

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO**

D. ANDREW WILSON,
OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL
Charitable Law Section
30 East Broad Street, 25th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ROSSVILLE-SPRINGCREEK
HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
Address unknown

Defendant.

CASE NO.: 26 CV 00349

Judge Jeannine Pratt

ORDER AND FINAL JUDGMENT ENTRY
GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR
DEFAULT JUDGMENT AND TRANSFER
OF REAL PROPERTY

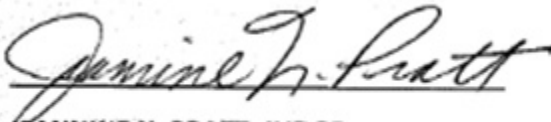
This matter came to the Court on the Attorney General's motion for default judgment against Defendant Rossville-Springcreek Historical Society. Service of process by publication was complete on August 26, 2026. More than 28 days have passed and Defendant has failed to appear, respond, or otherwise defend as required by Civ. R.12(A). Based on the foregoing, the allegations in the Complaint are admitted and, for good cause shown, this Court finds that the Ohio Attorney General is entitled to judgment in this action pursuant to Civ.R.55(A). The Court further finds, with regard to the real property parcels identified in Exhibits 1, 2, and 3 hereto, that the conditions for transfer of title under R.C. 1702.50(A)(11) are satisfied; and that Land of the Freed, an Ohio non-profit corporation Entity No. 5059893, is qualified to receive and hold said title in charitable trust for the people of Ohio.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. That the real property parcels identified as follows are hereby transferred by this judgment, which shall operate as the deed, the same as if executed in the name of Rossville-Springcreek Historical Society, Inc. as grantor, to Land of the Freed (Ohio Entity No. 5059893) as grantee:
 - a. The African (Jackson) Cemetery, whose most recent transfer, on June 28, 1982 by quitclaim deed, is recorded in Miami County Recorder's office in Book 562, beginning on page 222 and described therein. A copy of the legal description, pre-approved by the Miami County Engineer, is also attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and fully made part of and incorporated in this judgment;
 - b. Parcel J27-006010, whose most recent transfer, on September 27, 1985 by quitclaim deed, is recorded in Miami County Recorder's office in Book 581, beginning on page 168 and described therein. A copy of the legal description, pre-approved by the Miami County Engineer, is also attached hereto as Exhibit 2 and fully made part of and incorporated in this judgment; and
 - c. Parcel J27-006000, whose most recent transfer, on March 7, 1990 by quitclaim deed, is recorded in Miami County Recorder's office in Book 615, beginning on page 296 and described therein. A copy of the legal description, pre-approved by the Miami County Engineer, is also attached hereto as Exhibit 3 and fully made part of and incorporated in this judgment;
2. That the charitable trust consisting of the three parcels transferred by this order is modified so that the trustee is no longer Rossville-Springcreek Historical Society and from the time of transfer onward is Land of the Freed.

3. That Land of the Freed will accept the parcels identified in Paragraph 1 and Exhibits 1, 2, and 3 of this judgment, to own in fee simple as trustee of the charitable trust established by Rossville-Springcreek Historical Society and modified by this order.
4. That Land of the Freed shall take any and all steps necessary to present a certified copy of this judgment, including Exhibits 1, 2, and 3, to be recorded in the real estate transfer records of the Miami County Recorder.
5. That Land of the Freed shall assume the responsibility for regular maintenance of the parcel known as the African (Jackson) Cemetery, shall continue the work of researching the individuals buried therein and restoring the monuments therein, and shall pursue the purpose of making said Cemetery welcoming, accessible, and educational consistent with *The African Cemetery Master Plan*, a document developed by Land of the Freed for those purposes.
6. That a copy of this judgment be served by the Clerk via regular U.S. Mail upon Land of the Freed, c/o Paisha Thomas, Statutory Agent, 90 East Selby Boulevard, Worthington, Ohio 43085.
7. This is a final judgment and it is the Court's determination that there is no just reason for delay pursuant to Civ.R. 54(B).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter for all purposes.



JEANNINE N. PRATT, JUDGE

Submitted and Approved by:

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Land of the Freed

/s/ Paisha Thomas (approved by email, Oct. 7, 2026)

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