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### Bells Abbeville Property Records

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Dr. Fleming Bell } Seed

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William Black

J. J. Cunningham

William Power

Saml. Williams

Jos. Cunningham

Trustee

Convey-

-ance.

Abbeville, S. C. Office of Reg.  
of Meas. & Conveyance

This Deed & annexed plat  
are recorded in Deeds Book No. 20,  
pages 205 & 206, on the 15th of Dec-  
- 1863, Exam. 16.

By Matthewly J. Jones  
Regt.

Fee \$4.00 paid by R. C. Holness

William Black  
 J. J. Cunningham  
 William Brown  
 Genl. Williams  
 Geo. Cunningham  
 Thos. ...

R

Coursey -  
 - ...

Abbeville, S. C. Office of Reg.  
 of Meas. & Conveyance  
 This Decree annexed hereto  
 was recorded in Decree Book No. 20,  
 pages 205 & 206, on the 15th of Decr  
 1863, Exam. 16.  
 By Matthew J. Jones  
 Reg.

The ... by A. C. ...

# The State of South-Carolina.

That all men by their presents, that I Joseph Fleming Bell, for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar & one in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged; and also in consideration of the fact that upon the premises herein after to be conveyed a Chapel shall be erected for the use of all Evangelical Reformation, to be known as Bell's Chapel, have had given, sold and conveyed, and by their presents do bargain, sell and convey unto Lottman Black, Joel J. Cunningham, Stillman Ross, Benjamin H. Williams and John Cunningham, Trustees of Little Mountain Church, and to their successors in office a certain tract or parcel of land, containing about Two & a fourth acres more or less situated in the District of Abbeville and Little of said District, bounded on the west side by the Abbeville Road and on all other sides by my own lands; a plat of which said tract or parcel of land is hereto annexed and made a part of this conveyance to which reference is made for a more specific description of said premises.

Together with all and singular the right, meadows and appurtenances to the said premises belonging or in any wise incident or appertaining. To Have and to Hold, all and singular the said premises to the said Trustees as aforesaid and to their successors in office forever.

And I for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators do covenant, promise and agree to and with the Trustees of Little Mountain Church above named, that I have good right, full power and just and absolute authority to bargain, sell and convey the said premises, to the Trustees of Little Mountain Church above named on the premises, and I do hereby bind myself, my heirs, executors and administrators to warrant and defend the title to the said premises to the said Trustees of Little Mountain Church and their successors in office forever.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the eight day of October in the year of our Lord

One thousand eight hundred and sixty three.

Signs sealed and delivered  
in presence of  
Wm L Campbell  
Wm F. Parson

Joseph F. Bell

South Carolina }  
Abbeville District } Testonally appeared before me Wm  
The within named Joseph Fleming Bell sign seal and  
at his Act and Deed, deliver the within written Deed and  
that Wm F. Parson together with himself and in pres-  
ence of each other witnessed the execution thereof  
Sworn before me this eight day of }  
October eighteen hundred & sixty three } Wm L Campbell  
Robert Huetz, Not. Pub.



John H Bell  
 &  
 W V Chickasaw  
 et al, Trustees

South Carolina  
 Abbeville County

Know all Men by these presents, that I John H Bell in consideration of Five Dollars to me in hand paid at and before the sealing & delivery of these presents, by W V Chickasaw, J C Bobble, J M Campbell, J P Grant, Joseph Bowen, J H Cochran and J H Bell in said State as Trustees, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted bargained sold and released unto the said W V Chickasaw, J C Bobble, J M Campbell, J P Grant, Joseph Bowen, J H Cochran and J H Bell, trustees for the Methodist Episcopal Church South at Bells Church, situate in the County and State aforesaid, their successors in Office or assigns forever, All that Lot or parcel of Land, containing 57/100 acres more or less and bounded by lands of Bell Chapel and Hill place. Provided, that if at any time in the future the said property herein conveyed should cease to be used for the purpose herein indicated, then it shall revert to the said J H Bell or his heirs.

Together with all and singular the right members Hereditaments and appurtenances to said Premises belonging or in anywise appertaining; To have and to hold all and singular the said premises unto the said Trustees herein named their successors and assigns forever. In Trust that said Premises shall be held, kept and maintained and disposed of as a place of worship for the use of the Ministry and Membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church South: but not to the discipline, usage and ministerial appointment of said Church as from time to time authorized and ordered by the General Conference within a law, venue the said law...

A TRUE COPY  
 J. H. Bell

situate. Provided that the Trustees of said  
 Home shall at all times permit such ministers  
 and preachers belonging to the Methodist Church  
 South as shall from time to time be duly au-  
 thorized by the General Conference of said Church  
 or the annual Conference, to preach, expound the  
 holy word and to execute the discipline of the Church  
 and to administer the Sacrament therein according  
 to the true meaning and purport of the said  
 settlement of said Church.

And I as hereby bind my self my heirs, Executors  
 and Adversors, to warrant and forever defend all  
 and singular the said premises unto the said Trustees  
 hereinafter named their successors in Office  
 and assigns, against myself and my heirs and  
 all other persons lawfully claiming or to claim  
 the same or any part thereof.

Witness My Hand & Seal 29<sup>th</sup> August 1857  
 and in the one Hundred and Eleventh year  
 of American Independence.

Erasmus Smith & Child

in presence of

Wm A Lyon

J H Bell

St. Carolina  
 Abbeville County

Personally appeared  
 before me W A Lyon and made oath that  
 the two within named J H Bell sign  
 said and delivers the within con-  
 veyance for the uses & purposes men-  
 tioned therein; and that he with J H Bell  
 Lyon witnessed the execution thereof.

Sworn before me  
 the 29<sup>th</sup> day of August  
 1857

L. L. Johnson  
 Deput. Clerk c. c. b.

W A Lyon



The State of South Carolina  
COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE

William H. Hill,

TO

T. D. Simpson, Everett Giles and  
Sam A. Ferguson, Trustees of  
Bells "Chappel" Methodist Church

Title to Real Estate

Filed this 21 day  
of Feb A. D. 1909  
and recorded in Vol. 76 Page 170  
Fee, \$

*Paul S. Nickles*  
Register of Mesne Conveyance for  
Abbeville County, S. C.  
3:30 P.M.

ENTERED ON RECORD

in my office this 24<sup>th</sup> day  
of February, 1909  
in Book of Sales Page 36-37  
Fee, \$ None

*Henry R. Dunning*  
County Auditor for  
Abbeville County, S. C.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS That: I, William H. Hill

of \_\_\_\_\_ of the County of Abbeville in the State aforesaid for and in consideration of the sum of One Hundred and NO/100 (\$100.00) Dollars to me in hand paid at and before the sealing of these presents by T. D. Simpson, Everett Giles and Sam A. Ferguson, Trustees of Bells "Chappel" Methodist Church in Abbeville County, in the State aforesaid, (the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged.)

Have Granted, Bargained, Sold and Released, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and release unto the said T. D. SIMPSON, EVERETT GILES AND SAM A. FERGUSON, TRUSTEES OF BELLS "CHAPPEL" METHODIST CHURCH:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, situate, lying and being in Lowndesville Township, Abbeville County, in the State aforesaid, containing One (1) Acre, more or less, and bounded on the North by lands of Bells "Chappel" Methodist Church; bounded on the East by other lands of myself, William H. Hill; bounded on the South by other lands of myself, William H. Hill, and bounded on the West by South Carolina State Highway No. 72, and being a part of the lands conveyed to William H. Hill and Frank Hill by J. H. Hill by Deed dated the 29th day of June, 1948, and Deed thereto recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court for Abbeville County in Deed Book 79, at Page 514, and thereafter Frank Hill conveyed his undivided interest in the said lands to William H. Hill by Deed dated the 12th day of April, 1957, and Deed thereto recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court for Abbeville County in Deed Book 93, at Page 560. For a more particular description with reference to meets, bounds, courses and distances reference is asked to plat made by Frank D. Thompson, Surveyor, dated February 12th, 1959, and said plat is filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for Abbeville County in Plat Book 10, Page 285.

I, Wilma H. Giles, do hereby release from the lien of my mortgages, which said mortgage was executed to Wilma H. Giles by William H. Hill in the principal sum of Fifteen Hundred and NO/100 (\$1,500.00), dated the 24th day of August, 1957 and recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court for Abbeville County in Mortgage Book 5-H, Page 208, and also Mortgage executed to Wilma H. Giles by William H. Hill in the Principal sum of One Thousand and NO/100 (\$1,000.00) Dollars, which said mortgage is dated the 2nd day of November, 1957, and recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court for Abbeville

County In Mortgage Book 5-11, Page 251, and the above described tract of land is released from the lien of my two mortgages and will look to the balance of the collateral for the payment of my mortgage indebtedness in full.

In the Presence of:

[Signature]  
J. A. Mbra William H. Hill

of which I am the sole owner and upon which there is no subsisting lien of any kind whatsoever.

TOGETHER with all and singular the rights, members, hereditaments, and appurtenances to the said premises belonging or in any wise incident or appertaining.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, all and singular the said premises before mentioned unto the said T. D. Simpson, Everett Giles and Sam A. Ferguson, Trustees of Bells "Chappel" Methodist Church, their successors ~~and~~ and assigns forever.

And I do hereby bind myself and my

Heirs, Executors and Administrators to warrant and forever defend all and singular the said premises unto the said T. D. Simpson, Everett Giles and Sam A. Ferguson, Trustees of Bells "Chappel" Methodist Church, their successors

~~and~~ and Assigns against me and my Heirs, Executors and Administrators, and any and every person lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal, this 21st day of February A. D. 19<sup>59</sup> and in the One Hundred and Eighty-Third year of the

Sovereignty and Independence of the United States of America.

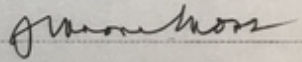
Signed, Sealed, and Delivered William H. Hill (L. S.)  
in the presence of \_\_\_\_\_ (L. S.)

[Signature] (L. S.)  
J. A. Mbra (L. S.)

The State of South Carolina,  
COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE.

PERSONALLY appeared before me J. Moore Mars and made oath  
that he saw the within named William H. Hill  
Sign, Seal, and as his set and deed, deliver the within written deed; and that he, with  
J. D. Mars witnessed the execution thereof.

Sworn to before me this 21st day  
day of February A. D. 1959  
J. Mars (L. S.)  
Notary Public for South Carolina.



The State of South Carolina,  
COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE.

RENUNCIATION OF DOWER.

I, "NO DOWER NECESSARY-WILLIAM H. HILL-NOT MARRIED." do hereby certify unto  
all whom it may concern that Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ the wife of the  
within named \_\_\_\_\_ did this day appear before  
me, and upon being privately and separately examined by me, did declare that she does freely, voluntarily and without any  
compulsion, dread or fear of any person or persons whomsoever, renounce, release and forever relinquish unto the within  
named \_\_\_\_\_ heirs, and  
Assigns, all her interest and estate, and also her right and claim of Dower of, in or to all and singular the Premises within  
mentioned and released.

Given under my hand and seal, this \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_ A. D. 19\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(L. S.)  
Notary Public for South Carolina.

State of South Carolina

*S. L. Haller - J. S.*  
*Justice & Secy*

TO

*Bees M. E. Church*

**TITLE TO REAL ESTATE**

Filed this *31* day  
of *July* A. D. *1920*  
and recorded in Book *42*  
Page *184* Fee *1.00*

*J. B. ...*  
R. M. C. or Clerk Court C. P. & G. S.,  
*...* County, S. C.

Recorded this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_  
in Book \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_  
Fee, \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Auditor \_\_\_\_\_ County, S. C.

THE STATE CO. - 1920

The State of South Carolina,  
COUNTY OF Abbeville

Whereas, at a meeting of the Congregation (members) of Little Mountain Presbyterian Church held on the 20th day of April, 1919, a resolution was adopted authorizing and directing the Trustees and Deacons of Little Mountain Presbyterian Church to convey by way of deed in fee simple to the Trustees of Bees Methodist Episcopal Church South, the residue of the described real estate hereinafter

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT

W. S. L. Kabbau, H. B. Sully, G. W. Calvert,  
C. H. Poyner and John T. Gray, Trustees and  
Deacons of Little Mountain Presbyterian Church  
in the State aforesaid, in consideration of the sum of  
Five Dollars and other good consideration Dollars,

to no in hand paid at and before the sealing of these presents by Trustees of  
Bees Methodist Episcopal Church South

in the State aforesaid, the receipt whereof is hereby  
acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold and released, and by these Presents, do grant, bargain, sell and  
release unto the said Trustees of Bees Methodist

Episcopal Church South and their  
Successors, all that tract or parcel  
of land situate, lying and being in  
the unincorporated town of Abbeville  
County, South Carolina, containing  
one acre, more or less and bounded  
by the Abbeville Public Road on the South,  
Henry Rice on North and West, and  
by Bees Methodist Episcopal Church  
on the East, as more appears by a  
plat made by Robert Chesney, D.S.  
made the 8th day Oct-1863



Plat of \_\_\_\_\_ acres

TO

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE

Filed for record June 9  
A. D. 1934 at 11:00 o'clock A. M.

and duly recorded in Book 8  
of Plats Page 79  
Saule S. Milder  
Clerk of Court

A. E. THOMPSON,  
Surveyor.

Surveying \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Plat - - \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

State of South Carolina  
Registration Commission  
in the office of  
the Clerk of Court  
at Columbia, S.C.



The State of South Carolina, }  
Abbeville COUNTY }

PERSONALLY appeared before me J. Howard Moore  
and made oath that he saw the within named L. Hadden  
H. P. Sully, G. W. Calvert, J. F. Gray, C. H. Rimmel  
sign, seal, and as Witness Act and Deed, deliver the within written  
Deed; and that he with W. C. Simpson  
witnessed the execution thereof.

SWORN to before me, this 22  
day of July A. D. 1917 } J. Howard Moore  
(SEAL) [Signature]

RENUNCIATION OF DOWER

The State of South Carolina, }  
COUNTY }

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
do hereby certify unto all whom it may concern, that Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_  
the wife of the within named \_\_\_\_\_  
did this day appear before me, and upon being privately and separately examined by me, did declare that she  
does freely, voluntarily, and without any compulsion, dread or fear of any person or persons whomsoever,  
renounce, release and forever relinquish unto the within named \_\_\_\_\_

Heirs and Assigns, all her interest and estate, and also all her right and claim of dower, of, in, or to all and  
singular the premises within mentioned and released.

Given under my Hand and Seal, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
Anno Domini 19\_\_\_\_\_  
(SEAL)



The State of South Carolina  
COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE

WILMA H. GILES

TO

BELL'S CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH

Title to Real Estate

Filed this 29 day  
of November A. D., 1966  
and recorded in Vol. 105 Page 425

Fee, \$

*Paul S. Nicks*  
Register of Meme Conveyance for  
Abbeville County, S. C.  
4:00 PM

ENTERED ON RECORD

in my office this 30 day  
of November 1966  
in Book of Sales Page 246  
Fee, \$2.50

*Paul M. McNamee* County Auditor for  
Abbeville County, S. C.

TITLE TO REAL ESTATE

The Press and Banner, Abbeville, S. C.

The State of South Carolina,  
COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That I, Wilma H. Giles

of the County of Abbeville, in the State aforesaid for and  
in consideration of the sum of FIVE AND NO/100 (\$5.00) Dollars  
to me in hand paid at and before the sealing of these presents by Bell's A. Methodist  
Church of Abbeville County, in the State aforesaid, (the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged.)

Have Granted, Bargained, Sold and Released, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and release  
unto the said BELL'S CHAPEL METHODIST CHURCH

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying  
and being in Diamond Hill Township, Abbeville County, State of  
South Carolina, containing One (1) Acre, more or less, and

Being bounded on the North by lands of Richard R. Hill; bounded  
on the East by lands of Richard R. Hill; bounded on the South  
by lands of Bell's Chapel Methodist Church and bounded on the  
West by lands of Richard R. Hill, and

Being a part of the same lands conveyed to Richard R. Hill by  
Addie H. Cann, et al by deed dated the 1st day of July  
1966 and Deed thereto recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court  
for Abbeville County in Deed Book 106 at Page 31 and being the  
same lands conveyed to me, Wilma H. Giles by Richard R. Hill by  
deed dated the 1st day of July, 1966 and Deed thereto re-  
corded in the office of the Clerk of Court for Abbeville County  
in Deed Book 105 at Page 424.

The State of South Carolina,  
COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE

PERSONALLY appeared before me Essie Lee Nance and made oath  
that she saw the within named Wilma H. Giles  
Sign, Seal and as her act and deed, deliver the within written deed; and that she, with  
J.D. Mars witnessed the execution thereof.

Sworn to before me this 25th day  
of August A. D. 1966  
J.D. Mars (L. S.)  
Notary Public for South Carolina.

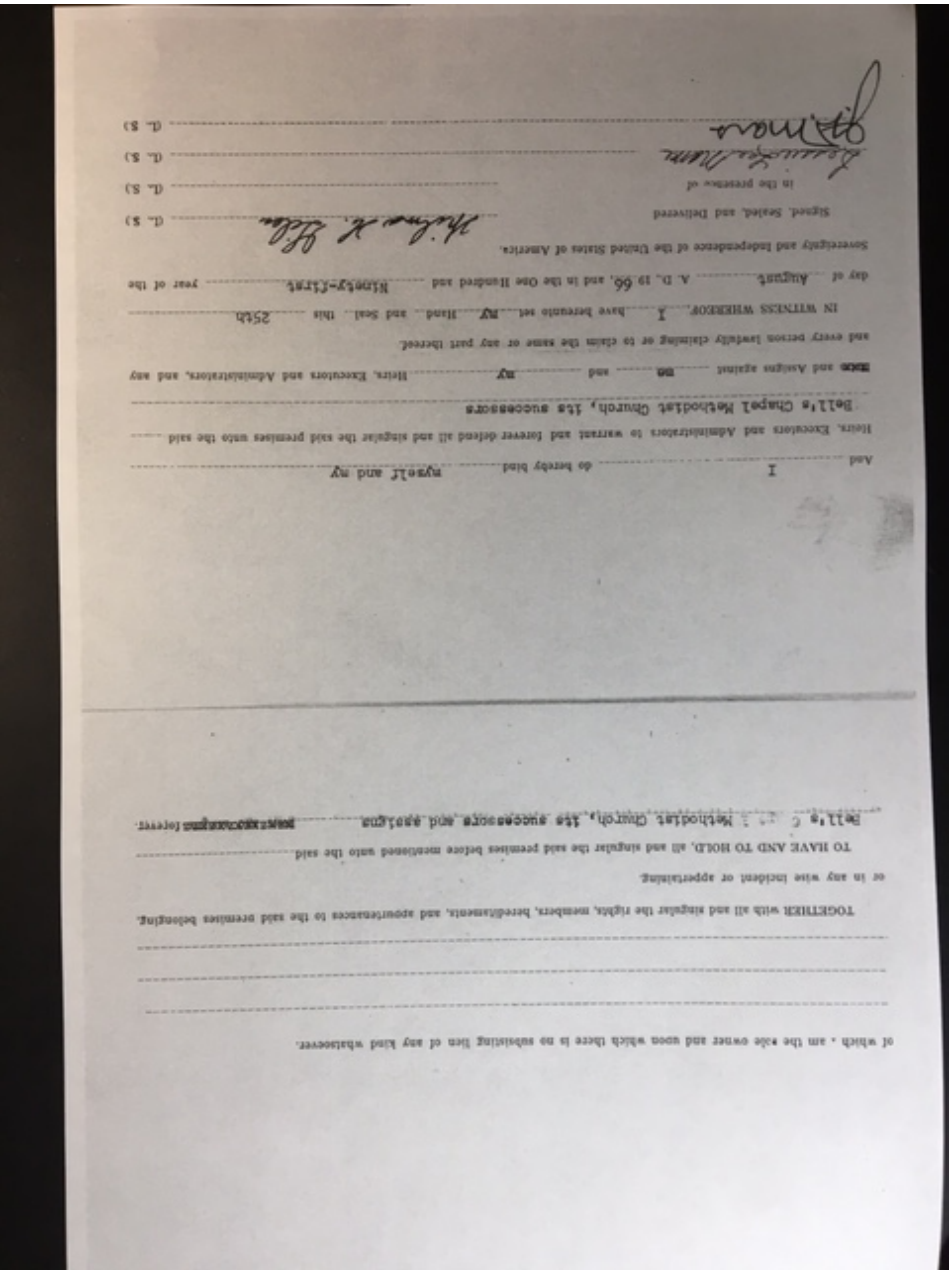
*Essie Lee Nance*

The State of South Carolina,  
COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE

No RENUNCIATION OF DOWER.  
Necessary - Grantor Woman.

I ..... do hereby certify unto  
all whom it may concern that Mrs. .... the wife of the  
within named ..... did this day appear before  
me, and upon being privately and separately examined by me, did declare that she does freely, voluntarily and without any  
compulsion, dread or fear of any person or persons whatsoever, renounce, release and forever relinquish unto the within  
named ..... Heirs, and  
Assigns, all her interest and estate, and also her right and claim of Dower of, in or to all and singular the Premises within  
mentioned and released.

Given under my hand and seal, this .....  
day of ..... A. D. 19.....  
..... (L. S.)  
Notary Public for South Carolina.



**Hite & Pruitt**  
 ATTORNEYS AT LAW  
 100 East Pickens Street • P. O. Box 805  
 Abbeville, South Carolina 29620

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE

Michael R. McKee and  
 Melissa M. Carey

TO

The Trustees of Bells  
 United Methodist Church

**TITLE TO REAL ESTATE**

I hereby certify that the within Deed has been this  
 23rd day of May, 19 2000  
 at 3:55M. recorded in Book 217 of  
 Deeds, page 628

Nancy S. King Abbeville  
 Clerk of Court County

I hereby certify that the within Deed has been this  
 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_  
 recorded in Book \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_

Auditor \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

EXAMINATION OF TITLE  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE

**Hite & Prr**  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW  
100 East Pickens Street • P. O. Box 805  
Abbeville, South Carolina 29620

TITLE TO REAL ESTATE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that WE, MICHAEL R. MCKEE AND MELISSA M. CAREY,

in consideration of FIVE AND NO/100 (\$5.00) DOLLARS LOVE AND AFFECTION

the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, and released, and by these presents do(es) grant, bargain, sell and release unto THE TRUSTEES OF BELLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, its successors and assigns forever, all our right, title and interest, in and to the following described proerty, to-wit:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land situate, lying and being in the County of Abbeville, State of South Carolina, containing approximately 1.62 acres, more or less, and being more particularly shown on a plat prepared by William H. Campbell, Jr., PLS #9755, dated March 10, 2000 and recorded in the OCC for Abbeville County in Plat Book 50, at Page 143, to which specific reference is made for exact metes, bounds, courses and distances. According to said plat said lot being bounded now or formerly as follows: North by Mary Hill; on the East by Lawrence Campbell as shown on said plat; on the South by Flat Rock Road; and on the West by Mary Hill.

This being a portion of the property conveyed to the Grantors herein by deed of Miriam H. McKee recorded in the OCC for Abbeville County in Deed Book 193, at Page 289.

Grantee's Address: 2540 Flat Rock Road  
Abbeville, SC 29620

together with all and singular the rights, members, hereditaments and appurtenances to said premises belonging or in any wise incident or appertaining; to have and to hold all and singular the premises before mentioned unto the grantee(s), and the grantee(s)' heirs or successors and assigns, forever. And, the grantor(s) do(es) hereby bind the grantor(s) and the grantor(s)' heirs or successors, executors and administrators to warrant and forever defend all and singular said premises unto the grantee(s) and the grantee(s)' heirs or successors and against every person whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof.

WITNESS the grantor(s)' hand(s) and seal(s) this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 2000  
SIGNED, sealed and delivered in the presence of:  
Michael R. McKee (SEAL)  
Melissa M. Carey (SEAL)  
Melissa M. Carey (SEAL)  
Melissa M. Carey (SEAL)

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE

PROBATE

Personally appeared the undersigned witness and made oath that (s)he saw the within named grantor(s) sign, seal and as the grantor(s)' act and deed deliver the within written deed and that (s)he, with the other witness subscribed above witnessed the execution thereof.

SWORN to before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 2000  
Edwin T. Hance Jr. (SEAL)  
Notary Public for South Carolina.  
My Commission Expires 10/01/03