

NAME OF CLAIMANT

#283 - Egger, Bertha L.

Number of Acres: 23

Location: Deep Run. Entirely within the Park area.

Roads: Three and one-half miles via dirt road to Port Republic, the nearest shipping point.

Soil: Sandy loam, thins slope type.

History of Tract and condition of timber: There is about 18 cords of pine stove wood on this tract and about 2 cords of fuelwood per acre.

18 cords of fuelwood.

30 cords fuelwood.

Improvements:

Stone dwelling: 11x16½', 1 room, stone kitchen 9½x16½', 1 room, paper roof, stone flues, 1 story, good condition, occupied by owner.Frame stable: 9x12', paper roof, fair condition.Frame goat house: 9x18', paper roof, fair condition.Stone cellar house: 9x12', paper roof, fair condition.
70 fruit trees.

Acreage and value of types:

Types	Acreage		Value per acre	Total Value
Ridge:				
Slope:	15	@	\$5.00	\$75.00
Cove:				
Grazing Land:				
Fields Restocking:				
Cultivated Land:	8	@	25.00	200.00
Orchard:				\$275.00
Minerals:				
Value of Land:				\$275.00
Value of Improvements:				\$620.00
Value of Orchard:				\$
Value of Minerals:				\$
Value of Fruit:				\$120.00
Value of Timber:				\$
Value of Wood:				\$50.00
Value per acre for tract:				\$48.04
Incidental damages arising from the taking of this tract:				\$None

Geo. N. Peni

Claim of Bertha L. Egger
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. Bertha L. Egger

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 Rockingham County, Virginia, asks leave of the Court to file this as his answer to said petition and to said notice.

My name is Bertha L. Egger
My post office address is Park Republic, 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 twenty-three acres, on which there are the following buildings and improvements: Dwelling, cellar, stable, coat-house, large & small fruit of every description, water tanks, garden, pasture, field & woodland.

This land is located about five miles from Park Republic 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.)

Sole ownership

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

North Burrows and Fink, Salem, Va
South Alexander - Burrows & Fink
East do.
West Burrows & Fink - Wisley

I acquired my right, title, estate or interest to this property about the year 1919 in the following manner:

By purchase (\$500 purchase price included in money invested) Money invested inc. interest @ 4% for 6 yrs \$411.2.

I claim that the total value of this tract or parcel of land with the improvements thereon is \$12,512.00. 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 \$_____.

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 \$300.00 per 1/40

(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: Labor Estimate as follows; (is conservative)

3 yrs working 300 days for 2 workers @ \$2 day = \$3600.
4 " " 270 " " " " = 4320.
4 " " 60 " " " " = 480.
\$8400.

After sixth year, although me (Continue remarks if necessary on the back).

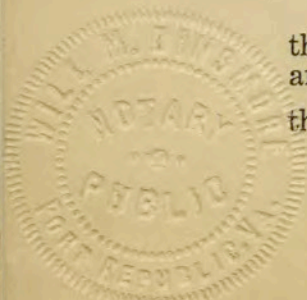
Witness my signature (or my name and mark attached hereto) this _____ day of February, 1930.

STATE OF VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF Rockingham To-wit:

The undersigned hereby certifies that Bertha L. Egger 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 14 day of Feb., 1930.

Will M. Dinwiddie N.P.
Clerk of the Court, or Special Investigator or Notary Public, or Justice of the Peace.

Filed 2/16/31
J.F.B.
My Commission Expires Apr. 16 1934



283 Bertha L. Egger

Acreage Claimed: Assessed 23 Deed 23
Value Claimed: " 50.00 " 1.00 etc. 1920

Location: Deep Run. Entirely within the Park area.

Soil: Sandy loam. Thin slope type

Leps.: Mrs. Egger claims 23 ares but only has a deed for 18 acres. 5 acres supposed to have been given to her by J. A. Alexander. Mr. Alexander never made her a deed to the 5 acres.

Roads: 3 1/2 miles via dirt road to Port Republic, the nearest shipping point.

History: There is about 18 cords of pine stove wood on this tract and about 20 cords of fuel wood per acre.
 18 cords stove wood @ 75¢ per cd. \$13.50
 30 cords fuel wood @ 50¢ per cd. 15.00
 28.50

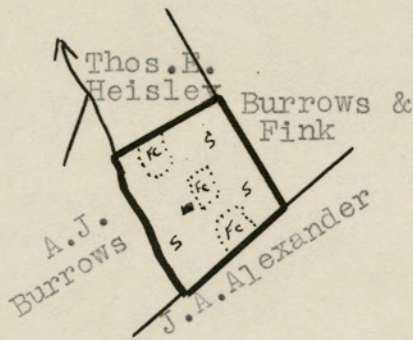
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 Frame stable 9 x 12ft. Paper roof. Fair condition 15.00
 Frame goats house 9 x 18ft. Paper roof. Fair cond. 20.00
 Stone cellar house 9 x 12ft. Paper roof. Fair cond. 40.00
 70 fruit trees 70.00
 645.00

Value of land by types:

Type	Acreage	Value per acre	Total Value
Slope	15	\$ 2.00	\$ 30.00
Tillable	3	25.00	75.00
	18		105.00

Total value of land \$105.00
 Total value of improvements 645.00
 Total value of timber 28.50
 Total value of tract 778.50
 Average per acre 43.25

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LEGEND:

Slope Tillable
Scale - 1" = 20 chains

Put in post office

To

his Honor Judge A. W. Bertram
of the Circuit Court of
Harrisonburg, Va.



Lynwood Va

The Hon Judge Bertram:

I am appealing to you to look after my interests in this Park condemnation matter as I cannot help myself!

Ours is an unique case, we scrimped & saved in the city so we could live outdoors. We soon saw the high mtic land was unfitted for farming or even an apple orchard, but we decided to keep on improving the land, letting the trees grow up, have a good garden & plenty of fruit & later sell part or whole to rich people wishing summer homes, supplying them with produce. It's been very arduous heavy work & we spent our time strength & money but things began to shape up somewhat & we would have won out - -

Then the Park business began just as we'd begun to build our stone house & for 9 yrs we've been kept hanging between earth & sky, having to put up with all kinds of inconveniences for lack of space ⁱⁿ house & shed etc, and when I had a hearing I find the undervalued the wood & crops, but also completely ignored our years of labor, the money spent in improving place & even the actual purchase price!

Their Geologist came up, but seemed embarrassed when I recognized him as a Park Employee,

and I do not think spent 5 minutes looking at the mineral I had reported & later some more men came & barely came to the house, & said "Well; we'll go round; we'll go round!"

Then, after about a year we'd begun to breathe again & along comes this condemnation notice 4 days before expiration of 60 day notice, & we're unable to raise the protest fees!

I write a protest to the Co Clerk, & Mr Egger sees one Attorney after another, all too busy to bother when they know he hasn't the money, till he goes to Mr Hammer who says to remind him about it week after next, & he can take his case up with several others!

Now Mr Hammer was Mr Burrows & Alexander's Attorney at the time we got the place, & there certainly was something irregular there! I'm afraid!

I do not know that the Park has changed its mind about us, but if so, would it be possible for your honor to appoint an Attorney to protest us? We would pay him sometime; just now we need all we get for food!

Sincerely

Mrs Henry Egger.

Lynwood Ga
Oct 23, 1933.

Circuit Court of Ga.
Gentlemen:

In response to notice of
my land being condemned for Park Purposes
I protest for reason of: —

1. The price (\$1065.) does not half pay
back money actually spent improving land.
2. The years of hard manual labor with
little if any return; an actual investment!
3. We were assured by Park Board they
would "go round".
4. Valuable mineral on place, totally
overlooked in a 5 min. survey by Park men.

Bertha Egger.