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LAWRENCE A. WOOLFON etux -vs- WILLIAM MCCracken etal

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
(CIVIL DIVISION)

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husband and wife,

Plaintiffs

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ACTION TO QUIET TITLE

CASE NUMBER: oo-1422-CD

TYPE OF CASE: Quiet Title Action

TYPE OF PLEADING: COMPLAINT

FILED ON BEHALF OF: Plaintiffs

COUNSEL OF RECORD FOR THIS PARTY:

R. DENNING GEARHART, ESQUIRE  
Supreme Court I.D. No. 26540  
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**NOTICE**

YOU HAVE BEEN SUED IN COURT. If you wish to defend against the claims set forth in the following pages, you must take action within twenty (20) days after this Complaint and Notice are served, by entering a written appearance personally or by attorney and filing in writing with the Court your defenses or objections to the claims set forth against you. You are warned that if you fail to do so, the case may proceed without you and a judgment may be entered against you by the Court without further notice for any money claimed in the Complaint or for any other claim or relief requested by the Plaintiffs. You may lose money or property or other rights important to you.

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**COMPLAINT**

AND NOW, comes LAWRENCE A. WOOTTON and VICTORIA O.  
WOOTTON, by and through their attorney, R. DENNING GEARHART, who avers as  
follows:

1. That Plaintiffs are LAWRENCE A. WOOTTON and VICTORIA O.  
WOOTTON, husband and wife, with an address of R.R. #3, Box 182, Clearfield, Clearfield  
County, Pennsylvania 16830.

2. That Defendant WILLIAM McCracken, late of Ferguson Township, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, passed away on January 8, 1892 leaving a Last Will and Testament found in the Register of Wills Office to File No. 2759, left as his surviving heirs, the following: HIRAM McCracken; JULIA ANNE SHAW; ROBERT McCracken; LEWIS McCracken; DAVID B. McCracken; HEZEKIAH McCracken; JOSEPHINE SHARP; ASHLEY McCracken; AMANDA SHAFFER; and SETH C. McCracken.

3. That Defendant, MARIA McCracken a/k/a MARY JANE McCracken, late of Lawrence Township, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, passed away January 20, 1938 leaving a Last Will and Testament found in the Register of Wills Office to File No. 21351.

4. The property which is the subject of this action is identified as Tax Map No. 123-K09-000-00043 and described as 29 Acres surface (agricultural) situate in Lawrence Township, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, and more particularly described as follows:

**ALL** those two certain parcels of land situate in the Township of Lawrence, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows:

**THE FIRST THEREOF:** Bounded on the north by Township Road leading from the residence of Guy Bloom to Dimeling; on the south by the residue now or formerly of the McCracken premises; on the East by land now or formerly of Benjamin Vokes; on the West by lands now or formerly of Guy Bloom and now or formerly of the Elizabeth Johnston Estate. Being a parcel of ground six hundred (600) feet in width between the Township Road and the residue of the McCracken Land and two thousand (2000) feet in length, more or less, from the lands now or formerly of Bloom and Johnston to Vokes.

**THE SECOND THEREOF:** On the North by Clearfield Creek; on the South by Township Road leading from the residence of Guy Bloom to Dimeling; on the East by land now or formerly of John A. Rodgers; and on the West by the Elizabeth Johnston Estate. Containing two (2) acres, more or less.

5. The records of Clearfield County show that George Butler and Frances Butler, his wife, conveyed the premises to William McCracken of Ferguson Township,

Clearfield County, Pennsylvania by virtue of Deed dated September 30, 1878 and recorded June 22, 1882 in the Recorder's Office of Clearfield County to Deed Book 21, Page 287.

6. That William McCracken died January 8, 1892 and by the terms of his Last Will and Testament left his property without description to Hezekiah McCracken, David McCracken and Ashley McCracken.

7. That upon the death of William McCracken, the premises were mortgaged for the payment of estate debts and sold at a Sheriff's Sale upon a mortgage foreclosure by Sheriff's Sale upon a mortgage foreclosure by Sheriff's Deed dated February 22, 1905 to Annie Shirey and recorded in the Recorder's Office of Clearfield County to Sheriff's Deed Book 5, Page 193.

8. The purpose of this Action to Quiet Title is to extinguish any defect which may exist in said Sheriff's Sale for lack of proper notice and to extinguish any equity which Hezekiah McCracken, David McCracken and Ashley McCracken may have or had in the premises by virtue of said Sheriff's Sale.

9. That Hiram McCracken, one of the Executors of the William McCracken Estate, conveyed a purported undivided interest in the premises to Maria McCracken by Deed dated March 26, 1902 and recorded in the Recorder's Office of Clearfield County to Deed Book 123, Page 171.

10. That it is believed that Maria McCracken is one and the same as Mary Jane McCracken, but it is the purpose of this Action to Quiet Title to extinguish any equity which Maria McCracken may have had in and to the premises in the event she is not one and the same as Mary Jane McCracken.

11. That by certain sundry deeds, conveyances and devises the property became vested in William C. McCracken by virtue of the Last Will and Testament of Mary

Jane McCracken. Said Will being filed of record in the Register of Wills Office of Clearfield County to Will Book "Y", Page 511.

12. That William C. McCracken conveyed certain premises to John A. Rodgers by Deed dated March 11, 1947 and found for record in the Recorder's Office of Clearfield County to Deed Book 381, Page 554.

13. That John A. Rodgers died on November 24, 1951 and by virtue of the Intestate Law of Pennsylvania then in effect, the premises became vested in his children: David M. Rodgers, Byrde L. Lansberry, John A. Rodgers, Jr., Marjorie Nan Barger and James H. Rodgers.

14. That Lawrence A. Wootton and Victoria O. Wootton, husband and wife, obtained the subject premises from all the heirs of John A. Rodgers by virtue of a Deed dated June 9, 2000 and found for record in the Recorder's Office of Clearfield County to Instrument No. 200011821 and by virtue of a Deed dated October 3, 2000 and found for record in the Recorder's Office of Clearfield County to Instrument No. 200014941.

15. That with respect to this property, Plaintiffs and their predecessors in title have exercised open, notorious and continuous dominion possession and control over the premises described in Paragraph 4 for a period in excess of 21 years adverse to any other claims of ownership.

16. That with respect to this property, Plaintiffs and their predecessors in title believed this was conveyed to them and as a result of that belief, they have maintained it by paying taxes thereon.

17. That the purpose of this Quiet Title Action is to extinguish and cure any defects which may exist in the ownership of property more particularly described in

Paragraph 4 hereof, and to extinguish any equity which the Defendants, their heirs, successors and assigns may have in the premises described in Paragraph 4 hereof.

18. That the Defendants, their heirs, successors and assigns identified in Paragraphs 2 through 3 of this Complaint are the only persons or entity known to Plaintiff who have any interest in said property and, other than listed, the Defendants, their heirs, successors and assigns cannot be determined if he/they continue(s) to exist. All the public records in the Clearfield County Courthouse and local telephone books have been checked prior to reaching this conclusion.

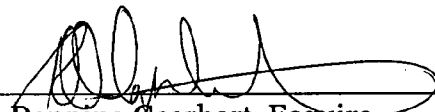
**WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff requests:

A. that by decree of your Honorable Court it may be declared that title to the premises set forth in Paragraph 4 is in the Plaintiffs and that they be allowed to enjoy said property in peace;

B. that the Defendants, their heirs, successors and assigns, within thirty (30) days from the receipt of this Complaint, institute an action of ejectment against the Plaintiffs and that otherwise the Defendants, their heirs, successors and assigns be perpetually enjoined from setting up any title to said property from impeaching, denying or in any way attaching the Plaintiff's title to said property, from issuing or maintaining an ejectment from said premises and from encumbering, mortgaging or conveying the said premises or any part thereof.

C. such other relief as the court determines to be equitable and just.

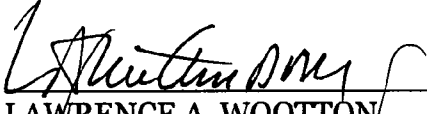
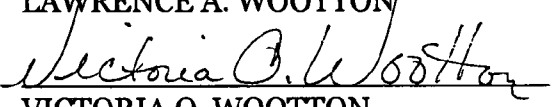
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Attorney for Plaintiffs

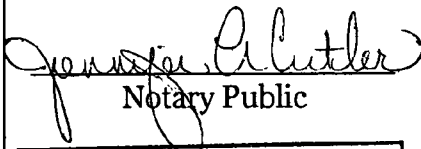
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Before me, the undersigned officer, personally appeared, LAWRENCE A. WOOTON and VICTORIA O. WOOTTON, who being duly sworn according to law deposes and says that the facts set forth in the foregoing Complaint are true and correct to the best of their knowledge, information, and belief.

  
LAWRENCE A. WOOTTON  
  
VICTORIA O. WOOTTON

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me this 13<sup>th</sup> day  
of November, 2000.

  
Notary Public

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Jennifer A. Cutler, Notary Public  
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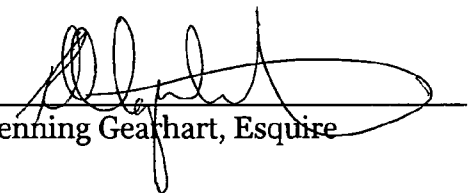
R. DENNING GEARHART, who being duly sworn according to law, deposes  
and says that in support of his Motion For Publication, the following:

1. A search of the Courthouse records as found in Clearfield County  
have provided no further information as to the above-named Defendants, their heirs,  
successors or assigns.

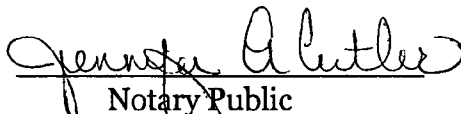
2. All public records in the Clearfield County Courthouse and local telephone books, and corporation records have been checked prior to making this Affidavit.

3. That I have made a good faith effort to find the whereabouts of the Defendants and all their heirs, successors and assigns.

Further, the deponent sayeth not.

  
R. Denning Geathart, Esquire

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day  
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AND NOW, to wit, this 16th day of November, 2000, an Affidavit having been filed by R. Denning Gearhart, attorney for the Plaintiff, that the whereabouts of the above named Defendants, their heirs, successors and assigns, are unknown, the said R. Denning Gearhart moves the Court for leave to serve the Complaint upon the said Defendants, their heirs, successors and assigns, generally by publication once in The Progress, Clearfield, Pennsylvania, and the Clearfield County Legal Journal, Clearfield, Pennsylvania.

Respectfully submitted,

  
R. Denning Gearhart, Esquire  
Attorney for Plaintiffs

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**ORDER**

AND NOW, to wit, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2000, upon consideration  
of the foregoing Motion, the Plaintiffs are granted leave to make service of the Complaint  
on the Defendants, their heirs, successors and assigns, by publication once in The  
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BY THE COURT,

JUDGE

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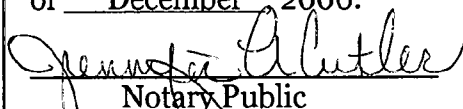
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William A. Shaw  
Prothonotary

**AFFIDAVIT**

The undersigned hereby certifies that he did cause to have published in The Progress the Notice for the Complaint with regard to the Quiet Title Action filed to the above on the Defendants, their heirs, successors and assigns, as evidenced by Exhibit 'A' attached hereto.

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me this 4th day  
of December, 2000.

  
Notary Public

Notarial Seal  
Jennifer A. Cutler, Notary Public  
Clearfield Boro, Clearfield County  
My Commission Expires June 17, 2003

  
R. Denning Gearhart, Esquire  
Attorney for Plaintiffs

IN THE COURT  
OF COMMON PLEAS  
OF CLEARFIELD  
COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
(CIVIL DIVISION)  
NO. 00-1422-CD  
ACTION TO QUIET TITLE  
LAWRENCE A. WOOTTON and  
VICTORIA O. WOOTTON, hus-  
band and wife, Plaintiffs

VS.  
WILLIAM McCracken, his  
heirs, successors and/or assigns,  
HIRAM McCracken, his heirs,  
successors and/or assigns, JULIA  
ANN SHAW, her heirs, successors  
and/or assigns, ROBERT  
McCracken, his heirs, succes-  
sors and/or assigns, LEWIS  
McCracken, his heirs, succes-  
sors and/or assigns, DAVID  
McCracken, his heirs, succes-  
sors and/or assigns, HEZEKIA  
McCracken, his heirs, succes-  
sors and/or assigns, JOSEPHINE  
SHARP, her heirs, successors  
and/or assigns, ASHLEY  
McCracken, her heirs, succes-  
sors and/or assigns, AMANDA  
SHAFFER, her heirs, successors  
and/or assigns, SETH C. McCrack-  
en, his heirs, successors and/or as-  
signs, DENT McCracken, his  
heirs, successors and/or assigns,  
MARIA McCracken a/k/a MARY  
JANE McCracken, her heirs,  
successors and/or assigns, and/or  
any person or entity claiming title in  
and to the herein described prem-  
ises under them, Defendants

NOTICE  
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFEN-  
DANTS, their heirs, successors  
and assigns:

YOU HAVE BEEN SUED IN  
COURT. If you wish to defend  
against the claims set forth in the  
following pages, you must take ac-  
tion within twenty (20) days after  
this Complaint and Notice are  
served, by entering a written ap-  
pearance personally or by attorney  
and filing in writing with the Court  
your defenses or objections to the  
claim set forth against you. You are  
warned that if you fail to do so, the  
case may proceed without further  
notice for any money claimed in the  
Complaint or for any other claim or  
relief requested by the Plaintiffs.  
You may lose money or property or  
other rights important to you.

YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PA-  
PER TO YOUR LAWYER AT  
ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A  
LAWYER OR CANNOT AFFORD  
ONE, GO TO OR TELEPHONE  
THE OFFICE SET FORTH BELOW  
TO FIND OUT WHERE YOU CAN  
GET LEGAL HELP.

COURT ADMINISTRATOR'S OF-  
FICE, Clearfield County Court-  
house, Clearfield, PA 16830,  
(814) 765-2641 Ext. 50-51

You are hereby notified that an  
Action to Quiet Title to all that cer-  
tain piece or parcel of land situate in  
the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,  
County of Clearfield, Lawrence  
Township and more particularly de-  
scribed as follows:

ALL those two certain parcels of  
land situate in the Township of  
Lawrence, Clearfield County,  
Pennsylvania, bounded and de-  
scribed as follows:

THE FIRST THEREOF: Bounded  
on the north by Township Road  
leading from the residence of Guy  
Bloom to Dimeling; on the south by  
the residue now or formerly of the  
McCracken premises; on the East  
by land now or formerly of Benjamin  
Vokes; on the West by lands now or  
formerly of Guy Bloom and now or  
formerly of the Elizabeth Johnston  
Estate. Being a parcel of ground six  
hundred (600) feet in width be-  
tween the Township Road and the  
residue of the McCracken Land and  
two thousand (2000) feet in length,  
more or less, from the lands now or  
formerly of Bloom and Johnston to  
Vokes.

THE SECOND THEREOF: On the  
North by Clearfield Creek; on the  
South by Township Road leading  
from the residence of Guy Bloom to  
Dimeling; on the East by land now or  
formerly of John A. Rodgers; and  
on the West by the Elizabeth John-  
ston Estate. Containing two (2)  
acres, more or less.

Further, the Court of Common  
Pleas of Clearfield County, Penn-  
sylvania, did by Order executed the  
16th day of November, 2000, di-  
rect that notice of this action be  
served upon you by advertisement  
in THE PROGRESS and that if you  
do not appear or otherwise defend  
such action within thirty (30) days  
from the date of advertisement, you  
shall be, by appropriate order, for-  
ever barred from asserting any  
right, lien, title or interest or claim of  
the Plaintiff as set forth in his Com-  
plaint.

R. Denning Gearhart, Esquire, At-  
torney for Plaintiffs, 215 East Lo-  
cust Street, Clearfield, PA 16830,  
(814) 765-1581

## PROOF OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA :  
COUNTY OF CLEARFIELD : SS:

On this 1st day of December, A.D. 2000,  
before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public in and for said County and  
State, personally appeared Margaret E. Krebs, who being duly sworn  
according to law, deposes and says that she is the President of The  
Progressive Publishing Company, Inc., and Associate Publisher of The  
Progress, a daily newspaper published at Clearfield, in the County of  
Clearfield and State of Pennsylvania, and established April 5, 1913, and  
that the annexed is a true copy of a notice or advertisement published in  
said publication in

the regular issues of November 24, 2000.  
And that the affiant is not interested in the subject matter of the notice or  
advertising, and that all of the allegations of this statement as to the time,  
place, and character of publication are true.

Sworn and subscribed to before me the day and year aforesaid.

Notary Public Clearfield, Pa.

My Commission Expires  
September 16, 2004

Notarial Seal  
Ann K. Law, Notary Public  
Clearfield Boro, Clearfield County  
My Commission Expires Sept. 16, 2004  
Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries

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Prothonotary  
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R. DENNING GEARHART  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
CLEARFIELD, PA. 16830

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
(CIVIL DIVISION)

LAWRENCE A. WOOTTON and  
VICTORIA O. WOOTTON,  
husband and wife,

Plaintiffs

VS.

NO. 00-1422-CD

WILLIAM McCRACKEN, his heirs,  
successors and/or assigns,  
HIRAM McCRACKEN, his heirs, successors  
and/or assigns, JULIA ANN SHAW,  
her heirs, successors and/or assigns,  
ROBERT McCRACKEN, his heirs,  
successors and/or assigns,  
LEWIS McCRACKEN, his heirs, successors  
and/or assigns, DAVID McCRACKEN, his  
heirs, successors and/or assigns,  
HEZEKIA McCRACKEN, his heirs,  
successors and/or assigns,  
JOSEPHINE SHARP, her heirs, successors  
and/or assigns; ASHLEY McCRACKEN, her  
heirs, successors and/or assigns,  
AMANDA SHAFFER, her heirs, successors  
and/or assigns, SETH C. McCRACKEN  
his heirs successors and/or assigns,  
DENT McCRACKEN, his heirs, successors  
and/or assigns,  
MARIA McCRACKEN a/k/a MARY JANE  
McCRACKEN, her heirs, successors  
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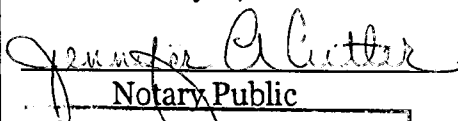
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William A. Shaw  
Prothonotary

**AFFIDAVIT**

The undersigned hereby certifies that he did cause to have published in the  
Clearfield County Legal Journal the Notice for the Complaint with regard to the Quiet Title  
Action filed to the above on the Defendants, their heirs, successors and assigns, as  
evidenced by Exhibit 'A' attached hereto.

  
R. Denning Gearhart, Esquire  
Attorney for Plaintiffs

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me this 2nd day  
of January, 2001.

  
Notary Public  
Notarial Seal  
Jennifer A. Cutler, Notary Public  
Clearfield Boro, Clearfield Co., PA  
Commission Expires 12/31/2003

## PROOF OF PUBLICATON

**STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA** :

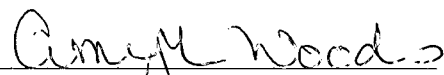
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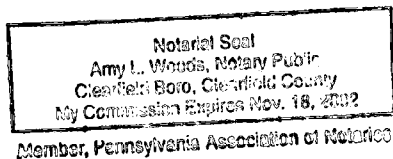
**COUNTY OF CLEARFIELD** :

On this 8th day of December AD 2000, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Gary A. Knaresboro, who being duly sworn according to law, proposes and says that he is the editor of the Clearfield County Legal Journal of the Courts of Clearfield County, and that the annexed is a true copy of the notice or advertisement published in said publication in the regular issues of Week of December 1, 2000, Vol. 12, No. 48. And that all of the allegations of this statement as to the time, place, and character of the publication are true.

  
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Gary A. Knaresboro, Esquire  
Editor

Sworn and subscribed to before me the day and year aforesaid.

  
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Notary Public  
My Commission Expires



R. Denning Gearhart  
215 East Locust Street  
Clearfield, PA 16830

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**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY,  
PENNSYLVANIA  
CIVIL DIVISION**

LAWRENCE A. WOOTTON and  
VICTORIA O. WOOTON, husband and  
wife, Plaintiffs vs. WILLIAM McCracken,  
his heirs, successors and/or assigns,  
HIRAM McCracken, his heirs,  
successors and/or assigns, JULIA ANN  
SHAW, her heirs, successors and/or  
assigns, ROBERT McCracken, his  
heirs, successors and/or assigns, LEWIS  
McCracken, his heirs, successors  
and/or assigns, DAVID McCracken, his  
heirs, successors and/or assigns,  
HEZEKIA McCracken, his heirs,  
successors and/or assigns, JOSEPHINE  
SHARP, her heirs, successors and/or  
assigns ASHLEY McCracken, her heirs,  
successors and/or assigns, AMANDA  
SHAFFER, her heirs, successors and/or  
assigns, SETH C. McCracken his heirs,  
successors and/or assigns, DENT  
McCracken, his heirs, successors  
and/or assigns, MARIA McCracken,  
a/k/a MARY JANE McCracken, her  
heirs, successors and/or assigns, and/or  
any person or entity claiming title in and to  
the herein described premises under them,  
Defendants.

**NOTICE**

**TO: THE ABOVE NAMED  
DEFENDANTS, their heirs, successors  
and assigns:**

**NOTICE - You have been sued in**

parcel or land situate in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Clearfield, Lawrence Township and more particularly described as follows:

ALL those two certain parcels of land situate in the Township of Lawrence, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows:

THE FIRST THEREOF: Bounded on the north by Township Road leading from the residence of Guy Bloom to Dimeling; on the south by the residue now or formerly of the McCracken premises; on the East by land now or formerly of Benjamin Vokes; on the West by lands now or formerly of Guy Bloom and now or formerly of the Elizabeth Johnston Estate. Being a parcel of ground six hundred (600) feet in width between the Township Road and the residue of the McCracken Land and two thousand (2000) feet in length, more or less, from the lands now or formerly of Bloom and Johnston to Vokes.

THE SECOND THEREOF: On the North by Clearfield Creek; on the South by Township Road leading from the residence of Guy Bloom to Dimeling; on the East by land now or formerly of John A. Rodgers; and on the West by the Elizabeth Johnston Estate. Containing two (2) acres, more or less.

Further, the Court of Common Pleas of Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, did by Order executed the 16th day of November 2000, direct that notice of this action be served upon you by advertisement in the Clearfield County Legal Journal, and that if you do not appear or otherwise defend such action within thirty (30) days from the date

Court. If you wish to defend against the claims set forth in the following pages, you must take action within twenty (20) days after this Complaint and Notice are served, by entering a written appearance personally or by attorney and filing in writing with the Court your defenses or objections to the claim set forth against you. You are warned that if you fail to do so the case may proceed without you and a judgment may be entered against you by the Court without further notice for any money claimed in the Complaint or for any other claim or relief requested by the Plaintiffs. You may lose money or property or other rights important to you.

YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER OR CANNOT FIND ONE, GO TO OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE SET FORTH BELOW TO FIND OUT WHERE YOU CAN GET LEGAL HELP. COURT ADMINISTRATOR, CLEARFIELD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, Clearfield, PA 16830 (814) 765-2641, ext. 50-51.

You are hereby notified that an Action to Quiet Title to all that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Clearfield, Lawrence Township and more particularly described as follows:

ALL those two certain parcels of land situate in the Township of Lawrence, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows:

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of advertisement, you shall be, by appropriate order, forever barred from asserting any right, lien title or interest or claim of the Plaintiff as set forth in his Complaint.

R. Denning Gearhart, Esquire, 215 East Locust Street, Clearfield, PA 16830 (814) 765-1581.

#### TAX SALE

Notice is hereby given of the proposed private sale by the Clearfield County Tax Claim Bureau of a parcel of land in BLOOM TOWNSHIP known as Map #104-D08-000-00005 and described as "H & 0.8 A" and assessed to "COMMODORE P. MITCHELL."

Sale will be held on JANUARY 30, 2001 at 9:00 AM in the Tax Claim Bureau, 230 E. Market Street Clearfield. The property will be sold free and clear of all tax claims and tax judgments. A bid of \$500.00 has been received and accepted by the Bureau. Any party not satisfied with the accepted sale price must, within forty-five days of this notice, petition the Court of Common Pleas to disapprove the sale.

Clearfield County Tax Claim Bureau, 230 E. Market Street, Suite 121, Clearfield, PA 16830.

ADV: December 1st & 15th, 2000.

#### TAX SALE

Notice is hereby given of the proposed private sale by the Clearfield County Tax Claim Bureau of a parcel of land in WOODWARD TOWNSHIP known as Map #130-M14-412-00016 and described as "2 L #189-190" and assessed to "HAROLD C. WEST."

Sale will be held on JANUARY 30, 2001 at 9:00 AM in the Tax Claim Bureau, 230 E. Market Street Clearfield. The property will be sold free and clear of all tax claims and tax judgments. A bid of \$125.00 has been received and accepted by the Bureau. Any party not satisfied with the accepted sale price must, within forty-five days of this notice, petition the Court of Common Pleas to disapprove the sale.

Clearfield County Tax Claim Bureau, 230 E Market Street, Suite 121, Clearfield, PA 16830.

ADV: December 1st & 15th, 2000.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY,  
PENNSYLVANIA  
CIVIL DIVISION

EDGAR L. ENGLISH, Plaintiff vs.  
MICHAEL J. ZETTS a/k/a MICHAEL  
JAMES ZETTS and LORRAINE ZETTS,  
his wife, their heirs, successors and/or  
assigns, HOWARD J. FOLMAR, his heirs,  
successors, and/or assigns, and/or any  
person or entity claiming title and to the  
herein described premises under them,  
Defendants.

NOTICE

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and assigns:

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Court. If you wish to defend against the  
claims set forth in the following pages, you  
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FIND OUT WHERE YOU CAN GET  
LEGAL HELP. COURT ADMINIS-  
TRATOR, CLEARFIELD COUNTY  
COURTHOUSE, Clearfield, PA 16830  
(814) 765-2641, ext. 50-51.

You are hereby notified that an Action  
to Quiet Title to all that certain piece or  
parcel of land situate in the Commonwealth  
of Pennsylvania, County of Clearfield,  
Cooper and more particularly described as  
follows:

PARCEL 1: ALL that certain lot or  
piece of ground situate in Cooper  
Township, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania,  
bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a corner on the South;  
thence running west 68 rods to a post;  
thence North 18 perches to post; thence  
East 68 rods to a post; thence South 18  
perches to post and place of beginning.

Being identified in the Clearfield County  
Mapping and Assessment Office as Map  
No. 110-T7-000-00039. AND

PARCEL 2: ALL that certain lot or  
piece of ground situate in Cooper  
Township, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania,  
bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a post on the South  
corner of land now or formerly of Michael J.  
Zetts; thence West 68 rods to post; thence  
North to post on land now or formerly of  
Westberg, 18 perches; thence East 68 rods  
to a post; thence south 18 perches to a post  
and place of beginning.

Being identified in the Clearfield County  
Mapping and Assessment Office as Map  
No. 110-T7-000-00056.

Further, the Court of Common Pleas of  
Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, did by  
Order executed the 14th day of November  
2000, direct that notice of this action be  
served upon you by advertisement in the  
Clearfield County Legal Journal, and that if  
you do not appear or otherwise defend such  
action within thirty (30) days from the date  
of advertisement, you shall be, by  
appropriate order, forever barred from  
asserting any right, lien title or interest or  
claim of the Plaintiff as set forth in his  
Complaint.

R. Denning Gearhart, Esquire, 215  
East Locust Street, Clearfield, PA 16830  
(814) 765-1581.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY,  
PENNSYLVANIA  
CIVIL DIVISION

LAWRENCE A. WOOTTON and  
VICTORIA O. WOOTON, husband and  
wife, Plaintiffs vs. WILLIAM McCracken,  
his heirs, successors and/or assigns,  
HIRAM McCracken, his heirs,  
successors and/or assigns, JULIA ANN  
SHAW, her heirs, successors and/or  
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McCracken, his heirs, successors  
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successors and/or assigns, DENT  
McCracken, his heirs, successors  
and/or assigns, MARIA McCracken,  
a/k/a MARY JANE McCracken, her  
heirs, successors and/or assigns, and/or  
any person or entity claiming title in and to  
the herein described premises under them,  
Defendants.

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
(CIVIL DIVISION)

LAWRENCE A. WOOTTON and  
VICTORIA O. WOOTTON,  
husband and wife,

Plaintiffs

VS.

NO. 00-1422-CD

WILLIAM McCracken, his heirs,  
successors and/or assigns,  
HIRAM McCracken, his heirs, successors  
and/or assigns, JULIA ANN SHAW,  
her heirs, successors and/or assigns,  
ROBERT McCracken, his heirs,  
successors and/or assigns,  
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heirs, successors and/or assigns,  
AMANDA SHAFFER, her heirs, successors  
and/or assigns, SETH C. McCracken  
his heirs successors and/or assigns,  
DENT McCracken, his heirs, successors  
and/or assigns,  
MARIA McCracken a/k/a MARY JANE  
McCracken, her heirs, successors  
and/or assigns, and/or any person or  
entity claiming title in and to the herein  
described premises under them,

Defendants

ACTION TO QUIET TITLE

**FILED**

JAN 10 2001

William A. Shaw  
Prothonotary

**ORDER**

AND NOW, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2001, it appearing that

service of the Complaint in the above captioned case, with notice to plead, was served in  
The Progress, Clearfield, Pennsylvania and the Clearfield County Legal Journal, Clearfield,  
Pennsylvania, and an Affidavit having been filed with the Prothonotary as to attempts  
made to obtain information and the whereabouts of the Defendants, and it further  
appearing that no answer has been filed nor appearance entered by any of the said  
Defendants or their duly authorized representatives and more than twenty (20) days  
having elapsed since the advertisement thereof, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. That the above named Defendants, their heirs, successors and assigns, are forever barred from asserting any right, title, lien or interest inconsistent with the interest or claim of the Plaintiffs as set forth in their Complaint in and for all that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Clearfield, Lawrence Township and more particularly described as follows:

**ALL** those two certain parcels of land situate in the Township of Lawrence, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows:

**THE FIRST THEREOF:** Bounded on the north by Township Road leading from the residence of Guy Bloom to Dimeling; on the south by the residue now or formerly of the McCracken premises; on the East by land now or formerly of Benjamin Vokes; on the West by lands now or formerly of Guy Bloom and now or formerly of the Elizabeth Johnston Estate. Being a parcel of ground six hundred (600) feet in width between the Township Road and the residue of the McCracken Land and two thousand (2000) feet in length, more or less, from the lands now or formerly of Bloom and Johnston to Vokes.

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Said Order to be final and absolute unless the aforesaid Defendants, their heirs, successors and assigns, shall file exceptions to this Order within thirty (30) days of the date hereof.

2. That if said above named Defendants, their heirs, successors and assigns, shall not have filed said exceptions within thirty (30) days, the Prothonotary, upon Praecipe of Plaintiffs, shall enter final judgment for Plaintiff and against said named Defendant, his heirs, successors and assigns.

3. That the rights of Plaintiffs in said premises are at all times superior to the rights of said named Defendants, their heirs, successors and assigns and that the Plaintiffs have title in fee simple to said premises described in the Complaint as against said Defendants, their heirs, successors and assigns.

4. That the Defendants, their heirs, successors and assigns or any person claiming under them shall be forever enjoined from setting up any title to the premises of Plaintiffs described in the Complaint and from impeaching, denying or in any way attacking the title of Plaintiffs to said premises.

5. That these proceedings, or any authenticated copy thereof, shall at all times hereafter be taken as evidence of the facts declared and established thereby.

6. That a certified copy of this Order shall be recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Clearfield County, Pennsylvania.

BY THE COURT,



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JUDGE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF  
CLEARFIELD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
(CIVIL DIVISION)  
NO. 00-1422-CD

LAWRENCE A. WOOLTON, et ux,  
Plaintiffs  
VS.

WILLIAM McCRACKENT, et al,  
Defendants

ORDER

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01/10/2001  
William A. Shaw  
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ATTORNEY AT LAW  
CLEARFIELD, PA. 16830

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her heirs, successors and/or assigns,  
ROBERT McCRACKEN, his heirs,  
successors and/or assigns,  
LEWIS McCRACKEN, his heirs, successors  
and/or assigns, DAVID McCRACKEN, his  
heirs, successors and/or assigns,  
HEZEKIA McCRACKEN, his heirs,  
successors and/or assigns,  
JOSEPHINE SHARP, her heirs, successors  
and/or assigns; ASHLEY McCRACKEN, her  
heirs, successors and/or assigns,  
AMANDA SHAFFER, her heirs, successors  
and/or assigns, SETH C. McCRACKEN  
his heirs successors and/or assigns,  
DENT McCRACKEN, his heirs, successors  
and/or assigns,  
MARIA McCRACKEN a/k/a MARY JANE  
McCRACKEN, her heirs, successors  
and/or assigns, and/or any person or  
entity claiming title in and to the herein  
described premises under them,  
Defendants

ACTION TO QUIET TITLE

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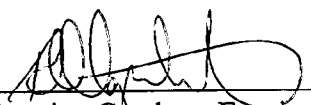
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**PRAECIPE TO ENTER FINAL JUDGMENT**

TO THE PROTHONOTARY:

Please enter a final judgment against the above named Defendants, their heirs,  
successors and assigns and on behalf of the above named Plaintiffs for such relief as requested in  
an Order dated the 9th day of January, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

  
R. Denning Gearhart, Esquire

Dated: February 14, 2001

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
(CIVIL DIVISION)

LAWRENCE A. WOOTTON and  
VICTORIA O. WOOTTON,  
husband and wife,

Plaintiffs

VS.

NO. oo-14aa-CD

WILLIAM McCracken, his heirs,  
successors and/or assigns,  
HIRAM McCracken, his heirs, successors  
and/or assigns, JULIA ANN SHAW,  
her heirs, successors and/or assigns,  
ROBERT McCracken, his heirs,  
successors and/or assigns,  
LEWIS McCracken, his heirs, successors  
and/or assigns, DAVID McCracken, his  
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successors and/or assigns,  
JOSEPHINE SHARP, her heirs, successors  
and/or assigns; ASHLEY McCracken, her  
heirs, successors and/or assigns,  
AMANDA SHAFFER, her heirs, successors  
and/or assigns, SETH C. McCracken  
his heirs successors and/or assigns,  
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ACTION TO QUIET TITLE

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TYPE OF CASE: Quiet Title Action

TYPE OF PLEADING: COMPLAINT

FILED ON BEHALF OF: Plaintiffs

COUNSEL OF RECORD FOR THIS PARTY:

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