

County: Madison
District: Roberson

Claimant #174 - Gordon, J. E. & E. F.

Acreage Found: 118 Assessed 274 Deed 274.

Location: Finks Hollow and partly outside the Park Area.

Incumbrances, counter claims or laps: None known.

Soil: The soil is a fertile sandy loam with a large amount of humus. Most of the tract has large rock outcrops and loose rock, but some areas are nearly free from rock. Slopes are steep with a general eastern exposure. The cleared land is new ground and is fertile, but rough.

Roads: It is seven miles over good gravel roads to Banco and thence eighteen miles to Culpeper, the nearest shipping point.

History of tract and condition of timber: The tract was cut over about twenty five years ago for saw timber and bark and some poplar has been removed since. In 1930 the birch was cut. There has been no fire for many years and some nice young growth is coming in. Nearly all the remaining timber is on the western portion above a rocky place in the hollow. However a road can be built to it without great expense. The poplar is tall and of good quality with most of the trees between 18 and 36" DBH. The red oak is large and of fair quality. The chestnut oak timber is under 20" DBH, though larger defective trees are found.

On 87 acres the estimate is 50 M. poplar saw timber @ \$5.00.	\$250.00
10 M. chestnut oak @ \$3.00	30.00
10 M. red oak @ \$3.00	30.00
12 tons of bark @ \$1.50.	18.00
Total value of timber.	<u>\$328.00</u>

Improvements: None.

Value of land by types:

Type	Acreage	Value per acre	Total Value
Slope	102	\$3.50	\$357.00
Cove	15	\$5.00	75.00
Fc	1	\$10.00	10.00
	<u>118</u>		<u>\$442.00.</u>

Summary:

Total value of land.	\$442.00
Total value of timber.	\$328.00
Total value of tract.	<u>\$770.00.</u>

L. W. Farmer, Sec.

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Acreage Claimed: 200 Assessed 274 Deed 274

Value Claimed: Unintelligible " 274.00 (land only) - Inherited.

Location: Finks Hollow and partly outside the Park area. (Area 118 A)

Incumbrances, counter claims or laps: None known.

Soil: The soil is a fertile sandy loam with a large amount of humus. Most of the tract has large rock outcrops and loose rock, but some areas are nearly free from rock. Slopes are steep with a general eastern exposure. The cleared land is new ground and is fertile, but rough.

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On 87 acres the estimate is	50 M. poplar saw timber @	3.00 ^{50c}	150.00 ^{\$250}
10 M. red oak @	2.00	200.00 ³⁰⁰	20.00
10 M. chestnut oak @	2.00	200.00 ³⁰⁰	20.00
12 tons of bark @	1.00	12.00 ¹⁵⁰	12.00
<i>Total value Timber</i>		<i>\$328.00</i>	Total --- <i>\$202.00</i>

Improvements: None.

Value of land by types:

Type	Acreage	Value per acre	Total Value
Slope	102	\$2.00	\$204.00
Cove	15	4.00	60.00
Tillable	1	5.00	5.00
	<u>118</u> - <i>By survey</i>		<u>\$269.00</u>

Total value of land \$269.00
 Total value of timber 202.00
 Total value of tract \$471.00
 Average value per acre 4.00

Claim of J. E. Ma E F Gordon
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. J. E. Ma E F Gordon

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. E. Gordon
My Post Office Address is Syria

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: _____

This land is located about 3 miles from Syria Virginia, in the North 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 the above land
and my Bro E. T. Gordon the other half

The land owners adjacent to the above described tract or parcel of land are as follows:
North O. F. H. L. J. Tins
South H. Y. Ma R. Smith
East E. T. Gordon
West Big Survey

I acquired my right, title, estate or interest to this property about the year 1921 in the following manner:

By a deed of gift from Mother
Ms C. B. Gordon

I claim that the total value of this tract or parcel of land with the improvements thereon is \$ 14,000 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 \$ _____

I am the owner of 74 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 \$ 400

(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 24 day of July, 1930.

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

The undersigned hereby certifies that J. E. Gordon 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 24 day of July, 1930.

J. H. Clary, Jr.
Clerk of the Court, or Special Investigator or Notary Public, or Justice of the Peace.

Claim of *J. E. ...*
in the Court of *Madison*
County, Virginia, No. *...*
At Law. *...*
The State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia, Petitioner, vs. *J. E. ...*

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. E. ...*
My Post Office Address is *...*

I claim a right *...* in a tract or parcel of land within the area sought to be condemned, containing about *2.00* acres on which there are the following buildings and improvements:

... is located about *3* miles from *...* in *...* Virginia, in the *...* District of said County.

and the following right *...* in the tract or parcel of land described above: (In this space claimant should say whether he is sole owner or joint owner, and 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:

South *...*
East *...*
West *...*

I acquired my right, title, estate or interest to this property about the year *1921* in the following manner:

... by a deed of gift from *...*

I claim that the total value of this tract or parcel of land with the improvements thereon is *...* I claim that the total value of my right, title, estate or interest in and to the 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 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 *24* day of *July*, 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 the above answer are true to the best of his knowledge and belief,

this *24* day of *July*, 1930.

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

J. E. Gordon
Filed July 25 1930
State: Clerk's Office

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This tract and the Wesley Smith Estate tract #175 were originally one tract.

Several corners of this large tract lying near and just outside the Park Boundary, were tied into Park Positions, and the outside boundary of this tract located from old descriptions. The division line between the Gordon and Smith tracts was actually run on the ground, both Gordon Brothers being present.

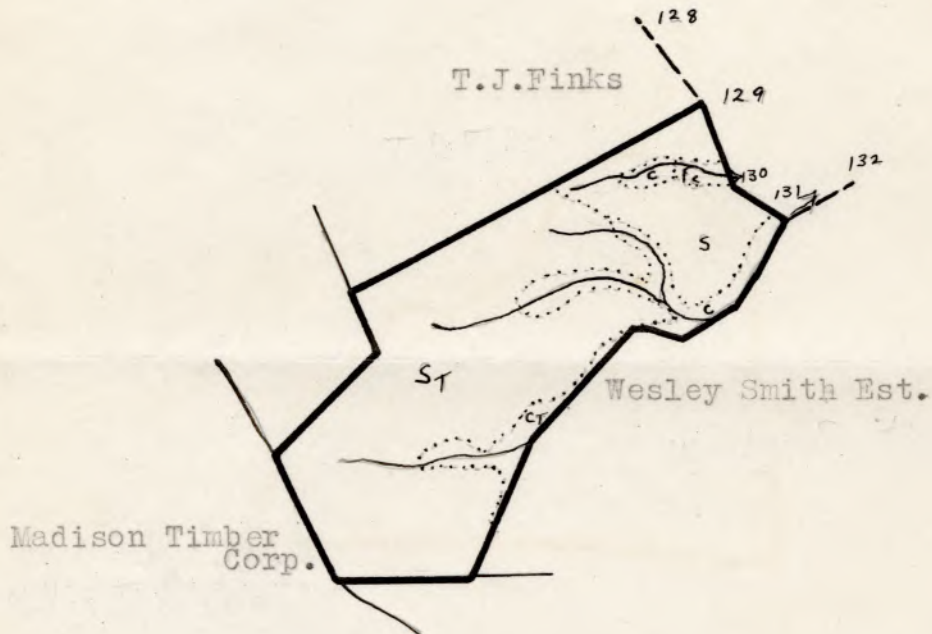
The Wesley Smith tract overruns. The Gordon tract was never surveyed apparently. The division line calls for running up a hollow to the forks, thence up left hollow to back line. We ran the line to the Forks and took bearing to back line up left hollow - a distance of 14 chains, which is the line that Gordon states was not completed.

Tied in as it is to the Park line, and by the checks we made, it appears that Gordon's claim for additional acreage cannot be substantiated.

By State Engineer.

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LEGEND:

Slope Tillable

Cove

Scale - 1" = 20 chains