# IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PROBATE DIVISION PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO

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CASE NO. 2021-CV-00001-1, JUDGE COMMON PLEAS COURT JUDGE PATRICIA JASMITHON

<u>ANSWER</u>

and

COUNTERCLAIM

Plaintiff
-vs
LAURA A. LINDBERG

and

BRIAN S. LINDBERG

Defendants/Counterclaimants

-vs
LARRY J. CARVER

and

LARRY J. CARVER

Counterclaim Defendants

Counterclaim Defendants

# **ANSWER**

Now come Defendants, Laura A. Lindberg and Brian S. Lindberg, by and through counsel, attorney Ralph C. Megargel, and for their Answer to the Verified Amended Complaint state as follows:

# FIRST DEFENSE

The Complaint fails to state a claim against Defendants upon which relief can be granted.

#### SECOND DEFENSE

Defendants admit the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1, 2, 3, and 19 of the Plaintiff's Amended Complaint.

Megargel Eskridge & Mullins, LLP 231 South Chestnut Street Ravenna, Ohio 44266 Phone: (330) 297-7030 Fax: (330) 297-7202 Defendants admit that, in the event an action is properly commenced regarding the matters complained of in the Plaintiff's Amended Complaint, venue would be proper in Portage County, Ohio, but does not thereby waive any defense, affirmative or otherwise, listed in Civ. R. 8 and 12, or permitted at common law; Defendants deny any remaining allegations or legal conclusions contained in paragraph 5 of the Plaintiff's Amended Complaint.

Defendants admit that Exhibit A to the Plaintiff's Amended Complaint states what it states within its four corners, but deny the remaining allegations set forth in paragraph 9 of the Plaintiff's Amended Complaint.

Defendants admit that the Office of the Portage County Recorder maintains records of real property transfers at the instrument numbers set forth in paragraph 10 of the Plaintiff's Amended Complaint, but deny the remaining allegations set forth in paragraph 10 of the Plaintiff's Amended Complaint for lack of grammatical clarity to which a definite response can be made.

Defendants admit that the documents maintained by the Portage County
Recorder at the instrument numbers referenced contain legal descriptions of real
property located in Portage County, Ohio, and permanent parcel numbers assigned
to those parcels by the Portage County Auditor, but deny any remaining allegations
set forth in paragraph 11 of the Plaintiff's Amended Complaint.

Defendants admit that the Will admitted to probate in the matter *Estate of Doris E. Carver*, 2020ES00161, states the nominations, devises, bequests and other provisions set forth therein, but deny any remaining allegations contained in paragraph 12 of the Plaintiff's Amended Complaint.

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Defendants admit that Doris E. Carver conveyed real property to them with right of survivorship by deed recorded at Instrument Number 201716175 Portage County Records, and that, without waiving any objection under Evid.R. 1002, Exhibit C to Plaintiff's Amended Complaint appears to be a copy of said instrument, but deny any remaining allegations set forth in paragraph 14 of the Plaintiff's Amended Complaint.

Defendants admit that the deed recorded at Instrument Number 201716175

Portage County Records contains a legal description of the property conveyed by it, but deny any remaining allegations set forth in paragraph 15 of the Plaintiff's Amended Complaint.

Defendants admit that, without waiving any objection under Evid.R. 1002, Exhibit D to the Plaintiff's Amended Complaint is a copy of a promissory note executed by them as Makers in favor of Doris E. Carver in the principal amount of \$281,250.00, which they made in consideration of Doris E. Carver's transfer to them of real property described in Instrument Number 201716175 Portage County Records, Permanent Parcel Numbers 08-055-00-00-004-000, 08-054-00-00-001-000, 08-055-00-00-003-003, and 08-055-00-00-003-004, and that Defendant Laura Lindberg satisfied said note by paying to the *Estate of Doris E. Carver*, 2020-ES-00161, the sum of \$281,250.00, which such sum was on deposit in the Estate bank account at the time she turned said account over to Plaintiff as Successor Executor, but deny the remaining allegations set forth in paragraph 17 of the Plaintiff's Amended Complaint.

Defendants admit that, without waiving any objection thereto under Evid.R. 1002, Exhibit F to the Plaintiff's Amended Complaint is a copy of the Inventory

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Defendant Laura Lindberg submitted in the *Estate of Doris E. Carver*, 2020-ES-00161, but deny the remaining allegations set forth in paragraph 20 of the Plaintiff's Amended Complaint.

Defendants admit that Exhibit F to the Plaintiff's Amended Complaint sets forth the assets and values listed on it, but deny the remaining allegations set forth in paragraph 21 of the Plaintiff's Amended Complaint.

Defendants admit that the Affidavits for Transfer of Joint and Survivorship Property recorded at instrument numbers 201703171 and 201703172 Portage County Records, the Power of Attorney, a copy of which is attached to Plaintiff's Amended Complaint as Exhibit A, the Last Will and Testament of Doris E. Carver admitted to probate in this Court in the matter *Estate of Doris E. Carver*, 2020-ES-00161, the deed recorded at instrument number 201716175 Portage County Records, and the promissory note of August 31, 2017 were prepared by attorney Douglas M. Kehres, but deny the remaining allegations set forth in paragraph 22 of the Plaintiff's Amended Complaint.

Defendants admit that the journal maintained by this Court in the matter Estate of Doris E. Carver, 2020-ES-00161 accurately reflects the items entered upon it, but deny the remaining allegations set forth in paragraphs 23, 25, and 26, of the Plaintiff's Amended Complaint.

Defendants admit that Larry Carver applied to be appointed Successor Executor in the matter *Estate of Doris E. Carver*, 2020-ES-00161, but deny the remaining allegations set forth in paragraph 24 of the Plaintiff's Amended Complaint.

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Defendants deny the allegations set forth in paragraphs 6, 7, 8, and 13 of the Plaintiff's Amended Complaint for want of knowledge sufficient to form an opinion as to the truth or falsity thereof.

Defendants deny the allegations set forth in paragraphs 4, 16, 18, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35, 37, 38, 40, 41, 43, 44, 46, 47,49, 50, 52, 53, 55, 56, 58, 59, 61, 62, 64, 65, 67, 68, 70, 71, 73, 74, 76, 77, 79, 80, 82, 83, 85, 86, of the Plaintiff's Amended Complaint as being either factually untrue, or containing sufficient adjectives, adjectival phrases, or inuendo, that no reasonable response other than a denial can be made thereto, or both.

Defendants deny the allegations set forth in paragraphs 33, 36, 39, 42, 45, 48, 51, 54, 57, 60, 63, 66, 69, 72, 75, 78, 81, and 84, of the Plaintiff's Amended Complaint to the extent they set forth any allegations or incorporate allegations not otherwise separately addressed herein.

Defendants deny each and every allegation set out in the Plaintiff's Complaint not otherwise specifically answered herein.

#### THIRD DEFENSE

Plaintiff has failed to obtain service of process against Defendants or either of them pursuant to Civil Rule; Defendants herein each separately assert insufficiency of service of process.

#### FOURTH DEFENSE

Process, if served, is insufficient; Defendants herein each separately assert insufficiency of process.

### FIFTH DEFENSE

Plaintiff has failed to join a person or persons who is (are) subject to service of process, and in who's absence complete relief cannot be accorded among the parties.

Megargel Eskridge & Mullios, LLP 231 South Chestaut Street Ravenna, Chio 44266 Phone: (330) 297-7030 Fax: (330) 297-7202 SIXTH DEFENSE

(6.1) Doris Carver (Doris) and Jesse Carver were farmers in Portage County, Ohio and had two children: Larry Carver (Larry) and Laura Lindberg (Laura).

Together, Doris and Jesse worked the farm they purchased in 1964, located at 8465

State Route 224, Deerfield, Portage County, Ohio (The Farm), until Jesse Carver passed away in November of 2016 at the age of 83.

- (6.2.) In December of 2016, Doris contacted her attorney Douglas Kehres to prepare Affidavits of Survivorship to The Farm and develop an estate plan (The Plan). The Plan was to appraise The Farm; to transfer The Farm to Laura for half the appraised value in the form of a Promissory Note payable upon Doris's death; for Doris to leave the Promissory Note to Larry in her will; for Doris to retain a life estate in The Farm; and for Laura to sell her home and move to The Farm with Doris and help her continue to reside at The Farm (Doris was 81 years old).
- (6.3) At all points in the development of The Plan, Larry Carver was an active participant in the process; attended meetings at attorney Kehres' office together with Doris and Laura; and acquiesced in and agreed to each step in furtherance of The Plan.
- (6.4) Together Doris, Larry, and Laura agreed to use Jack Kohl (listed on this Court's list of suitable appraisers) to appraise the four parcels that comprised The Farm: permanent parcel numbers: 08-055-00-00-004-000; 08-054-00-00-001-000; 08-055-00-00-003-003; and 08-055-00-00-003-004. Jack Kohl appraised the four parcels together as a whole for a total of between \$550,000.00 and 575,000.00 (a copy of Jack Kohl's appraisal is attached hereto as Exhibit 1). Together Doris, Larry, and Laura agreed to split the difference in the range of values

Magargel Eskridge & Mullins, LLP 231 South Chestnut Street Rayenna, Ohio 44266 Phone: (330) 297-7030 Fax: (330) 297-7292 Jack Kohl provided and use \$562,500.00 as the value of the farm, and that Laura would execute a promissory note to Doris for half that amount—\$281,250.00.

- (6.5) Attorney Kehres prepared two Affidavits of Survivorship, putting The Farm in Doris's name alone (from Jesse); a Survivorship Deed, transferring The Farm to Laura and her husband Brian Lindberg, and retaining a life estate in herself; a Promissory Note with Laura and Brian as makers in favor of Doris for \$281,250.00, payable following her death or on demand; and Doris's Last Will Testament. Doris executed the Affidavits of Survivorship on December 13, 2016 (recorded February 1, 2017); executed the Will on August 3, 2017 (admitted to probate herein on May 6, 2020); and executed and delivered the Survivorship Deed on August 31, 2017 (recorded September 22, 2017). Laura and Brian executed and delivered the Promissory Note on August 31, 2017, and accepted the Survivorship Deed that same day (copies of the Affidavits of Survivorship are attached hereto as Exhibits 2 and 3; a copy of the Survivorship Deed is attached hereto as Exhibit 4; a copy of the Promissory Note is attached hereto as Exhibit 5).
- (6.6) The Survivorship Deed conveyed the four parcels Jack Kohl appraised and that were transferred by the Affidavits of Survivorship: permanent parcel numbers: 08-055-00-00-004-000; 08-054-00-00-001-000; 08-055-00-00-003-003; and 08-055-00-00-003-004.
- (6.7) Following Doris Carver's death, and per the terms of the Promissory Note, Laura paid the balance due of \$281,250.00 to Doris' Estate.

### SEVENTH DEFENSE

(7.1) Attorney Kehres prepared the two Affidavits for Transfer of Joint and Survivorship Property of the Farm, which Doris Carver executed on December 13,

Megargel Eskridge & Mullins, LLP 231 South Chestnut Street Ravenna, Ohio 44266 Phone: (330) 297-7030 Fax: (330) 297-7202 2016, and were recorded on February 1, 2017 at Instrument Numbers 701703171 and 701703172. Attorney Kehres prepared the Survivorship Deed, which Doris executed on August 31, 2017, and recorded it on September 22, 2017 at Instrument Number 201716175.

- (7.2) The legal descriptions set forth on the Affidavits for Transfer of Joint and Survivorship Property and the legal description set forth on the Survivorship Deed were the same, containing the four parcels 08-055-00-00-004-000; 08-054-00-001-000; 08-055-00-00-003-003; and 08-055-00-00-003-004.
- (7.3) Thereafter, and upon running the Survivorship Deed through Portage County Tax Map for approval for recording, attorney Kehres was informed that the legal description of two of the parcels were deficient because the criterion for legal descriptions in Portage County had changed since the last deed of transfer was recorded in 1987 (Vol. 1048 Page 697).
- (7.4) In Portage County, a deed cannot be recorded until it receives Tax Map approval.
- (7.5) In order to comply with Tax Map's updated criterion for legal descriptions, attorney Kehres retained the services of surveyor Beth Pearson, (Registered Surveyor No. 8430) to re-survey the deficient parcels and prepare a sufficient legal description for Tax Map approval. Surveyor Pearson prepared an updated legal description re-describing the two parcels whose descriptions were determined to be deficient in the Survivorship Deed, and attorney Kehres sent the deed and new description back to Tax Map, where it was now deemed sufficient.
- (7.6) Tax Map then crossed out the deficient description, attached the new sufficient description to the deed, stamped it with Tax Map approval, and the deed was recorded on September 22, 2017.

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- (7.7) The deed recorded on September 22, 2017 described the same property as the deed delivered on August 31, 2017.
- (7.8) This scenario is replayed regularly in Portage County because of the new criterion put in place by the Tax Map department, and the re-surveying of land in order to obtain a sufficient legal description has occurred hundreds if not thousands of times.
- (7.9) The fact that Tax Map determined the legal description to the two parcels 08-055-00-00-004-000 and 08-054-00-00-001-000 to be deficient, requiring a re-survey before the next transfer could be recorded, is evidenced on the Affidavit for Transfer of Joint and Survivorship Property recorded at Instrument number 701703171, at the top of the second page in the TAX MAP stamp:

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(7.10) This stamp can be compared to the one on the Affidavit for Transfer of Joint and Survivorship Property recorded at Instrument number 701703172 for the two parcels PPN 08-055-00-00-003-003 and PPN 08-055-00-00-003-004, and its TAX MAP stamp:

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Magargel Eskridge & Mullins, LLP 231 South Chestnut Street Ravenna, Ohio 44266 Phone: (330) 297-7030 Fax: (330) 297-7202 (7.11) Hence, the legal description of the parcels conveyed by the Affidavit recorded at Instrument number 701703172 are repeated in the deed of transfer, but the legal description of the parcels conveyed by the Affidavit recorded at Instrument number 701703171 had to be re-described following a survey.

(7.12) Regardless of the redrafting of the legal descriptions, the deed as delivered by Doris Carver to Laura and Brian Lindberg on August 31, 2017 was effective upon that delivery, and conveyed all four parcels: 08-055-00-00-004-000; 08-054-00-00-001-000; 08-055-00-00-003-003; and 08-055-00-00-003-004.

### EIGHTH DEFENSE

Plaintiff complains at paragraph 30 of his Complaint that the following items of personalty were not listed on Laura's Inventory when she submitted it to this Court as Executor of her mother's estate, and asserts at paragraph 31 that Defendants have concealed said items from administration:

household supplies (such as foodstuffs, storage containers, mops, cleaning products, brooms, buckets, dresses, pants, blouses, pajamas, slippers, hats, gloves, etc.) jewelry, purses, wallets, clothing (such as shoes, boots, coats, spending money" / cash on—hand, books, tools, sofas, beds, refrigerator, freezer, miscellaneous furniture (such as chairs, tables, cabinets, large and small appliances (such as a stove, washer and dryer, toaster, microwave, electronic devices (such as clocks, televisions, radios, record players, etc.), table lamps, vases, bed linens, pots and pans, plates, bowls, platters, drinking cups and cooking and eating utensils, framed pictures and/or glasses, figurines, photographs, holiday decorations, paintings, rugs, collectibles, yard/garden implements (such as family mementos, clippers, mowers, shovels, rakes equipment and supplies, etc.

It is the customary practice in probating estates in Portage County not to list ephemera and bric-a-brac as assets of an estate on inventories and have them appraised. This is especially true concerning personalty such as foodstuffs, storage containers, mops, cleaning products, brooms, buckets, dresses, pants, blouses,

Megargel Estridge & Mullins, LLP 231 South Chestnut Street Ravenna, Ohio 44269 Phone: (330) 297-7030 Fax: (330) 297-7202 pajamas, slippers, hats, gloves, purses, wallets, shoes, boots, coats, books, toasters, microwave ovens, clocks, televisions, radios, record players, table lamps, vases, bed linens, pots and pans, plates, bowls, platters, drinking cups, cooking and eating utensils, pictures, glasses, figurines, photographs, holiday decorations, paintings, rugs, collectibles, yard and garden implements, clippers, mowers, shovels, rakes equipment and supplies.

Laura does not deny that her mother possessed many of these items at the time of her death, but her failure to list them as assets of the estate to be administered on her Inventory and have them appraised was not an attempt to conceal, hide, or spirit them away, but, rather, was for two reasons.

First, they have no appreciable value, and it would have been odd, to say the least, to set them forth on an inventory and have them appraised.

Second, on February 20, 2020, nine months prior to Laura submitting her Inventory herein, Larry reached out to her, through counsel, in writing, and provided a list of the personal property located at The Farm that he wanted from the Estate, and Laura provided those items of personalty to Larry (a copy of the February 20, 2020 letter and enclosed list is attached hereto as Exhibit 6). Laura assumed that, having received a request for "personal property items having particular significance to Mr. Carver that he would like to receive from the estate," and having provided the same to him, that there was no tangible personal property remaining to be administered in the estate. If there are additional items of tangible personalty that Larry neglected to request in the February 20, 2020 letter, he need not bring suit in order to obtain them, he need simply tell Laura what he wants and she will again provide them.

Megargel Estridge & Mullins, LLP 231 South Chestnut Street Ravenna, Ohio 44268 Phone: (330) 297-7030 Fax: (330) 297-7202 Finally, it is against public policy to require fiduciaries to list such items as mops, pots and pans, clothing, and foodstuffs, etc., on their Inventories and have them appraised, as such a requirement would place an unnecessary burden and expense on fiduciaries, and lead to an endless waste of Probate Court time and personnel accounting for such items.

#### NINETH DEFENSE

Larry complains that Laura withdrew \$81,192.01 from Doris's checking account during her life under a Power of Attorney, and bases one claim in concealment upon those funds. Without making any admission as to the truth of Larry's allegations, while serving as Executor herein, Laura deposited \$11,300.00 of her own funds into the Estate Checking account, which such funds remained in the estate checking account when she transferred it to Larry Carver, leaving a balance of \$69,892.01 that Larry could complain of in this regard. Having otherwise separately addressed the specific allegations by numbered paragraph in her Second Defense, above, and for purposes of the allegations of concealment, Laura has deposited \$69,892.01 into the IOLTA account of Megargel Eskridge & Mullins, LLP, her attorneys in this matter, in order that no funds can be said to be concealed, in that their location is known, so that the proper characterization and disposition of said funds can be accomplished within the herein matter.

#### FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims, if any, are barred by the Statute of Frauds.

### SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims, if any, are barred by the applicable Statute of Limitations.

### THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims, if any, are barred by an Accord and Satisfaction.

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#### FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims, if any, are barred by a Failure of Consideration.

# FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims, if any, are barred by the Doctrine of Laches.

#### SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims, if any, are barred by the Doctrine of Unclean Hands.

# SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff has Waived any claims he may or may not have had in this matter.

### **EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's claims, if any, are subject to Estoppel.

WHEREFORE, having answered Plaintiff's Complaint, Defendants prays for judgment in their favor and for dismissal of Plaintiff's Complaint at Plaintiff's cost, together with such other relief that this Court deems just and equitable.

# COUNTERCLAIM

Now come Defendants, Laura A. Lindberg and Brian S. Lindberg, by and through counsel, attorney Ralph C. Megargel, and for their Counterclaim against Larry Carver, individually and as Executor of the Estate of Doris E. Carver, state as follows:

- 1. Without requiring separate response to this paragraph, Defendants
  Counterclaimants (Laura and Brian) repeat and reallege those allegations set forth in
  the Plaintiff's (Larry's) Complaint that they admit in the Second Defense of their
  above Answer as if fully rewritten here.
- 2. Without requiring separate response to this paragraph, Laura and Brian state as negative assertions their denial of those allegations (other than those

Megargel Eskridge & Mullins, LLP 231 South Chestnut Street Ravenna, Ohio 44266 Phone: (330) 297-7030 Fax: (330) 297-7202 denied for want of knowledge) set forth in Larry's Complaint that they deny in the Second Defense of their above Answer as if fully rewritten here.

- 3. Without requiring separate response to this paragraph, Counterclaim Defendants do not by this Counterclaim waive any of the defenses and affirmative defenses set forth in their above Answer.
- 4. The real estate that is the subject matter of this Counterclaim is located in Portage County, Ohio; the acts complained of took place in Portage County, Ohio; Counterclaim Defendants have availed themselves of the Portage County Courts and/or have invoked the jurisdiction of this Court over themselves and/or this matter; and therefore, this Court has jurisdiction over this Counterclaim and Counterclaim Defendants.
- 5. The real estate that is the subject matter of this Counterclaim is located in Portage County, Ohio; the acts complained of took place in Portage County, Ohio; Counterclaim Defendants initiated this action; and therefore, Portage County is the appropriate venue for this Counterclaim to be heard.
- 6. Laura and Brian repeat as allegations the matters set forth in their Sixth Defense in their above Answer as separately numbered paragraphs here, 6.1 through 6.7.
- 7. Laura and Brian repeat as allegations the matters set forth in their Seventh Defense in their above Answer as separately numbered paragraphs here, 7.1 through 7.12.
- 8. On or about January 19, 2021 Larry, acting both in his individual capacity and as Executor of the Estate of Doris Carver, recorded an Affidavit with the

Megargel Eskridge & Mullins, LLP 231 South Chestnut Street Ravenna, Obio 44266 Phone: (330) 297-7030 Fax: (330) 297-7202 Portage County Recorder at Instrument Number 202101102 (a copy of the Affidavit of Larry Carver is attached hereto as Exhibit 7).

# COUNT ONE—QUIET TITLE R.C. §5303.01

- 9. Without requiring separate response to this paragraph, Defendants Counterclaimants repeat and reallege those allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of their counterclaim as if fully rewritten here.
- 10. Larry's Affidavit places a cloud upon Laura and Brian's title to the parcels conveyed to them by the Survivorship Deed 08-055-00-00-004-000; 08-054-00-00-001-000; 08-055-00-00-003-003; and 08-055-00-00-003-004, and a judicial determination is necessary in order to clear the cloud from the title.

# COUNT TWO—SLANDER OF TITLE

- 11. Without requiring separate response to this paragraph, Defendants

  Counterclaimants repeat and reallege those allegations contained in the preceding

  paragraphs of their counterclaim as if fully rewritten here.
- 12. Larry's Affidavit contains statements about Laura and Brian's real property that are untrue that he made knowing them to be untrue.
- 13. Larry's Affidavit contains statements about Laura and Brian's real property that are untrue that he made in reckless disregard of the truth or falsity thereof.
- 14. Larry's untrue statements in his Affidavit were published through recordation with specific intent to cause third parties to rely upon them.
- 15. Laura and Brian have suffered actual financial harm attributable to and substantially caused by Larry's publishing through recordation of his false statements.

Megargel Eskridge & Mullins, LLP 231 South Chestnut Street Ravenna, Ohio 44266 Phona: (330) 297-7030 Fax: (330) 297-7202 WHEREFORE, Defendants Counterclaimants Laura Lindberg and Brian Lindberg seek judgment as follows:

On their First Count: a judgment declaring that they own legal and beneficial title free and clear of any claim of Plaintiff Counterclaim Defendant Larry Carver individually and as Executor of the Estate of Doris E. Carver, his successors and assigns, to the four parcels of real property located in Portage County, Ohio known by permanent Parcel Numbers 08-055-00-00-004-000; 08-054-00-00-001-000; 08-055-00-00-003-003; and 08-055-00-00-003-004, as set forth and more fully described in the Survivorship Deed recorded at Instrument No. 201716175 Portage County Records, and that said Survivorship Deed was a valid conveyance of said four parcels to them, together with their costs of this action, and such other relief as this Court deems just and equitable.

On their Second Count: judgment against Plaintiff Counterclaim Defendant Larry Carver individually in the amount of their actual damages and ongoing damages up to and including the day of trial in an amount to be proved attrial; an Order of this Court that Plaintiff Counterclaim Defendant Larry Carver individually and as Executor of the Estate of Doris E. Carver publish through recordation a full retraction of his Affidavit recorded at Instrument Number 202101102; together with the costs of this action, their attorney's fees herein, such punitive damages as are allowed by law and that this Court deems sufficient and appropriate, and such other relief as this Court deems just and equitable.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Ralph C. Megargel (0060014) Attorney for Defendants/Counterclaimants June 19, 2017 Doug Kehres Attorney at Law 638 W Main St. Ravenna, OH 44266

Re: Market Analysis for Carver Doris E. for the following property located at 8465 St. Rt. 224, Deerfield, Ohio 44411.

Dear Mr. Kehres;

At your request, I have made a market analysis of the property referenced above for the purpose of establishing its market value.

Market value is defined as being the highest price estimated in terms of money that a willing buyer would pay a willing seller, both parties being familiar with the property and all the uses to which it might be put, allowing a reasonable time for exposure in the market.

As a result of this analysis, it is my opinion as of the date of this letter that a fair and reasonable market value of the subject property would be in the range of \$550,000.00 to \$575,000.00

Legal Description: Lot 55 E

Permanent Parcel #: 08-055-00-00-003-004

Legal Description: LOT 55 E

Permanent Parcel #: 08-055-00-00-003-003

Legal Description: LOT 55 E

Permanent Parcel #: 08-055-00-00-004-000

Legal Description: LOT 54

Permanent Parcel #: 08-054-00-00-001-000

This parcel consists of a 2900 sq. ft. Beautifully Restored Victorian Farm House featuring, 4 bedrooms and 3 full baths, indoor pool, large country kitchen with fire place, formal living and dining room, with a wraparound porch, multiple large out buildings situated on 142+ acres in Deerfield Township.

I have considered this property as a whole owned in fee simple with no consideration to legal boundaries of the subject property.



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Sincerely;

Jack F. Kohl II

Agent/Broker
Jack Kohl Realty LLC.

EXHIBIT

LORI CALCEI
PORTAGE CO. RECORDER

Sec. 319.54 (F-2)
Sec. 319.202

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# INDEXED

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Doris E. Carver ("Affiant"), being duly cautioned and sworn, and having personal knowledge of the facts and being competent to testify as to these matters, deposes and says as follows:

- 1. Affiant's Husband, <u>Jesse Carver</u>, formerly of <u>Portage County</u>, died testate on November 1, 2016, a legal resident of the State of Ohio.
  - 2. A certified copy of the Death Certificate is attached to this Affidavit.
- 3. The decedent and this Affiant were the grantees in a certain deed dated March 9, 1987 and recorded at Volume 1048 and Page 0697 of the Deed Records of Portage County, Ohio (the "Deed"), with respect to the property legally described as follows:

  Situated in the Township of Deerfield, County of Portage and State of Ohio:

TRACT ONE: Known as being the whole Lot No. 54 in said township, containing according to the current tax books and maps 154 acres of land, excepting therefrom 40 acres off the east side of said Lot No. 54, conveyed to Clayton Wilcox by deed from Alva A. Loomis, Executor of the estate of Humbert S. Loomis, deceased, dated April 1, 1920, and recorded in Volume 225, Page 146, of the records of Portage County, Ohio, said 40 acres being bounded and described as follows: On the North, East and South by the original lot lines of said lot and on the West by a line parallel with the east line of said Lot No. 54, and far enough West there from to contain 40 acres, being bounded on the West by lands now owned by Harold P. and Mary Steckel, Martha P. and Howard Cook, and William J. Boyer and containing 114 acres of land.

TRACT TWO: Situated in the Township, County and State aforesaid, and known as being

TAX MAP DEPT.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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NO DIVISION OF LAND

SURVEY BEFORE

NEXT TRANSFER

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a part of Lot No. 55 in said township, bounded and described as follows: On the North, East and South by the North, East and South original lines of said lot, and on the West by lands in said lot now or formerly owned or occupied by Richard and Hanna Spires, and containing 88 acres of land, more or less.

# **EXCEPTING THEREFROM the following:**

Excepting and reserving from the above-described premises located in and know as being a part of Lot No. 55 in said township of Deerfield, more fully bounded and described as follows: Beginning in the south line of Lot No. 55 which is also the centerline of St. Rt. 224, W. 420.50 feet from the southeast corner of said Lot No. 55; thence continuing along said lot line and St. Rt. 224, centerline West 1070.00 feet to the southeast corner of lands of Mildred Kays as shown in Vol. 574, Page 419, Portage County Records; thence N. 0 deg. 12' E. along the east line of said Kays' land (passing over an iron pin at 33 feet) 2617.10 feet to a post in the north line of Lot No. 55; thence along the north lot line N. 89 deg. 57' E.1320.00 feet or 80 rods to an iron pipe; thence S. 0 12' W. 1915.90 feet to an iron pipe; thence W. 250 feet to an iron pipe; thence S. 0 deg. 12' W. (passing over an iron pipe at 660 feet) 700 feet to the place of beginning, and containing 75.271 acres as surveyed in October 1958 by Leo E. Martin, Registered Surveyor No. 2587.

<u>INCLUDING</u> in said Second Tract 12.73 acres by Tax Maps and 14.28 acres by survey, more or less.

INTENDING TO INCLUDE in both Tract One and Tract Two above all remaining lands in said Lots 54 and 55 as owned by Floyd F. Forney and Emma K. Forney, Grantors herein.

<u>SUBJECT TO</u> reservation of life use in dwelling house as set forth in separate Agreement this day executed between Grantors and Grantees and filed for record with the Recorder of Portage County, Ohio.

4. In the Deed, the grantees designated are Jesse and Doris Carver, husband and wife, for their joint lives, remainder to the survivor of them.

- 5. Doris E. Carver, one of the grantees named in the Deed, is one and the same person as this Affiant.
  - 6. The address of Affiant is 9465 State Route 224, Deerfield, Ohio 44411.
- 7. Affiant gives this Affidavit for the purpose of transferring the title to the foregoing property to Affiant on the records to the Recorder's Office in Portage County, Ohio.

STATE OF OHIO

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### COUNTY OF PORTAGE

BEFORE ME, A NOTARY PUBLIC, in and for said County and State did personally appear, Doris E. Carver, who acknowledged that she did sign the foregoing instrument and that her signing was her free act.

SWORN TO BEFORE ME, A NOTARY PUBLIC, in and for said County and State this 13th day of December, 2016, at Ravenna, Ohio.

NOTARY PUBLIC

This instrument was prepared by Douglas M. Kehres, Attorney at Law.

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Yes.

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Unknown

Probably

33a. Date of Injury (Mo/Day/Year) 33b. Time of Injury

331, Describe How Injury Occurred:

HEA 2724 Ray, 07/15-09/18

I HEREBY CERTIFY THIS DOCUMENT IS AN EXACT COPY OF THE RECORD ON FILE WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

Natural

Accident

☐ Suicide

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☐ Homicide

33g, If Transportation Injury, Specify: Driver/Operator Pedestrian Passenge

Pending Investigation

Could not be determined

33d. Injury at Work? □Yes

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Doris E. Carver ("Affiant"), being duly cautioned and sworn, and having personal knowledge of the facts and being competent to testify as to these matters, deposes and says as follows:

- 1. Affiant's Husband, <u>Jesse Carver</u>, formerly of <u>Portage County</u>, died testate on November 1, 2016, a legal resident of the State of Ohio.
  - 2. A certified copy of the Death Certificate is attached to this Affidavit.
- 3. The decedent and this Affiant were the grantees in a certain deed dated March
  16, 2016 and recorded at PPN: 08-055-00-00-003-003 and 08-055-00-00-003-004 of the Deed
  Records of Portage County, Ohio (the "Deed"), with respect to the property legally
  described as follows:

#### Parcel #1

Situated in the Township of Deerfield, County of Portage and the State of Ohio and being part of said Township Lot 55 and part of the lands conveyed to Jean Adams by Deed Volume 881, Page 220 of the Portage County Records of Deeds and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

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Thence, along the centerline of said U.S. Route 224 and the south line of said Township Lot 55, EAST 1788.56 feet to the principal place of beginning for the parcel of land herein to be

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described:

Thence, leaving said centerline and Lot, N. 00 degrees 12" 00" E, passing thru a ½" capped rebar stamped "MILLMAN" set at 35.00 feet, a total distance of 1149.85 feet to a ½" caped rebar set stamped "MILLMAN" in the southeasterly line of lands conveyed to William J. Nappier by O.R. 550, Page 860 of the Portage County Records of Deeds;

Thence, along the southeasterly line of said Napier lands, EAST 194.00 feet to a 1/2" capped rebar set stamped "MILLMAN";

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Thence, along said centerline and lot line, WEST 194.00 feet to the place of beginning and containing 5.1210 acres of land but subject to all legal highways, easements and restrictions as surveyed by Deron J. Millman P.S. No. S-7717 for and on behalf of Millman Surveying, Inc. in September of 2000.

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Thence, along the centerline of said U.S. Route 224 and the south line of said Township Lot 55, EAST 1982.56 feet to the principal place of beginning for the parcel of land herein to be described;

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Thence, leaving said Napier lands along the westerly line of said Carver lands, S 00 degrees 12' 00" W. Passing by a 1" iron pipe found bent at 399.27 feet, 2.86 feet WEST a total distance of 449.85 feet to an angle point therein. Said point being witness by ½" rebar found 1.45 feet NORTH, 0.37 feet EAST;

Thence continuing along the westerly line of said Carver lands, WEST 250.00 feet to an angle point therein. Said point being witnessed by 1/2" rebar found 1.69 feet NORTH, 0.29 feet EAST;

Thence, continuing along the westerly line of said Carver lands S. 00 degrees 12' 00" W. 700.00 feet to the southwest corner of said Carver lands in the centerline of said U.S. Route 224 and the south line of Township Lot 55. Witness a ½ rebar found 34.55 feet distant therefrom and 0.53 feet WEST of the last described course;

Thence, along said centerline and lot line, WEST 256.00 feet to the place of beginning and containing 9.3393 acres of land but subject to all legal highways, easements and restrictions as surveyed by Deron J. Millman P.S. No. S-7717 for and on behalf of Millman Surveying, Inc. In September of 2000.

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NOTARY PUBLIC

This instrument was prepared by Douglas M. Kehres, Attorney at Law.

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Erin Bishop - Local Registrar

33g. If Transportation Injury, Specify:

Driver/Operator Pedestrian

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Pedestrian Passenger

33f. Describe How Injury Occurred:

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# YAKA DOris E. Carver AKA Doris Elaine Carver

I, Doris Carver, a widowed woman of Portage County, Ohio for valuable consideration paid, grant(s) with general warranty covenants, to Brian S. Lindberg and Laura A. Lindberg, Husband and Wife for their joint lives, remainder to the survivor of them, whose tax-mailing address is 8465 State Route 224, Deerfield, OH 44411 the following REAL PROPERTY:

# GRANTOR RESERVES AN EXCLUSIVE LIFE ESTATE IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY.

Parcel #1

Situated in the Township of Deerfield, County of Portage and the State of Ohio and being part of said Township Lot 55 and part of the lands conveyed to Jean Adams by Deed Volume 881, Page 220 of the Portage County Records of Deeds and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

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the current tax books and maps 154 acres of land, excepting therefrom 40 acres off the east side of said Lot No. 54, conveyed to Clayton Wilcox by deed from Alva A. Loomis, Executor of the estate of Humbert S. Loomis, deceased, dated April 1, 1920, and recorded in Volume 225, Page 146, of the records of Portage County, Ohio, said 40 acres being bounded and described as follows: On the North, East and South by the original lot lines of said lot and on the West by a line parallel with the east line of said Lot No. 54, and far enough West there from to contain 40 acres, being bounded on the West by lands now owned by Harold P. and Mary Steckel, Martha P. and Howard Cook, and William J. Boyer and containing 114 acres of land.

TRACT TWO: Situated in the Township, County and State aforesaid, and known as being a part of Lot No. 55 in said township, bounded and described as follows: On the North, East and South by the North, East and South original lines of said lot, and on the West by lands in said lot now or formerly owned or occupied by Richard and Hanna Spires, and containing 88 acres of land, more or less

EXCEPTING THEREFROM the following:

Excepting and reserving from the above-described premises located in and know as being a part of Lot No. 55 in said township of Deerfield, more fully bounded and described as follows: Beginning in the south line of Lot No. 55 which is also the centerline of St. Rt. 224, W. 420.50 feet from the southeast corner of said Lot No. 55; thence continuing along said lot line and St. Rt. 224, centerline West 1070.00 feet to the southeast corner of lands of Mildred Kays as shown in Vol. 574, Page 419, Portage County Records; thence N. 0 deg. 12' E. along the east line of said Kays' land (passing over an iron pin at 33 feet) 2617.10 feet to a post in the north line of Lot No. 55; thence along the north lot line N. 89 deg. 57' E.1320.00 feet or 80 rods to an iron pipe; thence S. 0 12' W. 1915.90 feet to an iron pipe; thence W. 250 feet to an iron pipe; thence S. 0 deg. 12' W. (passing over an iron pipe at 660 feet) 700 feet to the place of beginning, and containing 75.271 acres as surveyed in October 1958 by Leo E. Martin, Registered Surveyor No. 2587.

INCLUDING in said Second Tract 12.73 acres by Tax Maps and 14.28 acres by survey more or less.

NTENDING TO INCLUDE in both Tract One and Tract Two above all remaining lands in said.

Ects 54 and 55 as owned by Floyd F. For ney and Emma K. Forney, Granters herein.

SUBJECT TO reservation of life use in dwelling house as set forth in separate Agreement this day executed between Grantors and Grantees and filed for record with the Recorder of Portage County, Ohio.

The meridian for all bearings stated herein is the centerline of Akron-Canfield Road as being (WEST) per survey prepared by Leo E. Martin dated October of 1958 and filed at the Portage County Tax Map Department.

EXECUTED this 31 day of August, 2017.
Druguettator - Worke E. Coroll
Witness Grantor-Doris E. Carver
Witness
STATE OF OHIO ) ) SS:
COUNTY OF PORTAGE )
BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 3 day of day
IN TESTIMONY THEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my Notar

Seal on the day and year last aforesaid.

This instrument was prepared by Douglas M. Kehres

**Doris Worthington** Notary Public State of Ohio My Commission Expires September 17, 20 20

# PEARSON SURVEYING, LLC

(330) 296-9200 OFFICE (330) 298-9184 FAX

#### PARCEL

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION 119.1208 ACRE TRACT

Situated in the Township of Deerfield, County of Portage, and the State of Ohio, and being part of Lot 54, in said Township and being all of the tract of land transferred to Doris E. Carver as recorded in File #201703171 (parcel 1), and further described as follows to wit:

Beginning at a pk nail set at the intersection of the centerline of State Route 224 (Akron – Canfield Road - S.H. 87 – 66' r/w) and the southwest corner of Lot 54, which is the <u>True Place of Beginning</u> for the property herein described;

- 1. Thence North 00°41'51" West, along the west line of a Lot 54, (and passing over a capped pin set at a distance of 33.00 feet), a total distance of 2609.76 feet to a ½" iron pipe found at the northwest corner of Lot 54;
- 2. Thence North 89°08'46" East, along the north line of Lot 54, a distance of 1978.59 feet to a capped pin found (Hohnhorst);
- 3. Thence South 01°07'01" East, along the west line of tracts of land now or formerly owned by B.S. Lindburg (File #201318880), M. Geovese (D.V. 1139, Pg. 323), J.W. Russell (File #201001532), C.A. McDonald (File #200920426), K.M. Woodford (File #201214525), F.A. Rolland, Jr. (File #201316985) and G.G. El-Mobasher (File #201412701), (and passing over a 1/2" iron pipe found at a distance of 2580.37 feet), a total distance of 2610.12 feet to a point in the centerline of State Route 224;
- 4. Thence South 89°09'22" West, along the centerline of State Route 224, (which is also the south line of Lot 54), a distance of 1997.70 feet to the <u>True Place of Beginning</u> of the herein described parcel.

Containing 119.1208 acres of land, based on a field survey by Beth A. Pearson, P.S. #8430 in September 2017.

(1.5134 acres – Road r/w) (117.6074 acres – Lot area)

# 119.1208 acre parcel – page 2

The basis of bearing is Grid North, Ohio State Plane Coordinate System, North Zone, NAD83.

Subject to all legal highways and any easements or restrictions of record.

Capped rebars set are 5/8" x 30" with "Pearson PS-8430.

Beth a. Fearson 09/19/2017

Beth A. Pearson, PS Registered Surveyor #8430

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# PEARSON SURVEYING, LLC

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#### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION 14.3031 ACRE TRACT

Situated in the Township of Deerfield, County of Portage, and the State of Ohio, and being part of Lot 55, in said Township and being all of the tract of land transferred to Doris E. Carver as recorded in File #201703171 (parcel 2), and further described as follows to wit:

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- 1. Thence South 89°03'32" West, along the centerline of State Route 224, (which is also the south line of Lot 55), a distance of 420.50 feet to a point;
- 2. Thence North 00°44'27" West, along the east line of a tract of land now or formerly owned by D.E. Carver (File #201703172 parcel 2), (and passing over a capped pin set at a distance of 33.00 feet), a total distance of 702.03 feet to a 5/8" iron bar found;
- 3. Thence North 89°03'15" East, along the south line of the aforesaid D.E. Carver tract, a distance of 250.15 feet to a 5/8" iron bar found;
- 4. Thence North 00°44'59" West, along the east line of the aforesaid D.E. Carver tract, and a tract of land now or formerly owned by W.J. Napier (File #200016154), a distance of 1907.69 feet to a capped pin found (Millman);
- 5. Thence North 89°03'23" East, along the north line of Lot 55, a distance of 172.62 feet to a ½" iron pipe found a the northeast corner of Lot 55;
- 6. Thence South 00°41'51" East, along the east line of a Lot 55, (and passing over a capped rebar set at a distance of 2576.76 feet), a total distance of 2609.76 feet to the True Place of Beginning of the herein described parcel.

Containing 14.3031 acres of land, based on a field survey by Beth A. Pearson, P.S. #8430 in September 2017.

(0.3185 acres – Road r/w) (13.9846 acres – Lot area)

# 14.3031 acre parcel - page 2

The basis of bearing is Grid North, Ohio State Plane Coordinate System, North Zone, NAD83. Subject to all legal highways and any easements or restrictions of record.

Capped rebars set are 5/8" x 30" with "Pearson PS-8430.

Beth a. Pearson

Beth A. Pearson, PS

Registered Surveyor #8430

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# PROMISSORY NOTE



<u>\$ 281,250.00</u>

Date august 31, 2017

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, WE, Brian S. Lindberg and Laura A. Lindberg promise to pay to the order of Doris E. Carver, the sum of Two Hundred Eighty-One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$281,250.00), at a rate of 0% interest payable on or before one year after the death of Doris E. Carver or on written demand by Doris E. Carver.

It is agreed that time is of the essence of this contract, and that in the event of default in the making of any payments herein provided for, or if default be made in the performance of any of the agreements or conditions of this note, the holder of this note may, at its option, declare all the remainder of said debt due and collectible, and any failure to exercise said option shall not constitute a waiver of the right to exercise the same at any other time. In the event of default in the making of any payments herein provided for or in the event of the whole of said debt is declared to be due.

I, whether principal, surety, guarantor, endorser, or other party hereto, agree to waive any exemption rights as against this debt, and I further waive demand, protest and notice of demand, protest, or non-payment and presentation

THIS PROMISSORY NOTE EXECUTED IN PO	RTAGE COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO.
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WIZNESS	PROMISSOR: BRIAN S. LINDBERG
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WITNESS	PROMISSOR: LAURA A. LINDBERG
WITNESS	PROMISSEE: DORIS E. CARVER
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SWORN TO BEFORE ME, A NOTARY PUBLIC, in and for said County and State, this day of <u>dury</u>, 2017.

Doris Worthingto NOTARY PUBLIC

Notary Public State of Ohio My Commission Expires September 17, 20 20



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BRUCE E. SMITH ATTORNEY AT LAW

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February 20, 2020

Doug Kehres Attorney at Law 638 W. Main Street Ravenna, Ohio 44266

Re: Estate of Doris Carver

Dear Mr. Kehres:

As promised, I am enclosing a list of items furnished to me by my client, Larry Carver. The items at the top of the list are personal property items of Mr. Carver that were stored at the property. The items at the bottom of the list are personal property items having particular significance to Mr. Carver that he would like to receive from the estate.

I would appreciate being advised immediately as to your intentions regarding the opening of the estate. If nothing is done soon, it is our intention to petition the court to open the estate.

Please let me know at your earliest convenience when we can arrange to obtain my client's personal property and your position concerning the other items on the list.

Very truly yours,

Bruce Smith

cc Larry Carver

2 red toolboxes with tools assorted parts, nuts, bolts, blades, tools and work benches metal shelving with tools, parts, paint etc. (roughly 25) in shop Case 444 garden tractor w/ sweeper attached Case Hydriv lawn tractor black yard cart Colt lawn tractor antique Case 120 lawn tractor antique Case 120? lawn tractor antique Ingersoll 1212H lawn tractor Ingersoll garden tractor with rototiller attached leaf vac for back of 0 turn Ingersoll front deck for 0 turn Case riding mower deck Generator on a cart 4HP B/S generator 4020 Hood Craftsman Table Saw set of tractor weights riding mower tires Ingersoll 5822k 0 turn lawn mower Case 530 tractor Cimarron brush hog Woods bat wing mower Case 930 tractor finishing mower (2) old Case DC or SC tractors Gill blade for back of tractor old steel watering trough from Grandpa Carver bucket for a loader old Case rake old cultivator

assorted used garden tractor parts, hoods, fenders, partial lawn tractors

set of duals for tractor

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# Items I have at 8465 SR 224, Deerfield, that are mine:

- 1. Case 930 tractor
- 2. 5x16 bottom plow
- 3. Onan generator
- 4. Small sickle bar mower
- 5. Large red tool chest on wheels
- 6. Aluminum flag pole
- 7. 15 foot red grain drill
- 8. Lift chair I bought for my father's use
- 9. Tapestry hanging above family room heater
- 10. Victorian picture.
- 11. Picture of son, Matthew in metal finish of him before he left (newspaper article).

## Items I request that were my father's:

- 1. Case DC tractor
- 3. Pictures of our family my mother had on wall in living room Anhane pie grandpas Affrog on to
  4. My father's .22 rifle
- 5. ½ half of the tools in my father's garage (wrenches, sockets, etc)
- 6. Glass curio cabinet my wife bought for mother suffix it so Well?

**Larry Carver** 

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**EXHIBIT** 

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#### AFFIDAVIT

MADE PURSUANT TO O.R.C. 5301.51 AND O.R.C. 5301.52 REGARDING REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN A SURVIVORSHIP DEED RECORDED WITH THE PORTAGE COUNTY RECORDER ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2017 AND INDEXED AT 201716175

STATE OF OHIO )SS COUNTY OF STARK)

Larry J. Carver, being first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:

- I make this Affidavit on the basis of personal knowledge and am competent to testify concerning the matters set forth herein.
- 2. I am the Successor Executor/Estate Fiduciary (and a Co-Beneficiary) of the Estate of Doris E. Carver, deceased (hereinafter "Decedent" and/or "Grantor"), in Portage County Probate Court Case No. 2020 ES 161 ("Estate"), having been so-appointed by the Court on January 14, 2021 after the former Executrix/Estate Fiduciary Laura A. Lindberg (the only other Estate Co-Beneficiary) had resigned during pendency of my Motion for Removal of [her as] Estate Fiduciary.
  - 3. I am also the Complainant/Plaintiff in Portage County

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Probate Court Case No. 2021 CV 00001 ("Concealment Action"), which Complaint was filed on January 15, 2021 and wherein Laura A. Lindberg and her husband, Brian S. Lindberg (hereinafter collectively "Grantees"), are the named Respondents/Defendants.

- 4. As Estate Fiduciary, I make this Affidavit for the Estate's benefit and for purposes of preserving its interest in and claim to the real property described hereinbelow; and, my address of record in that capacity is 12855 Snode Street N.E., Alliance, Ohio 44601.
- 5. At all times relevant hereto, Decedent owned of record four separate Parcels of real property in Portage County, Ohio, namely, Portage County Permanent Parcel Nos. 08-054-00-00-001-000, 08-055-00-00-004-000, 08-055-00-00-003-003 and 08-055-00-00-003-004, the former of which two Parcels are described in Decedent's December 13, 2016 real property survivorship affidavit as recorded with the Portage County Recorder on February 24, 2017 and Indexed at 201703171 and the latter of which two Parcels are described in Decedent's December 13, 2016 real property survivorship affidavit as recorded with the Portage County Recorder on February 24, 2017 and Indexed at 201703172.
- 6. On August 31, 2017, Decedent executed a Survivorship Deed ("Deed") subsequently recorded with the Portage County Recorder on

September 22, 2017 and Indexed at 201716175, through which Deed she conveyed to Grantees the aforesaid Portage County Permanent Parcel Nos. 08-055-00-00-003-003 and 08-055-00-00-003-004.

- 7. At the time of that Deed recordation, two real Property Descriptions for the aforesaid Portage County Permanent Parcel Nos. 08-054-00-00-001-000 and 08-055-00-00-004-000, both dated 09/19/2017, although not in existence on the date of Grantor's execution of the Deed on August 31, 2017, were subsequently, post-execution, added and attached thereto after-the-fact.
- 8. By and through the Concealment Action, I am seeking to invalidate the Deed in its entirety as the "product" of Grantees' exercise of undue influence over Grantor, or, in the alternative, I am seeking a judicial declaration that the Deed served to convey to Grantees only the aforesaid Portage County Permanent Parcel Nos. 08-055-00-00-003-003 and 08-055-00-00-003-004, not Decedent's other two Parcels as described in paragraph no. 7 hereinabove.

Further Affiant saith not.

PREPARED POT CONLEY

LARRY J CARVER

Sworn to and subscribed in my presence at Canton, Ohio, this

18th day of January, 2021.

NOTARY PUBLIC - Mary P. Saylor Commission expires 07/27/2024