

County: Madison
District: Rapidan

Claimant #181 - R. A. & R. S. Graves & Bros.

Acreage Found: 197

Assessed 197

Deed 197.

Location: Rapidan River and entirely within the Park Area.

Incumbrances, counter claims or laps: The United States Marine Corps has a lease on 65 acres. The fishing right belongs to W. E. Carson. There are outstanding easements for telephones and power lines.

Soil: The soil is a sandy loam of good depth and fertility with clay in the subsoil on some portions. There is good humus on the wooded area which is very rocky with gentle to steep slopes. The first class grazing lies well and has a good blue grass sod with little rock or brush. The second class is steeper with less blue grass and more rock, sumac and other brush, and a little fern. The third class is steep with very little blue grass, but much rock, brush, briars, weeds, and logs. The tillable land is rocky and stumpy.

Roads: It is twelve miles over rough roads with the exception of one mile which is paved to Stanley, the nearest shipping point or about 30 miles Culpeper.

History of tract and condition of timber: The tract was cut over about twenty years ago for bark, stagewood and other products. It has been cut for farm use since. Timber -- In the southeast corner there are a few white oak to 30" DBH of fair quality and some smaller hemlock with an occasional poplar and red oak. On 50 acres the estimate is 50 M. saw timber valued at \$2.50 -- \$125.00.

Improvements: There are no buildings on this tract. There are 63 apple trees valued at \$2.00 -- \$126.00.

Value of land by types:

Type	Acreage	Value per acre	Total Value
Slope	37	\$5.00	\$185.00
Cove	45	\$6.00	\$270.00
Fg	108	\$19.00	\$2052.00
Fc	7	\$15.00	\$105.00
	<u>197</u>		<u>\$2612.00.</u>

Summary:

Total value of land.	\$2612.00
Total value of timber.	\$125.00
Total value of fruit trees.	\$126.00
Total value of tract.	<u>\$2863.00.</u>

L. M. Farmer & Co.

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Acreage Claimed: Assessed 197 Deed 197
 Value Claimed " \$788.00 100 " \$1000.00
 Area: 205 A.

Location: Rapidan River and entirely within the Park area.

Incumbrances, counter claims or laps: The United States Marine Corps has a lease on 65 acres. The fishing right belongs to W. E. Carson. There are outstanding easements for telephone and power lines.

Soil: The soil is a sandy loam of good depth and fertility with clay in the subsoil on some portions. There is good humus on the wooded area which is very rocky with gentle to steep slopes. The first class grazing lies well and has a good blue grass sod with little rock or brush. The second class is steeper with less blue grass and more rock, sumac and other brush, and a little fern. The third class is steep with very little blue grass, but much rock, brush, briars, weeds, and logs. The tillable land is rocky and stumpy.

Roads: It is twelve miles over rough roads with the exception of one mile which is paved to Stanley, the nearest shipping point. *or about 30 m Culp's place*

History of tract and condition of timber: The bark was removed about twenty years ago and the tract has been cut over for other products at various times, so there is only an occasional merchantable tree. A few white oak, red oak, and hemlock are found up to 24" DBH, but they are of only fair quality. There are a very few poplars.

Copy timber on 148-A

There has been no fire for many years.
 On 65 acres the estimate is 140 M. saw timber
 ----- (\$2.00) *\$350* -- -- (\$280.00) *\$350.00*
 80 T. hemlock bark @ \$1.00 -- -- 80.00 *80.00*
 160 locust posts @ 5¢ -- -- 8.00 *8.00*
 (368.00) *\$438.00*

Improvements: There are no buildings on this tract.
 There are 63 apple trees valued at (\$94.50) *\$126.00*

Value of land by types:

Type	Acreage	Value per acre	Total Value
Cove	45	\$4.00	\$180.00
Slope	37	2.00	74.00
Grazing I	30	28.00	840.00
Grazing II	58	18.00	1044.00
Grazing III	20	10.00	200.00
Tillable	7	6.00	42.00
	<u>197</u>		<u>\$2380.00</u>

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Total value of land	\$2380.00
Total value of timber	368.00
Total value of orchard	94.50
Total value of tract	<u>\$2842.50</u>
Average value per acre	\$14.42

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Claim of R. A. Graves & R. S. Graves & Bros
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 R. A. Graves & R. S. Graves & Bros
My post office address is Syria 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 1.97 acres, on which there are the following buildings and improvements: _____

This land is located about 6 miles from Syria Virginia, in the Poplar 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.)

but power vest my sons R. S. & M. & Elmer Graves

The land owners adjacent to the above described tract or parcel of land are as follows:
North The Anderson Land
South W. S. Roanoke Estate
East Miller & Roanoke
West R. S. Graves & Bros

I acquired my right, title, estate or interest to this property about the year 1892 in the following manner:

my interest by purchase of Ed. Strickland & Christadoral of N.Y.

I claim that the total value of this tract or parcel of land with the improvements thereon is \$ 5910. 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 \$ 5910.

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 _____ day of _____, 1930.

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

The undersigned hereby certifies that R. A. & R. S. Graves & Bros 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 Aug, 1930.

J. F. Billingsley
Clerk of the Court, or Special Investigator or Notary Public, or Justice of the Peace.

Filed Aug. 11, 1931.

Pat.

A. H. Carr,

Att.

In the Circuit Court of Madison County, Virginia -

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

Petitioner -

Vs

D.F.Anderson and others, and 55,000 acres of
land in Madison County, Virginia

Defendants -

On this the 24th day of January, 1934, came Elvin Graves, Admr. of R.A.Graves, dec'd, R.S.Graves, F.M.Graves and Elvin Graves, and on their motion, leave is given them to file their application for the payment of the sum of \$2753.00, the amount of the award set out in the judgment of condemnation for Tract No. 181, and heretofore paid into Court.

And it appearing from the report of the Board of Appraisal Commissioners heretofore filed in this cause and in the petition for judgment and condemnation herein entered on the 4th day of December, 1933, that, in the opinion of the petitioner the said Elvin Graves, Admr. of R.A. Graves, decd., R.S.Graves, F.M.Graves and Elvin Graves are invested with a superior or better right or claim of title in and to the said Tract of land No. 181, and that the record of this cause does not disclose any denial or dispute by any party or person in interest as to the title to the said tract No. 181, and it further appearing to the Court that all taxes due or payable upon said Tract No. 181 have been paid, upon further consideration whereof it is considered and ordered by the Court that the said sum of \$2753.00 paid into court by petitioner as a just compensation for Tract No. 181 be paid out and distributed as follows:

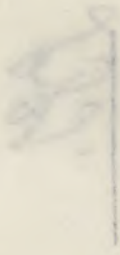
- (1) To State Commission on Conservation and Development
of the State of Virginia (Skyland Drive) \$990.00
- (2) To N.G.Payne, attorney, fee and costs, Madison, Va. \$12.00
- (3) To Elvin Graves, admr. of R.A.Graves, dec'd, R.S.Graves,
F.M.Graves and Elvin Graves, the balance \$1751.00
Syria, Va.

And the Clerk of this Court is directed to transmit a certified copy of this order to the Treasurer of Virginia who shall pay unto the said Elvin Graves, Admr. of R.A.Graves, decd., R.S.Graves, F.M.Graves and Elvin Graves, State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia and N.G.Payne, Atty., the said sum of \$2753.00, the

amount of the said award set out in the judgment of condemnation for Tract No. 181, taking from the said parties to whom the fund is payable receipts therefor, and certifying such payment thereof to the Clerk of this court for appropriate entry thereof, as provided by law.

D. E. Anderson and others -
vs
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an order for the distribution of
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Judge -

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receipts therefor, and certifying such payment thereof to the Clerk of
Tract No. 181, taking from the said parties to whom the fund is payable
amount of the said award set out in the judgment of condemnation for

This is to certify that there are No. . . . delinquent taxes of record in my office to the amount of \$ against the tract of land owned by . . R.A. Graves, Dec'd. and Graves Brothers which is designated as Tract No. 181 . . . ; Tract No. ; Tract No. on the County Ownership Map filed in my Office in the action at Law pending in the name and style of the Commission on Conservation &c., vs. W. D. Anderson, and others.


Given under my hand this . . 10 day of . . January , 1934 .

..... *A. H. Care* Clerk..
Circuit Court, Madison County, Virginia
By *Bertha M. Patton* Deputy
Clerk

This is to certify that there are . . . No . . . 1933 taxes of record
in my office to the amount of \$ against the tract of land
owned by . . . R. A. Graves, decd

. which is
designated as Tract No. ### ; Tract No. 181 . . . ; Tract No.
on the County Ownership Map filed in my Office in the action
at Law pending in the name and style of the Commission on
Conservation &c., vs. W. D. Anderson, and others.

Given under my hand this 11 . . day of . January, 1934 . .


Treasurer, Madison County, Virginia

By Deputy
Treasurer

In the Circuit Court of Madison County, Virginia:

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

Petition of Elvin Graves, Administrator of R. A. Graves, decd.,
Vs(
R. S. Graves, Elvin Graves and F. M. Graves, for order of Distribution.

D. F. Anderson and others -

To the Honorable Lemuel F. Smith, Judge of the circuit court of
Madison county, Virginia:

Your petitioners, Elvin Graves, Administrator of R. A. Graves, decd.,
R. S. Graves, Elvin Graves and F. M. Graves, respectfully represent unto
your Honor as follows:

That your petitioners, R. S. Graves, Elvin Graves, F. M. Graves and
the late R. A. Graves, deceased, are the fee simple owners of that cer-
tain tract or parcel of land in Madison county, Virginia, and within the
bounds of the Shenandoah National Park, and which is known and designa-
ted on the Madison county ownership map filed in the above entitled con-
demnation proceedings as Tract No. 181, containing 197 acres -

That all of the taxes on the said land up to and including the year
1933 have been paid as appears from certificates from B. S. Utz, Treas-
urer of Madison county, and A. H. Cave, clerk of the circuit court of Mad-
ison county, marked exhibits "A" and "B"; and asked to be read as a part
of this petition.

That there are no deeds of trust, mortgages or judgments against the
said land, and that the said tract of land is free from all encumbrances.

That the Board of Appraisal Commissioners heretofore appointed in
these condemnation proceedings awarded to your petitioners, the owners of
said Tract #181 the sum of \$2863.00, from which has been deducted the sum
of \$110.00 on account of a certain right of way through the said land, and
for which your petitioners have been paid, leaving a balance due your pe-
tioners in the sum of \$2753.00, as compensation and damages for the taking

of the said tract #181, as will more fully appear from their report heretofore filed in these proceedings on the 2nd day of June, 1932, and which said report has been duly confirmed as to the tract or parcel of land aforesaid, and the award for the condemnation thereof has been ordered to be paid into the custody of this court pursuant to an order heretofore entered in this cause.

That the petition for condemnation in these proceedings states that your petitioners, and the said R. A. Graves, now deceased, are the apparent fee simple owners of the said tract of land, and that the record in said proceedings does not disclose any denial or dispute of such statements or charge contained in said petition, nor are there any adverse claims or laps reported in connection with said tract of land.

That the said R. A. Graves departed this life, intestate, on the _____ day of _____, 1933, and that the said Elvin Graves duly qualified as his administrator, and gave bond as required by law, a copy of said qualification is herewith filed marked exhibit "C" and asked to be read as a part of this petition.

Wherefore your petitioners pray that an order may be made and entered herein directing the distribution of the said award, and that the said award of \$2753.00 may be paid to your petitioners, to-wit: Elvin Graves, Administrator of R. A. Graves, deceased, R. S. Graves, Elvin Graves and F. M. Graves.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

Elvin Graves Administrator of
R. A. Graves, deceased -

N. G. Payne
Counsel for Petitioners -

R. S. Graves
Elvin Graves
F. M. Graves