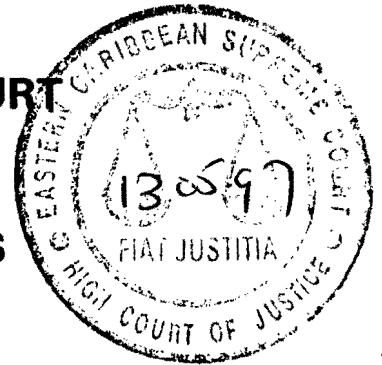


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**THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES**



SUIT NO: 292 of 1992

BETWEEN:

ADELAIDE JACKSON

PLAINTIFF

ELVIS ALFRED

DEFENDANT

Ms N. Sylvester for the Plaintiff

MITCHELL, J

JUDGMENT

This is a case of trespass to real and personal property at Hopewell in the State of St. Vincent and the Grenadines. The matter has been set down for hearing since 23rd February 1993, and came up on the list for trial on 12th May 1995. Neither the Defendant nor his Counsel were in Court. The Court being satisfied that the list has been in the hands of Counsel for the past two (2) months, and that all parties in the matter had notice that the matter was due to be tried, proceeded to hear the matter undefended. The evidence was that on 16th June 1990 the Defendant wrongfully entered the Plaintiff's dwelling house and ransacked it, destroying the possessions of the Plaintiff, and throwing into the yard what he did not take. The following day and subsequent days the Plaintiff was prevented from going into her house, and her cultivation was taken over by the Defendant. The Plaintiff holds the lands in question by a registered Deed. The evidence was that the Defendant has subsequently returned the lands to the Plaintiff who is now back in possession. The Plaintiff gave evidence of the value of the items damaged and lost as a result of the Defendant's actions. Judgment was accordingly given for the Plaintiff for special damages of EC\$22,445.00 general damages of EC\$15,000.00 and costs to be taxed if not agreed.

ID Mitchell, QC
High Court Judge (Acting)
13th May, 1997