

Rappahannock County

Hampton District

NAME OF CLAIMANT

#50 - Smoot, Ernest

Number of Acres: 136.

Location: Head of Rush River on south slopes of Mt. Marshall.

Incumbrances, counter claims or laps: None so far as known, except timber right is outstanding.

Roads: Approximately four miles of unimproved county road to Washington and 19 miles of macadam road to Front Royal, the nearest shipping point.

Soil: Sandy clay loam with steep slopes and southern exposure. Surface fairly smooth with rock slides along drainage lines.

History of Tract and condition of timber: Culled for chestnut oak bark and lumber for local use. Repeated fires have injured standing timber and reproduction.

Improvements: None.

Acreage and value of types:

Types	Acreage		Value per acre	Total Value
Slope:	74	@	\$2.50	\$185.00
Cove:	48	@	4.00	192.00
Grazing Land:	13	@	10.00	130.00
				<u>\$507.00</u>
Cultivated Land:				
Orchard:	1	@	50.00	50.00

Minerals:

Value of Land: \$ 507.00

Value of Improvements: \$

Value of Orchard: \$50.00

Value of Minerals: \$

Value of Timber: \$ 1200.00

Value of Wood: \$

Value per acre for tract: \$ 12.92

\$1200.00

\$1757.00

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

Geo. N. Lee

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, <sup>more or less</sup> 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.



Claim of  
James N. Smoot

this day of January, 1930

and things appearing in his above answer are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

The undersigned hereby certifies that

STATE OF VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF

of 1930.

Witness my signature (or my name and mark attached hereto) this day

(Continue remarks if necessary on the back.)

Remarks:

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 2

parcel of land but lying outside the Park area, which I claim will be damaged by the pro-

I am the owner of \_\_\_\_\_ acres of land adjoining the above described tract or in and to this tract or parcel of land with the improvements thereon is \$ 29,000.00

I claim that the total value of this tract or parcel of land with the improvements there-

following manner:

I acquired my right title, estate or interest to this property about the year 1920 in the

West

East

South

North

The land owner's adjacent to the above described tract or parcel of land are as follows:

parcel of land described \_\_\_\_\_ title, estate or interest he has in or to the tract or he should set out exact \_\_\_\_\_ joint owners. If claimant is not sole or joint owner, and if joint owner give \_\_\_\_\_ and should say whether he is sole owner or joint owner, ascribed above: (In the \_\_\_\_\_ estate or interest in the tract or parcel of land de-

This land is located \_\_\_\_\_ miles from \_\_\_\_\_ Virginia, in

buildings and improvements \_\_\_\_\_ to be condemned, containing \_\_\_\_\_ acres, on which there are the following

FILED IN  
CLERK'S OFFICE  
RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY

June 7 1930  
Teste: J. M. Smoot Clerk

My Post Office Address is \_\_\_\_\_ My name is \_\_\_\_\_ as his answer to said petition and to said notice

Court of \_\_\_\_\_ 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 velopment 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 \_\_\_\_\_ County, Virginia, Defendants.

tioner, as

The State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia, Peti-

In the Circuit Court of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Virginia, No. 1442 At Law.

Claim of James N. Smoot



#27- Smoot, James

Acreage Claimed:

Value Claimed:

Examined by:

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

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

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: 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

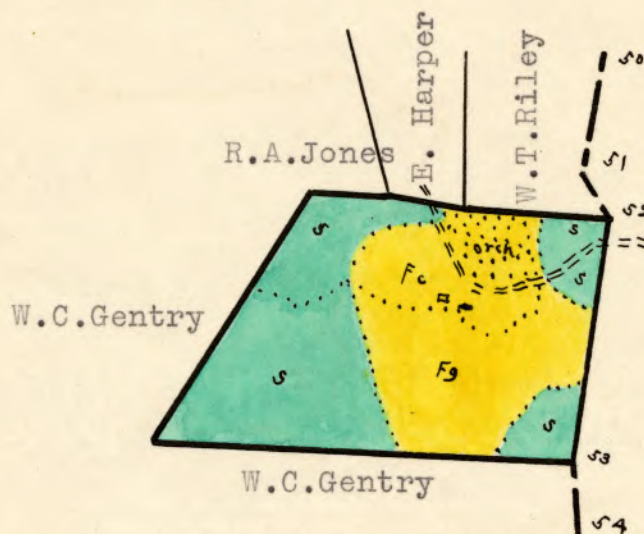
Acreage and Value by Types:

<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



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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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, <sup>more or less</sup> 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

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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.



Claim of  
James N. Smoot

this day of January, 1930

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The undersigned hereby certifies that

STATE OF VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF RAPPAHANNOCK

1930

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Witness my signature (or my name and mark attached hereto) this day

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I claim the following \_\_\_\_\_ of said County.

This land is located

miles from

Virginia, in

buildings and improvements \_\_\_\_\_ on which there are the following to be condemned, containing \_\_\_\_\_

I claim a right title, estate or interest in a tract or parcel of land within the area sought

My Post Office Address is

My name is

as his answer to said petition and to said notice

Court of

County, Virginia, asks leave of the Court to file this

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The State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia, Peti-

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Claim of

James N. Smoot



#27- Smoot, James

Acreage Claimed:

Value Claimed:

Examined by:

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

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

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.

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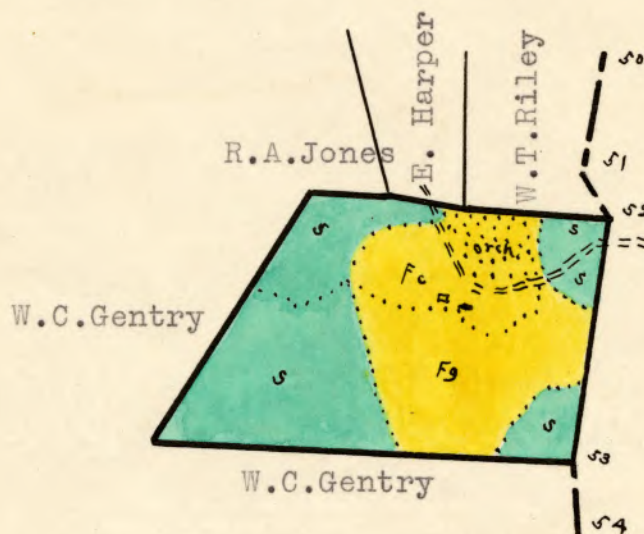
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Value per acre for tract---- \$13.09



County: Rappahannock  
District: Wakefield

#27-Smoot, James



LEGEND:

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



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Claim of Ernest Swoot  
In the Circuit Court of Lynch County, Virginia, No. 149, At Law.  
The State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia, Petitioner, vs. Clifton Ayler et al & 37,400

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

My name is Ernest Swoot

My Post Office Address is Nashington, 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 200 acres, on which there are the following buildings and improvements: I think I ask takes about 125 acres according to what Park Men Say

This land is located about 5 miles from Nashington Virginia, in the Haupton 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 John Miller  
South James T. Harris  
East John Miller  
West Clifton Ayler

I acquired my right, title, estate or interest to this property about the year 1926 in the following manner:

Bought of Mr. Conner Jenkins

I claim that the total value of this tract or parcel of land with the improvements thereon is \$ 155.00 \$11.00 each additional for each apple tree. 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 \$ 155.00 +.

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 put my timber at \$4000.00  
wood & stage timber at \$100.00 & land at \$11.00  
\$750 making a total of \$1550 & in addition  
I ask \$10.00 each for apple trees taken  
do not know how many that will be. (Continue remarks if necessary on the back).

Witness my signature (or my name and mark attached hereto) this 18th day of Aug, 1930.

STATE OF VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF Lynch To-wit: Ernest Swoot

The undersigned hereby certifies that Ernest Swoot 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 18 day of Aug, 1930.

Charles H. Selberg  
Clerk of the Court, or Special Investigator or Notary Public, or Justice of the Peace.



James of Sweet Creek

Claim of \_\_\_\_\_  
In the Circuit Court of \_\_\_\_\_  
The State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia, Petitioner, vs. \_\_\_\_\_

more or less of land in \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
My Post Office Address is \_\_\_\_\_

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

This land is located about \_\_\_\_\_ miles from \_\_\_\_\_  
the \_\_\_\_\_ 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.) \_\_\_\_\_

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 1935 in the following manner: \_\_\_\_\_

I claim that the total value of this tract or parcel of land with the improvements thereon is \$125,000. 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 \$10,000.  
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: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness my signature (or my name and mark attached hereto) this \_\_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_ 1930.

STATE OF VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ To-wit: \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned hereby certifies that 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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1930.

Clerk of the Court or Special Investigator or Notary Public or Justice of the Peace.



#50-Smoot, Ernest

Acreage Claimed:

Value Claimed:

Location: Head of Rush River on south slopes of Mt. Marshall.  
Incumbrances, counter claims or laps: None so far as known, except  
timber right is outstanding.

Roads: Approximately four miles of unimproved county road to  
Washington and 19 miles of macadam road to Front Royal  
the nearest shipping point.

Soil: Sandy clay loam with steep slopes and southern exposure  
Surface fairly smooth with rock slides along drainage  
lines.

History of tract and condition of timber: Culled for chestnut oak  
bark and lumber for local use. Repeated fires have  
injured standing timber and reproduction.

Improvements: No buildings. Approximately 30 apple trees in need  
of pruning and spraying are included within the Park  
boundary.

Timber: An estimate of the timber shows a stand (mostly R.O.  
and W.O. with a small amount of poplar) of 300 M ft  
which is valued at \$4.00 per M, or \$1200.00

Acreage and value by type:

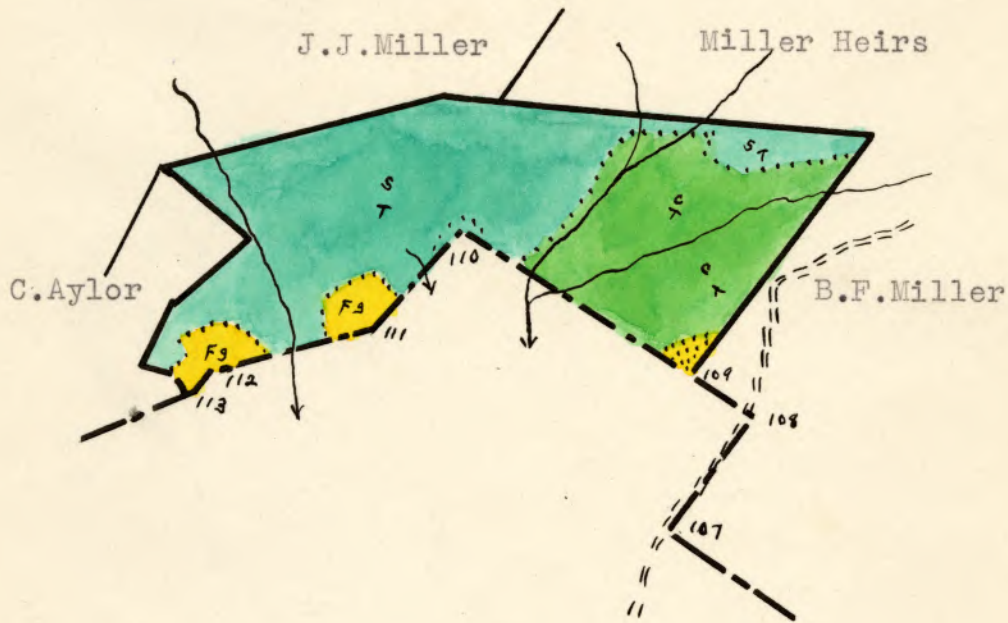
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Cove	48	\$4.00	\$192.00
Slope	74	2.00	148.00
Grazing	15	6.00	78.00
Orchard	1		
	<u>136</u>		<u>\$418.00</u>

Value of land (exclusive of orchard)	\$418.00
Value of orchard	50.00
Value of timber	1200.00
	<u>\$1668.00</u>

Value per acre for tract \$12.26



#50- Smoot, Ernest



LEGEND:

Cove		Orchard	
Slope		Grazing Land	
Ridge		Tillable Land	

Scale - 1" = 20 Chains