

County: Madison
 District: Roberson

Claimant #39 J. O. Sisk Estate.

Acreage Found: 169 Assessed 152A Deed 151A.

Location: Weakley Hollow. Entirely within the Park Area.

Incumbrances, counter claims or laps: None known.

Soil: Sandy loam of a fair depth and fertility. Loose rock and some outcrops over the entire area. F. C. rocky and fairly rough. Fg has some persimmon and briars. Not much grass.

Roads: Secondary dirt road 12 miles and 10 miles of hard surface to Culpeper, the nearest shipping point.

History of tract and condition of timber: This tract has been recently cut over. The remaining stands of oak, hemlock and poplar are so badly scattered over the entire tract and damaged by fire that they have no merchantable value. Scattered timber and pulp wood valued with the land.

Improvements: Frame dwelling, 15x32, 5 rooms, porch 7x32, shingle, stone flued, 2 story, walls ceiled, fair condition, occupied by owner.

- Frame barn & shed, 19x30x16, 10x30, shingle.
- Frame Spring house, 8x8x8, shingle, fair condition.
- Frame Hen house, 8x12x10, shingle, fair condition.
- Frame Meat house, 10x12x12, shingle, fair condition.
- Frame, 11x21x14, shingle, kitchen.
- Dwelling, Log & frame, 17x22, 3 rooms, 1½ story, log walls, fair condition, occupied by tenant.
- Log Corn crib, 7x18, shingle, fair condition.
- Log Hen House, 7x10, shingle, fair condition.
- Cellar, 8x10, shingle, fair condition.
- Dwelling, old log, 14x16, 2 rooms, shingle, stone chimney, poor condition, abandoned,
- Cellar, stone, 14x16.

Total value of improvements -- \$1200.00

Orchard: Total value of fruit trees \$90.00.

Value of land by types:

| Type | Acreage | Value per acre | Total Value |
|---------|------------|----------------|------------------|
| Slope | 90 | \$2.00 | \$180.00 |
| Fg & Fc | 27 | \$10.00 | \$270.00 |
| Fr | 52 | \$5.00 | \$260.00 |
| | <u>169</u> | | <u>\$710.00.</u> |

Summary:

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| Total value of land. | \$710.00 |
| Total value of improvements. | \$1200.00 |
| Total value of fruit trees. | \$90.00 |
| Total value of tract. | <u>\$2,000.00.</u> |

Note: 9 children in this estate, 1 infant Nellie, age 17 years.

L. W. Farmer, Sec.

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#39 J.O. Sksk, Estate

Acreage claimed: Assessed 152A Deed 151A
Value Claimed: " \$856.00 " \$80 (1909)

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Incumbrances, counter claims, or laps: None known

Soil: Sandy loam of a fair depth and fertility. Loose rock and some outcrops over the entire area. F.c. rocky and fairly rough. Fg has some persimmon and briars. Not much grass.

Roads: Secondary dirt road 12 miles and 10 miles of hard surface to Culpeper, the nearest shipping point.

History of tract and condition of timber: This tract has been recently cut over. The remaining stands of oak, hemlock and poplar are so badly scattered over the entire tract and damaged by fire that they have no ~~market~~ value. *Scattered timber and pulp wood*
merchandise valued with this land

Improvements:

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| Frame dwelling, 15x32, 5 rooms, porch 7x32, shingle, stone flued, 2 story, walls celled fair cond., occupied by owner | \$475 |
| Frame barn & shed, 19x30x16, 10x30, shingle | 150 |
| Frame Spring house, 8x8x8, single, fair | 15 |
| Frame Hen house, 8x12x10, shingle, fair cond. | 20 |
| Frame Meat house, 10x12x12, shingle, fair | 25 |
| Frame, 11x21x14, shingle, Kitchen | 65 |
| Dwelling, Log & frame, 17x22, 3 rooms, 1 1/2 story, log walls, fair cond, occupied by tenant, | 150 |
| Log Corn crib, 7x18, shingle, fair cond. | 20 |
| Log Hen House, 7x10, shingle, fair cond. | 5 |
| Cellar, 8x10, shingle, fair cond. | 25 |
| Dwelling, old log, 14x16, 2 rooms, shingle, stone chimney, poor cond., abandoned, no value | |
| Cellar, stone, 14x16 | 75 |
| <i>Total value Impr \$1200.*</i> | |
| | 1025 |

Orchard: (65 old apple trees @ 50¢ 32.50)
*Total fruit trees \$90.**

| Value of land by types: | | Value | Total |
|-------------------------|---------|----------|--------|
| Type | Acreage | per acre | Value |
| Slope | 90 | \$1.50 | 135.00 |
| Fg | 15 | 8.00 | 120.00 |
| Fc | 12 | 10.00 | 120.00 |
| Fr | 52 | 4.00 | 208.00 |
| | 169 | | 583.00 |

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|------------------------|----------|
| Total value of land | \$583.00 |
| " " " improvements | 1025 |
| " " " orchard | 32.50 |
| " " " tract | 1640.50 |
| Average value per acre | 9.71 |

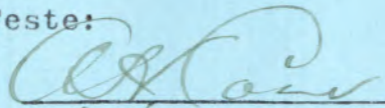
The State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia

Vs

D. F. Anderson and others,
and 55,000 acres of land in
Madison county -

The answer of Nellie Sisk,
infant, by N. G. Payne, her
guardian ad litem, and the
answer of N. G. Payne, guardian
ad litem for Nellie
Sisk, an infant -

Teste:



Clerk -

N. G. PAYNE
ATTORNEY AT LAW
MADISON, VIRGINIA

Claim of Mrs J. O. Sisk
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. W. W. Anderson & others

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 Mrs J. O. Sisk
My Post Office Address is Nethers 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 1.52 acres, on which there are the following buildings and improvements: 3 Dwelling Houses, 1 Barn, 1 Barn house, 1 poultry house and some other out building, 1 orchard of 500 pearing trees
This land is located about 2 1/2 miles from Nethers Virginia, in the Rabun 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 Mrs J. Hudson
South Arthur ...
East A. B. Fitcham
West Will Weavly

I acquired my right, title, estate or interest to this property about the year 1910 in the following manner:
by securing deed from Peter B. Nicholson

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 \$ _____.

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 17 day of July, 1930.

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

The undersigned hereby certifies that Mrs J. O. Sisk 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 17 day of July, 1930.

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

Claim of *Wm. F. ...*
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. *W. M. ...*

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 *Wm. F. ...*
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 *1.25* acres, on which there are the following buildings and improvements: *3 buildings, house, barn, etc.*
The land is located about *1/2* miles from *...* in *Madison* County, Virginia.

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

I acquired my right title, estate or interest in this property about the year *1910* in the following manner: *by purchasing deed from Peter A. ...*

I claim that the total value of this tract or parcel of land with the improvements thereon is *\$2,000*. 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 *...* 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 *11* day of *July*, 1930.
STATE OF VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF *MADISON*.
To-wit: *Wm. F. ...*
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 *11* day of *July*, 1930.
Clerk of the Court or Special Investigator or Notary Public or Justice of the Peace.

Wm. F. ...
Filed July 22 - 1930
Wm. F. ...

Virginia: In the circuit court of Madison county:

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

Vs(Answer of N. G. Payne, guardian ad litem)

D. F. Anderson and others, and fifty-five thousand(55,000) acres of land in Madison county, Virginia - - - - - Defendants -

The answer of N. G. Payne, guardian ad litem for Nellie Sisk, infant, appointed by the circuit court of Madison county, Virginia, to represent and defend the interest of the said infant, in the above styled proceedings:

This respondent for answer to the said petition says:

That the said Nellie Sisk, infant, is the child and heir at law of J. O. Sisk deceased, who was the owner of a tract of approximately 169 acres of land in Madison county, Virginia, which said tract of land is sought to be condemned in the above styled proceedings.

That the interest of the above named infant in said tract of land is an undivided interest therein. A claim for the value of the said tract of land has been filed by other interested parties and testimony has been taken in support thereof and submitted to the Board of Appraisal Commissioners. This respondent requests that said testimony so taken be considered in support of the interests of the above infant, and prays that no order may be entered to the detriment of the said infant, and that the interest of the said infant may have the protection of the court.

And now having fully answered, he prays to be hence dismissed, etc.

N. G. Payne Guardian ad litem for said Nellie Sisk infant -

Va: Madison County, to-wit:
In the clerk's office of said county:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, A. H. Cave, clerk of the circuit court of Madison county, Virginia, by N. G. Payne, guardian ad litem, in my office aforesaid, this the 20th day of January, 1932 -

A. H. Cave Clerk of the circuit Court of Madison county, Va.

Virginia: In the circuit court of Madison county:

The State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia - - - - - Petitioner -
Vs(Answer of Infant Defendant)

D. F. Anderson and others, and fifty-five thousand(55,000) acres, more or less, of land in Madison county, Virginia - - - - - Defendants -

The answer of Nellie Sisk

infant, by and through N. G. Payne, her guardian ad litem, to the petition of the State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia, filed in the circuit court of Madison County, Virginia, seeking to acquire by condemnation certain lands therein described:

This respondent, for answer to said petition, answers and says that she is an infant of tender years, and therefore, is incapable of knowing or defending her rights and interests therein. She therefore submits her interest therein to the care and protection of the Court and prays that no order may be entered to her prejudice.

And now having fully answered, she prays to be hence dismissed.

Nellie Sisk
By N. G. Payne Guardian
ad Litem -

In the circuit court for Madison county, Virginia:

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

Vs (At Law No. 82)

D. F. Anderson and others, and 55,000 acres
of land in Madison county, Virginia - - - - - Defendants -

On this the _____ day of February, 1934, came Bertie Sisk Nicholson, widow of the late J. O. Sisk, and Ida M. Nicholson, Rosa M. Nicholson, Bennie O. Sisk, Edith Nicholson, Wayman Sisk, Vada Dodson, Ada Sisk, Eldon Sisk and Nellie Berrey, children and heirs at law of the late J. O. Sisk, deceased, and on their motion, leave is granted them to file their application for the payment of the sum of two thousand dollars, the amount of the award set out in the judgment of condemnation for Tract No. 39, 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 entered herein on the _____ day of December, 1933, that in the opinion of the petitioner the said Bertie Sisk Nicholson, Ida M. Nicholson, Rosa M. Nicholson, Bennie O. Sisk, Edith Nicholson, Wayman Sisk, Vada Dodson, Ada Sisk, Eldon Sisk and Nellie Berrey, widow and children of the late J. O. Sisk, who died intestate, seized and possessed of said land, and which said Tract No. 39 was assigned to the said Bertie Sisk Nicholson as and for her dower in said estate, are invested with a better or superior right or claim of title in and to the said Tract No. 39, or to the proceeds arising from the condemnation thereof, except as hereinafter provided, and it further appearing to the court that the taxes upon said Tract No. 39 for the years 1931, 1932 and 1933 have not been paid; upon consideration whereof, it is considered and ordered by the Court that the said sum of \$2000.00, paid into court as just compensation for said Tract No. 39, be paid out and distributed as follow,

to-wit:

- 1 - To B.S.Utz, Treasurer, Madison, Va., taxes for 1933 - \$ 15.73
 - 2 - To A. H. Cave, clerk, Madison, Va., delinquent taxes - 37.81
 - 3 - To N. G. Payne, Attorney for the widow and heirs at
law of the late J. O. Sisk, deceased, Madison, Va. 1946.46
- \$ 2000.00

And the clerk of this court is directed to transmit a certified copy of this order to the Treasurer of Virginia, who shall pay out said funds as above provided, the items above set forth aggregating the award set out in the judgment of condemnation of Tract No. 39, taking from said parties to whom the fund is payable as aforesaid receipts therefor, and certifying such payment to the clerk of this court for appropriate entry thereof, as provided by law.

to-wit:

- 3 - To N. G. Payne, Attorney for the widow and heirs at
- 5 - To A. H. Cave, clerk, Madison, Va., delinquent taxes - 37.81
- 1 - To B.S.Ufx, Treasurer, Madison, Va., taxes for 1933 - \$ 12.73

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

(Order for Distribution Vs (of Award for Tract (No. 39 -

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

\$ 3000.00

Law of the late J. O. Stark, deceased, Madison, Va. 1940.48

Enter
[Signature]

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In the Circuit Court of Madison county, Virginia -

State Commission on Conservation
and Development of the State of
Virginia

Vs

Petition of widow and heirs at law
of the late J. O. Sisk, deceased -

D. F. Anderson and others -

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

Your petitioners, Bertie Sisk Nicholson, widow of the late J. O.
Sisk, and Ida M. Nicholson, Rosa M. Nicholson, Bennie O. Sisk, Edith
Nicholson, Wayman Sisk, Vada Dodson, Ada Sisk, Eldon Sisk and Nellie
Berrey, children and only heirs at law of the late J. O. Sisk, deceased,
respectfully represent:

1st - That the late J. O. Sisk departed this life, intestate, about
the year 1914, seized and possessed of certain real estate; that during
the year 1915, there was assigned to Bertie Sisk, widow of the late J.
O. Sisk as and for her dower in said real estate by commissioners Wil-
Aylor and others in the chancery cause of Ida Nicholson and others vs
James Oscar Sisk's Admr. and others, the following real estate, to-wit:

Two contiguous tracts of land, one containing 131 acres and the oth-
er twenty acres, and for a further description of the said land see deed
from P. B. Nicholson to James O. Sisk and deed from G. W. Fincham to
James O. Sisk, both recorded in deed book 40, page 232.

That the said land is situate in Robertson Magisterial District, and
within the bounds of the Shenandoah National Park, which is known and
designated in the report of the Board of Appraisal Commissioners filed
in the above condemnation proceedings as Tract No. 39, and is known as
the J. O. Sisk estate, containing 169 acres as found by the commission-
ers, assessed as 152 acres, and which deed calls for 151 acres.

That the value placed upon the said land by the said Board of Appraisal Commissioners is the sum of Two Thousand Dollars.

That the said widow and heirs at law of the late J. O. Sisk have agreed upon a division of the award for the said land as follows:

One-third thereof to be paid to Bertie Sisk Nicholson, widow, in fee simple, and the remaining 2/3 of said award to be paid to the nine children of the said J. O. Sisk.

That according to this agreement the said fund would be distributed as follows, after the payment of the taxes due and unpaid upon the said land, and after the payment of ~~the~~ certain deeds of trust against the interests of certain of your petitioners.

To Bertie Sisk Nicholson - - - - - 1/3

To Ida M. Nicholson, 1/9 of 2/3

To Rosa M. Nicholson 1/9 of 2/3 -

To Bennie O. Sisk - 1/9 of 2/3 -

To Edith Nicholson - 1/9 of 2/3 -

To Wayman Sisk - - - 1/9 of 2/3 -

To Vada Dodson - - - 1/9 of 2/3 -

To Ada Sisk - - - - 1/9 of 2/3 -

To Eldon Sisk - - - - 1/9 of 2/3

To Nellie Berrey - - 1/9 of 2/3 -

That on the 17th day of March, 1933, the said Wayman Sisk and Eldon Sisk conveyed their 2/9 undivided interest in the said land to S. H. Smith, Trustee, to secure to E. A. Carpenter and N. G. Payne, special commissioners, the sum of \$60.00, evidenced by bond, with interest from date, which said deed of trust is duly recorded in the clerk's office of Madison county in deed of trust book 7, page 444, and that the said sum of \$60.00, with interest thereon until paid, will have to be deducted from the 2/9 interests of the said Wayman Sisk and Eldon Sisk.

That the taxes on the said land for the years 1932 and 1933 have not been paid, and the same will have to be deducted from the interest of Bertie Sisk Nicholson in said land -

That on the 4th day of December, 1933, the said Ada Sisk and others conveyed the 1/9 undivided interest of the said Ada Sisk in said land to N. G. Payne, trustee, to secure to K. R. Payne the payment of a bond for the sum of \$60.00, with interest thereon from date, and which said sum of \$60.00 and interest thereon is to be paid out of the 1/9 undivided interest of the said Ada Sisk in said fund of \$2000.00 to be paid for the said land.

That on the 15th day of December, 1933, the said Wayman Sisk and Eldon Sisk and Berta Sisk Nicholson conveyed to N. G. Payne, trustee, the 2/9 undivided interest of the said Wayman Sisk and Eldon Sisk in said land to secure to K. R. Payne the payment of a bond for the said sum of \$60.00, with interest from date, and which sum of sixty dollars is to be deducted from the 2/9 undivided interest of the said Wayman Sisk and Eldon Sisk in said fund arising from the sale of said land.

After the payment of the above amounts to the proper parties, your petitioners ask that the remainder of the said fund be paid to the said parties entitled thereto as shown above.

You petitioners here state the above mentioned liens are the only liens against the said fund of \$2000.00 to be paid into court by the State Commission on Conservation and Development for the said land -

And your petitioner here state that all of the said petitioners are above the age of twenty one years -

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc -

Bertie L. Sisk Nicholson
 Rosa M. Nicholson
 Edith P. Nicholson
 Blanche C. Sisk
 Ada E. Sisk
 Wayman L. Sisk ^{his} X
 Eldon W. Sisk mark.
 Ada C. Sisk
 Nellie H. Berry