson	Simpson	c c	1 1	Current Owner W.R. Simpson,	R. Simpso	on, Jr.	1 .	Occupant:		Owner X Tenant	a IV/A	TE
Property rigi	Property rights appraised	X Fe	e Simple	Leasehold	Proje	Project Type	PUD	Cond	Condominium (HUD/VA only)	VA only)	HOA\$	Ž	
Weighborhor Selo Drice C	Neighborhood or Project Name Rural Clarendon County	Name Rura	Clarendo	n County		Σ	Map Reference 129-00	129-00		Census Tract	ract		
Lender/Client Ju	Lender/Client Judge Jeff Young	eff Young	Date of Sale IV/A	1	Description	108 North	Magnotia	Stroet C.	Description and \$ amount of loan charges/concessions to be paid by seller NI/A Address 108 North Magnolia Street Sumfor South Condition 20450	by seller N/A	20450		
Appraiser V	Appraiser W. Burke Watson,	Vatson, Jr			Address	Address 772 West Liberty Street	liberty St	reet Sumter	Her SC 29150	50 Sarolina	00167		<u> </u>
Location	C.Pan		Suburban	h		Predominant	Single far				Land use c	change	
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	Neighborhood boundaries and chara	s and chara	cteristics: N	Neighborhood boundaries and characteristics. Neighborhood is bound on the north by south by Payville Highway and west by Highway 15 South	d is bound	on the no		nter Coun	Sumter County line, east by Old Georgetown Road	t by Old G	eorgetowr	n Road,	
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	Subject is located in rural Cla	rural Clar	or une propenies in rendon County,	=	ne neignborhood (proximity to employment and amenities, The general area is rural acricultural in nature	roximity to e	mployment a	and amenitie of in nature	s, employmen	employment stability, appeal to market, etc. Mixed type housing throughout the	peal to mari	ket, etc.): virt the area	
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Market cond	Hions in the	subject neig	hborhood (in	Market conditions in the subject neighborhood (including support for the above conclusions related to the trend of property values, demand/supply, and markeling time	rt for the abo	ve conclusio	ns related to	the trend of	property value	s, demand/su	oply, and ma	rketing time	·
such as d	- such as data on competitive properties for sale in the	etitive prope	erties for sale	in the neight	oorhood, de	scription of	the prevale	nce of sales	neighborhood, description of the prevalence of sales and financing concessions, etc.);	g concessio	ns. etc.):	Simple Si	
Supply an	Supply and demand appear to be in balance.	appear to	be in bala		rs willing to	pay limit	ed closing	closing c	Sellers willing to pay limited closing closing costs and discount points for purchasers in	scount poil	ns, exc.); nts for pur	rchasers in	
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Dimensions	Dimensions See Recorded Plat	ded Plat					2		Topography	Basic	Basically level	4	
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Highest & bea	Highest & best use as improved:		Present use	Other use (explain)	(explain)				Diamaye View	Mixed	d d	Jaie	·
Utilities	Public	othe		Off-site Improvements		Type	Public	Private	Landscaping	Minimum	mnu		·
Electricity	ا¥ (×	X At Pole	S	Street A	-	avel	×		Driveway Surface				_
			3	e.	None				Apparent easements		25' easement	1 1	-
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Storm sewer		Septic Tallik	0 A	Street lignts V	None Pole		DC I	30	FEMA Zone		Map Date		
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indicating	indicating a 25' easement along side property line	ment alor	ng side pro	perty line.									
GENERAL D	GENERAL DESCRIPTION		EXTERIOR D	EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION		FOUNDATION	NO	B	BASEMENT		INSULATION	NOL	
No. of Units	1.00	0	Foundation	Stack	k Block	Slab	No No	₹		None	Roof		
No. of Stories		1.00	Exterior Walls	Metal		Crawl Space	Stack Blk-Plas	-T	ped	None	Ceiling	Ave	
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Design (Style)		Wilg-Lama Existing	Guiters & Dwnspi Window Tyne	mspts. Motel	Hino	Namenaes None	None App		Walls	None	TOOL TOOL	Yee	
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Lo	Finished area :	above grade contains:	C KOOMS,	3 Bedroom(s);		Z Datn(S); 1,	ZOS SONE	1,203 Square Feet of Gross Living Area	g Area
RIF	INTERIOR	T INTERIOR Materials/Condition	HEATING	KITCHEN EQUIP.	ATTIC	AMENITIES		CAR STORAGE:	
os:	Floors	CptVinyl/Fair	Type EHP	Refrigerator P	None	Fireplace(s) #0		None	
DΕ	Walls	PtSr/Fair	Fuel Electric	Range/Oven X	Stairs	Patio		Garage #	# of cars
	Trim/Finish	Plastic/Ave	ConditionAve	Disposal	Drop Stair	Deck Deck-Rear	×	Attached	
	Bath Floor	Carpet/Fair	COOLING	Dishwasher	Scuttle	Porch Stp-Front	\boxtimes	Detached	
	Bath Wainscot PtSr/Fair	PtSr/Fair	Central Yes	Fan/Hood X	Floor	Fence		Built-In	
	Doors	Laminanted/Wd	Other No	Microwave	Heated	Pool		Carport	
			ConditionAve	Washer/Dryer	Finished			Driveway	
	Additional featu	Additional features (special energy efficient items, etc.): Subject has a heat pump unit. The manufactured home is situated on stacked concrete	items, etc.): Subjec	t has a heat pump	o unit. The manu	factured home is s	ituated o	n stacked concre	ete
	block and tl	ne tongue is still in plac	ce.	•				-	
S	Condition of th	Condition of the improvements, depreciati	on (physical, functional	and external), repairs	s needed, quality of	depreciation (physical, functional, and external), repairs needed, quality of construction remodeling/additions, etc.:	/additions,	etc.: Repairs	
ΙN	noted. See	attachment. Estimate	ed cost to cure-\$3,5	00. No measurat	ble functional ina	Estimated cost to cure \$3,500. No measurable functional inadequacies noted at the time of walk thru.	the time	of walk thru.	
ΒM	Subject per	Subject penalized for its rural location. Also, there is a large hog operation directly behind subject	tion. Also, there is	a large hog oper	ation directly beh	ural location. Also, there is a large hog operation directly behind subject property. At time of inspection, a	/ At tim	ne of inspection, a	e
WC	tenant rece	ntly moved into the ma	inufactured home;	however, at the tir	ne of filing it was	vacant.			
2	Adverse envir	Adverse environmental conditions (such as, but not limited to, hazardous wastes, toxic substances, etc.) present in the improvements, on the site, or in the	s, but not limited to, h	azardous wasles, to	xic substances, etc	.) present in the impro	vements,	on the site, or in th	ē
	immediate vic	immediate vicinity of the subject proper	rty: No known detri	mental environme	intal hazards or to	ect property. No known detrimental environmental hazards or toxic materials noted on subject site or the	qns uo p	ject site or the	
-	surrounding areas	g areas.							
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Bath(s); 1,200:

AMENITIES
Fireplace(s) # 0
Patio
Deck Deck-Rear
Porch Stp-Front
Fence

UNIFORM RESIDENTIAL APPRAISAL REPORT

Valuation Section		UNITURIN RESIDENTIAL APPRAISAL REPORT	DENIAL /	APPRAISAL R	EFOR!	File No. 3030Gu	
* ESTIMATED SITE VALUE.	ESTIMATED SITE VALUE.	S	4,000		ost Approach (su	Comments on Cost Approach (such as, source of cost estimate,	stimate,
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Stp/Deck		11.	1,000	value based on	the most rece	value based on the most recent land comparables available.	available.
	Sq. Fl. @ \$	11		See building sk	etch/square fo	See building sketch/square footage page. The remaining	aining
Est		II :		economic life o	f the dwelling i	economic life of the dwelling is twenty years. Age/life	fe
	Functional	l Est. Remaining	con. Life: 20	method used fc	or depreciation	method used for depreciation and an economic penaty	aty
	9 \$5,022	\$ =	16,071	imposed for its location	location.		
Depreciated Value of Improvements	mprovements		17,410	0 9			
INDICATED VALUE	AS-IS VAIUE OF SILE IMPROVEMENTS INDICATED VALUE BY COST APPROACH		23,400	000			
ITEM	SUBJECT	COMPARABLE NO. 1		COMPARABLE NO. 2	NO. 2	COMPARABLE NO. 3	3
3030 Gunter Road	P	Lot 29 Ward S/D		1575 Ethan Stone Road	Road	1170 Audrey Road	
~	SC	Manning, SC		Paxville, SC		Manning, SC	
Proximity to Subject		3 Miles-S		4 Miles-W		3 Miles-S	
Sales Price	\$ N/A		14,500	•	26,750	**	18,000
Price/Gross Liv. Area	N/A Ø	-		\$ 19.11 Ø		\$ 13.39 Ø	
Data and/or	Inspection	MLS Public Becords		MLS Dublic Decords		MLS Bublio Boords	
VALUE ADJUSTMENTS	DESCRIPTION	DESCRIPTION	+ (-) \$ Adiustment	DESCRIPTION	+ (-) \$ Adjustment	F	+ (-) \$ Adjustment
Sales or Financing		Cash	1	Cash		 	
Concessions		None Known		None Known		None Known	
Date of Sale/Time	N/A	6/20/2003		12/22/2003		3/3/2004	
Location	Rural	Rural		Rural		Rural	
Leasehold/Fee Simple	Fee Simple	Fee Simple		Fee Simple		Fee Simple	
Site	0.92 Acres	.69 Acres		3.5 Acres	000'9-	.69 Acres	
View	Mixed	Mixed		Mixed		Mixed	
Design and Appeal	Mfg-Lama	Mfg		Mfg		Mfg	
Quality of Construction	Metal	Vinyl	_	Vinyl		Vinyl	
Age	8 Years	6 Years	-800	6 Years		4 Years	-1,600
	Average-	Average-		Average	-2,000	Average-	
Above Grade	Total Bdrms B	Total Bdrms B	<u></u>	Bdrms B		Bdrms B	
	5 3	6 4	020 0	4 400 5- 5	4 270	4 24 2.00	700
	None	_7	-2,013	1,400 sq.rt.	6/01-	_7	106-
Basement & Finished Rooms Below Grade	None	None		None		None	
Functional Utility	Average	Average		Average		Average	
	EHP/Central	EFWA/Central :		EFWA/Central :		EFWA/Central :	
	Storms	Storms		Storms		Storms	
Garage/Carport	No Garage	No Garage		No Garage		No Garage	
	StpDeck	2Stps		2Stps		2Stps	
Fireplace(s), etc.	No Dool	No Dool		lood old		lood old	
Fireplace	No FP	FP		FP		No FP	
Net Adj. (total)		\$	2,879	× +	10,179	\$ X +	2,587
Adjusted Sales Price		Gross: 19.9%		Gross: 38.1%	-	Gross: 14.4%	
of Comparable		Net: -19.9% \$	11,621	4	16,571	Net: -14.4% \$	15,413
Comments on Sales (Comparison (including the	Comments on Sales Comparison (including the subject property's compatibility to the neighborhood, etc.):	patibility to the ne	Ü	ales data limit	Sales data limited of like type properties in the	es in the
adiustment Sale	adjustment Sale 1 is over a year of	All of the sales are	ocated III clair	oblem Distance n	e z exceded	illilliediate alea oi subject property. All of title sales are focated ill clarefuori county. Sale z exceded norma guidemites of gross admitted and a second but did not present a valuation problem. Distance measured by straight line. After careful	200
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Did Did Not Inspect Property 14,000 N/A Final Reconciliation: Most weight placed on the market data approach as it reflects on current trends between typical buyers and sellers in the marketplace. The cost approach sets the upper limit of value. The income approach was not applicable on this single family residence. The purpose of this appraisal is to estimate the market value of the real property that is the subject of this report, based on the above conditions, and market value definition that are stated in the attached Fredie Mac Form 439/Fannie Mae Form 1004B (Revised 6-93)

I(WE) ESTIMATE THE MARKET VALUE, AS DEFINED, OF THE REAL PROPERTY THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS REPORT, AS OF AUGUST 24, 2004

WHICH IS THE DATE OF INSPECTION AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS REPORT) TO BE \$ 14,000

Signature

Name W. Burke Watson, Jr.

Date Report Signed

State Certification # CG#341

State Certification #

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RECONCILIATION



Borrower Simpson Vs. Simpson	PAP ADDENDUM	
s 3030 Gunter Road		
County Clarendon Lender/Client Judge Jeff Young	State SC	Zp Code 29102
See USPAP Compliance Addendum.		
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See USPAP Compliance Addendum.		
Intended Use / Intended User The intended use of the report is for property settlement. The inten	The intended users are Judge Young, Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Warne	McKenzie and Mr. Warner.
History of Property current listing information: The subject property is not on the market.		
Prior sale: See attached deed.		
Exposure Time / Marketing Time		
See USPAP Compliance Addendum.		
Personalty (non-realty) Transfers		
It should be noted that the manufactured dwelling is not permanent in nature and could be moved at any given time. Adequate funds would be limited.	in nature and could be moved at	any given time. Adequate funds
Additional Comments The following items upper pated and adjusted accordingly under line	yamoo sales att ii notibaco mati	vicon contion on the HD 3D Form
The following items were noted and adjusted accordingly under line item conduct in the sales comparison section on the order. Remove/install carpet floor covering, install missing interior trim, prepare and paint interior walls. Estimated cost-\$3,500.00	epare and paint interior walls. Es	timated cost-\$3,500.00
	ic valuation, or an approval of a loan.	
 My compensation is not contingent upon the reporting of a predetermined value or direction in value that favors the cause of the client, the amount of the value estimate, the attainment of a stipulated result or the occurrence of a subsequent event. 	ection in value that favors the cause of the c nt.	lient, the amount of the value
Appraiser(s) W Serve When &	Supervisory Appraiser(s):	
Effective date/Report date: February 10, 2006	Effective date/Report date:	

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USPAP COMPLIANCE ADDENDUM

File No. 3030Gu

Borrower Simpson Vs. Simpson Prometry Address 3030 Gunter Road	
City Manning County Clarendon State SC Zip Code 29102	
Client Reference #	
Only those items checked X below apply to this report.	
PURPOSE, FUNCTION AND INTENDED USE OF THE APPRAISAL	
The purpose of the appraisal is to provide an opinion of market value of the subject property as defined in this report, on behalf of the appraisal company facilitating the assignment for the referenced client as the intended user of the report. The only function of the appraisal is to assist client mentioned in this report in evaluating the subject property for fending purposes. The use of this appraisal by anyone other than the stated intended use, or for any other use than the stated intended use, is prohibited.	ssist the
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TYPE OF APPRAISAL AND APPRAISAL REPORT	
X This is a Summary Appraisal written in a Form Report format and the USPAP Departure Rule has not been invoked. This is a Limited Appraisal written in a Report format and the USPAP Departure Rule has been invoked as disclosed in the body or addenda of the report. The client has agreed that a Limited Appraisal is sufficient for its purposes.	ced. d in
SCOPE (EXTENT) OF REPORT	
The appraisal is based on the information gathered by the appraiser from public records, other identified sources, inspection of the subject property and neighborhood, and selection of comparable sales, listings, and/or rentals within the subject market area. The original source of the comparables is shown in the Data Source section of the market grid along with the source of confirmation, if available. The original source is presented first. The sources and data are considered reliable. When conflicting information was provided, the source deemed most reliable has been used. Data believed to be unreliable was not included in the report nor used as a basis for the value conclusion. The extent of analysis applied to this assignment may be further imparted within the report, the Appraiser's Certification below and/or any other Statement of Limiting Conditions and Appraiser's Certification such as may be utilized within the Freddie Mac form 439 or Fannie Mae form 1004b (dated 6/93), when applicable.	5 % g
MARKETING TIME AND EXPOSURE TIME FOR THE SUBJECT PROPERTY	
X A reasonable marketing time for the subject property is 180 day(s) utilizing market conditions pertinent to the appraisal assignment. A reasonable exposure time for the subject property is 150 day(s).	=
APPRAISER'S CERTIFICATION	
I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief:	
 The statements of fact contained in this report are true and correct. The reported analyses, opinions, and conclustions are limited only by the reported assumptions and limiting conditions, and are my personal, a impartial, and unbiased professional analyses, opinions, and conclusions. 	rsonafl,
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- I have no bias with respect to the property that is the subject of this report or to the parties involved with this assignment. - My engagement in this assignment was not contingent unon developing or renotting predetermined results.	
My compensation for completing this assignment is not contingent upon the development or reporting of a predetermined value or direction in value that favors the cause of the client, the amount of the value opinion, the attainment of a stipulated result, or the occurrence of a subsequent	ction in Ibsequent
event directly related to the intended use of this appraisal. My analyses, opinions, and conclusions were developed, and this report has been prepared, in conformity with the Uniform Standards of	Jo
rotessional Appraisal Fractice. I have X or have not made a personal inspection of the property that is the subject of this report. (if more than one person signs this report, this certification must clearly specify which individuals did and which individuals did not make a personal inspection of the appraisal property.)	this report, property.)
No one provided significant professional assistance to the person signing this report. (If there are exceptions, the name of each individual providing significant professional assistance must be stated.)	
NOTE: In the case of any conflict with a client provided certification (i.e., Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac), this revised certification shall take precedence.	shall take
- Supervisory Appraiser's Certification: If a supervisory appraiser signed the appraisal report, he or she certifies and agrees that: I directly supervise the appraiser who prepared the appraisal report, have reviewed the appraisal report, agree with the statements and conclusions of the appraiser, agree to be bound by the appraiser's certifications numbered 2-7 and 9 on the second page of Freddie Mac Form 439 6-93/Fannie Mae Form 1004B 6-93, or the third page of Form 2055, and am taking full responsibility for the appraisal report.	I directly lusions of 93/Fannie

SUPERVISORY APPRAISER (only if required): APPRAISER'S AND SUPERVISORY APPRAISER'S SIGNATURE APPRAISER:

Signature: W. Bu who	140 P	Signature:
Name: W. Burke Watson, Jr.		Name:
Date the Report was Signed: February 10, 2006	uary 10, 2006	Date the Report was Signed:
State Certification #: CG#341	-	State Certification #:
or State License #:		or State License #:
State: SC		State:
Expiration Date of Certification or License: 6/30/2006	License: 6/30/2006	Expiration Date of Certification or License:
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SUBJECT PROPERTY PHOTO ADDENDUM

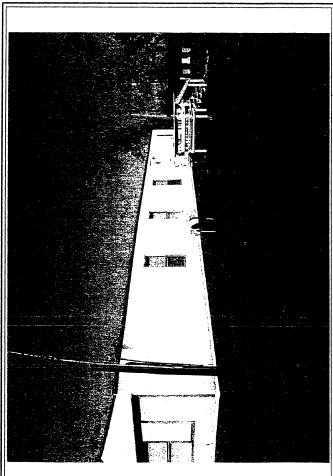
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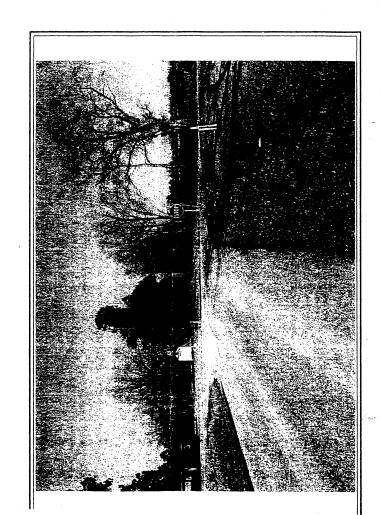
FRONT VIEW OF SUBJECT PROPERTY

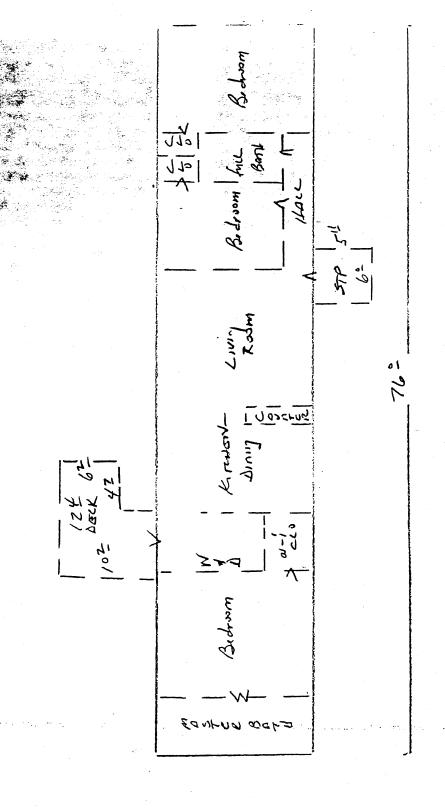
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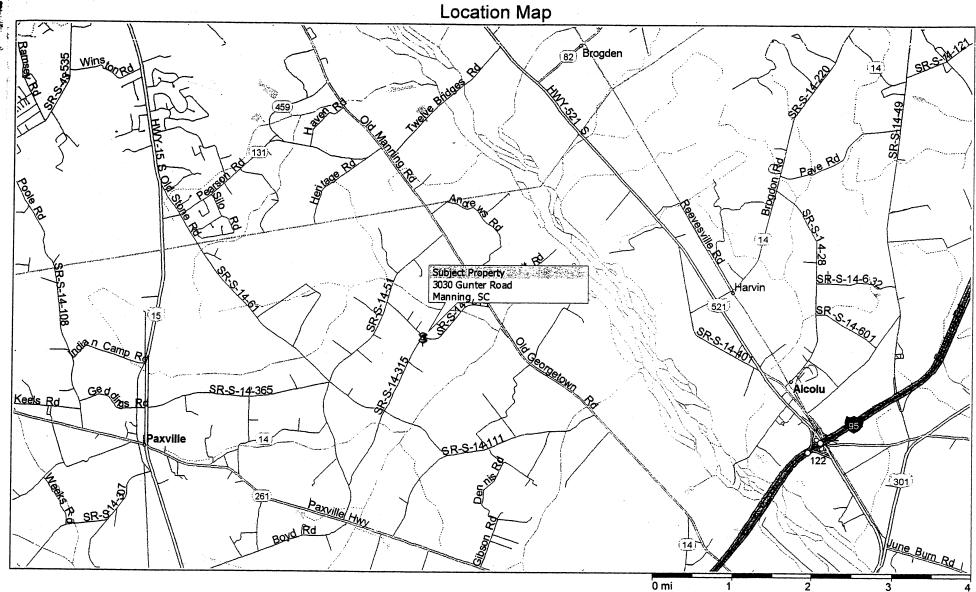
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TITLE TO REAL ESTATE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That PAMELA H. JACKSON (hereinafter SIMPSON, JR. (hereinafter referred to as "Grantee" whether singular or plural) the receipt of consideration of the sum of Five and no/100ths (\$5.00) Dollars, to the Grantor paid by W.R. which is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold and released, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell and release unto the said W.R. SIMPSON, JR., the following described whether singular or plural) in the State aforegaid, "Grantor" referred to as

All of that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, together with any improvements thereon, lying, being and situate in Clarendon County South Carolina, containing 0.92 acre according to a plat thereof prepared by Robert G. Mathis, RLS, on November 13, 1992; said plat being filed for record in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Clarendon County in Plat Book S46, Page 77 and incorporated herein by reference pursuant to Section 30-5-250 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976 (as amended).

Being the premises conveyed to the Grantor by deed of Prentiss Dale Jackson, filed for record herewith in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Clarendon County in Deed Book _____, Page_____.

Together with that certain 1996 Lamar Mobile Home situate on said premises bearing serial number LHSC509960136,

TOGETHER with all and singular, the rights, members, hereditaments and appurtenances to the said premises belonging or in any way incident or appertaining. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, all and singular the premises before mentioned unto the said Grantee, W.R. SIMPSON, JR., her heirs and Assigns forever. And the Grantor does hereby bind the Grantor's Heirs, Executors and Administrators, to Grantee's Heirs and Assigns, against the Grantor and the Grantor's Heirs and against every person whomsoever lawfully claiming, or attempting to claim, the same of any part thereof. warrant and forever defend all and singular the said premises unto the said Grantee and the

of the Ë the year of our Lord two thousand four, and in the two hundred and twenty-eighth year (had) day of Bock Sovereignty and Independence of the United States of America. WITINESS the Hand and Seal of the Grantor this

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED IN THE PRESENCE OF

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF KINDSON

PROBATTE

PERSONALLY appeared before the undersigned witness and made oath that (s)he saw the within named Grantor sign, seal and, as the Grantor's act and deed, deliver the within Deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and that (s)he, with the other witness whose signature appears above witnessed the execution thereof.

SWORN to before me this

day of Charin

Notary Public of North Carolina My Commission Expires:

GRANTOR
PAMELA H. JACKSON
Post Office Box 105
Manning, South Carolina 29102

Prepared by Geddings Law Firm Past Office Box 89 Manning, SC 29102 (803) 435-4770

GRANTIFF W.R. SIMPSON, JR. 2526 WR Simpson Road Marning, South Carolina 29102

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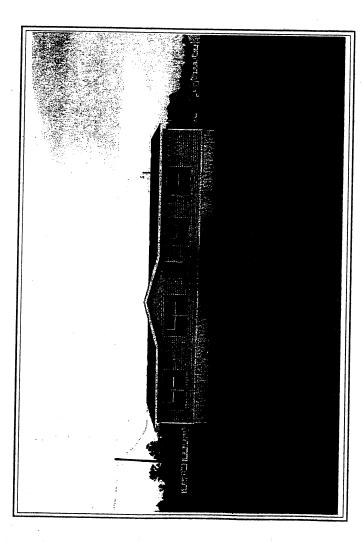
As required by Code Section 12-24-70, I state that I am a responsible person who was connected with the transaction as: Grantor.

Re. Justile Person conjecter Paniela H. Jackson Print or Type Name Here

SWORN to before me this day of April, 2004.

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Dorrower: Simpson Vs. Simpson Property Address: 3030 Gunter R City: Manning	Lender: Judge Jeff Young

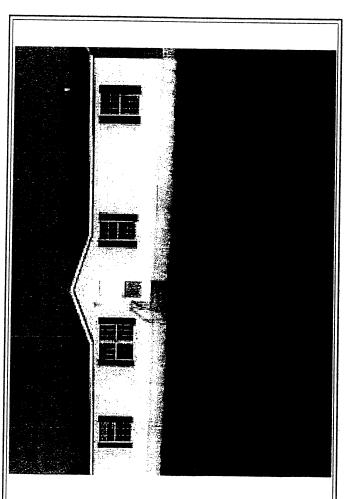


COMPARABLE SALE #1

Lot 29 Ward S/D Manning, SC Sale Date: 6/20/2003 Sale Price: \$ 14,500

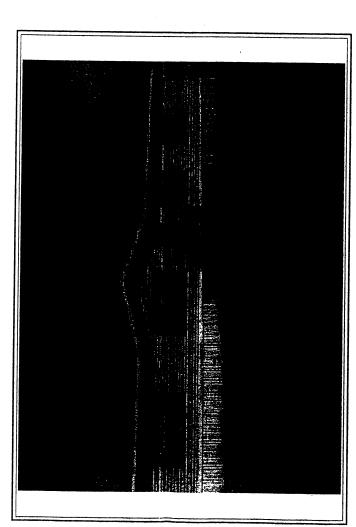
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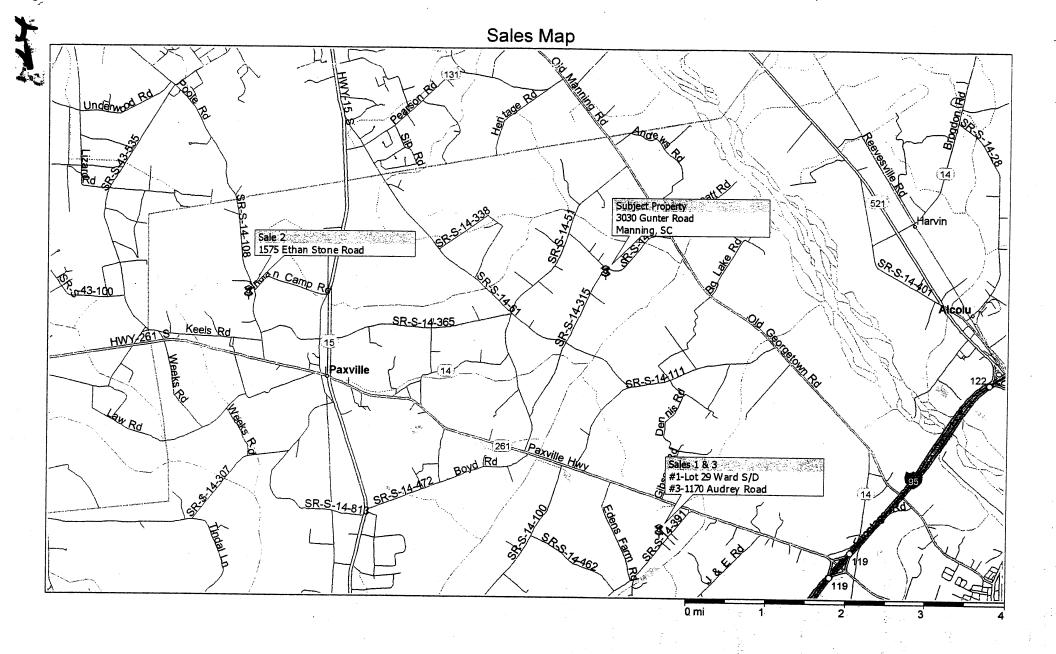
1575 Ethan Stone Road Paxville, SC Sale Date: 12/22/2003 Sale Price: \$ 26,750



COMPARABLE SALE #3

1170 Audrey Road Manning, SC Sale Date: 3/3/2004 Sale Price: \$ 18,000





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DEFINITION OF MARKET VALUE:Under all conditions requisite to a fair sale, the buyer and seller, each acting prudently, knowledgeably and assuming the price is not affected by undue stimulus. Implicit in this definition is the consummation of a sale as of a specified date and the passing of title from seller to buyer under conditions whereby: (1) buyer and seller are typically motivated; (2) both parties are well informed or well advised, and each acting in what he considers his own best interest; (3) a reasonable time is allowed for exposure in the open market; (4) payment is made in terms of cash in U.S. dollars or in terms of financial arrangements comparable thereto; and (5) the price represents the normal consideration for the property sold unaffected by special or creative financing or sales concessions* granted by anyone associated with the *Adjustments to the comparables must be made for special or creative financing or sales concessions. No adjustments are necessary for those costs which are normally paid by sellers as a result of tradition or law in a market area; these costs are readily identifiable since the seller pays these costs in virtually all sales transactions. Special or creative financing adjustments can be made to the comparable property by comparisons to financing terms offered by a third party institutional lender that is not already involved in the property or transaction. Any adjustment should not be calculated on a mechanical dollar for dollar cost of the financing or concession but the dollar amount of any adjustment should approximate the market's reaction to the financing or concessions based on the Appraiser's judgment.

STATEMENT OF LIMITING CONDITIONS AND APPRAISER'S CERTIFICATION

CONTINGENT AND LIMITING CONDITIONS: The appraiser's certification that appears in the appraisal report is subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The appraiser will not be responsible for matters of a legal nature that affect either the property being appraised or the title to it. The appraiser assumes that the title is good and marketable and, therefore, will not render any opinions about the title. The property is appraised on the basis of it being under responsible ownership.
- 2. The appraiser has provided a sketch in the appraisal report to show approximate dimensions of the improvements and the sketch is included only to assist the reader of the report in visualizing the property and understanding the appraiser's determination of its size.
- data other The appraiser has examined the available flood maps that are provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (or sources) and has noted in the appraisal report whether the subject site is located in an identified Special Flood Hazard Area. Be appraiser is not a surveyor, he or she makes no guarantees, express or implied, regarding this determination.
- 4. The appraiser will not give testimony or appear in court because he or she made an appraisal of the property in question, unless specific arrangements to do so have been made beforehand.
- The appraiser has estimated the value of the land in the cost approach at its highest and best use and the improvements at their contributory value. These separate valuations of the land and improvements must not be used in conjunction with any other appraisal and are invalid if they are so used.
- 6. The appraiser has noted in the appraisal report any adverse conditions (such as, needed repairs, depreciation, the presence of hazardous wastes, toxic substances, etc.) observed during the inspection of the subject property or that he or she became aware of during the normal research involved in performing the appraisal. Unless otherwise stated in the appraisal report, the appraiser has no knowledge of any hidden or unapparent conditions of the property or adverse environmental conditions (including the presence of hazardous wastes, toxic substances, etc.) that would make the property more or less valuable, and has assumed that there are no such conditions and makes no guarantees or warranties, express or implied, regarding the condition of the property. The appraiser will not be responsible for any such conditions that do exist or for any engineering or testing that might be required to discover whether such conditions exist. Because the appraiser is not an expert in the field of environmental hazards, the appraisal report must not be considered as an environmental assessment of the property.
- 7. The appraiser obtained the information, estimates, and opinions that were expressed in the appraisal report from sources that he or considers to be reliable and believes them to be true and correct. The appraiser does not assume responsibility for the accuracy of sitems that were furnished by other parties.
- 8. The appraiser will not disclose the contents of the appraisal report except as provided for in the Uniform Standards of Professional
- The appraiser has based his or her appraisal report and valuation conclusion for an appraisal that is subject to satisfactory completion, repairs, or alterations on the assumption that completion of the improvements will be performed in a workmanlike manner.
- 10. The appraiser must provide his or her prior written consent before the lender/client specified in the appraisal report can distribute the appraisal report (including conclusions about the property value, the appraiser's identity and professional designations, and references to any professional appraisal organizations or the firm with which the appraiser is associated) to anyone other than the borrower; the mortgagee or its successors and assigns; the mortgage insurer; consultants; professional appraisal organizations; any state or federally approved financial institution; or any department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States or any state or the District of Columbia; except that the lender/client may distribute the property description section of the report only to data collection or reporting service(s) without having to obtain the appraiser's prior written consent. The appraiser's written consent and approval must also be obtained before the appraisal can be conveyed by anyone to the public through advertising, public relations, news, sales, or other media.



APPRAISERS CERTIFICATION: The Appraiser certifies and agrees that:

- 1. I have researched the subject market area and have selected a minimum of three recent sales of properties most similar and proximate to the subject property for consideration in the sales comparison analysis and have made a dollar adjustment when appropriate to reflect the market reaction to those items of significant variation. If a significant item in a comparable property is superior to, or more favorable than, the subject property, I have made a negative adjustment to reduce the adjusted sales price of the comparable and, if a significant item in a comparable property is inferior to, or less favorable than the subject property, I have made a positive adjustment to increase the adjusted sales price of the comparable.
- 2. I have taken into consideration the factors that have an impact on value in my development of the estimate of market value appraisal report. I have not knowingly withheld any significant information from the appraisal report and I believe, to the best knowledge, that all statements and information in the appraisal report are true and correct.
- subject conclusions, which are and and professional analysis, opinions, unbiased, I stated in the appraisal report only my own personal, unt only to the contingent and limiting conditions specified in this form.
- 4. I have no present or prospective interest in the property that is the subject to this report, and I have no present or prospective personal interest or bias with respect to the participants in the transaction. I did not base, either partially or completely, my analysis and/or the estimate of market value in the appraisal report on the race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin of either the prospective owners or occupants of the subject property or of the present owners or occupants of the properties in the vicinity of the subject property.
- Ę по I have no present or contemplated future interest in the subject property, and neither my current or future employment compensation for performing this appraisal is contingent on the appraised value of the property.
- 6. I was not required to report a predetermined value or direction in value that favors the cause of the client or any related party, the amount of the value estimate, the attainment of a specific result, or the occurrence of a subsequent event in order to receive my compensation and/or employment for performing the appraisal. I did not base the appraisal report on a requested minimum valuation, a specific waluation, or the need to approve a specific mortgage loan.
- 7. I performed this appraisal in conformity with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice that were adopted and promulgated by the Appraisal Standards Board of The Appraisal Foundation and that were in place as of the effective date of this appraisal, with the exception of the departure provision of those Standards, which does not apply. I acknowledge that an estimate of a reasonable time for exposure in the open market is a condition in the definition of market value and the estimate I developed is consistent with the marketing time noted in the neighborhood section of this report, unless I have otherwise stated in the reconciliation section.
- 8. I have personally inspected the interior and exterior areas of the subject property and the exterior of all properties listed as comparables in the appraisal report. I further certify that I have noted any apparent or known adverse conditions in the subject or the subject site, or on any site within the immediate vicinity of the subject property of which I am aware and have made adjustments for these adverse conditions in my analysis of the property value to the extent that I had market evidence to support them. I have also commented about the effect of the adverse conditions on the marketability of the subject property.
- 9. I personally prepared all conclusions and opinions about the real estate that were set forth in the appraisal report. If I relied on significant professional assistance from any individual or individuals in the performance of the appraisal or the preparation of the appraisal report, I have named such individual(s) and disclosed the specific tasks performed by them in the reconciliation section of this appraisal report. I certify that any individual so named is qualified to perform the tasks. I have not authorized anyone to make a change to any item in the report, therefore, if an unauthorized change is made to the appraisal report, I will take no responsibility for it.

SUPERVISORY APPRAISER'S CERTIFICATION: If a supervisory appraiser signed the appraisal report, he or she certifies and agrees that: I directly supervise the appraiser who prepared the appraisal report, agree with the statements and conclusions of the appraiser, agree to be bound by the appraiser's certifications numbered 4 through 7 above, and am taking full responsibility for the appraisal and the appraisal report.

ADDRESS OF PROPERTY APPRAISED: 30	ROPERTY APPRAISED: 3030 Gunter Road, Manning, SC 29102	
APPRAISER:	SUPERVISORY APPRAISER (only if required)	uired)
Signature: W Four Wolfr X	Signature:	
Name: W. Burke Watson, Jr.	Name:	
Date Signed: February 10, 2006	Date Signed:	
State Certification #: CG#341	State Certification #:	
or State License #:	or State License #:	
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APPEAL FROM CLARENDON COUNTY Family Court of the Third Judicial Circuit

Francis Segars-Andrews, Family Court Judge

Case No. 2004-DR-14-243 & 315	
Jr	Appellant
v.	
ade Ingle, Defendants, son is ,	Respondent.
CERTIFICATE OF COUNSEL	
	Jrv. Vade Ingle, Defendants, son is ,

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

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Francis Segars-Andrews, Family Court Judge

Case No. 2004-DR-14-243 & 315	
William Robert Simpson, Jr	Appellant
V.	
Becky H. Simpson and Wade Ingle, Defendants, of Whom Becky H. Simpson is ,	Respondent.
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE	

I certify that I have served the Record on Appeal on the Respondent by depositing three (3) copies of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on February 24, 2007, addressed to Warner, Payne & Black, L.L.P P.O. Box 2628, 1122 Lady Street, Suite 1200 Columbia, SC 29202 and three (3) copies addressed to McLaren & Lee P.O. Box 11809, 1508 Laurel Street Columbia, S.C. 29211.

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