

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY
 NAME OF CLAIMANT
 #19 - Conrad, George N.

Number of Acres: 1030

Location: Abram Mountain, lying in both Rockingham and Page Counties, and entirely within the Park area.

Roads: Six miles of good dirt road except for two and one-half miles of pavement to Elkton, the nearest shipping point.

Soil: Shallow sandy loam of poor fertility and covered with small loose rocks and there are also rocky outcrops and cliffs. The slopes are steep except for a strip of level land along the stream.

History of Tract and condition of timber: The tract was cut over several years ago and was severely burned in 1926 and much of the area again in the summer of 1930. There is an open stand of short scrubby yellow pine 1" to 5" DBH with occasional trees to 10" DBH. Two small areas have open stand of yellow pine up to 14" DBH with occasional white pine on 27 acres.

Improvements:

None.

Acreage and value of types:

Types	Acreage	@	Value per acre	Total Value
Ridge: (burned)	260	@	.50	\$130.00
Slope: "	426	@	1.50	639.00
" "	344	@	2.00	688.00
Cove:				\$1457.00

Grazing Land:

300.00

 \$1757.00

Fields Restocking:

Cultivated Land:

Orchard:

Minerals:

Value of Land: \$ 1457.00

Value of Improvements: \$

Value of Orchard: \$

Value of Minerals: \$

Value of Fruit: \$

Value of Timber: \$ 300.00

Value of Wood: \$

Value per acre for tract: \$ 1.71

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

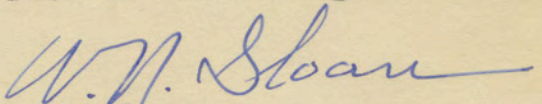
Geo. N. Lee CLERK.

REPORT ON THE ACREAGE
of the
George N. Conrad Tract #19.

The deed conveying this land to George N. Conrad gives a good description by bearings and distances. This deed calls for "about 2000 acres," but a computation of the acreage by the calls in the deed gives 1279 acres.

Ties made on the ground by the U. S. G. S., and by men working under my direction, decrease slightly the lengths of several lines of the tract. A computation of the acreage by the calls contained in the deed, subject only to these corrections made in the field, gives 1236 acres in the tract.

Of this acreage, 206 acres lie in Page County, leaving 1030 acres in Rockingham. This is the acreage covered by the State's report.


W. N. Sloan,
Chief Engineer, Park Service.

Claim of George N. Conrad, (erroneously described in the plat &c. in these proceedings as George Conard)
In the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, Virginia, No. _____, At Law.
The State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia, Petitioner, vs. _____

more or less, of land in Rockingham 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 _____ County, Virginia, asks leave of the Court to file this as his answer to said petition and to said notice.

My name is George N. Conrad
My post office address is Harrisonburg, Virginia

I claim a right, title, estate or interest in ^{two} ~~a~~ tract or parcel of land within the area sought to be condemned, containing about 2000 ^{no} acres, on which there are ~~the~~ following buildings and improvements: _____

This land is located about 6 miles from Elkton Virginia, in the Stonewall 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.)

fee simple title

The land owners adjacent to the above described tract or parcel of land are as follows:
North _____
South _____
East _____
West _____

I acquired my right, title, estate or interest to this property about the year _____ in the following manner: A tract of about 2000 acres was conveyed to me by deed from E. D. Ott, Special Commissioner which is recorded in D.B. 132, p. 544 and a tract of twenty-six acres by Grant from the Commonwealth which is recorded in D.B. 133 p. 432. ~~I also include in the above a tract of 86 acres which was granted to me by the Commonwealth of Va. which is recorded in D. B. 133, page 432.~~

I claim that the total value of this tract or parcel of land with the improvements thereon is \$1500.00. 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 \$1500.00.

~~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: In 1925 I signed an "Offer of Donation" of twenty five acres off of the tract conveyed to me by E. D. Ott, Commissioner if the Park is established.

(Continue remarks if necessary on the back).

Witness my signature (or my name and mark attached hereto) this 30th day of January, ¹⁹³¹ ~~1930~~.

STATE OF VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF Rockingham, To-wit:

The undersigned hereby certifies that Geo. N. Conrad 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 30th day of Jan., 1930.

Lucille Berger N.P.
Clerk of the Court, or Special Investigator or Notary Public, or Justice of the Peace.

County: Rockingham
District: Stonewall

County: Page
District: Shenandoah Iron Works

#19 - (Rockingham Co.) Conrad, George N.
#589 - (Page County) Conrad, George N.

Acreage Claimed: 2000 Assessed: 2000 Deed *2000
Value Claimed: \$1500.00 " \$500.00 "\$270.00(1925)

Location: Abram Mountain, lying in both Rockingham and Page counties,
and entirely within the Park area.

Incumbrances, counter claims or laps: None known.

Soil: Shallow sandy loam of poor fertility and covered with small
loose rocks and there are also rocky outcrops and cliffs.
The slopes are steep except for a strip of level land along
the stream.

Roads: Six miles of good dirt road except for two and one-half
miles of pavement to Elkton, the nearest shipping point.

History of tract and condition of timber: The tract was cut over several
years ago and was severely burned in 1926 and much of the
area again in the summer of 1930. There is an open stand
of short scrubby yellow pine 1" to 5" DBH with occasional
trees to 10" DBH. Two small areas have open stand of yellow
pine up to 14" DBH with occasional white pine on 27 acres.
In Rockingham Co., the estimate is 75 M. pine @ \$2.00-\$150.00
On 344 A. - 600 cords of fuelwood @ 25¢ -- 150.00
 \$300.00
In Page Co., there are 206 A. --- 50 cords Valued
@ 50¢ \$25.00

Improvements: None.

Value of land by types: (Rockingham County)

Type	Acreage	Value per acre	Total Value
Slope	344	\$2.00	\$688.00
Slope (burned)	426	1.50	639.00
Ridge (burned)	260	.50	130.00
	1030		\$1457.00

Total value of land	\$1457.00
Total value of improvements	--
Total value of timber	300.00
Total value of tract	1757.00
Average value per acre	1.71

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#19 - (Rockingham Co.) Conrad, George N.
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Value of land by types: (Page County)

Type	Acreage	Value per acre	Total Value
Slope	62	\$2.00	\$124.00
Cove	10	5.00	50.00
Slope(Burned)	<u>134</u>	1.50	<u>201.00</u>
	<u>206</u>		<u>\$375.00</u>

Total value of land (Page County)	\$375.00
Total value of timber	----- 25.00
Total value of tract	----- \$400.00
Average value per acre	----- \$1.94

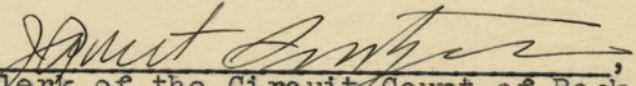
SUMMARY
Rockingham and Page Counties.

Number of acres in tract - 1236
Total value of tract - \$2157.00
Average value per acre \$1.75

Note*--- Although the deed calls for about 2000 acres the calls given therein makes a much smaller acreage.
The field sheet calls for 1279½ A. Difference between this and the reported acreage is probably due to surface measurement.

I hereby certify that the records in my office do not show any delinquent taxes against the tract of mountain land assessed in Stonewall District, Rockingham County, as two thousand acres, in the name of George N. Conrad.

Given under my hand this 12 day of December, 1933.


Clerk of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, Virginia.

M. H. HARRISON
TREASURER OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY
HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA

December 12, 1933.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the Taxes for the years 1932 and 1933 on 2000-0-0 acres of land situated in Stonewall District, and assessed in the name of Geo. N. Conrad has been paid.

M. H. Harrison, Treas

By E. A. Zigler Deputy

Witness:

M. H. Harrison Jr.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA

THE STATE COMMISSION ON CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

PETITIONER

V

CASSANDRA LAWSON ATKINS and others

RESPONDENTS

On this, the 13 day of December, 1933, came George N. Conrad and on his motion, leave is given him to file his application for the payment to him of the sum of \$1757.⁰⁰, the amount of the award set out in the judgment of condemnation for Tract No. 19 and heretofore paid into Court. And it appearing from the report of the Board of Appraisal Commissioners heretofore filed in this cause and in the petition for judgment and condemnation entered herein on the ___ day of _____ 1933, that in the opinion of petitioner the said George N. Conrad is invested with a superior or better right or claim of title in and to the said tract of land No. 19 and that the record of this cause does not disclose any denial or dispute by any party or person in interest as to the title to said tract No. 19 or to the proceeds arising from the condemnation thereof, and is therefore entitled to receive the proceeds arising from the condemnation of said tract No. 19, and it further appearing to the court that all taxes due or taxable upon said tract No. 19 have been paid, upon consideration whereof it is considered and ordered ^{ed} by the court that said sum of \$1757.⁰⁰ paid into court by petitioner as just compensation for tract No. 19 be paid unto said George N. Conrad and the Clerk of this Court is directed to transmit a certified copy of this order to the Treasurer of Virginia, who shall pay unto said George N. Conrad the said sum of \$1757.⁰⁰ the amount of the award set out in the judgment of condemnation for tract No. 19, taking from the said George N. Conrad, receipt therefor, and certifying such payment to the Clerk of this court for appropriate entry thereof as required by law.

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Virginia: In the Circuit Court of Rockingham County

The State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia . . PETITIONER.

V. At Law No. 1829

Cassandra Lawson Atkins and others, and Fifty-Two Thousand, Five Hundred and Sixty-One (52,561) Acres of land, more or less DEFENDANTS.

Comes now the undersigned and shows to the Court:

That a judgment in rem has heretofore been entered in this proceeding condemning to the use of the Petitioner the fee simple estate in the tract (✓) of land numbered as follows: Tract No. 19 -----: Tract No. -----: Tract No. -----;

and described in the report of the Board of Appraisal Commissioners appointed herein and shown, numbered, and delineated on the County Ownership Map filed therewith, upon payment into the custody of the Court of the sum (s) set out in the said judgment as constituting the award (s) therefor, as follows:

Award on Tract No. 19 \$ 1757.⁰⁰; on Tract No. ----- \$ -----; on Tract No. ----- \$ -----;

That the report of the said Board sets forth that the following named persons claim, or appear to have a claim to an interest in the said tract (s) of land or in the proceeds arising from the condemnation thereof; None

That the Petitioner has paid into the custody of the Court the said sum (s) set out in said judgment as constituting the award (s) for the fee simple estate in the said tract (s) of land;

That your undersigned, on the date of the said judgment in rem condemning the said tract (s) of land, owned or was (were) entitled to the following interest in the said tract (s) or in the proceeds arising from the condemnation thereof:—

fee simple

That no other person or persons than the undersigned are entitled to share in the distribution of the said award (s) except the following named persons whose interest in said tract (s) or in the proceeds arising from the condemnation thereof on the date of entry of said judgment was as follows:

None

Wherefore, your undersigned pray (s) that, ^{if needed,} ~~he (they)~~ be made a party (parties) herein under the provisions of Section 21 of the Public Park Condemnation Act, and that] an order be entered for the distribution of said sum (s) set forth in said judgment in rem as constituting the award (s) for the fee simple estate in the said tract (s) condemned as aforesaid, and for the payment to the undersigned of the said award (s) or of as much thereof as the Court may find that the undersigned is (are) entitled to receive, and which the undersigned aver (s) is as follows: Tract No. 19 ----- \$ 1757.⁰⁰: Tract No. ----- \$ -----: Tract No. ----- \$ -----;

The undersigned further aver (s) that: (Leave this space blank unless there is some other pertinent matter to be brought specially to the attention of the court) There are no unpaid taxes against said tract, this tract being assessed as 2000 acres in Stonehouse District Rockingham County, Va. Attached thereto and as part thereof are certificates of the County Treasurer of Rockingham and the Clerk of the Court of said County as to payment of said taxes.

NAME: Oat. J. Conrad P. O. ADDRESS: Harrisonburg, Va

State of Virginia Circuit Court of Rockingham To wit: This day Geo. N. Conrad personally appeared before me and made oath that the statements contained in the above petition so far as made on his own information are true and so far as made upon information on others I believe them to be true. Given under my hand this 13th day of December 1933. J. B. [Signature]

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Commonwealth of Virginia

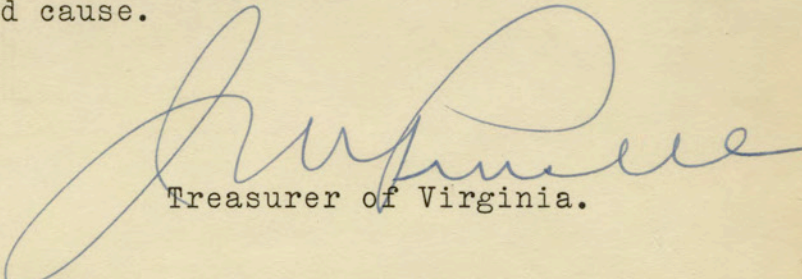
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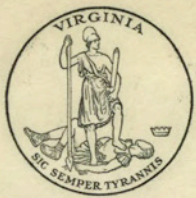
RICHMOND, VA.

JOHN M. PURCELL
TREASURER OF VIRGINIA

December 15, 1933

This is to certify that I, J. M. Purcell, Treasurer of Virginia have this 15 day of December in accordance with an order of the circuit court of Rockingham dated 12/13/33 in the cause of the State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia vs. Cassandra Lawson Atkins paid to George N. Conrad, Harrisonburg, Virginia \$ 1,757.00 being in full settlement of tract # 19 in the above mentioned cause.


Treasurer of Virginia.



JOHN M. PURCELL
TREASURER OF VIRGINIA

Commonwealth of Virginia

TREASURER'S OFFICE

RICHMOND, VA.

Mr. George N. Conrad,
Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Received of J. M. Purcell, Treasurer of Virginia, the sum of \$1,757.00, in accordance with an order of the Circuit Court of the County of Rockingham, entered on the 13th day of December 1933, in the matter of the State Commission of Conservation and Development v. Cassandra Lawson Atkins, and others, being full and complete settlement for the tract of land known in said proceeding as #19.

George N. Conrad

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Virginia: In the Circuit Court of Rockingham County

The State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia . . PETITIONER.

V. At Law No. 1829

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and described in the report of the Board of Appraisal Commissioners appointed herein and shown, numbered, and delineated on the County Ownership Map filed therewith, upon payment into the custody of the Court of the sum(s) set out in the said judgment as constituting the award(s) therefor, as follows:

Award on Tract No. 19----- \$ 1757.00 on Tract No. ----- \$-----; on Tract No. ----- \$-----;

That the report of the said Board sets forth that the following named persons claim, or appear to have a claim to an interest in the said tract(s) of land or in the proceeds arising from the condemnation thereof;

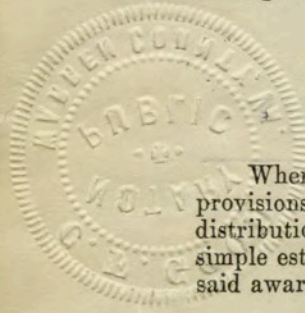
George N. Conrad

That the Petitioner has paid into the custody of the Court the said sum(s) set out in said judgment as constituting the award(s) for the fee simple estate in the said tract(s) of land;

That your undersigned, on the date of the said judgment in rem condemning the said tract(s) of land, owned or was (were) entitled to the following interest in the said tract(s) or in the proceeds arising from the condemnation thereof:—

By reason of contribution pledge, obligating the owner, George N. Conrad, to give 75 acres of his land within the Park Area to the Park Project.

That no other person or persons than the undersigned are entitled to share in the distribution of the said award(s) except the following named persons whose interest in said tract(s) or in the proceeds arising from the condemnation thereof on the date of entry of said judgment was as follows:



Wherefore, your undersigned pray(s) that [he (they) be made a party (parties) herein under the provisions of Section 21 of the Public Park Condemnation Act, and that] an order be entered for the distribution of said sum(s) set forth in said judgment in rem as constituting the award(s) for the fee simple estate in the said tract(s) condemned as aforesaid, and for the payment to the undersigned of the said award(s) or of as much thereof as the Court may find that the undersigned is (are) entitled to receive, and which the undersigned aver(s) is as follows: Tract No. 19----- \$ 37.50-----: Tract No. ----- \$-----: Tract No. ----- \$-----;

The undersigned further aver(s) that: (Leave this space blank unless there is some other pertinent matter to be brought specially to the attention of the court)

NAME	P. O. ADDRESS
STATE COMMISSION ON CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT	-----
BY <u>Collett Marshall</u>	-----
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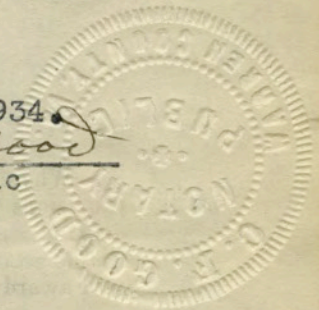
STATE OF VIRGINIA)
COUNTY OF WARREN) ss

Personally appeared before me the undersigned Notary Public in my said State and County, E. K. Stokes, who being duly sworn, deposed and said that she is an employee of the State Commission on Conservation and Development in immediate charge of the records of the Shenandoah National Park Division thereof having to do with claims of the Commission for distributive shares of condemnation awards in the Shenandoah National Park condemnation proceedings pending in the Circuit Courts of Virginia, by reason of contracts and agreements entered into with the owners of lands sought to be condemned in these proceedings, and that the within claim is just and correct.

Witness my signature this 8th day of January, 1934.

NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires Sep. 8, 1934

Chas F. Hood
Notary Public



STATE COMMISSION ON CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

V

At Law No. 1829

CASSANDRA LAWSON ATKINS, &c.

To the Honorable H. W. Bertram, Judge of the Circuit Court
of Rockingham County, Virginia

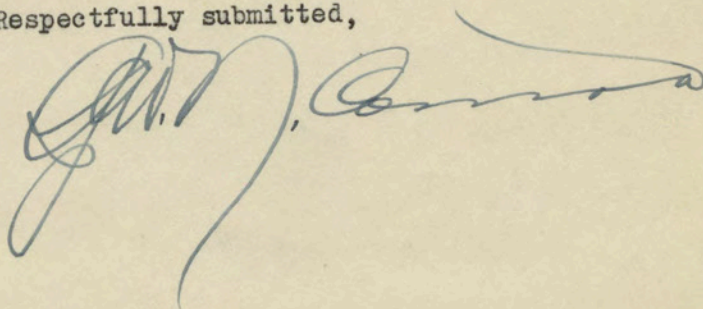
The undersigned who is a party in the above entitled action at law presents this, his answer, which if necessary, is prayed to be treated as a petition, in said action. He respectfully represents that he was the owner of a certain tract designated as Number 19 in the condemnation proceedings which were had in this action and has, by check to the Treasurer of Virginia, been paid the amount of the appraised value of said tract; that since the payment to him of said amount, to-wit: on the 9th. day of January, 1934 a petition of the State Commission on Conservation and Development was filed in the said action wherein it is alleged that "by reason of contribution pledge obligating the owner, George N. Conrad, to give 75 acres of his land within the Park area to the park project", therefore the petition prays that an order be entered by this court, directing that out of the said sum of \$1757.00 for said tract No. 19, there be paid to said State Commission on Conservation and Development, \$37.50 by reason of said "donations". Since the filing of said petition, the undersigned has been furnished with a copy of what purports to be a copy of the alleged donations, (which, as the court will observe, were made as far back as the year 1925) one of the said donations being for 25 acres in which the undersigned reserved the right to cancel the same after two years from the date thereof (but the undersigned does not seek to avail himself of the said right of cancellation), the other donation being ~~50~~ acres. Inasmuch as these donations were made nearly nine years ago, the undersigned had forgotten the quantity donated, and when the sum of \$1757.00 was paid to him, he assumed that those in charge and authority had in the exercise of proper care, deducted such amount as was properly deductible, on

account of said donations, from the sum which was due the undersigned. The undersigned has no desire or disposition to avoid a proper compliance with the offer to donate and asserts that he had the right to designate what portion of his tract of land should be taken in discharge of the said donation agreements and he elects that the donation shall be from that portion of his said tract which was appraised at 50¢ per acre, thus making the amount of \$37.50 which is the amount the petition filed as aforesaid by the Commission on Conservation and Development claims is due and will be accepted as in full discharge of the said agreements to donate.

The undersigned attaches hereto to be lodged and filed with the Clerk of this Court, his check ^{for \$37.50} payable to the State Commission on Conservation and Development assuming that the said amount is to the said State Commission on Conservation and Development, but if said sum should be paid to the Treasurer of Virginia, will withdraw the said check and in its stead, issue another for the said sum, payable to the said Treasurer.

The undersigned respectfully begs leave to file this paper in the said action at law and that the Court may enter such order in connection with it as may be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. M. Combs", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.