STATE OF TENNESSEE

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IN RE: ***AUNDRA SNEAD***

Docket No: ***24P2539***

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I, JOSEPH P. DAY, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Davidson County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Order heretofore entered in the above styled case on December 9, 2025 in the Seventh Circuit Court for Davidson County, Tennessee, as same remains of record in the Minutes of said Court.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of said Court, at office, in Nashville, on January 7, 2026.

JOSEPH P. DAY CIRCUIT COURT CLERK

JOSEPH P. DAY, Clerk,

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IN THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT FOR DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: ESTATE OF AUNDRA SNEAD, Decedent.	)))	**No. 24P2539**

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT ON PETITION TO DECLARE HEIRS

This cause came to be heard on the 5th day of December, 2025, before the Honorable Andra Hedrick, Seventh Circuit Court Judge for Metropolitan Nashville–Davidson County, Tennessee, upon the Motion for Default Judgment relating to the Petition to Declare Heirs filed by Aundrea Epps ("Successor Administrator"). Present in Court were Kate Nyquist, counsel for the Successor Administrator; Respondent Aundra S. Swinger, appearing pro se; and Successor Administrator Aundrea Epps, who was present via Zoom video. Based upon the filed motion, the sworn Petition, the statements of counsel, the testimony and documents presented at the hearing, and the entire record as a whole, the Court finds as follows:

1. Aundra Snead ("Decedent") died intestate on March 16, 2024. Decedent was a resident of Davidson County, Tennessee at the time of his death.

2. On December 13, 2024, Kimberly Whitworth ("Ms. Whitworth") filed a Petition for Administration, seeking to be appointed as Personal Representative over Decedent's Estate. On the same date, this Honorable Court entered an Order opening the Estate and appointing Ms. Whitworth as Personal Representative.

3. Ms. Whitworth's Petition indicated that Decedent had a single heir-at-law, Mr. Aundra Snead Swinger ("Mr. Swinger") who is referred to throughout the Petition as

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"next of kin" and "sole heir." In spite of Ms. Whitworth's claim, Decedent's death certificate filed by Ms. Whitworth lists the informant as Aundrea Epps, and Ms. Epps is identified as Decedent's daughter. Further, a recorded Affidavit of Heirship, executed by a disinterested witness, has since been filed with the Court outlining Decedent's legitimated children. Aundra Swinger is not one of the legitimated children named in the Affidavit; however, three other birth certificates are attached, each of which lists Decedent as the legal father of the child.

4. On April 25, 2025, Aundrea Epps filed a Petition to Appoint Successor Personal Representative, Require Inventory and Accounting of Estate Assets, and Declare Heirs of Aundra Snead. This Honorable Court conducted a hearing on May 14, 2025. The Court found that Ms. Whitworth's sworn Petition was inaccurate or incomplete, at best, and as such, Ms. Whitworth was removed as the Personal Representative of Decedent's Estate, Aundrea Epps was appointed as Successor Personal Representative, and Letters of Administration were issued accordingly.

5. The Court further ordered Ms. Whitworth to file an Inventory and Accounting by June 16, 2025. No such filings have been made, and her counsel has since withdrawn.

6. The Petition to Declare Heirs was to be set for evidentiary hearing following successful service upon Mr. Swinger.

7. After diligent efforts to personally serve Mr. Swinger failed, the Court entered an Order on August 18, 2025, authorizing service by publication pursuant to T.C.A. § 1-3-120. The Court ordered four consecutive weeks of publication in The Tennessean and The Tennessee Tribune, or an appropriate alternative.

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8. The publication notices ran for four (4) consecutive weeks, in the Tennessean on September 12, 2025, September 19, 2025, September 26, 2025, and October 3, 2025, and in the Tennessee Tribune on September 18, 2025, September 25, 2025, October 2, 2025, and October 9, 2025. Affidavits of Publication were filed with the clerk on October 9, 2025 and October 23, 2025 respectively, confirming the same.

9. On October 28, 2025, Mr. Swinger filed a document titled "Motion to Appeal for the Property of Aundre Snead Fraud and Forged Documents Proof of DNA of Kids," to which counsel for the Successor Administrator filed an objection. A hearing was conducted on November 14, 2025, and the Court found the filing procedurally deficient, and it did not constitute a response to the pending petition. As such, the Court denied the motion by Order entered November 15, 2025. Further, the Court personally provided Mr. Swinger with a complete printed copy of the case file, including the pending Motion for Default Judgment, and explained the importance of filing a response before the December 5, 2025 hearing.

10. The Court finds that Mr. Swinger was successfully served in two independent ways: (a) by publication, with the final publication date on October 9, 2025; and (b) by personally receiving the complete case file from the Court on November 14, 2025. No Answer or Response has been filed by Mr. Swinger.

11. During the present hearing, Mr. Swinger was sworn and given a full opportunity to present evidence of heirship. The Court examined his birth certificate, which reflects no father and is not accompanied by any proof that he was born during a lawful marriage. The Court further concludes that the period for establishing paternity has expired in accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 31-2-105.

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12. Mr. Swinger noted that his birth certificate contained an amendment notation; however, he presented no documentation, court order, or otherwise, demonstrating the substance or timing of said amendment. With no legally recognized proof of paternity in the record, the Court finds that Mr. Swinger has not produced admissible or credible evidence to establish heirship.

13. The Court further finds that the Successor Administrator, in her Petition, has set forth uncontroverted claims and documentary evidence establishing that the Decedent's lawful heirs are: (1) Kenneth Snead (born June 11, 1959), (2) Aundrea Denise Snead (Epps) (born September 28, 1964), and (3) Andrea Denise Snead (born October 4, 1964).

Based on the foregoing, and upon the Court's findings of fact and conclusions of law regarding the merits of the Petition to Declare Heirs, the Motion is well-taken and default judgment is hereby granted. To the extent that any document recorded with the Register of Deeds is inconsistent with the determinations set forth in this Order, this Order shall prevail and supersede such conflicting documents.

It is, therefore, **ORDERED**, **ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** that Successor Administrator's Motion for Default Judgment on her Petition to Declare Heirs is granted.

It is, further, **ORDERED** that the lawful heirs of Decedent Aundra Snead are (1) Kenneth Snead (born 6/11/1959, named Kenneth Aundra Snead); (2) Aundrea Epps (born 9/28/1964, named Aundrea Denise Snead) and (3) Andrea Snead (born 10/4/1964, named Andrea Denise Snead).

It is further **ORDERED, ADJUDGED**, and **DECREED** that the request for costs and attorney's fees for this motion is **DENIED**.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and exact copy of the foregoing shall be served upon the following persons via United States Postal Service, postage prepaid, and/or electronically to the addresses listed below on December 8, 2025, the next business day following the filing of this document.

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The foregoing is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

Judge Andra Hedrick, Seventh Circuit

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