

NAME OF CLAIMANT OWNER

#189 - Morris, S. G.

Number of Acres: 168

**Location:** Extending from Sandy Bottom to High Top Mountain. Two acres sold to Jesse Morris and translation of deed to take place at death of S. G. Morris.

**Roads:** Two miles of fair dirt road to Spotswood Trail near Swift Run; thence four miles to Elkton.

**Soil:** Soil of fair depth and fertility; some of it is very rocky with steep to moderate slopes, and northwest and southwest exposure.

**History of Tract and condition of timber:** A large portion of this tract was cleared many years ago and has been grazed and cultivated since with the exception of several portions which have been neglected and is now grown up into brush. The wooded area has been cut over repeatedly in the past. The present stand consists of mixed oaks and some dead chestnut present. The wooded area is estimated to cut an average of 8 cords per acre, or a total of 216 acres.

**Improvements:** ( See reverse side for Improvement information)

**Acreage and value of types:**

Types	Acreage		Value per acre	Total Value
<b>Ridge:</b>				
Slope:	25	@	\$3.00	\$75.00
Cove:	1	@	10.00	10.00
Grazing Land:	69	@	20.00	1380.00
Fields Restocking:	27	@	10.00	270.00
Cultivated Land:	44	@	25.00	1100.00
	<u>168</u>			<u>\$2835.00</u>

**Orchard:**

**Minerals:**

Value of Land: \$ 2835.00 175.00

Value of Improvements: \$ 1525.00 1525.00

Value of Orchard: \$ 175.00 50.00

Value of Minerals: \$ 50.00

Value of Fruit: \$ \$4585.00

Value of Timber: \$

Value of Wood: \$ 50.00

Jesse Morris has upon death of father a value of \$645.00 for home in which he lives.

Value per acre for tract: \$27.29

Incidental damages arising from the taking of this tract: \$ NONE.

*Geo. N. Pen* CLERK.

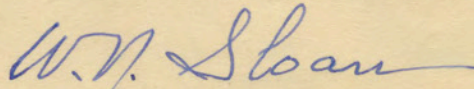
REPORT ON THE ACREAGE  
of the  
S. G. MORRIS TRACT #189.

This land was conveyed to S. G. Morris in eight separate parcels. The total of the acreages purported to be contained in these eight parcels is 222.

Only five of the eight tracts have descriptions which can be platted, and the acreages of the other three must, therefore, have been mere guesses.

Our field parties did sufficient work on this tract, in running boundary lines and tie lines, to locate every corner of the tract which was not located by a closed survey contained in a deed.

From these ties and closed surveys I have mapped the S. G. Morris tract, and find it to contain 168 acres, which is covered by the State's report.

  
W. N. Sloan,

Chief Engineer, Park Service.

County: Rockingham  
District: Stonewall

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Acreage Claimed: Assessed: 196 A - 140 P. Deed --  
75 A -- 1890 - \$110.00  
Value Claimed: \$1180.00 " \$1180.00 20 A -- 1918 - 100.00  
57-150 P1906 - 400.00  
Location: Extending from sandy bottom to High Top Mountain. Two acres sold to Jesse Morris and translation of deed to take place at death of S. G. Morris. 13 A -- 1904 - 100.00  
50 A -- 1910 - 372.00  
6 A -- 1904 - 125.00  
221 A 1207.00  
5 A. apparent-  
196 A.ly sold  
150 P.

Incumbrances, counter claims or laps: None known.

Soil: Soil of fair depth and fertility; some of it is very rocky with steep to moderate slopes, and northwest and southwest exposure.

Roads: Two miles of fair dirt road to Spotswood Trail near Swift Run; thence four miles to Elkton.

History of tract and condition of timber: A large portion of this tract was cleared many years ago and has been grazed and cultivated since with the exception of several portions which have been neglected and is now grown up into brush. Some new ground has been cleaned in the past few years. The wooded area has been cut over repeatedly in the past. The present stand consists of mixed oaks and some dead chestnut present. The wooded area is estimated to cut an average of 8 cords per acre valued @ 50¢ or a total of 216 cds. valued @ \$108.00.

Improvements: Dwelling: Log 19x20', 1½ story, 3 rooms, ceiled, occupied by tenant -- \$100.00  
Barn: Log 12x16x12', shingle roof, poor condition, 20.00  
Spring house: Frame 8x10x6', shingle roof, poor " 10.00  
Dwelling: Frame 16x28', paper roof, 1½ story, 3 rooms, 2 of which are ceiled, fair condition, occupied by tenant -- 350.00  
Barn: Log 14x14x12', board roof, fair condition, 40.00  
Corn house: Log 10x12x7', shingle roof, fair " , 20.00  
Hen house: Log 8x10x8', shingle roof, fair " , 15.00  
Dwelling: Frame 12x24', 1½ story, porch 6x12', kitchen 10x12', 5 rooms, 4 of which are ceiled, poor condition, occupied by owner -- 250.00  
Barn: Log 12x24x10', shingle roof, poor condition, 75.00  
Spring house: Frame 6x8x6', shingle roof, poor " , 10.00  
Meat house: Frame 10x10x10', shingle roof, poor " , 20.00  
Hen house: Frame 7x12x8', shingle roof, poor " , 15.00  
Mule house: Log 10x12x6', no roof, poor " , 5.00  
Dwelling: Log 17x23', L 10x18x8', 1 story, porch, 6x9', 4 rooms, ceiled, poor condition, occupied by tenant - 150.00  
Stable: Log 14x16x8', board roof, poor condition - 25.00  
Hen house: 6x8x5', shingle roof, poor condition - 10.00  
Orchard: 2 acres valued @ \$60.00 per acre for trees only -- 120.00  
1235.00



JOHN M. PURCELL  
TREASURER OF VIRGINIA

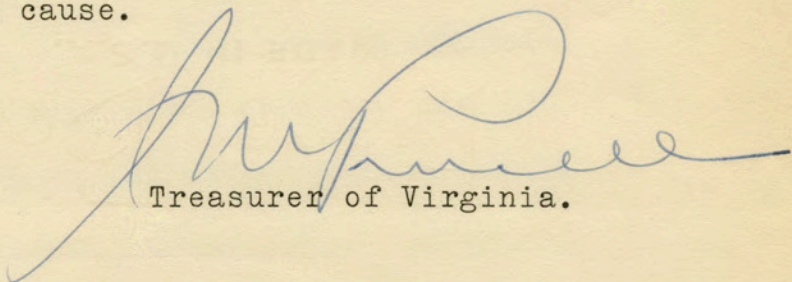
# Commonwealth of Virginia

TREASURER'S OFFICE

RICHMOND, VA.

January 15, 1934

This is to certify that I, J. M. Purcell, Treasurer of Virginia have this 15 day of January in accordance with an order of the circuit court of Rockingham County dated 1/12/34 in the cause of the State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia vs. Cassandra Lawson Atkins paid to S. G. Morris \$ 4,585.00 being in full settlement of tract # 189 in the above mentioned cause.

  
Treasurer of Virginia.



JOHN M. PURCELL  
TREASURER OF VIRGINIA

# Commonwealth of Virginia

TREASURER'S OFFICE

RICHMOND, VA.

January 15, 1934

S. G. Morris

Received of J. M. Purcell, Treasurer of Virginia, the sum of \$ 4,585.00, in accordance with an order of the Circuit Court of the county of Rockingham entered on the 12th day of January 19334, in the matter of the State Commission on Conservation and Development v Cassandra Lawson Atkins and others, being full and complete settlement for the tract of land known in said proceeding as #189.

S. G. Morris X

Sign original and duplicate  
and return to the Treasurer  
of Virginia.

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County: Rockingham  
District: Stonewall

#189 - Morris, S. G.

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Value of land by types:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Value per acre</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
Cove	1	\$4.00	\$4.00
Slope	27	3.00	81.00
F S	69	12.00	828.00
F c	44	15.00	660.00
F r	27	6.00	162.00
	<u>168</u>		<u>\$1735.00</u>

Total value of land \$1735.00  
 Total value of improvements 1235.00  
 Total value of timber 108.00  
 Total value of tract \$3078.00  
 Average value per acre 18.32

Note ---Acreage discrepancy: Practically all corners of this tract have been located by base lines, tie lines and surveys of surrounding tracts and is found to contain 168 acres and not 222 as deeds call for nor 196 acres as assessed.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

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

Petitioner

v. #1829

Cassandra Lawson Atkins, et als, etc.

Defendants

On this, the 17 day of January, 1934, came S. G. Morris and Jesse Morris, and on their motion leave is given them to file their application for the payment to them of the sum of \$4,585.00, the amount of the award set out in the award of condemnation for Tract No. 189, 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 November, 1933, that in the opinion of petitioner, the said S. G. Morris and Jesse Morris are invested with a superior or better right or claim of title in and to the said Tract of land No. 189, and that the record of this cause does not disclose any denial or dispute by any party or person <sup>in</sup> interest as to the title to the said Tract No. 189, or to the proceeds arising from the condemnation thereof, except that upon the award there is a notation that "Jesse Morris has upon the death of father a value of \$645.00 for home in which he lives," the said home referred to being included in Tract No. 189; and it appearing that the said Jesse Morris has joined in the petition with the said S. G. Morris and has requested the payment of the entire award for said Tract No. 189 to the said S. G. Morris, and it further appearing that therefore the said S. G. Morris is entitled to receive the proceeds arising from the condemnation of said Tract No. 189; and it also further appearing that all taxes due or taxable upon said Tract No. 189 have been paid:

Upon consideration whereof, it is considered and ordered by the Court that the said sum of \$4,585.00, paid into Court by petitioner as just compensation for Tract No. 189 be paid unto the

said S. G. Morris; 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 S. G. Morris the said sum of \$4,585.00, the amount of the award set out in the judgment of condemnation for Tract No. 189, taking from the said S. G. Morris a receipt therefor and certifying such payment to the Clerk of this Court for appropriate entry thereof as required by law.

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In the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, Virginia.

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

PETITIONERS

Vs

At Law No. 1829

Cassandra Lawson Atkins  
and others,

DEFENDANT

Comes now the undersigned and shows to the Court:

That a judgment in rem has heretofore been entered in this proceeding condemning to the use of the petitioner the fee simple estate in the tract of land No. 189 and described in the report of the Board of Appraisal Commissioners appointed herein, and shown, numbered and delineated on the County Ownership Map filed herewith, upon payment into the custody of the Court of the sum set out in the said judgment as constituting the award therefor, as follows:

Award on Tract No. 189	\$4,585.00
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That the report of the said Board sets forth that the undersigned is the only person who claims or appears to have a claim to an interest in the said tract of land, or in the proceeds arising from the condemnation thereof:

That the petitioners have paid into the custody of the Court, the said sum set out in said judgment as constituting the award for the fee simple estate in said tract of land:

That your undersigned, on the date of said judgment in rem condemning the said tract of land, owned or was entitled to a fee simple interest in said tract, or in the proceeds arising from the condemnation thereof:

That no other person than the undersigned is entitled to share in the distribution of the said award.

That the undersigned acquired title to the said tract of land by deeds as follows.

FIRST. Deed from Obed Shifflet and wife to Smith G. Morris, dated September 6, 1890, recorded in Deed Book 39 at page 286, containing 75 acres.

SECOND. Deed from Cassa Williams and others of date May 15, 1902, recorded in Deed Book No. 110 at page 65, containing all of their interests in the Layton Shifflet tract of land, adjoining Amos Hensley and Arch Roach.

THIRD. Deed from Archy A. Roach and others, dated June 21, 1904, recorded in Deed Book 76 at page 278, conveying 13 acres.

FOURTH. Deed dated June 21, 1904, recorded in Deed Book 76 at page 279 from Smith Roach and wife, conveying 6 acres.

FIFTH. Deed dated August 27, 1906, executed by Amos J. Hensley and others, and recorded in Deed Book No. 80 at page 283, conveying 57 acres, 3 roods and 30 poles.

SIXTH. Deed dated July 27, 1910, from W. D. Smith and wife, recorded in Deed Book 91, page 407, conveying 50 acres.

SEVENTH. Deed dated June 30, 1916, recorded in Deed Book 110 at page 64 from Barbara Shifflet and husband, conveying a one-eighth interest in the Layton and Mahalia Shifflet tract.

EIGHTH. Deed dated July 26, 1918, from L. N. Shifflet and others recorded in Deed Book 118 at page 344, conveying 20 acres.

All of the aforesaid grants were made to the said S. G. Morris, who is also known as Smith G. Morris,

The several foregoing tracts of land herein described and held in fee simple by the S. G. Morris, are included as a whole in No. 189 as shown and delineated on the County Ownership Map referred to in the report of the special investigators and Board of Appraisal Commissions referred to in this petition; none of which, or any part thereof, has been conveyed by deed or otherwise by the said S. G. Morris to any person or persons, except two acres more or less, which has been conveyed to Jesse Morris by the said S. G. Morris and wife, by deed dated September 8, 1928, to become effective on the date of the death of the said S. G. Morris, which said deed is recorded in said clerk's office of

Rockingham County, Virginia, in Deed Book No. 144 at page 116, it being covenanted and agreed by and between the said S. G. Morris and the said Jesse Morris, that the sum total of \$4,585.00 as named by the Board of Appraisal in this cause, be paid to the said S. G. Morris in toto, the said Jesse Morris has united in this petition for the purpose of, and does hereby request the petitioner in this cause, to pay the said sum of \$4,585.00 to the said S. G. Morris, and when so paid, the said Jesse Morris does forever release said petitioner from any and all liability for damage, or for the sum of \$645.00 allowed the said Jesse Morris by the Board of Appraisal Commission named and referred to in this cause, to be paid to the said Jesse Morris upon the death of the said S. G. Morris, for his home erected upon the said two acres of land conveyed to the said Jesse Morris by his father S. G. Morris, which said two acres is included in the tract No. 189, belonging to S. G. Morris, and the said Jesse Morris hereby waives any and all right of action at law or otherwise to recover any further sum or amount by reason of the condemnation proceedings herein referred to.

Wherefore, your undersigned prays that they be made parties hereinunder the provisions of Section 21 of the Public Park Condemnation Act, and that an order be tendered for the distribution of said sum set forth in said judgment in rem as constituting the award for the fee simple estate in the said tract condemned as aforesaid, and for the payment to the said S. G. Morris of the said award or as much thereof as the court may find that he is entitled to receive, which the undersigned avers is as follows.

Tract No. 189, Four Thousand, five hundred and eighty-five (\$4,585.00) dollars.

Witness  
H. B. L. Gentry  
Lewis J. Strickly

S. G. <sup>his</sup> Morris  
Jesse <sup>mark</sup> Morris

STATE OF VIRGINIA  
COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM to-wit:

S. G. Morris, and Jesse Morris the persons whose names are signed to the foregoing petition, having been first duly sworn, on his oath, deposes and says that the facts given in said petition are true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Given under my hand this the 6th day of January, 1934.

*H. B. Gentry*  
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Notary Public.

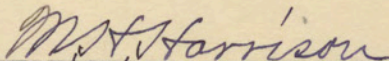
**M. H. HARRISON**  
**TREASURER OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY**  
**HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA**

To Whom It May Concern:

I hereby certify that the records of my office show that Smith G. Morris has paid the taxes for the years 1932 and 1933 on his tract of 194-3-20 acres of land situate in the Blue Ridge Mountains in Stonewall District, Rockingham County.

All taxes prior to that time, if any be unpaid, are a matter of record in the Clerk's Office of said County.

Given under my hand this 6th day of  
January 1934.

  
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Treasurer of Rockingham County

*S.B. 144-116 D.A.*