

NAME OF CLAIMANT

#180 - Major, John T. (colored)

Number of Acres: 48

Location: Southeastern slope of Oven Top Mountain

Roads: About one mile of unimproved dirt road to Lee Highway. Thence 14 miles to Luray, nearest shipping point.

Soil: Sandy clay loam. Northern part of tract has soil of good depth and fertility as indicated by herbaceous growth. Soil in cultivated fields is also of good depth and fertility, with an abundance of loose surface rock. Slopes are steep, south and eastern exposure.

History of Tract and condition of timber: Wooded area cut over for tan bark about 30 years ago. Other timber products removed at various times since. Trails and stumps indicate that the last of the merchantable timber was removed within the past year. That portion of the tract now used for grazing was cleared many years ago. Cultivated portions were cleared within the past few years. That portion of the orchard within the Park Boundary consists of approximately sixty trees 25 to 30 years old in good condition.

Improvements: None.

Acreage and value of types:

Types	Acreage		Value per acre	Total Value
Slope:	40	@	\$3.00	\$120.00
Cove:				
Grazing Land:	3	@	10.00	30.00
Cultivated Land:	3	@	15.00	45.00
				<hr/> \$195.00
Orchard:	2	@	75.00	150.00
				<hr/> \$345.00

Minerals:

Value of Land: \$ 195.00

Value of Improvements: \$

Value of Orchard: \$ 150.00

Value of Minerals: \$

Value of Timber: \$

Value of Wood: \$

Value per acre for tract: \$ 7.20

Incidental damages arising from the taking of this tract: \$ 100.00 ✓

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Claim of John G. Mayors
In the Circuit Court of Rappahannock County, Virginia, No. 149, At Law.
The State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia, Petitioner, vs. Clifton Aylor and others, and Thirty-seven
Thousand, Four Hundred Acres,

more or less, of land in Rappahannock 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 Rappahannock County, Virginia, asks leave of the Court to file this as his answer to said petition and to said notice.

My name is John G. Mayors

My Post Office Address is Sperryville, 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 10 1/2 acres, on which there are the following buildings and improvements: no buildings but I have improved it & set out orchard & the park takes about 50 or sixty acres of the 10 1/2 tract
This land is located about 2 miles from Sperryville Virginia, in the 1st 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 Frank D. Dripp
- South D. B. Swindler
- East Columbus T. Bailey, Mayors
- West D. B. Swindler

I acquired my right, title, estate or interest to this property about the year 1903 in the following manner:

By deed

I claim that the total value of this tract or parcel of land with the improvements thereon is \$ 2500.00. 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 \$ 2500.00

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 \$ 100.00.

(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: The damage is due to the fact that at Sperryville we have to make a new road for an outlet to the park taking in 50 acres here 15 or 20 acres & all of my wood land & best grass land. I would value the whole farm at \$5000.00 (Continue remarks if necessary on the back).

Witness my signature (or my name and mark attached hereto) this 20 day of May, 1930.

John G. Mayors

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

The undersigned hereby certifies that John G. Mayors 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 20 day of May, 1930.

Charles H. DeBerg
Clerk of the Court, or Special Investigator or Notary Public, or Justice of the Peace.

#180-Major, John

Acreage Claimed:

Value Claimed:

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Incumbrances, counter claims or laps: None known.

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Improvements: Orchard, (part of large orchard) 25 to 30 years old - - - - - \$100.00.

Value of land by types:

<u>Types:</u>	<u>Acreage:</u>	<u>Value Per A.</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
Slope	40	\$3.00	\$120.00
F c	3	15.00	45.00
F g	4	10.00	40.00
Orchard	1 (Listed above)		
	<u>48</u>		<u>\$205.00</u>

Total value of land - - - - - \$205.00
 Total value of improvements - - - - - 100.00
 Total value of tract - - - - - \$305.00

Average value per acre - - - - - \$6.35