

County: Madison  
District: Rapidan

Claimant #283 - Berry, O. J.

Acreege Found: 55                      Assessed 45 $\frac{1}{2}$                       Deed 45-153  
160

Location:        On the west side of German Ridge. Entirely within the Park Area.

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

Soil:                Sandy loam, slope type. The tillable on this tract is of a fair depth and fertility. Some loose rock. The wooded area is steep and rough.

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

History of tract and condition of timber:    This tract has been culled over. Most of the accessible saw timber has been removed. The remaining timber consists mostly of chestnut oak, a small amount of poplar, red oak and hickory. The timber is so scrubby, scattering and inaccessible that it is valued with the land.

Improvements:    Dwelling:    Log and frame, 20x27', 3 rooms, metal roof, stone flues, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  story, good condition, occupied by owner, spring water supply, pillar foundation.  
Barn:        Frame, 11x23x8', shingle roof, fair condition.  
Dwelling:    Log, 12x16', 1 story, 1 room, shingle roof, stone flues, vacant, fair condition.  
Meat house:    Log, 9x12x8', shingle roof, fair condition.  
Hen house:    Frame, 8x10', fair condition.  
Hen house:    Log, 9x12', shingle roof, fair condition.  
Corn house and shed:    Log, 13x20', shed 9x15', shingle roof, fair condition.  
Average value of improvements -----\$520.00.  
Orchard:    81 fruit trees, including 50 apple trees, 27 peach, and 4 pears valued at \$1.50 each.    \$121.50.

Value of land by types:

Type	Acreege	Value per acre	Total Value
Slope	35	\$5.00	\$175.00
Fc	20	\$20.00	\$400.00
	<u>55</u>		<u>\$575.00.</u>

Summary:

Total value of land                    \$575.00  
Total value of improvements            \$520.00  
Total value of fruit trees              \$121.50  
Total value of tract.                    \$1216.50.

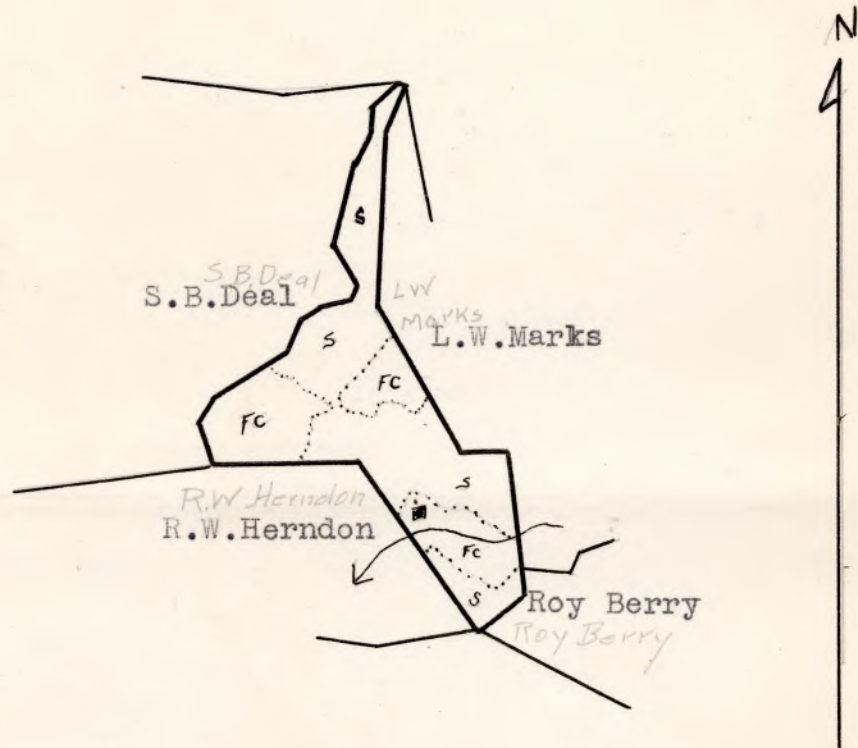
*L. H. Tanner, Sec.*

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LEGEND:

Slope      Tillable  
Scale - 1" = 20 chains

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Acreage Claimed: 45                      Assessed 45 $\frac{1}{2}$                       Deed 45-153  
1926                      160  
Value Claimed:                      "                      \$228.00                      \$200.00  
Area: 55 A.  
Location:                      On the west side of German Ridge. Entirely within the  
Park area.

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

Soil:                      Sandy loam, slope type. The tillable on this tract is  
of a fair depth and fertility. Some loose rock. The  
wooded area is steep and rough.

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

History of tract and condition of timber: This tract has been culled  
over. Most of the accessible saw timber has been removed.  
The remaining timber consists mostly of chestnut oak, a  
small amount of poplar, red oak and hickory. The timber  
is so scrubby, scattering and inaccessible that it (has  
no market value) is valued with the land.

Improvements:                      Dwelling: Log and frame, 20x27', 3 rooms, metal roof,  
stone flues, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  story, good condition, occupied by owner,  
spring water supply, pillar foundation --                      \$225.00  
Barn: Frame, 11x23x8', shingle roof, fair  
condition -----                      35.00  
Dwelling: Log, 12x16', 1 story, 1 room, shingle  
roof, stone flues, vacant, fair condition --                      25.00  
Meat house: Log, 9x12x8', shingle roof, fair  
condition -----                      20.00  
Hen house: Frame, 8x10', fair condition --                      10.00  
Hen house: Log, 9x12', shingle roof, fair  
condition -----                      20.00  
Corn house and shed: Log, 13x20', shed - 9x15'  
shingle roof, fair condition --- *Avg Value Imp \$520.00*                      30.00  
Orchard: 81 fruit trees, including 50 apple trees \$365.00  
27 peach, and 4 pears valued at (\$1.00) each *\$7.50* \$81.00

Value of land by types:

Type	Acreage	Value per acre	Total Value
Slope	35	\$3.00	\$105.00
Fc	20	15.00	300.00
	55		\$405.00

Total value of land                      \$405.00  
Total value of improvements                      365.00  
Total value of fruit trees                      81.00  
Total value of tract                      \$851.00  
Average value per acre                      \$15.47

Claim of O. J. Berry  
In the Circuit Court of Madison County, Virginia, No. \_\_\_\_\_, At Law.  
The State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia, Petitioner, vs. \_\_\_\_\_

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 O. J. Berry  
My Post Office Address is Wolftown, 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 45 acres, on which there are the following buildings and improvements: Dwelling, corn house, two poultry houses, barn, ~~house~~ tenant house, meat house, orchard of about 110 fruit trees.

This land is located about two miles from Wolftown Virginia, in the Rapidan 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 S. B. Deale  
South Boy Berry  
East Lynn Marks  
West R. W. Herndon

I acquired my right, title, estate or interest to this property about the year 1915 & 1919 in the following manner:  
Bought this land in two tract, one tract purchased from S. B. Deale about the year 1919, other tract bought from A. J. Berry 1915.

I claim that the total value of this tract or parcel of land with the improvements thereon is \$ 2000.00. 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 \$ 2000.00.

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 \$ 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: I consider the above a fair and just claim.

(Continue remarks if necessary on the back).

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

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

The undersigned hereby certifies that O. 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 19th day of July, 1930.

My Commission Expires Aug. 28, 1932

M. J. Gibson Notary Public.  
Clerk of the Court, or Special Investigator or Notary Public, or Justice of the Peace.

*O. J. Berry*  
*19th July 1930*  
*Madison Va*

Claim of \_\_\_\_\_  
in the Circuit Court of \_\_\_\_\_  
County, Virginia, No. \_\_\_\_\_  
The State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia, Petitioner, vs.

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ 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).

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ this land in two tracts, one tract purchased from \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ about the year 1915, other tract bought from A. L. Berry 1915.  
I claim that the total value of this tract or parcel of land with the improvements thereon is \$2000.00. I claim that the total value of my right, title, estate or interest in this tract or parcel of land with the improvements thereon is \$2000.00.  
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 meters and bounds).  
Remarks: I consider the above a fair and just offer.

*O. L. Berry*  
*Filed July 5, 1930*  
*Public Administrator*

(Continue remarks if necessary on the back).  
Witness my signature (or my name and mark attached hereto) this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1930.  
To-wit: \_\_\_\_\_  
STATE OF VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

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.  
My Commission Expires Aug. 28, 1932  
Notary Public or Justice of the Peace  
Clerk of the Court or Special Investigator or  
Notary Public