

Rappahannock County

Piedmont District

**NAME OF OWNER**

#256 - Vacant Land on Pignut Mountain

**Number of Acres:** 130

**Location:** Top of Pignut Mountain and south slope.

**Roads:** It is three miles over steep rough roads to the Lee Highway, thence 17 miles to Luray, the nearest shipping point.

**Soil:** The soil is a sandy loam, fertile but very rocky. There are both outcrops and loose rock. The slopes are moderate to steep. The exposure is mostly to the southwest with a little to the north.

**History of Tract and condition of timber:** Timber and bark have been removed where accessible and the area has been repeatedly burned, the last time in 1926, when a very severe fire covered most of the tract. There are a few scattered trees but they cannot be cut profitably.

**Improvements:** None.

**Acreage and value of types:**

Types	Acreage	Value per acre	Total Value
Slope:	130	@ \$2.00	\$260.00

**Cove:**

**Grazing Land:**

**Cultivated Land:**

**Orchard:**

**Minerals:**

**Value of Land:** \$ 260.00

**Value of Improvements:** \$

**Value of Orchard:** \$

**Value of Minerals:** \$

**Value of Timber:** \$

**Value of Wood:** \$

**Value per acre for tract:** \$ 2.00

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

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County: Rappahannock  
District: Piedmont

#256-Vacant (Pignut Mountain)

Area in Claim:

Value Claimed:

Location: Top of Pignut Mountain and south slope.

Incumbrances, counter claims or laps: None known.

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History of tract and condition of timber: Timber and bark have been removed where accessible and the area has been repeatedly burned, the last time in 1926, when a very severe fire covered most of the tract. There are a few scattered trees but they cannot be cut profitably.

Improvements: None.

Area and value of land by types:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Acreage:</u>	<u>Value Per A.</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
Slope	130	\$2.00	\$260.00

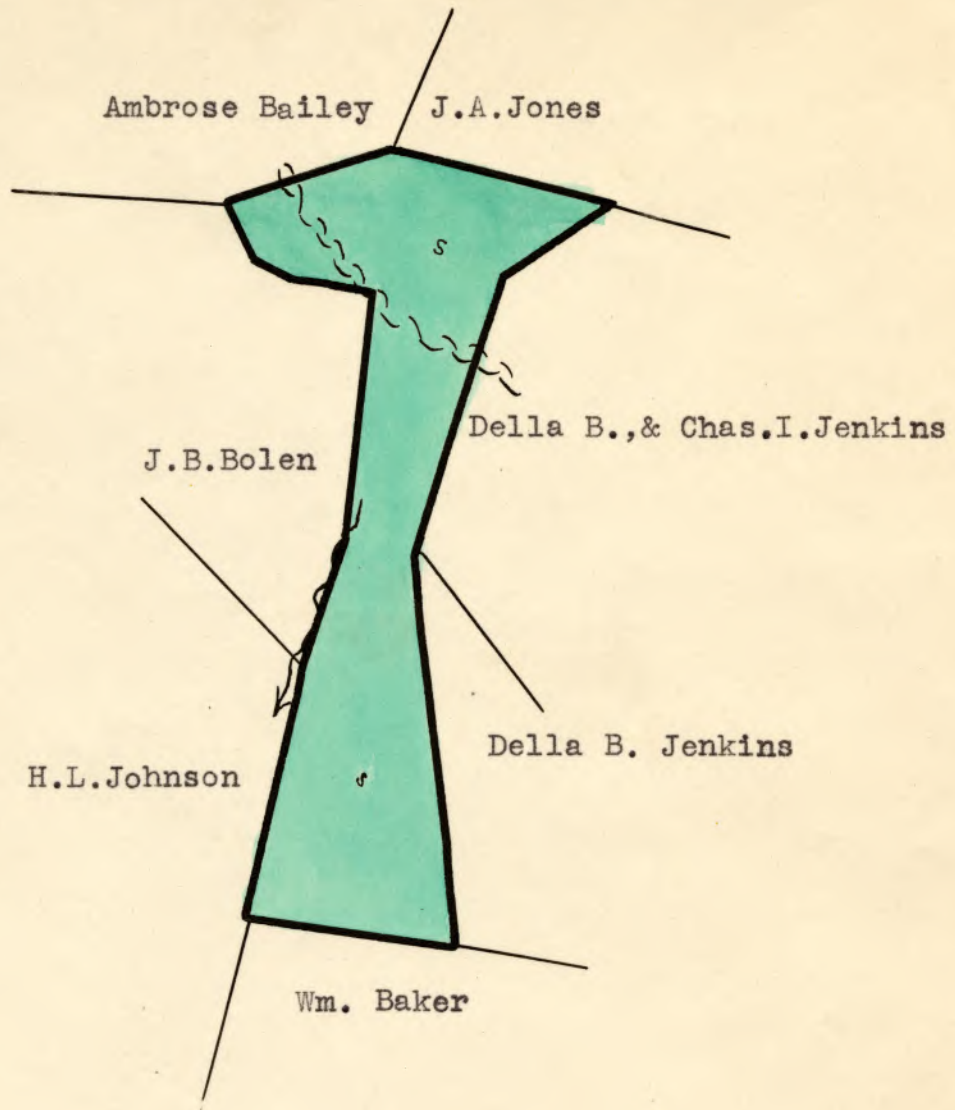
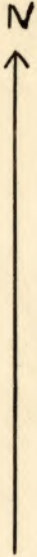
Total value of land-----\$260.00

" " " tract--- \$260.00

Average value per acre: \$2.00

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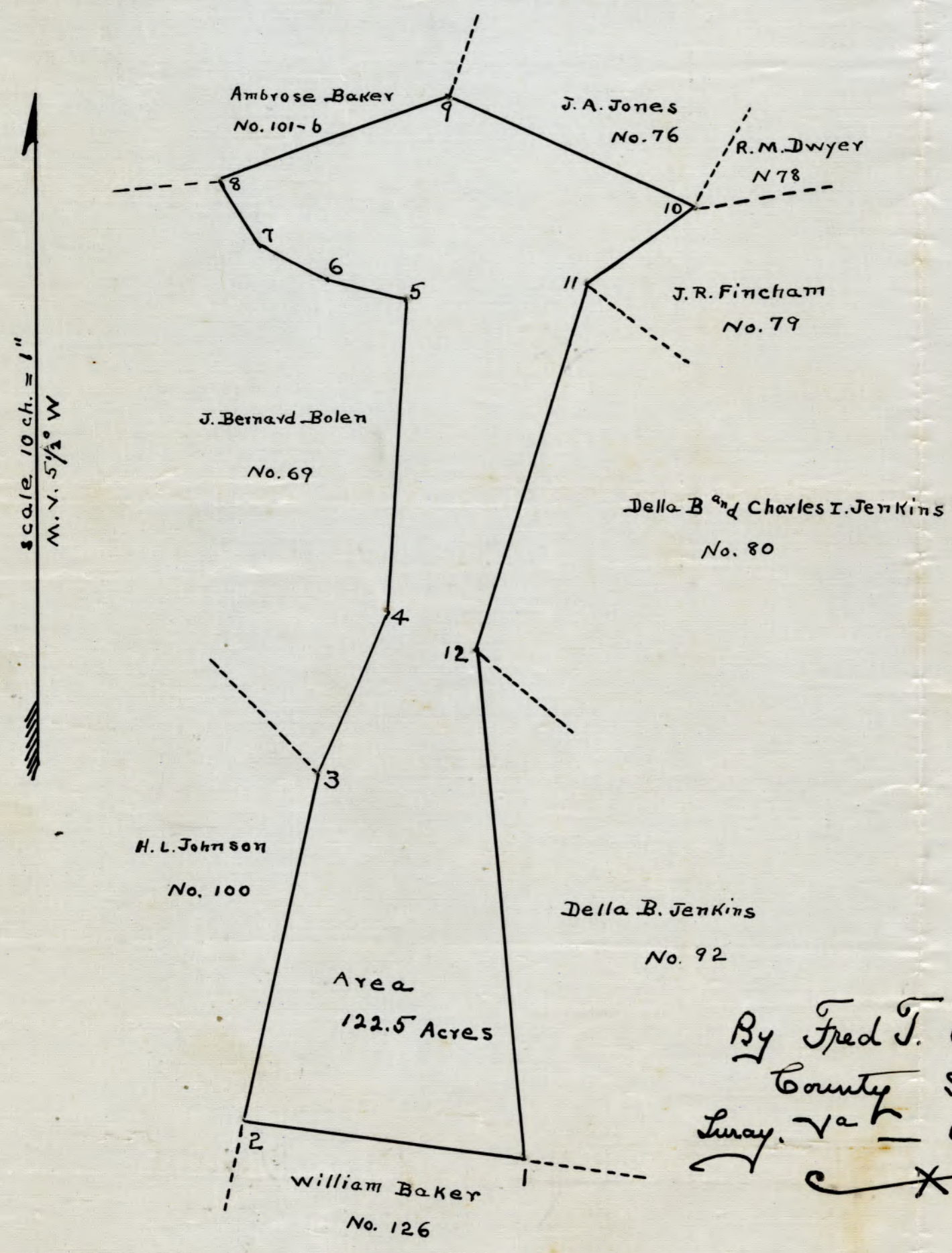
#256 - Vacant (Pignut Mountain)



LEGEND:

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

VACANT LAND-TRACT No. 256  
Within Shenandoah National Park Area  
In Piedmont District, Rappahannock Co., Va.  
Containing 122.5 Acres



By Fred T. Amiss  
County Surveyor  
Luray, Va. - April 4, 1938

A. C. CARSON  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR-AT-LAW  
RIVERTON, VIRGINIA

May 29, 1937

Mr. James M. Settle  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Rappahannock County  
Washington, Virginia

Dear Mr. Settle:

The Chairman of the Commission and the Director of National Parks have asked me for a report as to the status of tract 256 on Rappahannock County Ownership Map in the Park Condemnation Proceedings.

I do not have all the records before me, and I would be greatly obliged if you will advise me:

First, was this tract included in the table of tracts condemned under the first judgment in rem entered November 13, 1933? *Yes - H-134*

Second, was this tract included in the order dismissing tracts not taken in Rappahannock? (In this connection please let me have date of the entry of the Dismissal Order.) *Yes - Date - June 20, 1934*

Third, who were the owners or claimants to this tract? The Board of Appraisal Commissioners valued it at \$260.00. *No claim filed -*

Fourth, do you know, or remember any special reason why this tract was dismissed? Did the owners have any special objection to its being taken? Was any special order entered with regard to it, and if so when was this order entered and what did it say? If you have no special recollection as to this tract, you need not bother with this fourth inquiry.

You will find the judgment and the dismissal order in the "Muniments of Title".

The report of the Board of Appraisal Commissioners and the County Ownership Map should show the name of the owners or claimants.

With my kind personal regards, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

*A. C. Carson*  
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*256 Vacant land on Pignut Mt.  
130 A. \$260.00*

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June 1st. 1937.

Judge A.C. Carson,  
Riverton, Virginia.

My dear Judge Carson:

Replying to your letter of May 29th, upon examination of the records of my office I find the following:

(1) That Tract No. 256 was included in the table of tracts condemned under the first judgment in rem entered November 13, 1933.

(2) Said Tract was included in the order dismissing tracts not taken in Rappahannock County. The dismissal order having been entered on June 20, 1934.

(3) It does not appear from the record that there are any claimants to said Tract No. 256. The Appraisal Commissioners valued said tract at \$260.00. It appears from the County Ownership Map that this is Vacant Land located on Pignut Mountain, and also from the report of said Commissioners that said tract contains 130 acres. The said Commissioners made the following notation relative to said tract number 256: "This appears to be vacant and unappropriated land for which no claim was filed and to which no claim has ever been asserted so far as the Commissioners are informed".

I wish to state further for your information that Tract #257 is also listed on the County Ownership Map as being vacant land on Oven-Top Mountain, containing 36 acres, for which the said Commissioners allowed the sum of \$90.00. This tract was also included in the table of tracts condemned under the first judgment in rem, but this tract was not included in the order of dismissal but is included in the TABLE OF AWARDS. Said Tract #256 is not included in the TABLE OF AWARDS.

Please advise if there is any further information you may desire relative to said tract.

Very truly yours,

Jas.M.Settle, Clerk.