

NAME OF CLAIMANT

#56 - HENSLEY, JOHN A. & ETC.

Number of Acres: 89

Location: Hensley Hollow. Southwest slope of Dean Mountain.

Roads: One mile of rough dirt road to county road near Mt. Pleasant Church; thence four miles to Elkton.

Soil: Sandy clay of good depth and fair fertility; moderately rocky with steep to gentle slopes. Southwest exposure.

History of Tract and condition of timber:

Large portion of tract cleared many years ago, grazed since. One small field neglected grown up to scrub pine. Wooded area cut over repeatedly in the past. Mixed oaks, yellow pine and hickory - 2" to 8" DBH with an occasional larger trees.

Improvements:

None.

Acreage and value of types:

Types	Acreage		Value per acre	Total Value
Ridge:				
Slope:	43	@	\$5.00	\$215.00
Cove:				
Grazing Land:	43	@	20.00	860.00
Fields Restocking:	3	@	10.00	30.00
Cultivated Land:				\$1105.00

Orchard:

Minerals:

Value of Land: \$1105.00

Value of Improvements: \$

Value of Orchard: \$

Value of Minerals: \$

Value of Fruit: \$

Value of Timber: \$

Value of Wood: \$

Value per acre for tract: \$ 12.42

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

Geo. N. Pen CLERK.

Claim of John A. Hensley
In the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, Virginia, No. 1179, At Law.
The State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia, Petitioner, vs. Cananda Sawers & others

more or less, of land in _____ 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 John A. Hensley
My post office address is Harrisonburg, Va. R. 1. 3

I claim a right, title, estate or interest in a tract or parcel of land within the area sought to be condemned, containing about 100 acres, on which there are the following buildings and improvements: none

This land is located about 4 miles from Shelton Virginia, in the Honover 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.)

One-half interest in full space right
that the other owner has; metes and bounds.

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

North J. Cal. Hensley
South Calvin Dean
East Calvin Dean
West Albert Hensley

I acquired my right, title, estate or interest to this property about the year 1884 in the following manner:

By deed from Adam Hensley & C. dated
March 15, 1884, D. B. 27, p. 487.

I claim that the total value of this tract or parcel of land with the improvements thereon is \$2,500. 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 \$1,300.00

I am the owner of none 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: There is an indication of
gold on this property. The value of
land will have to be determined,
and ask that it be determined in connection
with claim filed by father J. Cal. Hensley.
(Continue remarks if necessary on the back).

Witness my signature (or my name and mark attached hereto) this 6th day of Feb., 1930.

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

The undersigned hereby certifies that John A. Hensley
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 6th day of Feb., 1930.

Geo. S. Harshbarger,
Atty.
Clerk of the Court, or Special Investigator or Notary Public, or Justice of the Peace.

Claim of Luther J. Strickler
In the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, Virginia, No. 1827, At Law.
The State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia, Petitioner, vs. Cassandra Lawton & Sons &c

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 Luther J. Strickler
My post office address is Wassersburg Va. P.O. 9.3

I claim a right, title, estate or interest in a tract or parcel of land within the area sought to be condemned, containing about 100 acres, on which there are the following buildings and improvements: none

This land is located about 4 miles from Edinboro Virginia, in the Edinboro 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.)

One-half undivided interest in the mineral rights in said land
as to other interests see back of this paper.
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 1930 in the following manner:

by deed from John S. Kinsley

The mineral right in
I claim that the total value of this tract or parcel of land with the improvements thereon is \$ 100,000. 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 \$ 20,000.

I am the owner of none 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 \$ none.

(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: May of United States at
Salt Lake City gave .040 of gold
also contained by report from the
Dept of Agriculture "K. Vanum was
drilled by concentration" (Continue remarks if necessary on the back).

Witness my signature (or my name and mark attached hereto) this 12 day of Feb., 1930.

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

The undersigned hereby certifies that Luther J. Strickler
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 12 day of Feb, 1930.

Wm. H. Smith
Clerk of the Court, or Special Investigator or Notary Public, or Justice of the Peace.

2/12/31

John A. Hensley - 1/4
L. M. Hensley Father 1/2

more or less of land in _____ County, Virginia, Defendants
The undersigned, in answer to the petition of the State Commission on Conservation and the
repealment 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 _____
_____ District of said County.

I claim the following right, title, estate or interest in the tract or parcel of land de-
scribed 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 in this property about the year _____ in the
following manner: _____

I claim that the total value of this tract or parcel of land with the improvements there-
on is \$_____. 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 pro-
posed 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: _____
_____ day _____
Witness my signature for my name and mark attached hereto) this _____ day
of _____ 1931
To wit: _____

STATE OF VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF _____
The undersigned, _____, the Clerk of the Court, do hereby certify that the
above and foregoing petition and answer are true to the best of his knowledge and belief,
and things are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.
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Clerk

Claim of L. M. Hensley
In the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, Virginia, No 1829, At Law.
The State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia, Petitioner, vs. Cassandra Lawson Atkins & Co

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 L. M. Hensley
My post office address is Broadway, Wm. R. 1

I claim a right, title, estate or interest in a tract or parcel of land within the area sought to be condemned, containing about 100 acres, on which there are the following buildings and improvements: none

This land is located about 4 miles from Elkton Virginia, in the Honorable 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.)

One-Eighth undivided interest in and in
tract, both surface & mineral. See back.

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

North J. Val. Hensley on north
South Ralph C. Dean
East Josh Dean
West Arthur Hensley

I acquired my right, title, estate or interest to this property about the year 1884 in the following manner:

By inheritance from Virginia Hensley,
who acquired her interest in 1884 from
her mother, S. S. Hensley, O. S. 27, p. 489.

I claim that the total value of this tract or parcel of land with the improvements thereon is \$2500.00. 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 \$312.50.

I am the owner of none 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 \$none.

(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: There is an indication of gold and
other minerals on this property, the value
of which will have to be determined, and
ask that it be determined in connection
with claim filed by Arthur Hensley, the father.
(Continue remarks if necessary on the back).

Witness my signature (or my name and mark attached hereto) this 14 day of February, 1930.

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

The undersigned hereby certifies that L. M. Hensley
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 14th day of Feb, 1930.

Margie Dawson, Deputy
Clerk of the Court, or Special Investigator or
Notary Public, or Justice of the Peace.

2/14/31

County: Rockingham
District: Stonewall

#56 - Hensley, John A.

Acreage Claimed: Assessed: 89 A. Deed: 89 A.

Value Claimed: " \$470.00 " \$137.84
(1884)

Location: Hensley Hollow. Southwest slope of Dean Mountain.

Incumbrances, counter claims or laps: None known.

Soil: Sandy clay of good depth and fair fertility; moderately rocky with steep to gentle slopes. Southwest exposure.

Roads: One mile of rough dirt road to county road near Mt. Pleasant Church; thence four miles to Elkton.

History of tract and condition of timber: Large portion of tract cleared many years ago, grazed since. One small field neglected grown up to scrub pine. Wooded area cut over repeatedly in the past. Mixed oaks, yellow pine and hickory - 2" to 8" DBH with an occasional larger trees.

Improvements: None.

Value of land by types:

Type	Acreage	Value per acre	Total Value
Slope	37	\$3.00	\$111.00
F r	3	5.00	15.00
F g	43	20.00	860.00
	<u>83</u>		<u>\$986.00</u>

Total value of land \$986.00

Total value of tract 986.00

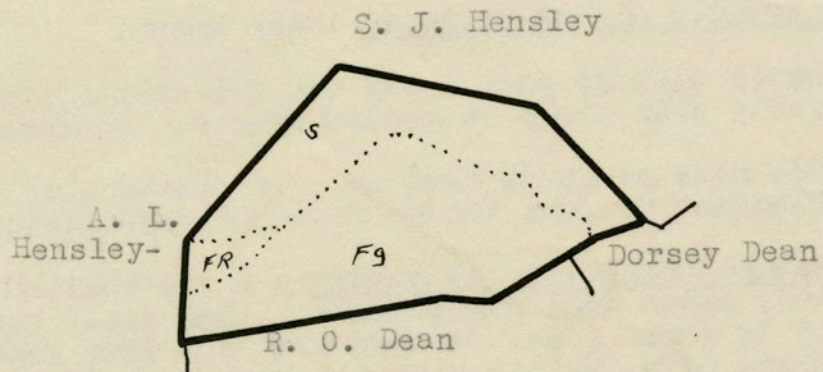
Average value per acre 11.88

Note* -- Discrepancy between deed acreage and acreage found due to the fact that the original survey lacked eight chains of closing due to an error either in bearings or distances or both.

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#56 - Hensley, John A.

County: Rockingham
District: Stonewall



LEGEND

Slope - Restocking
Grazing
Scale - 1" = 20 chains

Claim of J. H. Hensley
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. J. H. Hensley

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 J. H. Hensley

My post office address is Erector

I claim a right, title, estate or interest in a tract or parcel of land within the area sought to be condemned, containing about 138 or 39 acres, on which there are the following buildings and improvements: House, other Buildings

Orchard, No. 357 Fruit Tree

This land is located about 5 miles from Erector 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.)

J. H. Hensley & (L. P. Hensley his wife)

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

North David Lawson

South E. L. Hensley

East Luther Shipton & others

West Hensley & others

I acquired my right, title, estate or interest to this property about the year 40 in the following manner:

Paid over as jointly purchased Man. Lawson
& Gordon Hensley

I claim that the total value of this tract or parcel of land with the improvements thereon is \$ 5500.00. 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 \$ 5500.00.

I am the owner of 70 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 \$ 500.00.

(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: This property is well watered and
a abundance of fruit, it produces crops
of kinds well, a lot of fruit, and
yielded less amount of lumber & fire wood
about 100,000 S. D. Timber (Continue remarks if necessary on the back).

Witness my signature (or my name and mark attached hereto) this 20 day of Aug, 1936.

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

The undersigned hereby certifies that J. H. Hensley
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 20 day of Aug, 1936.

L. P. Hensley
Clerk of the Court, or Special Investigator or
Notary Public, or Justice of the Peace.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

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

Filed in the Clerk's Office
Rockingham County, Va.

NOV 4 1932

vs.

Cassandra Lawson Atkins and others
and 52,561 acres, more or less,
in Rockingham County, Virginia.

J. Robert Smith Clerk

Statement made by *Luther J. Shuckler* ~~G. S. Harnsberger~~ pursuant to a decree entered in the above entitled cause on October 25, 1932, in response to Item No. 2 of the inquiry made in said decree.

in the Your respondent says that his interest in certain mineral *of John A. Shuckler and others* lands ~~situate on Huckleberry Mountain in the eastern portion~~ *of Rockingham County, Virginia,* was not reported at all in the report made by the Board of Appraisal Commissioners, as has been fully set forth in his objection to the confirmation of said report, heretofore filed in this cause. ~~A plat showing the lands in which your respondent has certain mineral interests is filed with his claim in this matter.~~

Your respondent does not deem it necessary ~~for~~ *that* an accurate survey ~~to~~ be made of the exact amount of mineral lands within the Park area, for he is not excepting to the acreage but to the fact that no mineral interest whatever was allowed him.

Luther J. Shuckler
By Counsel.

G. S. Harnsberger
Counsel.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

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

vs.

Cassandra Lawson Atkins and others
and 52,501 acres of land
in Rockingham County.

Filed In the Clerk's Office
Rockingham County, Va.

SEP 29 1932

J. Robert Sautter Clerk

TO THE HON. H. W. BERTRAM, JUDGE OF SAID COURT.

The motion of Luther J. Strickler, praying said Court to disapprove and to decline to accept the report of the Board of Appraisal Commissioners, heretofore appointed by said Court in the above matter, because said Board failed and refused to make any finding in favor of the movant, in connection with his claim filed before said Board, for the value of gold claimed by movant to exist on the land of John A. Hensley, the finding concerning which lands are made under No. 56 of the report of said Appraisal Board. Samples of the earth were taken from the said land, sent to the assaying office of the Treasury Department of the United States, and a report made by said office that said earth contained gold, which report was filed with the Board of Appraisal Commissioners, but was given no practical consideration by them.

The claim filed by movant before the Appraisal Board is asked to be read in connection with this motion. The affidavits attached hereto are asked to be read in support of this motion.

Luther J. Strickler
By Counsel.

GEO. S. HARNESBERGER
Counsel.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

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

vs.

Cassandra Lawson Atkins and others
and 52,501 acres of land
in Rockingham County.

The affidavit of Luther J. Strickler, to be read in connection with the motion filed by him to have the report of the Board of Appraisal Commissioners disapproved because said Board failed and refused to make any finding in favor of the said Luther J. Strickler in connection with his claim filed before said Board for the value of the gold claimed by him to exist on what is generally known as the John A. Hensley farm. The report of the said Board in regard to said farm is made under its No. 56 in the above cause.

State of Virginia,

City of Harrisonburg, to-wit:

This day Luther J. Strickler personally appeared before me, F. Flavia Converse, a Notary Public in and for the City aforesaid, in the State of Virginia, in my City aforesaid, and, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

I am the owner of an undivided one-fourth interest in the mineral rights of a tract of land situate about five miles east of Elkton, on the western slope of the Blue Ridge Mountains, generally known as the John A. Hensley farm, and said to contain about 100 acres. Several years ago, there was found upon said land a mineral substance which had the appearance of gold, and a sample of the same was sent to the assaying office of the Treasury Department of the United States, and, after making a test of said sample, the assaying office reported that said sample contained

gold. The sample sent to the assaying office was taken very largely from the surface of the earth, as affiant was not in a position to do prospecting. When affiant's claim was presented to the Board of Appraisal Commissioners, all of the information which he had in connection with this matter was made before them, especially the report from the assaying office. Affiant also went with the Appraisal Board upon the property, and pointed out to them where the sample of the ore sent to the Government was taken from; in the face of the report from the assaying office as to the fact that gold did exist in said land, the Board still refused to make any report in connection therewith. Your affiant asks that his claim may be re-considered, and that he may be allowed proper compensation for his interest in said mineral rights.

Luther J. Strickler

Subscribed and sworn to

before me this 29th day of
September, 1932.

L. Flavia Converse,
Notary Public.