

Rappahannock County

Wakefield District

NAME OF CLAIMANT

#27 - Smoot, Jas. H.

Number of Acres: 97-

Location: On the drains of Jordan River, between Park boundary corners 52 and 53.

Roads: Four miles of unimproved county road to Flint Hill, thence 13 miles of macadam road to Front Royal, the nearest shipping point.

Soil: The soil is a sandy clay loam of fair depth and fertility. Slopes are gentle to moderately steep, and uniformly smooth. The principal exposure is toward the north and east.

History of Tract and condition of timber: All but 31 acres of this tract has been cultivated or grazed for many years. Approximately 20 acres of the area once cultivated has been abandoned and is now growing up to brush and briars. The chestnut oak timber was cut for bark about 30 years ago, and the saw mill now located on the western part of the tract is now cutting what timber is left from former logging operation.

Improvements: 1 - 6 room log frame dwelling, metal roof, in fair condition, 1 barn, paper roof, corn house and hen house with paper roof, in fair condition.

Acreage and value of types:

Types	Acreage		Value per acre	Total Value
Slope:	49	@	\$3.00	\$147.00
Cove:				
Grazing Land:	15	@	\$5.00	75.00
Cultivated Land:	24	@	10.00	240.00
Orchard: ----	9	@	50.00	450.00
	<u>97</u>			

Minerals:

Value of Land: \$

Value of Improvements: \$400.00

Value of Orchard: \$ 450.00

400.00

Value of Minerals: \$

\$1312.00

Value of Timber: \$

Value of Wood: \$

Value per acre for tract: \$13.52

Incidental damages arising from the taking of this tract: \$ NONE

Geo. H. Pen.

CLERK

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Claim of

James H. Smoot
In the Circuit Court of *Rappahannock* County, Virginia, No. *149*, At Law.
The State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia, Petitioner, vs. *Clifton Aylor et al & 37400 acres*

more or less, of land in *Rapp* County, Virginia, Defendants.
The undersigned, in answer to the petition of the State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia, and in response to the notice of condemnation awarded upon the filing of said petition and published in accordance with the order of the Circuit Court of *Rapp* County, Virginia, asks leave of the Court to file this as his answer to said petition and to said notice.

My name is

My Post Office Address is

James H. Smoot
Flinn Hill, Va
I claim a right, title, estate or interest in a tract or parcel of land within the area sought to be condemned, containing about *96* acres, ^{more or less} on which there are the following buildings and improvements: *dwelling, barn and other out buildings*

This land is located about *4* miles from *Flinn Hill* Virginia, in the *Wakefield* Magisterial District of said County.

I claim the following right, title, estate or interest in the tract or parcel of land described above: (In this space claimant should say whether he is sole owner or joint owner, and if joint owner give names of the joint owners. If claimant is not sole or joint owner, he should set out exactly what right, title, estate or interest he has in or to the tract or parcel of land described above).

Sole owner -

The land owners adjacent to the above described tract or parcel of land are as follows:

North

South

East

West

Edith Harper -
W. D. Riley -
W. C. Gentry et al.
W. C. Gentry -
I acquired my right, title, estate or interest to this property about the year *1920* in the following manner:

By deed from Hansborough & Carter.

I claim that the total value of this tract or parcel of land with the improvements thereon is \$ *3500.00*. I claim that the total value of my right, title, estate or interest, in and to this tract or parcel of land with the improvements thereon is \$ *3500.00*.

I am the owner of _____ acres of land adjoining the above described tract or parcel of land but lying outside the Park area, which I claim will be damaged by the proposed condemnation of lands within the Park area, to the extent of \$_____.

(In the space below should be set out any additional statements or information as to this claim which claimant desires to make; and if practicable he should also insert here a description of the tract or parcel of land by metes and bounds).

Remarks:

I have an orchard on above property, about 800 trees - I claim that there is valuable mineral ore on this property also -

(Continue remarks if necessary on the back).

Witness my signature (or my name and mark attached hereto) this *7* day of *June*, 1930.

STATE OF VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF *Rapp*

To-wit:

The undersigned hereby certifies that *J. H. Smoot* the above named claimant personally appeared before him and made oath that the matters and things appearing in his above answer are true to the best of his knowledge and belief, this *7* day of *June*, 1930.

Jas. M. Smith
Clerk of the Court, or Special Investigator or Notary Public, or Justice of the Peace.

#27- Smoot, James

Acreage Claimed:

Value Claimed:

Examined by:

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Incumbrances, counter claims or laps: None so far as known.

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Improvements: These consist of the following:
House- log, 6 room, 18x24, met. roof, fair shape-\$250.00
Barn, log, 16x20, paper roof, 16x20 shed,
dilapidated- 50.00
Corn crib, 8x12-paper roof 10.00
Chicken House, 8x12 paper roof 10.00
Total- \$320.00

Acreage and Value by Types:

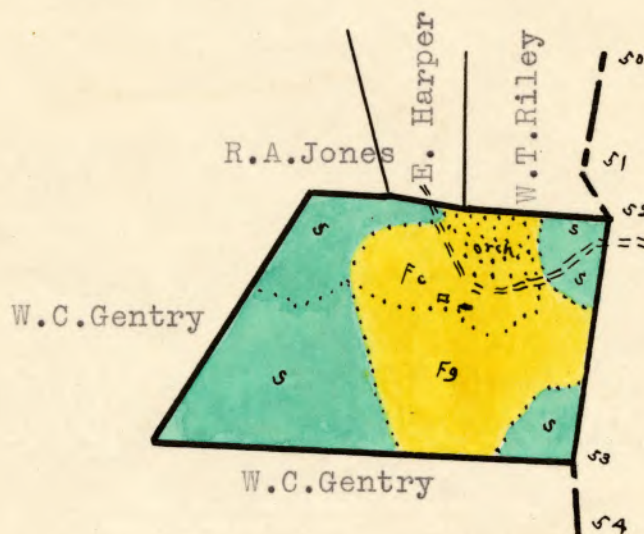
<u>Types:</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Value per A.</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
Slope	51	\$3.00	\$153.00
Tillable Land	24	15.00	360.00
Fields restocking	15	5.00	75.00
Old Orchard	3	75.00	225.00
Young "	5	30.00	150.00
Total	98		

Value of land(ex.orchards)	\$588.00
" " Improvements	320.00
" " Orchard	375.00
	<u>\$1283.00</u>

Value per acre for tract---- \$13.09

County: Rappahannock
District: Wakefield

#27-Smoot, James



LEGEND:

Cove Orchard
Slope Grazing Land
Ridge Tillable Land
Scale - 1" = 20 Chains