

GRAY, LANGFORD, SAPP, MCGOWAN, GRAY, GRAY & NATHANSON, P.C.

ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS

P.O. BOX 830239
108 FRED GRAY STREET
TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA 36083-0239
(334) 727-4830
Fax (334) 727-5877

FRED D. GRAY*
WALTER E. MCGOWAN
FRED D. GRAY, JR.**
STANLEY F. GRAY**
ALLAN NATHANSON***
BRIDGETT VASSER GRAY

ALSO LICENSED:
*OHIO
**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
***ARIZONA

THE BAILEY BUILDING, STE. 205
400 SOUTH UNION STREET
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36104
(334) 269-2563
FAX (334) 269-2959

CHARLES D. LANGFORD
(1922 - 2007)

OF COUNSEL:
ERNESTINE S. SAPP

PRESS RELEASE

January 26, 2023

CONTACT INFORMATION

Thalia R. Hardnett
P. O. Box 830239
Tuskegee, Alabama 36083
(334) 727-4830 Telephone
(334) 727- 5877 Facsimile
thardnett@glsmgn.com
Fred D. Gray, Jr., Esq.
(334) 339-0455
fgrayjr@glsmgn.com

The Circuit Court of Macon County, Alabama has issued an Order in the case of *Macon County Commission v. Tuskegee Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and Alabama Division of United Daughters of the Confederacy*, CV-2021-900092 in favor of the Macon County Commission, ordering the Tuskegee Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy to retrieve and remove the Confederate monument from the property within 60 days.

Macon County Commission, Chairman Louis Maxwell, has scheduled a press conference for Friday, January 27, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. on the steps of the Macon County Courthouse, 101 Rosa Parks Plaza, Tuskegee, Alabama. The Court Order is attached.



ELECTRONICALLY FILED
1/26/2023 2:45 PM
46-CV-2021-900092.00
CIRCUIT COURT OF
MACON COUNTY, ALABAMA
DAVID LOVE, JR., CLERK

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MACON COUNTY, ALABAMA

MACON COUNTY COMMISSION,)
LEE ANTHONY T.,)
BENTLEY HAL E.,)
CARLISLE JACQUELYN E. ET AL,)
Plaintiffs,)

V.)

Case No.: CV-2021-900092.00

TUSKEGEE CHAPTER UNITED)
DAUGHTERS OF CONFEDERACY,)
AL DIVISION OF UNITED DAUGHTERS)
OF THE CONFEDERACY,)
Defendants.)

ORDER

This matter came before the Court on Motions for Summary Judgment filed by the Plaintiff and the Defendant. This suit concerns a tract of property that was conveyed by deed from Macon County (or its predecessors) to the Tuskegee Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Said deed contained the following provision:

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD unto the Tuskegee Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy for the purpose of maintaining a park for white people and maintaining a monument to the memory of the Confederate soldiers of Macon County, Alabama and upon the failure of the property to be used in said manner, the same shall revert to Macon County, Alabama, immediately, in fee simple.

There is no evidence that the property has ever been used for a park for white people; therefore, the reversion clause causes the vesting of fee simple title to said tract to Macon County.

The Tuskegee Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy have 60 days to retrieve and remove the monument from this property.

DONE this 26th day of January, 2023.

/s/ STEVEN R PERRYMAN

CIRCUIT JUDGE
