

Rappahannock County  
Wakefield District

**NAME OF CLAIMANT**

#12- Settle, Thos. H.

Number of Acres: 1100

Location: Head of Burgess Run

**Roads:** From the east side of the tract it is about 5 miles over rough roads to the State Highway; thence it is 12 miles to Front Royal, the nearest shipping point.

**Soil:** The soil is a sandy loam of good depth and fertility. The northeast portion has gentle and moderate slopes with wide benches and flat topped spur ridges. There is comparatively little rock. Further west and south the slopes are steeper; there is more rock and the soil is poorer. The extreme south portion of the land has average slopes and is covered with

**History of Tract and condition of timber:** / some rock. /

The bark was removed about thirty years ago, and there has been cutting at other times for various products including stavewood. Repeated fires have done much damage, especially on the northwest and south portions. Red oaks from 10 - 32" DBH of fair quality are scattered over the timbered portion of 917 acres. There are also a few poplars and some small chest-nut oaks. The estimated merchantable timber on this tract is 680 M. ft. of saw timber. Locust timber is not considered merchantable on account

**Improvements:** of the small stand per acre.

None.

**Acreage and value of types:**

Types	Acreage	Value per acre	Total Value
Slope:	1030	@ \$2.50	\$2575.00
Cove:	70	5.00	350.00
	<u>1100</u>		<u>\$2925.00</u>

Grazing Land:

Cultivated Land:

Orchard:

Minerals:

Value of Land: \$ 2925.00

Value of Improvements: \$

Value of Orchard: \$

Value of Minerals: \$

Value of Timber: \$ 1500.00

\$1500.00

Value of Wood: \$

\$4425.00

Value per acre for tract: \$ 4.02

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

Stave mill had been working on property.

*Geo. H. Peni*

CLERK



Claim of Thomas H. Seete  
In the Circuit Court of Rappahannock County, Virginia, No. 129, At Law.  
The State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia, Petitioner, vs. Thomas H. Seete et al. and 37,400 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 Thomas H. Seete  
My Post Office Address is P. O. Box 870, Shenandoah, Virginia

I claim a right, title, estate or interest in a tract or parcel of land within the area sought to be condemned, containing about 1103 acres, on which there are the following buildings and improvements:

This land is located about four miles from Silent-Hill Virginia, in the Marbletop 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 have title in fee in said tract of land

The land owners adjacent to the above described tract or parcel of land are as follows:  
North M. P. Slaughter and John R. Manlow  
South Edith Harper  
East Geo. W. Bowling and Robertson + Mary + Josiah M. Seete  
West John R. Manlow + Miss Laine

I acquired my right, title, estate or interest to this property about the year 1925 in the following manner:

Went from E. B. Smith + wife. as compromise settlement with them, in payment of debt of mine, I had against them.

I claim that the total value of this tract or parcel of land with the improvements thereon is \$ 18000.00. 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 \$ 18000.00.

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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

(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: This tract of land is all in timber, well watered by several flowing streams, including the beautiful waterfalls on the Southern boundary, as well as Iron, Gold & Copper deposits, & are of good prospects, which I submit should be considered in fixing the true value of same. (Continue remarks if necessary on the back).

Witness my signature (or my name and mark attached hereto) this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1930. Geo. W. Seete agt.

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

The undersigned hereby certifies that Geo. W. Seete, agt for T.H. Seete 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1930.

Geo. M. Seete  
Clerk of the Court, or Special Investigator or Notary Public, or Justice of the Peace.



#12-Settle, Thos. H.

Acreage Claimed:

Value Claimed:

Examined by: Marsh, Gilliam and Stoneburner

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Incumbrances, counter claims or laps: None known

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Acreage and value by type:

<u>Types:</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Value per A.</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
Slope	1075	2.00	\$2150.00
Cove	70	4.00	280.00
Total	1145		\$2430.00

Value of land \$2430.00  
Value of timber 1360.00  
Total..... \$3790.00

Average value per acre for tract \$3.31