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CIRCUIT COURT OF  
SHELBY COUNTY, ALABAMA  
MARY HARRIS, CLERK

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY,**

**FREEDOM INVESTORS, LLC,**

Plaintiff,

v.

**REPUBLIC FINANCE, LLC, et al.,**

Defendants.



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Shelby Cnty Judge of Probate, AL  
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**CASE NO. CV-2024-901343**

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT**

Plaintiff Freedom Investors, LLC having moved the Court pursuant to Rule 56, Ala. R. Civ. P., for a summary judgment in its favor on the complaint, and it appearing to the Court that there is no genuine issue as to any material fact and that the Plaintiff is entitled to a judgment as a matter of law, it is

**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that summary judgment is granted hereby in favor of Plaintiff against Defendants as follows:

1. Defendants Republic Finance and Legacy Federal Credit Union were properly served by certified mail but have not filed an answer or otherwise appeared in this case. Defendants, heirs and devisees of Carl Michael Williams, deceased, and Marie Taylor, deceased, along with any and all unknown parties who may claim an interest in the property that is the subject of this action, were properly served by publication with the summons and complaint but have not personally filed answers or made any other appearance in this case. Publication of the pendency of this action was made in the Shelby County Reporter, a newspaper of general circulation in Shelby County, Alabama, on July 20 and 27 and August 3 and 10, 2025, calling upon all persons claiming title to, interest in, or lien or encumbrance upon the lands described in the complaint



and notice, or any portion thereof, to plead, answer or otherwise defend. The guardian ad litem has filed an answer on behalf of any unknown persons who may claim any title to, interest in, or lien or encumbrance upon the property, denying the allegations in the complaint.

2. The Court finding that the Complaint filed in this action complies in all respects with the requirements of Ala. Code §§ 6-6-560 and -561, and the evidence satisfies the special requirements of Ala. Code § 40-10-82, providing for a three year statute of limitations for tax titles, it is the opinion of the Court that the Plaintiff is entitled to the *in rem* relief prayed for in the Complaint.

3. The right, title, interest and ownership of the Plaintiff in and to the property is hereby established and forever quieted *in rem* and against the Defendants and the property, which is more particularly described as:

Begin at the SE corner of Lot 8, Block A, Nickerson's Addition to the Town of Alabaster, Alabama, as shown by the plat of the same in the Probate Office of Shelby County, Alabama, and run north 90 feet; thence west 60 feet; thence south 90 feet; thence east 60 feet to the point of beginning. Being the same property heretofore conveyed by James Alexander and wife to Arthur Alexander on January 27, 1964, as shown by deed recorded in Deed Book 229, Page 152, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama.

The Property is designated in the records of the Shelby County Property Tax Commissioner as parcel #23-1-01-3-002-038.000.

4. The clerk of this Court shall certify copies of this judgment for recording the same in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama, and the same shall be indexed in the same books and in the same manner in which deeds are recorded, and said judgment shall be indexed in the name of the Defendants, Carl Michael Williams and Marie Taylor, against whom this relief is granted, in the direct index and in the name of the Plaintiff in possession of the property, Freedom Investors, LLC, in the reverse index.

5. The guardian ad litem, Vicki N. Smith, is awarded the sum of \$1,000.00 as a fee for

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her services rendered in this action, to be paid by the Plaintiff.

6. Costs of this action are taxed to the Plaintiff.


7. This is a final judgment in this action. All other requests for relief against any party not already disposed of are hereby denied.

This the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025.

  
Patrick E. Kennedy  
Circuit Judge

Certified a true and correct copy

Date: 9/10/25

  
Mary H. Harris, Circuit Clerk  
Shelby County, Alabama