

County: Madison  
District: Rapidan

Claimant #289 - Berry, D. C. & T. J.

Acreage Found: 211                      Assessed 463 A.                      Deed 455 A.

Location: Southeast end of the German Ridge, U. S. Positions #348 to #355. Partly outside the Park Area.

Incumbrances, counter claims or laps: Timber rights owned by the Madison Timber Corporation.

Soil: Sandy loam of a good depth and fertility. Moderate to steep slopes. Some of the grazing land has quite a bit of sage grass and wild onions. The best grade is well sodded with blue grass, and is fairly free of rocks and logs. Watered by three springs.

Roads: Three miles via dirt road and fourteen miles via graveled road to Somerset, the nearest shipping point.

History of tract and condition of timber: All the accessible timber was removed from the southeast end of this tract about 1927. Some timber left on the northeast end of tract, consisting of chestnut oak, red oak, black oak, poplar and a small amount of white oak. The remaining timber on 48 A. of the wooded area of this tract will cut 83 M. bd. ft. and 21 tons of bark, now being cut by Madison Timber Corporation.

Improvements: None.

Orchard: 21 apple trees, 40 years old, poor condition, 32 peach trees, 12 years old, poor condition, 7 walnut trees, making a total of 60 trees valued at \$1.00 -- \$60.00.

Value of land by types:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Value per acre</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
Slope & Cove	129	\$5.00	\$645.00
Fg	82	\$30.00	\$2460.00
	<u>211</u>		<u>\$3105.00.</u>

Summary:

Total value of land.                      \$3,105.00  
Total value of fruit trees.                \$ 60.00  
    \$3,165.00.

Note: Mr. Berry claims there is an error in acreage in this case, which will have to be determined by the Park Engineers.

*L. H. Farmer, Sec.*

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WARD-RUE LUMBER COMPANY

Timber Rights on

#289 D. C. & T. J. BERRY TRACT.

Area: 144 A. Timber rights.  
211 acres total.

Location: East side German Ridge.

Expiration date: September 12, 1937, with option to extend  
time limit five years.

History of tract and condition of timber: The southern portion  
of this area was completely cut over about 1927  
leaving no merchantable timber on that end of the  
tract. The northern area was being cut at the  
time of inspection - August 1931. Consequently  
no estimate or value is assigned.

Summary:

Timber Rights - No value.

Note#-- This report covers only that portion of the timber  
right areas which are inside the Park Area.

*L. W. Farmer Sec.*



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LEGEND:

Slope      Grazing  
            Cove  
Scale - 1" = 20 chains

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Acreage Claimed: 250                      Assessed 463 A.                      Deed 455  
1887-1895  
Value Claimed:     \$6250.00                      "     \$3641.00                      \$2580.00  
Area: 211 A.

Location:     Southeast end of the German Ridge, U. S. Positions  
#348 to #355.     Partly outside the Park area.

Incumbrances, counter claims or laps:     Timber rights owned by the  
Madison Timber Corporation.

Soil:     Sandy loam of a good depth and fertility.     Moderate to  
steep slopes.     Some of the grazing land has quite a bit  
of sage grass and wild onions.     The best grade is  
well sodded with blue grass, and is fairly free of rocks  
and logs.     Watered by three springs.

Roads:     Three miles via dirt road and fourteen miles via graveled  
road to Somerset, the nearest shipping point.

History of tract and condition of timber:     All the accessible  
timber was removed from the southeast end of this tract  
about 1927.     Some timber left on the northeast end of  
tract, consisting of chestnut oak, red oak, black oak,  
poplar and a small amount of white oak.     The remaining  
timber on 48 A. of the wooded area of this tract will  
cut 83 M. bd. ft. and 21 tons of bark, *now being cut by  
Madison Timber Corporation.*

Improvements:     None.

Orchard:     21 apple trees, 40 years old, poor condition,  
32 peach trees, 12 years old, poor condition, 7 walnut  
trees, making a total of 60 trees valued at \$1.00 -- \$60.00.

Value of land by types:

Type	Acreage	Value per acre	Total Value
Slope	126	\$3.00	\$378.00
Cove	3	5.00	15.00
Fg	36	25.00	900.00
Fg	33	20.00	660.00
Fg	13	10.00	130.00
	<u>211</u>		<u>\$2083.00</u>
Total value of land		\$2083.00	
Total value of fruit & walnut trees		60.00	
Total value of tract		<u>\$2143.00</u>	
Average value per acre		\$10.11	



Claim of T. J. Berry & son  
In the Circuit Court of Madison County, Virginia, No. 82, At Law.  
The State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia, Petitioner, vs. M. S. Anderson & others  
250 acres

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

My name is T. J. Berry  
My Post Office Address is Madison, 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 250 acres, on which there are the following buildings and improvements: none

This land is located about 1/2 miles from Half Town Virginia, in the Rapahan 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).

Joint

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

- North Morse, Berry & Walter May
- South Dr. W. L. Early & others
- East H. H. Gayth
- West Jno. H. Price

I acquired my right, title, estate or interest to this property about the year 1904 in the following manner:

By purchase & inheritance

I claim that the total value of this tract or parcel of land with the improvements thereon is \$ 6250.00. 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 \$ 6250.00

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: \_\_\_\_\_

(Continue remarks if necessary on the back).

Witness my signature (or my name and mark attached hereto) this 19 day of July, 1930.

STATE OF VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF Madison, To-wit: T. J. Berry

The undersigned hereby certifies that T. J. Berry 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 19 day of July, 1930.

A. H. Care  
Clerk of the Court, or Special Investigator or Notary Public, or Justice of the Peace.



Claim of J. J. Berry & Son  
In the Circuit Court of Madison County, Virginia, No. 25  
The State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia, Petitioner, vs. M. H. Anderson & Son

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

My name is J. J. Berry  
My Post Office Address is Madison, 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 250 acres on which there are the following improvements:

Madison 250  
The land is located about 1/2 miles from Proffitt in Madison County, Virginia.

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.)

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

North James Berry & Walter May  
South M. H. Anderson & Son  
East M. H. Anderson  
West M. H. Anderson

I acquired my right, title, estate or interest in this property about the year 1904 in the following manner:  
By purchase & inheritance

I claim that the total value of this tract or parcel of land with the improvements thereon is \$ 250.00. 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 \$ 250.00.

I am the owner of 250 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 \$ 250.00. (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:  
  
(Continue remarks if necessary on the back.)

Witness my signature (or my name and mark attached hereto) this 19 day of July, 1930.  
J. J. Berry & Son  
STATE OF VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF Madison  
To J. J. Berry

The undersigned hereby certifies that J. J. Berry 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, and things appearing in his above answer are true to the best of his knowledge and belief, this 19 day of July, 1930.

M. H. Anderson  
Clerk of the Court or Special Investigator as  
Next Clerk or Justice of the Peace

Filed July 19, 1930.  
State - Madison  
Q. H. Carr, Clerk.

J. J. Berry & Son.