

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF RICHLAND
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Ex Parte:
The Housing Authority of the
City of Columbia, S. C.

In re:
Condemnation of lands of
William Thompson and all
other heirs of Harriet
Thompson, deceased.

ORDER

ROBINSON & ROBINSON
907 CENTRAL UNION BUILDING
COLUMBIA, S. C.



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On July 7th, 1939, The Housing Authority of the City of Columbia, S.C. petitioned this Court for the appointment of a Condemnation Board, reciting that it was preparing to erect in the City of Columbia, S.C. a housing project pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 783 of South Carolina, Statutes of 1934, and that property belonging to William Thompson and all other heirs of Harriett Thompson, deceased, fully described in that petition, was necessary for carrying out this public purpose. Whereupon this Court, by its order of July 7, 1939, appointed W. L. Bennett, R. E. Carwile and John H. Bollin as a Board of Condemnation, pursuant to that statute. Notice of the resolution and of this order and of a proposed meeting of the Condemnation Board was given to William Thompson, Rebecca Williams, Hattie Keitt and Fannie Caldwell, heirs of Harriett Thompson, and on the Tax Collector for Richland County and the City Sheriff, as shown by the affidavits of service endorsed on the back of the petition, order and notice and attached thereto.

Thereafter, a hearing was had before the Condemnation Board, pursuant to Notice, on the 4th day of August, 1939, at which time testimony was taken as to the value, after

which the Board, by its finding of August 4, 1939, found that the fair value of the property to be taken was \$1300.00, notice of which was given to The Housing Authority of the City of Columbia, S.C. and to Melton & Belser, Attorneys for William Thompson and others.

On the 11th day of September, 1939, The Housing Authority of the City of Columbia, S.C., as will appear from the receipt of the Hon. Clarence E. Hinnant, Clerk of this Court, deposited with this Court the sum of Thirteen Hundred (\$1300.00) Dollars, representing the award by said Board, and on the same day gave notice to counsel for William Thompson and others of the said deposit and of the fact that pursuant to the statute title to the property at the time of the deposit passed to The Housing Authority of the City of Columbia, S.C., with the right on the part of that Authority to immediate possession.

In the same instrument The Housing Authority of the City of Columbia, S.C. gave notice that it would apply to this Court at the time set out in the notice for an order confirming its title to this property, and directing the Clerk of this Court to execute a proper deed to The Housing Authority of the City of Columbia, S.C., as evidence of its title, vesting in it all of the rights of William Thompson and all other heirs of Harriett Thompson, and all other persons having any interest in the property.

Now, therefore, after hearing, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:

1. That the title to The Housing Authority of the City of Columbia, S.C. in and to the following described property:

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All that piece, parcel or lot of land with the improvements thereon, situate, lying and being on Forest Drive in the City of Columbia, County of Richland, State of South Carolina, containing approximately one-fourth of an acre, being rectangular in shape, measuring on its Northern and Southern sides 52 feet, 2 inches, and on its Eastern and Western sides 208 feet, 8 inches. Bounded on the North by Forest Drive; on the East by property of Campbell; on the South by property of Doby Estate and West by property of Brown.

be and hereby is confirmed.

2. That the rights of William Thompson, and all other heirs of Harriett Thompson, and of all other parties having any interest in the property hereinabove described, have attached to the money deposited in the hands of the Clerk of this Court in accordance with their respective interests as of the date of said deposit.

3. That the Clerk of this Court do forthwith execute to The Housing Authority of the City of Columbia, S.C. his deed transferring the property hereinabove described to The Housing Authority of the City of Columbia, S.C., in fee simple, and that the rights of William Thompson and all other heirs of Harriett Thompson, deceased, and of any and all other persons claiming any interest, lien or right in this property be and hereby are forever barred.

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G. Duncan Bellinger
Resident Judge, 5th Jud. Circuit

September 16 1939.

A. L. ...
Attest:
C. E. ...
C. E. ...

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NOTICE AND RECEIPT

ROBINSON & ROBINSON
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Sworn to before me this the)
12th day of September, 1939.)

Elizabeth C. Williams (S.S.)
Notary Public for S.C.

James F. Butler

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
COUNTY OF RICHLAND }

James F. Dreher being first duly sworn, says: That he served the within Notice and Receipt of Messrs. Melton & Belser, Attorneys for William Thompson, et al, by leaving a copy thereof at their offices in the Liberty Bank Building in Columbia, S.C. on the 11th day of September, 1939, and that deponent is not a party to this action.

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NOTICE

To Messrs. Melton & Belser, Attorneys for William Thompson, et al:

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You will please take notice that the Housing Authority of the City of Columbia, S.C., has this day deposited with the Hon. Clarence E. Hinnant, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for Richland County, South Carolina, the sum of Thirteen Hundred (\$1300.00) Dollars, which is the total of the award of the Condemnation Board in the above matter.

This deposit is made pursuant to authority of law particularly Section 9 of Act No. 783 of the Acts of 1934, XXXVIII Stat. 1374-1376.

You will further take notice that pursuant to this deposit under the provisions of this statute title to the property described in the condemnation Petition dated July 7, 1939, has passed to The Housing Authority of the City of Columbia, S.C., with the right on the part of the Authority to enter immediately upon the property and to appropriate and demolish any structures thereon and proceed with the construction of the project.

You will further take notice that The Housing Authority of the City of Columbia, S.C. will apply to the

Honorable G. Newell Bellinger, Resident (~~Presiding~~)
Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for Richland County, on
the 16 day of September 1939, at 10:00 o'clock
A. M., for an order confirming the title to this
property in The Housing Authority of the City of Columbia,
S.C., and for an order directing the Clerk of this Court to
execute to The Housing Authority of the City of Columbia, S.C.
a deed to this property as evidence of title.

Robinson & Robinson,
Attorneys for The Housing
Authority of the City of
Columbia, S.C.

September 11 1939.

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RECEIPT

I, Clarence E. Hinnant, Clerk of the Court
of Common Pleas for Richland County, South Carolina, do hereby
acknowledge receipt from The Housing Authority of the City
of Columbia, S.C. of the sum of Thirteen Hundred (\$1300.00)
Dollars deposited by The Housing Authority of the City of
Columbia, S.C. pursuant to the provisions of the Act approved
the 19th day of March, 1934, XXXVIII Stat. 1368, 1375-6, in
the above entitled matter, the said amount being the award
of the Condemnation Board dated August 4th, 1939, of said
sum of \$1300.00.

Clerk of Court of Common Pleas for
Richland County.

September 11 1939.

A True Copy
C E Hinnant
C.C.O.

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Served on
Melton D. Belser
Aug. 7, 1939
(Mr. J. E. Belser, Jr.)

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FINDINGS OF CONDEMNATION BOARD

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FINDINGS OF CONDEMNATION
BOARD.

We, the undersigned, having been appointed a Board of Condemnation by order of Honorable G. Duncan Bellinger dated July 7th, 1939, have heard testimony in the above entitled matter and find that the true value of the property described in the petition is Thirteen Hundred and no/100 (\$ 1300.⁰⁰) Dollars. The interest which is to be acquired by the Housing Authority of the City of Columbia in this property is a fee simple title and the price to be paid therefor shall be Thirteen Hundred + no/100 (\$ 1300.⁰⁰) Dollars.

R. E. Carwile

W. L. Bennett

John H. Bollin

Condemnation Board.

August 4th 1939.

A. Jane Erby
C. E. Humant
C. C. P. 45

Columbia, S. C., August 4, 1939

Mr. J. H. Belser, Jr., Attorney, representing the landowners:

Re: Condemnation of lands of Harriet Thompson Estate - Parcel #17

Just want to say that the Board of the heirs of Harriet Thompson consider this a reasonable sale, and this proceeding is for the purpose of clearing title.

Mr. Dreher filed with the Board the Notice, Petition and Order showing proper service.

MR. W. H. GREEVER, JR., being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

BY MR. DREHER:

Q. Did you and Mr. John C. B. Smith, another real estate man of this City, make an appraisal of lot No. 17 on the white site?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Will you give us the amount of that appraisal and how you arrived at it?

A. The appraisal as set forth in USHA Form 424, dated January 18, 1939, shows value of land \$1250.00 and \$50.00 for improvements, making a total of \$1300. Assessed value \$150.00. The value of the land was related to \$20 per front foot, the dimensions being 52' front and an average of 212 in depth. With regard to the street the land lies well and can be advantageously improved without any unusual expense, in consequence of which the value is slightly in excess of \$20 per front foot was ascribed to the land. The only improvement observed is a commercial type building, which apparently has been used as a dwelling - is in very poor condition and would not ordinarily be regarded as habitable. There appears to be water services available to the property, but I am not sure is directly connected with the City system, therefore, no value for this water service was ascribed.

MR. BOLLIN: Any sewerage connections?

A. None were observed.

Original appraisal offered and received in evidence as Exhibit 1.

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Columbia, S. C., August 4, 1939

Mr. J. E. Belser, Jr., Attorney, representing the landowners:

Re: Condemnation of lands of Harriet Thompson Estate
Just want to say the majority of the heirs of Harriet Thompson consider

this a reasonable sale, and this proceeding is for the purpose of clearing title.

Mr. Dreher filed with the Board the Notice, Petition and Order showing proper service.

MR. F. H. GREYER, JR., being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

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MR. BELSER:

Q. Did you and Mr. John C. B. Smith, another real estate man of this City, make an appraisal of lot No. 17 on the white site?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Will you give us the amount of that appraisal and how you arrived at it?

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MR. BELSER: Any sewerage connections?

A. None were observed.

Original appraisal offered and received in evidence

as Exhibit L.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF
SERVICE.

I hereby acknowledge service of the Notice,
Petition and Order in the above matter, a copy of which
I have retained this the 8th day of July, 1939.

Robert W. Gibbes, M.D.



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C.E.H.

Served on Richland County
Tax Collector. July 7-1939;
on City Sheriff July-1939;
on Hattie Keitt, ~~or~~ Annie
Caldwell & Rebecca Williams
on July 13-1939.

Served on William
Thompson July 14, 1939
affidavit of Sheriff of
Georgetown County.

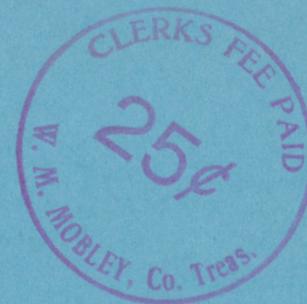
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Thompson, Deceased.

NOTICE.

To William Thompson and other heirs of Harriett Thompson, Deceased,
as owners; to R. W. Gibbes, Mortgagee; to the Sheriff of the
City of Columbia, and to the Tax Collector for Richland County:

You will please take notice that the Housing
Authority of the City of Columbia, S.C. has passed a resolution
setting forth its intention to appropriate the property describ-
ed as follows:

All that piece, parcel or lot of land with the improve-
ments thereon, situate, lying and being on Forest Drive
in the City of Columbia, County of Richland, State of
South Carolina, containing approximately one-fourth of
an acre, being rectangular in shape, measuring on its
Northern and Southern sides 52 feet, 2 inches, and on
its Eastern and Western sides 208 feet, 8 inches. Boun-
ded on the North by Forest Drive; on the East by property
of Campbell; on the South by property of Doby Estate
and West by property of Brown.

Pursuant to said resolution a Board of Condemnation
has been appointed by order of Honorable G. Duncan Bellinger,
dated July 7 1939, a copy of which order is hereto attached.

You will further take notice that this Condemnation
Board will meet Friday, Aug. 4, 1939 at 10:30
o'clock a. M., in the Circuit Court Room in the Richland

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County Court House for the purpose of hearing testimony
as to the value of this property.

Robinson & Robinson,
Attorneys for the Housing Authority
of the City of Columbia, S.C.

July 7th 1939.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
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ORDER

It appearing to this Court from the attached
petition that The Housing Authority of the City of Columbia,
S.C. has been unable to purchase the property described
therein by direct negotiations, it is hereby

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

That W. L. Bennett, R. E. Currie and

John H. Bollin

be and they hereby are designated and appointed as a Board of
Condemnation pursuant to Act 783 of the Statutes of 1934
and subsequent amendments thereto.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That a copy of this Order,
together with a notice of the time and place of the sitting
of the Board be served upon all persons having an interest
in the property described in the petition, as shown by the records
of Richland County, at least ten days prior to the date of the
meeting of the Board, and that a copy of said notice be published
in The ~~Columbia~~ ^{State} Record, a newspaper published in Columbia, S.C.
once a week for three successive weeks in order to bring before
the Court all of the unknown heirs of the estate of

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Harriett Thompson.

G. Winnow Bellinger
Presiding Judge, Fifth Judicial
Circuit.

July 7 1939.

A True Copy
attest:
C. E. Humant
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF RICHLAND

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

Ex Parte:

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PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT
OF CONDEMNATION BOARD.

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other heirs of Harriett
Thompson, deceased.

The Housing Authority of the City of Columbia,
S.C. would respectfully show to this Court:

1. That it is preparing to erect in the City of
Columbia, S.C. two low cost housing projects pursuant to
the provisions of Act 738 of the South Carolina statutes
of 1934 and subsequent amendments, and the authority granted
thereunder, and in co-operation with the United States
Housing Authority. That your petitioner has attempted to
purchase the land directly but has failed to agree upon a
price with the owner of the piece of property hereinbelow
described and desires to exercise its power of eminent
domain.

2. That a resolution has been passed by your
petitioner setting forth its intention to appropriate the
property appearing on the records of Richland County as
the property of the heirs of Harriett Thompson, described
as follows:

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All that piece, parcel or lot of land with the improvements thereon, situate, lying and being on Forest Drive in the City of Columbia, County of Richland, State of South Carolina, containing approximately one-fourth of an acre, being rectangular in shape, measuring on its Northern and Southern sides 52 feet, 2 inches, and on its Eastern and Western sides 208 feet, 8 inches. Bounded on the North by Forest Drive; on the East by property of Campbell; on the South by property of Doby Estate, and West by property of Brown.

WHEREFORE your petitioner prays:

(1) That this Court do issue its order designating and appointing three persons to serve as a Board of Condemnation pursuant to Act 783 of the Statutes of 1934, and subsequent amendments thereto.

(2) That this Court order publication of the notice of the hearing to be held by the Board of Condemnation, such publication to issue against William Thompson and all other heirs of Harriett Thompson, deceased.

Robinson & Robinson,
Attorneys for Petitioner.

July 9th 1939.

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A True Copy
Attest.
C. E. Humant
cc O y S

Please serve on: Fannie Clifton Caldwell,
2500 Senate Street.

1509 Manning Ave

Rebecca Williams, whose address
we think is 618 Gates Street.

2527 Pendleton St.

Hattie Belle Keitt, who is
not listed in the City Directory,
but ask Fanny Caldwell if she
knows her address.

Partial List of Thompson Heirs

Mrs. Mamie Bennett, Washington, D. C.
Mrs. Eliza Smith, Atlanta, Ga.
Mrs. Fannie Clifton Caldwell, Columbia, S.C.
Mrs. Maude Chestnut, Jacksonville, Fla.
Mrs. Rebecca Williams, Columbia, S. C.
Mrs. Hattie Belle Keitt, Columbia, S. C.
Isaac Thompson, New York
W. S. Thompson, Georgetown, S. C.
Elzada Small, Jacksonville, Fla. Grand-daughter
Joseph Baxter, Jacksonville, Fla. Grand-son
Freddie Thompson, New York Grand-son
Mrs. Mamie Thompson, New York Grand-daughter
Mrs. Daisy Thompson, New York, N.Y. Daughter-in-law

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Mrs. Maude Chestnut, Jacksonville, Fla.

Mrs. Rebecca Williams, Columbia, S. C. 618 Gates

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