

Rappahannock County

Hawthorne District

**NAME OF CLAIMANT**

#207 - Crane, E.L.

*Wm. F. Bywaters, Admr.,  
Kosia, Va.*

Number of Acres: 50

Location: Hazel River on east side of the Beech Spring Road.

Roads: It is  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles over a rough steep road to the Lee Highway at Beech Spring and thence 13 miles to Luray, the nearest shipping point.

Soil: The soil is a sandy loam of good depth and fertility except on the north and where it is shallow. There is small rock all over the tract and large rock and cliffs on the north side. The central part of the tract is nearly level, but the slopes to the north and east are very steep.

History of Tract and condition of timber: The bark and most of the timber was removed years ago but considerable timber was left on the southeast side. There has been very little fire and there is some good young timber including poplar, yellow pine, and chestnut and scarlet oaks. There is considerable laurel. Some of the land was cleared up and cultivated but it has been abandoned for several years. Timber: There is an open stand of fairly good timber mostly under 24" DBH. ~~Half~~ of the oak is white oak.

Improvements: Old abandoned buildings of no value.

**Acreage and value of types:**

| Types         | Acreage   |   | Value per acre | Total Value     |
|---------------|-----------|---|----------------|-----------------|
| Slope:        | 23        | @ | \$2.50         | \$57.50         |
| Cove:         | 22        | @ | 4.00           | 88.00           |
| Grazing Land: | 5         | @ | 8.00           | 40.00           |
|               | <u>50</u> |   |                | <u>\$185.50</u> |

**Cultivated Land:**

**Orchard:**

**Minerals:**

Value of Land: \$ 185.50

Value of Improvements: \$

Value of Orchard: \$

Value of Minerals: \$

Value of Timber: \$ 87.00

Value of Wood: \$

Value per acre for tract: \$ 5.45

87.00  
\$272.50

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

*Geo. H. Pen*

CLERK

Claim of W. F. Crane, Executor of Ernest L. Crane.  
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 als., and 37,400 acres

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

My name is W. F. Crane and am Executor of Ernest L. Crane  
My Post Office Address is Rixeyville, Va. P. O.

I claim a right, title, estate or interest in a tract or parcel of land within the area sought to be condemned, containing about 50 acres, on which there are the following buildings and improvements: a cabin

This land is located about \_\_\_\_\_ miles from Washington Virginia, in the \_\_\_\_\_ 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).

E. L. Crane of Rappahannock County Va. owner said land died testator on July 29<sup>th</sup> 1927 & I was named & qualified as Executor before the Circuit Court of Rappahannock County Va on Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> 1929.

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:

E. L. Crane acquired title by deed dated June 25<sup>th</sup> 1926 recorded in deed book No. 33 P 464 Clerk's office Rappahannock Co Va

I claim that the total value of this tract or parcel of land with the improvements thereon is \$ 500.00. 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 \$ 500.00.

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: descriptions: Bag at the South End of Hazel River at foot of Eastham Hollow road, a walnut hollow tree, these down & going to the spring, thence with N. part of Eastham Hollow road cornering at the pond, thence with the road to the beginning containing 50 acres more or less

(Continue remarks if necessary on the back).

Witness my signature (or my name and mark attached hereto) this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1930.

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

The undersigned hereby certifies that W. F. Crane, Exr of E. L. Crane 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1930.

J. H. Loring, J.P.  
Clerk of the Court, or Special Investigator or Notary Public, or Justice of the Peace.  
Com. expires Sept-9-1933

File in  
File in

Com. of the State of Virginia  
Notary Public  
John H. [unclear]  
[unclear]

this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July 1880

and things appearing in his above answer are true to the best of his knowledge and belief  
The undersigned hereby certifies that W. F. Crane is the person who made oath that the matters

STATE OF VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF [unclear]  
of [unclear] 1880.  
To-wit:

Witness my signature (or my name and mark attached hereto) this 22<sup>nd</sup> day  
[unclear] (Continue remarks if necessary on the back).

Remarks: [unclear] description of the tract or parcel of land by metes and bounds.

(In the space below should be set out any additional statements or information as to  
posed condemnation of lands within the Park area, to the extent of \$  
parcel of land but lying outside the Park area, which I claim will be damaged by the pro-  
I am the owner of [unclear] acres of land adjoining the above described tract or  
in and to this tract or parcel of land with the improvements thereon is \$2000

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 \$2000

I claim that the total value of this tract or parcel of land with the improvements there-  
in and to this tract or parcel of land with the improvements thereon is \$2000

I acquired my right, title, estate or interest to this property about the year [unclear] in the  
following manner:  
West [unclear]  
East [unclear]  
South [unclear]  
North [unclear]

The land owner adjacent to the above described tract or parcel of land are as follows:  
[unclear]  
[unclear]  
[unclear]

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and if joint owners give names of the joint owners. If claimant is not sole or joint owner,  
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scribed above: [unclear]  
Magisterial District of said County.

State Commission on Conservation  
& Development of the State of  
Virginia.

Vs Answer of W. F. Crane,  
Executor of Ernest L. Crane

Clifton Aylor et als.

My Post Office Address is [unclear] No. B. F. P. O.  
My name is W. F. Crane and my Residence is [unclear] of [unclear] & [unclear]  
as his answer to said petition and to said notice.  
County, Virginia, asks leave of the Court to file this  
Court of [unclear] County, Virginia, asks leave of the Court to file this

upon the filing of said petition and published in accordance with the order of the Circuit  
development of the State of Virginia, and in response to the notice of condemnation awarded  
The undersigned, in answer to the petition of the State Commission on Conservation and De-  
more or less of land in [unclear] County, Virginia, Defendants.

Honor, vs Clifton Aylor et als., and 37,400 acres  
The State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia, Peti-  
in the Circuit Court of [unclear] County, Virginia, No. 123. At Law.

Claim of W. F. Crane, Executor of Ernest L. Crane.  
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Area in Claim: Assessed \*50 Deed \*50  
Value in Claim: Assessed \$ 100.00 Deed \$ 125. (1926)  
Location: Hazel River on east side of the Beech Spring Road.  
Laps, Counter Claims and Incumbrances: None Known.

Roads: It is 2½ miles over a rough steep road to the Lee Highway at Beech Spring and thence 13 miles to Luray, the nearest shipping point.

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Timber: There is an open stand of fairly good timber mostly under 24" DBH. Half of the oak is white oak. The estimate on 15 Acres follows:

| Species        | MBF       | Value per M. | Total Value    |
|----------------|-----------|--------------|----------------|
| Hemlock        | 18        | \$1.00       | 18.00          |
| Oak            | 14        | 2.50         | 35.00          |
| Poplar         | 7         | 4.00         | 28.00          |
| White Pine     | 2         | 3.00         | 6.00           |
| <b>TOTAL:-</b> | <b>41</b> |              | <b>\$87.00</b> |

Improvements: House: log, 16x24, 1½ story, 6 room, weather boarded, stone chimney, shingle roof, abandoned, and a few old apple trees which has been assigned no value as it has been abandoned for several years and is in a dilapidated condition.

Area and Value of Land by Types:

| Type    | Area       | Value per A. | Total Value; |
|---------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Slope   | 101        | \$2.50       | \$253.       |
| Cove    | 22         | 4.00         | 88.          |
| Grazing | 5          | 8.00         | 40.          |
|         | <u>128</u> |              | <u>\$381</u> |

Total Value of Land \$381.00  
 " " " " 87.00  
 " " " " 468.00--TOTAL VALUE OF TRACT.

Average Value per Acre: \$3.65

\*The survey description in deed dated June 5, 1926 calls for natural boundaries with no compass courses and distances which accounts for the difference in assessed acreage and the acreage found by examination.

C. M. WAITE                      E. S. PERRY  
**Waite & Perry,**  
ATTORNEYS & COUNSELLORS AT LAW  
Culpeper, Va.

July 25th, 1930.

Mr. James M. Settle, Clerk,  
Washington, Virginia.

Dear James:

I herewith hand you answer of  
W. F. Crane, Executor of Ernest L. Crane, in the  
case of State Commission of Conservation and  
Development of the State of Virginia, against  
Clifton Aylor et als. In the third and fourth  
paragraphs I did not have sufficient information  
to fill them, and will thank you to fill in the  
blanks for me if it is possible.

The information lacking in regard to  
paragraph three is how far the land is from Washington,  
and in what magisterial district it is.

The information lacking in paragraph four  
is the owners of the adjoining land.

I will appreciate it very much if you  
will fill in these blanks for me and file the answer.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

CMW/JL.  
enc.

*C. M. Waite*