

NAME OF CLAIMANT

#316 - Mace, T. Ashby

Number of Acres: 14

Location: Madison Run. Part outside Park area. U. S. Positions 231 and 232.

Roads: Two and one-half miles via dirt road to Port Republic, the nearest shipping point.

Soil: Sandy loam. Cove type of fair depth and fertility. The tillable land looks to be of a good depth and fertility. Some scattering loose rock cover the entire area.

History of Tract and condition of timber: The merchantable saw timber was removed from this tract in 1930. The remaining stand consists of small hardwoods and a small amount of white pine.

Improvements:

(See reverse side for improvement information)

Acreage and value of types:

Types	Acreage		Value per acre	Total Value
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Ridge:

Slope:

Cove:	7	@	\$10.00	\$70.00
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Grazing Land:

Fields Restocking:

Cultivated Land:	7	@	30.00	210.00
	<u>14</u>			<u>\$280.00</u>

Orchard:

Minerals:

Value of Land: \$ 280.00

Value of Improvements: \$ 950.00

Value of Orchard: \$

Value of Minerals: \$

950.00

Value of Fruit: \$ 25.00

Value of Timber: \$

25.00

Value of Wood: \$

\$1255.00

Value per acre for tract: \$ 90.00

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

*Geo. H. Pen* CLERK.

NAME OF CLAIMANT

IMPROVEMENTS: Frame dwelling: 16x32', with 4 rooms, and 8x32' porch  
 12x16' L with 2 rooms and 6x16' porch, metal roof, brick flues,  
 2 story, 2 rooms plastered, good condition, occupied by owner,  
 cistern, solid foundation, 12x16', stone cellar.  
Frame barn: 16x20' with side shed 16x20', shingle and board  
 roof, fair condition.  
Frame granary: 6x16', metal roof, fair condition.  
Frame hen house: 8x16', paper roof, fair condition.  
Frame tool house: 16x26', metal roof, fair condition.

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Minerals:			
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Value of Improvements:			\$250.00
Value of Orchard:			\$
Value of Minerals:			\$
Value of Fruit:			\$25.00
Value of Timber:			\$
Value of Wood:			\$
Value per acre for tract:			\$90.00

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

Claim of T. Ashby Mace  
In the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, Virginia, No. \_\_\_\_\_, At Law.  
The State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia, Petitioner, vs. Cassandra Lawson & Dennis  
+ 52.561 acres

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

My name is T. Ashby Mace

My post office address is Grottoes - Va R.F.D. - 1 - Box - 34

about 15 acres in the Park

I claim a right, title, estate or interest in a tract or parcel of land within the area sought to be condemned, containing about 25 and a fraction acres, on which there are the following buildings and improvements: one Dwelling House - one Stable - one Hen-House - one com. crib - 2 Large grain and implement

Proofing

Sheds - metal - Proofs on all but Hen-House has prepared  
This land is located about 2 1/2 - Grottoes miles from and 2 from Partrepublic Virginia, in the Stone Wall 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.)

i. am sole owner - i am i claim sole owner to near one third of the said 1/2 acre known as the Nut venon school house lot and also the

Buildings now on it also to the Benches which is nailed fast to it i claim all to be mine -

The land owners adjacent to the above described tract or parcel of land are as follows:  
North claimed by Tom Randolph and George Mace  
South claimed by Noah Braines and W. L. Scott  
East Joseph Pearl and Harper  
West Amerdeth Mundy - tract

I acquired my right, title, estate or interest to this property about the year 93 in the following manner:

i inherited 14 1/2 acres from my fathers estate i bought the Ballance from the Ideop. sifes. Hirs and Paid Spot

Cash for it

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 this tract or parcel of land with the improvements thereon is \$\_\_\_\_\_.

i am not offering it for sale

I am the owner of about 10 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 \$\_\_\_\_\_.

as a time i would refuse ten thousand Dollars for it

(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: i will be glad to see your personal appraisers here when ever you are ready to say i will give you may Dollars for your property then i will say in reply i ought to have as many Dollars for it then take it one some way and give me the money and take the place  
(Continue remarks if necessary on the back).

and turn me loose from the Park

Witness my signature (or my name and mark attached hereto) this 5th day of January, 1936.

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

as to Damages to adjoining lands to Park for ever stealing Hereing - moonshining

The undersigned hereby certifies that T. Ashby Mace 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 12th day of Feb., 1936.

Margie Bowers, Dep.  
Clerk of the Court, or Special Investigator or Notary Public, or Justice of the Peace.

2/12/31

--- (over) ---

House the school House was tore down sever years ago and was  
told give to Hubert Ehrman teacher at Park Republic - School and  
a brother to D. Wampler Ehrman commonwealths attorney and  
John - Miller Tit to them Burgis - Chandler - for thirty Dollars  
which would not pay for the windows chandler built him a  
House for his car out of part of it and it seemed Ehrman put  
up some chicken Houses it is said with part of it sipes deeded  
the 1/2 acre to school purposes in the year of 1888 saying  
when it ceased to be used for school purposes the lot and what  
was to revert back to them the Jacop sipes heirs and i am  
sole owner of all these claims then there was ten heirs onely  
has signed the school Deed but all ten has signed my Deed  
Mary Haney and Sarah Huitons - Name is not even mentioned  
in the school Deed and while Tom sipes name - is there he  
a miner at that time onely a bout 15 years old - and bitterly  
opposed it and threatened to move in and take possession of  
it the school House - now if the Park will pay me for the  
half a acre of land and turn the present buildings over  
to me the 2 Back Houses coal - House school House and Benches  
which is fastened to House and give me plenty of time to move  
them off of the land even foundations i will accept them as my  
pay for them or i will take sixteen hundred Dollars for the  
Buildings - what ever the appraisers says the 1/2 acre of  
the House and what ever the appraisers says the 1/2 acre of  
land is worth Ebra - i failed to state i sold Jasoph Pearce  
a strip of Land off of the 14 and a half acre tract 40 feet  
wide at the Harper line and to a Point at the other end to let him  
get out as he had built over on me and i did not want to have  
real trouble about it the Records will show how much it was same  
as all the rest of it i still have six or seven thousand feet of  
fine saw timber also a lot of nice thrifty young growth timber  
that was too small to saw when the mill was here - you will under  
stand that i have good Buildings not old rotten ones my House is  
built out of real genuine Hart yellow Pine and if it is not Deeds  
oyed in some way will be here when all of us is gone it is imposible  
to get such lumber to day at any Price - i had rather not sell  
my Home - but in case you are going to take it i say come on  
and take it and give me the money for it - then i will say what i think  
i ought to have for it but as a Home i would refuse ten thousand  
dollars for it - but when you are really ready to buy and pay for  
it i dont think we will have any trouble i have been told since i  
wrote the above that the school House and lot is not on the map i  
bitterly oppose to condemn my Home me 68 years old and then have  
that out it is entirely contrary to any laws i have herd of governing the  
Park the records shows it is my Property and is in the Park -  
Boundry - and should be passed on by the Judge of the Court  
as my other Prop. Perty is it is onely a scheme to beat me out of  
my rights i dont own a foot of land in the Blue Ridge mountains i  
live 2 miles from it it seems that the whole tract must be taken in  
only several acres - according to supreme court Decision -

Dec - Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> 1930 -  
To. The circuit court clerk of -  
in the Daily News. Record of -  
Dec The 22<sup>nd</sup> - 1930 - for all  
Land owners in the Rockingham  
Co - Park District to file there -  
claim - + - before February -  
The 18<sup>th</sup> - 1931 - i will say i hope  
he treated fair and square in parking  
with my home that i have worked  
hard to have in my old age i did not  
build it to speculate on but for a -  
home for me to spend my last  
days at and then leave it for  
my children and grand children i  
did not make the money here i  
made it working on Public Works  
every day in the year no counting  
no Sundays making just 12 ring money

(3)  
Last year i still have standing  
on the stump i think a bout 7 or 8  
thousand. Just of real fine sand timber  
then there is a lot of pine mill -  
growth tall and louty that is still  
standing on the land that was -  
small to low - this timber is - along the  
side of a creek and grows rapidly  
then a gain i hope you will look at  
the records in 1882<sup>'s</sup> where paerh  
dipped their give one half acre -  
for the mt. Vernon school house  
purposes with certain stipulations  
and when it ceased to be used for  
Public school purposes the lot and  
the building was to revert back to  
the wife heirs of which is on the whole  
well owner of all of the paerh wife -

(4) Property: I think my Deed was made in 1893 - but I am not sure of the exact date but that is near to it then you will see the records shows there was ten heirs and all of them has signed the Deed to me and of a lawful age to do so and only seven has signed the Deed to the school Bord Mary. Harry and Sarah. Hinton. Name is not way mentioned in the school Deed and Tom. size while his name is there - was only a boy and from what I can learn was only a boy 15 years old when the Deed was made and later when he became of age was against it and threatened to move in and live in the school house but Bernon then a few years ago that came here and tore the Building -

(2) Every - day With lots of extra - time - if I had a had to make it here I never would have had any Home - and I value it as a Home and not as Dollars and Cts and <sup>World</sup> would not think of offering it for Dollars & Cts so it seems to me as a as a sheep at the slaughter Pen to lay my head down and have it chopped off as in other words give it up to you about you <sup>Ray</sup> but I do hope if you are going to take it that you will do it at once so I can arrange for an other Home in my old clays I am now 68 - years old and the Park takes all of the land but a boat 10. aers with no Buildings on it at all not even a Pig Pen nor any House must all of my real saw timber was sawed -

(5)

Down that was built in ~~1884~~ <sup>1883</sup> and  
was told John Miller clerk of the  
District School Board gave it to -  
Burgess - Chandler - and Eshman -  
who is school teacher at Postville  
School and a Brother of D. Wampler -  
Eshman. Eshman is the attorney  
at town looking for thirty-dollars -  
which I don't think would pay for -  
The Wainwrights Chandler was here as  
teacher Chandler built a shed for  
his automobile - and Eshman  
lame chicken handles it seems -  
out of it the Records says the <sup>that</sup>  
and the Building is to be mine <sup>when</sup>  
the school ceases to use it for school  
purpose but it is gone now here and  
there is nothing in the log of a -

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(17)

This new one has Bull Pine in it  
and in Dollars and also the old one  
was worth Double what this new one  
is worth - it seems to me that should  
pay out for using it now when you  
read the Records you will see that  
the deed to the school says 82 <sup>cents</sup>  
The Deed to me says one half a cent  
one half a cent so what appears  
always said that had give but it  
seems to me this way that when <sup>deed</sup>  
Hans arranged it he run around  
what he thought to make the half <sup>cent</sup>  
of 80 cents but he even he had 82  
cents - 2 cents more than a half a cent -  
and did not go back on him <sup>around</sup>  
but just wrote the Deed for 82  
cents in stead of 80 - and presented it

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8 To sifers and Dick not tell them  
it was for 2 poles more than the had  
give so tha signed it in ignorance  
of what it really was and of course  
was legally 2 poles more than the half  
acre after tha signed to 8 & - in stead -  
of 80 poles - things i suppose went  
on in a bout the same way tha did  
other places untill John miller put in  
as clerk of the District school <sup>Bora</sup>  
then real trouble began tearing down  
my fence burning it up and general  
possession of things John Myers -  
When Ben good was teaching at  
part brought him a way from his  
school up here tramping round <sup>where</sup>  
ben good came over in the field <sup>much</sup>  
i was working and ask me how -  
was in the school house lot i told  
him half a cre he said it was a

9 Building The Mt Vernon School  
House Lot but one little old Back  
House and Hasent ben for 2 or 3 <sup>years</sup>  
of which Tha Have a real genuine deed  
to signed by onely seven in stead of  
Ten then Tha Built an other Building  
over on my Land and have ben  
using it i was told Tha claimed that  
while Tha tore Down The Building <sup>built</sup>  
in 1883 Tha Had Built another one  
Tha Havent done it the one Tha tore  
Down Was really on The Mt. Vernon -  
School House lot - The one That is  
There now is on my Land - according  
To The records With The benches -  
made fast and as i claim is <sup>part of</sup>  
The building and Eutisor says he  
got sixteen Hundred Dollars for  
Building it The old building was  
built out of real Hart yellow Pine -



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big one i told him i thought he was teaching school at Port he said the was But the Baro John - Myers had brought him a way up here you see this was in school towns and the tax payers was paying him to loaf and muddle in my business i see the deed to the trustees of the Wall District school was made in 1883 instead of 1882 - it got run long since i got another breaking from John Myers warning me of them him and his counsel caused me to pay 3 or 4 days in jail and pay seventy dollars fine and give a two hundred dollar bond for 12 months not to protect my self and Prof. J. J. Merrill day i am tired of him and his error

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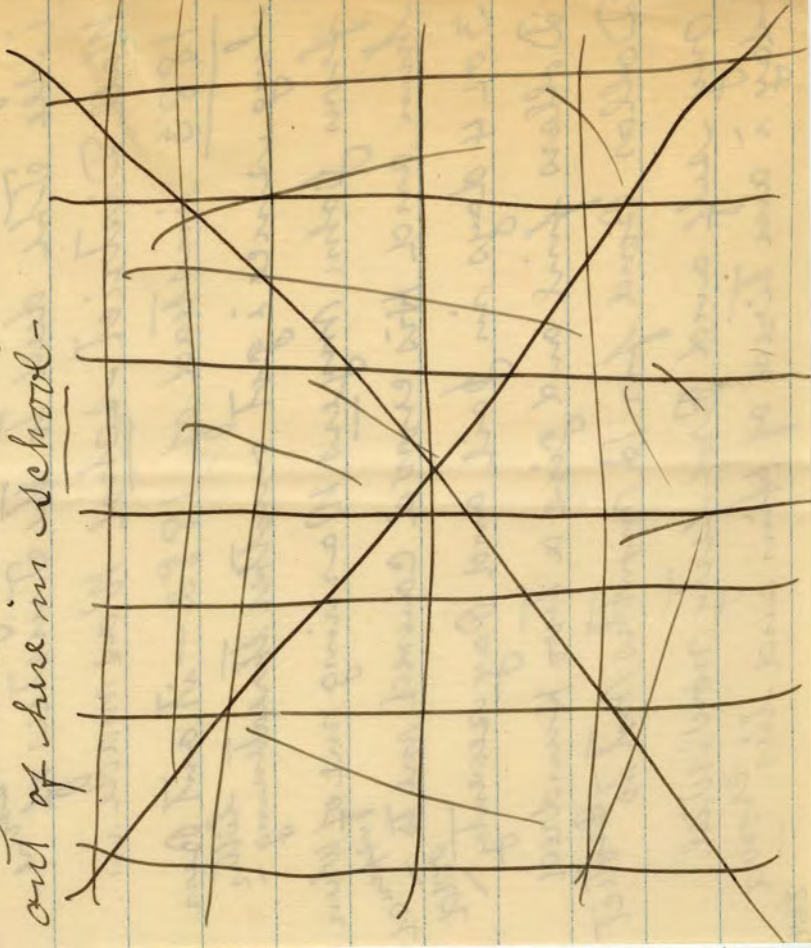
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February - the 7th - 1881 - a horse has told that this so called Mt. Vernon - schoolhouse has been cut out of the Park's now i object to it to take my horse one 68 years old and unnumbered this 1/2 acre lease the Public road for a distance of 100 feet then come back to the road a gain - i consider it entirely wrong and unjust to me than as i read the supreme courts Decision it says in The Blue ridge mountain i do not own one foot of land in the Blue ridge - Mountain i live 2 miles from the mountain then a gain it reads to me that must take the whole tract of land my land lays on both sides of the road only - several acres on the Park's side - i think 9 or 10 acres on other side all i ask is fair treatment and whenever they are ready to take and pay me for my property and tell me there price on it

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(17) Then i will Tell them what i think i ought to be paid for it Remembers i said when they are ready to buy which of course means pay me for it take it give me the money turn me loose to find an other home in my old days as some old Beast - i have a real good home and i ought to be paid a good price and i will say again i will accept the Buildings and furniture which is part of them made fast and is surely standing on my land for pay for them if i have plenty of time to roll them off foundations also - as Elce i pay for them and the lot - i will say a gain my home is not for sale i dont want to sell it at all i would require ten thousand Dollars for it and it is onely by condemnation i agree to sell to the Park i would refuse if

(18) and i dont want any more of his meddling and sas at me - i would be glad if you would visit this place and see what you would compare it to and see if you thought such a disgraceful place existed any where in <sup>a circle</sup> ~~the~~ country and up held by the county as a school - to Educate and train children to be citizens - That ought to be put out of here in school -



fair treatment is all a ask and no-  
 free from me either my home nor the  
 school house trouble which is and  
 had been un called for trouble and  
 Expense to me and my Prager is  
 better it right now and see these  
 children is taken out of there -  
 no medicine Bunch and sent to school  
 and it might be some of them <sup>might</sup>  
 grow up straight yet in school is  
 where i think they should be and  
 ought to and there a chance to make  
 useful citizens of them selves get  
 i Dont honestly believe if you really  
 knowed the real conditions here you  
 would allow it to continue a single day -  
 and get the taxpayers is paying to up  
 hold it i believe it a shame now if -

it will bring at any time you should  
 wish to sell it at this time you can  
 nothing no one can hardly live no  
 To even make a living the government <sup>now</sup>  
 trying to get some one to take real  
 of of these hands where the last thousands  
 of Dollars - for only a few hundred -  
 Dollars - then the Park ask what is the  
 cash value of your Property you <sup>had</sup>  
 as well ask a beggar how much cash -  
 Will you give me for my home Real  
 country no life in it at all i dont  
 own a foot of land in the Blue <sup>ridge</sup>  
 mountain i am 2 miles from it and  
 i dont want to sell my home - and i  
 hope i will not have to put up a <sup>fight</sup>  
 hold it in what was always said to be  
 a free country in Billerly object to

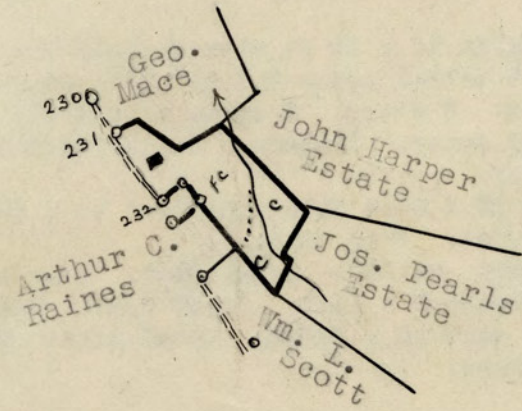
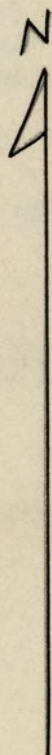
(16) The condemn tion Blanket Hoarding  
This 1/2 acre piece here out here is say -  
Patch it let it be a whole cover clean -  
To the Browns gap Road which is <sup>really</sup> -  
The Boundry line of The Park here it will  
Disfigure it look Bad and cause the  
Visitors to wonder why it was Done -  
and -  
ask why this 100 foot Hole is made in  
it treat me right and fair and -  
square - is all i ask there is 16 ten  
Pages to this Writing Best i could do  
i had nothing but small Paper to -  
use this is February - The 10<sup>th</sup> / 1931 -  
i am J. Ashby - mail -  
grothoes - Va R. 1 - Box 34 -

(14) Now if This School House and  
lot is cut out of The Park cut my Home -  
out all and i will fight to have it - done  
i believe i have lost Enough by This <sup>Park</sup> -  
Dickering a round here and <sup>nothing</sup> being -  
The have been coming in here now for -  
i think 5 or 6 years - With out leaf me  
Telling There Business just Take Possession  
i consider i lost seven hundred Dollars  
our selling my saw timber on account of  
them and if i had not sacrificed it <sup>me</sup> -  
i did i dont believe i could sell it at  
all now as i see it only stood as a  
scare crow and kept others from <sup>buying</sup> -  
it Wouldnt by them selves nor let <sup>others</sup> -  
buy it its a Shame i think - to be <sup>traded</sup> -  
This way it seem to me to be a Poor time  
to condemn land for Parks when <sup>we have</sup> -  
i deners and soup Houses i think The  
Value of land as any thing else is - <sup>what</sup>

#316 T. Ashby Mace

County: Rockingham  
District: Stonewall

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LEGEND

Cove  
Tillable  
Scale - 1" = 20 chains

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August - The 17. th - 1932 -

Mr Robert Switzer. Clerk of circuit court  
of Rockingham Co. Va - in regards to the  
Park Appraisal of my Property; I will first  
say according to my belief and understanding  
tha have over reached there authority a distance  
of one mile to reach any of my Property as  
all of my Property is one mile distant of the  
foot of the Blue Ridge Mountain then i see tha say  
Cove. 7. acres - i dont own any cove land at all -  
then a gain tha say 14 acres of land tha have  
16 or 17 acres of my land then tha have not made  
mention of the fine saw timber and nice young  
groth of timber and quantity of lap wood -  
ling on this cove land as tha call it then the  
Barb Wire around it tha have not mentioned -  
i think it would have been much more sensible  
for them to have said i give you so many <sup>Dollars</sup>  
for the whole a mount then to have tried to a been  
so precise a bout it and then failed to be -  
right then tha say value of improve ments  
i will ask if tha can tell me where i can buy  
these improve ments of a responsible Builder -  
for what tha have offord or valued them at  
then the value of fruit that can be Bought at  
these Prices then a gain tha say 2 Plastered Rooms -  
over -

i have 3. Plastered Booms - Then i have 3 large  
brick flues i have a stone masoned foundation  
under Houses and Porch and Stable Then the say  
frame Barn With side shed shingle and Board  
roof fair condition This is not true Barn has  
shingle Roof on one side other side has  
some metal and ballance Boards and shed  
Has all metal Roof and all in good condition  
The say frame henhouse Paper Roof not so fiber  
Roof now i beg the court to stop this trouble a  
bout my Property which the have give me it -  
seems near 7. years and still nothing done -  
i have wrote and ask them severel times to come  
and see the Propperty if the really wanted it -  
come to an a greement and i would sell it to  
them and in case the did not have the money  
to pay for it give me real government Bonds for  
it still the would not get in neither would the -  
get out but still give me trouble if the want my  
Propperty meet me here on it see what it is  
and i will sell it to them at a satisfactory -  
Price other wise leave me a lone as i will not  
concent to give it to them i consider the have  
caused me to loose the amount of seven or  
Eight Hundred Dollars all ready in there dickering  
around as a scare crow to scare others a -  
to other sheet

Way from dealing with the impression that are going to condemn it one mile from the condemnation Boundary line I don't consider there list any offer at all and I sincerely don't believe that expected the simplest person to accept it just the idea of any person to consider such a thing as an offer to buy my property that I have worked for the money to buy and make a home for my self and children then lay down and surrender it to a class to loaf and lay around on for nothing I repeat I don't consider it an offer at all I will farther say look at the records about 1883 you will see Jacob Sipes heirs deeded 82 Poles of land which really should have been 80 Poles 1/2 acre for school purposes with certain certain stipulations++ then look to records about 1893 I think you will see the Sipe heirs sold to J. Ashby Mace all rights titles and interests in all the land. The owned specifying said interest in school house and lot and there was 10 heirs and all 10 signed deed to J. Ashby. Mace which is true. Then look back to deed to school you will see there is one by seven heirs signed to that deed there is really eight names but Tom Sipe -



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was a miner onely a boy and could not sign a deed Then look Back To J. Ashby<sup>mace</sup> deed and you will find Tom Sipes<sup>name</sup> and Mary. Harys. name and Saras - Hinton's. name. Mary. Harys name and Sarah Hinton's name. is not Even mentioned in the school deed Then come here and i can show you a Building standing on this  $\frac{3}{4}$  tenths of a half a cre that i have a deed To and i told the Park man To mark it in his list but he refused to do so. so. that is all so short of being listed in the Park Boundary line of which the Public Road is the line Then when you condemn you must take the Whole tract if you do this you must take 10. acres across the road when you take the  $2\frac{1}{2}$ . acres. ad join the  $14\frac{1}{2}$ . acres according. to supreme courts decision tha are Wrong in the  $14\frac{1}{2}$  acre tract tha say 14 acres all a crooked. <sup>affair</sup> never seen The appraisors when i met the Boddy of men at Elkton last August i told them tha onely had part of the land and lacked several acres tha said tha would meet me on the Property in about 3 weeks but i never <sup>seen</sup> ~~the~~ nor herd of -

Them now if this Park trouble dont ease  
up and come to a Plain understanding  
i will appeal to Higher authority for  
relief i have had Enough of it now. i think  
and time to know some thing definite  
whether my Property and Home is to be  
confiscated or not now if tha want it  
and want to pay for it give me 10. days  
notice just when to meet them there and  
~~and~~ tha can buy at a Satisfactory Price  
Provided tha pay for it and get a bonafide  
Deed to it right at the time. i am tired of  
Having men trespassing over my Property.  
To see 2. or 3. men slipping around and  
then after quitting my work and going  
to see who it is and what tha are doing  
there to be told tha are Park men. not  
knowing whether tha are moon shiners  
Robbers thieves or what tha are nor whether  
tha will shoot you down. knock you  
down or what tha will do that is the history  
of the Park here onely. on 2 occasions have  
tha come as gentlemen and told there buisness  
i am J. Ashby. Mace. grothoes. Va  
B. 1. Box. 107.

now this is what they are asking you to compel me to surrender to them for. 1255.00.

My House. Home I worked for and made -

one cistern -

one Hen. House -

one Corn Crib -

one stable -

one shed -

another shed. Toolhouse as they call it -

16 or 17 acres of good land not low land

young growth of Timber

saw timber -

a lot of sap wood -

Wire fencing -

most all kinds of fruit in abundance -

my Prayer is Please deliver me from them -

J. Ashby. mace -

Grothoes. Va. P.O. Box. 107 -

August the 17. Th - 1932 -

There is 3. sheets. 6 six. Pages. to this Writing

One Stream - of water - running through -

a copy. The Place -

and real seed white -

Pines - on - it -

Sept. The 8<sup>th</sup> - 1932 -

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Judge. of The circuit court of Rockingham Co  
your Honor i most imphatically refuse the  
1255.00 The Valneation of My Property -  
By the appraisors of so called National park  
for verious reasons. one is 2 acres <sup>of land.</sup> short -  
there <sup>is</sup> 16 or 17 - acres Then all of my Property lies a  
one mile or more distant from the Blue <sup>foot</sup> of  
ridge Mountain and verious other reasons -  
for not accepting the confiscatory Price of 1255.00  
i made out an itemized list of my objections -  
and offered it to Mr Robert Switzer clerk of the  
circuit court to file but he refused to accept it  
saying i would have to have a lawyer file it  
i was informed by Colonel Stewart there was to  
be no Expese to the Land owners for filing  
there objections to Having there claims -  
ad justed i wrote Mr Carson at Riverton at  
once that i objected to the whole affair so now  
i write you for Protection a gainst any -  
farther trouble With them as i have been  
annoyed for about 6. or 7. years With them and  
tha still will not doe any thing and i consider  
i have all ready lost seven or eight Hundred  
Dollars by them dickering around on my  
Property With no permission to be there from  
me. and. it is surely my property as you can <sup>not</sup> 27

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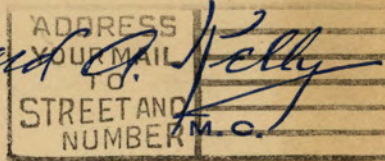
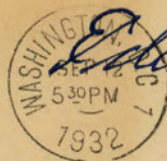
see if you will look at the records of Harrisonburg - Va - i will sell the property but i will not give it a way so now to make sure of you fully understanding i refuse there price i am going to the expense of registering this whole list of objections to you and then i think the receipt card will show you received them seems the best i can do for protection from them as i dont want to pay a lawyer to do nothing so with hopes of your protection of me and my property i am  
J. Ashby - Mace - at  
Grothols - Va - R. 1. Box - 107 -

Sept - the - 8. <sup>th</sup> - 1932 -

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—FREE



Mr. J. Robert Switzer,  
County Clerk,  
Harrisonburg, Virginia.

County: Rockingham  
District: Stonewall

#316 T. Ashby Mace

Acreage Claimed: 25 ~~assessed~~ Assessed 25.148 Deed 26  
Value Claimed: - " 430.00 " Partition deed & by purchase  
Consideration not given

Location: Madison Run. Part outside Park area. U. S. Positions 231 & 232

Laps: None known

Soil: Sandy loam. Cove type of fair depth and fertility. The tillable land looks to be of a good depth and fertility. Some scattering loose rock cover the entire area.

Roads: 2 1/2 miles via dirt road to Port Republic, the nearest shipping point.

History: The merchantable saw timber was removed from this tract in 1930. The remaining stand consists of small hardwoods and a small amount of white pine. About 4 cords fuel wood per acre on 7 acres. 28 cds. wood @ 50¢ per cd. \$14.00

Improvements:

Frame dwelling 16 x 32 ft with 4 rooms and 8 x 32 ft porch 12 x 16ft L with 2 rooms and 6 x 16ft porch. Metal roof. Brick flues. 2 story. 3 rooms plastered. Good condition. Occupied by owner. Cistern. Solid foundation. 12 x 16 ft. stone cellar	\$750.00
Frame barn 16 x 20ft with side shed 16 x 20 ft. Shingle and board roof. Fair cond.	150.00
Frame granary 6x16ft. Metal roof. Fair cond.	15.00
Frame hen house 8 x 16ft. Paper roof. Fair cond.	15.00
Frame tool shed 16 x 26 ft. Metal roof. Fair cond.	50.00
27 fruit trees.	30.00
	<u>1010.00</u>

Value of land by types:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Value per acre</u>	<u>Total value</u>
Cove	7	\$ 5.00	\$ 35.00
Tillable	7	30.00	210.00
	<u>14</u>		<u>245.00</u>

Total value of land	\$ 245.00
Total value of improvements	1010.00
Total value of timber	14.00
Total value of tract	<u>1269.00</u>
Average value per acre	90.64