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## James Brown Spouse Files Lawsuit

### Takin' it to the estate

James Brown's longtime partner sued Thursday for half of the late singer's estate, maintaining that she was married to Brown at the time of his death and that she's entitled to a portion of his assets despite the fact that the Godfather of Soul didn't provide for her in his will.

"I have a long hard battle to fight for my husband's rights, for my rights and for my son's rights that have been completely violated during this time," Hynie said. "I am his wife. It's my home."

Brown's will predated his relationship with Hynie and the birth of their child, James Brown Jr, now 5.

According to two petitions, filed in a South Carolina pro-

bate court, Hynie, calling herself the "omitted spouse," also demands permission to return to Brown's Beech Island residence to retrieve "personal possessions," including furniture, china, clothing, artwork, electronics and toys she picked out while living there with Brown and their son. The 60-acre property was locked up after Brown died in Atlanta on Christmas Day and Hynie was barred from the grounds.

Meanwhile, Brown's six adult children—all of whom were mentioned when his will was read a few weeks ago—have moved to have Brown's attorneys removed as executors of the estate, claiming the attorneys have "mismanaged and otherwise dissipated assets and income of the trust."

The legal wrangling has postponed Brown's burial.



James Brown

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