

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
BILLINGS DIVISION

TRACY CAEKAERT, and
CAMILLIA MAPLEY,

Case No.
CV-20-52-BLG-SPW

Plaintiffs,

vs.

WATCHTOWER BIBLE AND
TRACT SOCIETY OF
NEW YORK, INC.,
WATCH TOWER BIBLE AND
TRACT SOCIETY OF
PENNSYLVANIA, and BRUCE
MAPLEY, SR.,

VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION
UPON ORAL EXAMINATION
OF JAMES ROWLAND

Defendants.

WATCHTOWER BIBLE AND
TRACT SOCIETY OF
NEW YORK, INC.,

Cross Claimant,

BRUCE MAPLEY, SR.,

Cross Defendant.

ARIANE ROWLAND, and
JAMIE SCHULZE,

Cause No.
CV 20-59-BLG-SPW

Plaintiffs,

vs.

WATCHTOWER BIBLE AND
TRACT SOCIETY OF
NEW YORK, INC., and
WATCH TOWER BIBLE AND
TRACT SOCIETY OF
PENNSYLVANIA,

Defendants.

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1 BE IT REMEMBERED, that the videotaped
2 deposition upon oral examination of JAMES ROWLAND,
3 appearing at the instance of the Plaintiffs, was
4 taken at the offices of Fisher Court Reporting,
5 2711 1st Avenue North, Billings, Montana, on
6 Friday, April 23, 2021, beginning at the hour of
7 9:17 a.m., pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil
8 Procedure, before Barbara J. Batts, Registered
9 Merit Reporter, Certified Realtime Reporter, and
10 Notary Public.

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1 A. No. There was about 40 elders in the
2 group, some new ones, some old ones. And I can't
3 even remember who the instructor was. He might
4 have been from New York.

5 Q. Okay. Someone you hadn't seen before.

6 A. Yeah, he was just here to teach that class
7 and then go back to New York or whatever.

8 Q. And in addition to the Bible, were they
9 using other books as part of your training?

10 A. Yeah. Yeah, with the -- like, the
11 teaching book, you know, like, one of the
12 publications is to become a better teacher, you
13 know, and --

14 Q. Let me show you a document. This is
15 called "Kingdom Ministry School Course."

16 A. Yeah.

17 Q. And it's Bates WTPA 1 is the first page of
18 this document. It's the document that was given to
19 us by WTPA, the Pennsylvania corporation.

20 A. Yeah.

21 Q. And you'll see there -- can you read that
22 okay?

23 A. Yeah.

24 Q. It's dated October 1972?

25 A. Uh-huh. Yeah, that's the thing that --

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1 that's the publication that was used.

2 Q. For the training as an elder?

3 A. Yeah.

4 Q. Can I go back to that cover page for a
5 second? So "Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of
6 Pennsylvania, 1972," does that look like the
7 document that maybe you saw when you were being
8 trained in 1975?

9 A. Yeah. Yeah, it's a book about like this
10 (indicating). It's a red -- it's -- what do they
11 call them now? A real deep red, burgundy almost.

12 Q. And you were using your hands to describe
13 a very big book, thick?

14 A. About like that.

15 Q. Yeah.

16 A. And that was the Kingdom Ministry School.

17 Q. How much time did you spend at that
18 training in Billings? Do you remember?

19 A. I think it was a month. It might have
20 been -- it might have been two weeks. But it was a
21 number of days involved.

22 Q. Okay. So fairly extensive, then.

23 A. Yeah.

24 Q. And did you stay in Billings or did you
25 drive back and forth?