

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

Statement of: David William Burch

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This statement consists of 2 pages each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have willfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 12 day of March, 2021

Signed:

Signature witnessed by:

STATEMENT:

I am David Burch the above-named person, and would like to tell my story of the proof of ownership of properties previously owned by my family in Warwick.

My family who lost their title to a prime piece of land said a Commission of Inquiry into "land grabs" may not be able to compensate them.

Etoile Burch, 98, my mother, said her family could even hold a claim to land now occupied by the Grand Atlantic Condominium development in Warwick. which is now a resort.

My mother said that she fought an unsuccessful legal bid to regain another plot of Warwick property left to her by her father Lemuel Tucker, who died in 1945.

In 2011, she said she and her family discovered the records involving land on Dunscombe Road.

She said: "It was conveyed to me (Etoile) in 1939, but that she was married and had a big family, and that she and her husband kept moving from one place to another and she didn't know about it for years".

I tracked down records in the Bermuda Archives in the early 2000's suggesting that the family-owned property in the Warwick area, which included the Grand Atlantic Development. This information surfaced at a funeral.

The Supreme Court ruled in 2016 that a portion of the Dunscombe Road property that had been occupied by Westend Properties Ltd, part of the Fairmont Southampton, was now owned by the firm.

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(Investigator Initials)

The court ruled that the land had been held so long by Westend Properties without any action by the Burch family to recover it, that the original owner's title had become void.

The family said they believed there were other properties in the area that they owned, but were discouraged by the expense of legal fees and the slow pace of the courts.

For a long time, the courts just kept us at bay trying to wear us down.

My mother said that she had little hope that the Commission of Inquiry could assist the family, and not to get our hopes up too high as the family had had so many lawyers over the years.

I have some relatives on financial assistance and if I have properties out there, I could sell it. Waiting and waiting through pain and suffering, I should get

something. This long dispute has been very stressful, especially when I try to call one of my boys and I've got no money for the phone.

Signed:

The forgone statement was recorded by the undersigned

Signed: