Rappahannock County

NAME OF CLAIMANT

#71-I -- Brumback, J. B. Lap on Julia C. Overall Heirs.

Number of Acres: 44

Location: Elk Wallow Gap - southeastern exposure; partly in Page County and partly in Rappahannock County. Roads: Seven miles of very poor dirt road to Lee Highway near Sperryville; thence seventeen miles to Luray, the nearest shipping point.

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Soil:

Sandy clay of good depth and fertility; free of surface rock; good mountain grazing land.

History of Tract and condition of timber: That portion of tract near divide has been kept clear of brush and supports a fair stand of grass. While that in southern part has been neglected and is now growing up to sassafras, briers, young oak and locust.

## Improvements:

None.

| Acreage and value of                        | types:      |                          |                  |
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| Types                                       | Acreage     | Value per acre           | Total Value      |
| Ridge:                                      |             |                          |                  |
| Slope:                                      | 12          |                          |                  |
| Cove:                                       |             |                          |                  |
| Grazing Land:                               | 30          | \$30.00                  | \$900.00         |
| Fields Restocking:                          | 14 .        | 15.00                    | 210.00           |
| Cultivated Land:                            |             |                          | \$1110.00        |
| Orchard:                                    |             |                          |                  |
| Minerals:                                   |             |                          |                  |
| Value of Land: \$ 113                       | L0.00       |                          |                  |
| Value of Improvement                        | s: \$       |                          |                  |
| Value of Orchard: \$                        |             |                          |                  |
| Value of Minerals: \$                       |             |                          |                  |
| Value of Fruit: \$                          | * .         |                          |                  |
| Value of Timber: \$                         |             |                          |                  |
| Value of Wood: \$                           |             |                          |                  |
| Value per acre for tra                      | et: \$25.23 |                          |                  |
| Incidental damages ari<br>Part in Page Cour |             | ng of this tract: \$ Non | Ho. H. BEN CLERK |

Claim of. \_County, Virginia, No. In the Circuit Court of\_\_\_\_ X Cro 12 The State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia, Petiabo el tioner, vs. more or less, of land in <u>Yang</u> 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 Marix. Court of\_ \_\_County, /Virginia, asks leave of the Court to file this as his answer to said netition and to said notice. TUMA My name is\_\_\_ ach My Post Office Address is\_\_\_\_\_Man\_ I claim a right, title, estate or interest in a tract or parcel of land within the area sought to be condemned, containing about 100lacres, on which there are the following buildings and improvements: \_\_\_\_\_h Dornis ashing for Virginia, in This land is located about\_\_\_\_\_\_miles from\_\_\_\_\_ the\_\_\_\_\_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 plaimant is not sole or joint owner, he should set out exactly what right, fitle, estate or interest he has in or to the tract or parcel of land described above) of Nauro bar X Buntark I mit mo Madage / prusing agle met Mrs. Mr. M. J. Houser - in The land wners aljagent to the above described tract or parcel of land are as follows: North\_ Dun ac South. East\_ musach West\_ I acquired my right, title, estate or interest to this property about the year 1922 following manner: menjan

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: \_

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The undersigned hereby certifies that <u>the matters</u> 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,

Clerk of the Court, or Special Investigator or Notary Public, or Justice of the Peace. (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).

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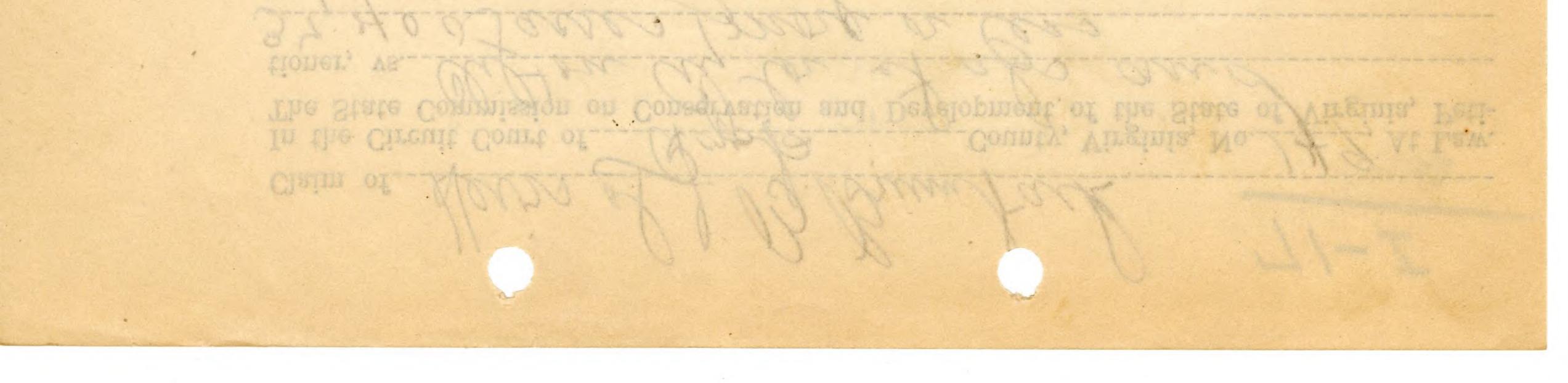
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more or less, of land in <u>Secondary</u> County, Virginia, Defendants. The undersigned, in answer to the petition of the State Commission on Conservation and Deupon the filing of said petition and published in accordance with the order of the Circuit Court of <u>County Virginia</u>, asks leave of the Court to file this as his answer to said petition and to said defice. My name is <u>My Post Office Address is</u>

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I claim a right, title, estate or interest in a tract, or parcel of land within the area sought



District:

County: Rappahannock

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Acreage Claimed:

#### Assessed:

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Value Claimed:

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- Location: Elk Wallow Gap southeastern exposure; partly in Page County and partly in Rappahannock County.
- Incumbrances, counter claims or laps: This tract lies entirely within that portion of the Overall Survey which was formerly known as share #3 and which was assigned to Julia C. Overall in the division of that property. It is understood that J. B. Brumback acquired title to this land from another source, and that this report shows a considerable portion of the land is improved grazing land.

There is no record of any suit having been instituted in the Circuit Court of Rappahannock County, or in the Circuit Court of Page County to contest the title of either Mr. Brumback's or that of the Overall Heirs.

- Soil: Sandy clay of good depth and fertility; free of surface wock; good mountain grazing land.
- <u>Roads:</u> Seven miles of very poor dirt road to Lee Highway near Sperryville; thence seventeen miles to Luray, the nearest shipping point.
- History of tract and condition of timber: That portion of tract near divide has been kept clear of brush and supports a fair stand of grass. While that in southern part has been neglected and is now growing up to sassafras, briers, young oak and locust.

Improvements: None.

Value of land by types:

| Type<br>Fg<br>Fr                            | 44                   | Value<br>per acre<br>\$20.00<br>8.00 | Total<br>Value<br>\$600.00<br>112.00<br>\$712.00 |
|---|----------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Total value of land<br>Total value of tract | \$712.00<br>\$712.00 |                                      |  |
| Average value per acre                      | \$16.18              |                                      |  |

In the Circuit Court of Rappahannock County, Virginia,

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

vs.

( At Law No. 149.

Clifton Aylor and others and 37,400 acres of land, more or less, Defendants.

No. 71-1, Brumback, J. B. Estate.

State of Virginia,

County of Page, to-wit:

Jr., of Luray, Virginia, This day E. G. Brumback, personally appeared before me, the undersigned Commissioner in Chancery for the Circuit Court for Page County. Virginia, and made oath before me in my said county that he is personally acquainted with the 100 acre tract of J. B. Brumback estate, 44 acres of which are located in Rappahannock County, Virginia, and the balance of 56 acres are located in Page County, all of which said 100 acre tract is within the proposed National Park area, and the part of said tract in Rappahannock County, Va., is designated by the Board of Appraisal Commissioners and in the plat or map of said park land as "No. 71-1, Brumback, J. B. Estate", and that he has known this said J. B. Brumback estate 100 acre tract of land for about 14 years, and that the said J. B. Brumback was his grand father, and that said J. B. Brumback estate, the said J. B. Brumback and his predecessors in title have had and took actual, adverse, notorious, continuous, and exclusive possession and control of the whole of said 100 acre tract, and have had the same for over thirty years, and that the said J. B. Brumback estate is entitled to all of the proceeds derived from the condemnation of said 100 acre tract, whether in Rappahannock or Page County.

Given under my hand this 27 th day of July, 1933.

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In The Circuit Court Of Rappahannock County, Virginia.

The State Commission on Conservation & Development of the State of Virginia, Petitioner,

vs. ) At Law No. 149.

Clifton Aylor and others, and 37,400 acres of land, more or less, (J. B. Brumback, Estate, No. 71-1.) Defendants.

E. G. Brumback& J. F. Brumback, two of the heirs at law of the estate of J. B. Brumback, deceased, defendants in the above entitled condemnation proceedings, file the following exceptions and answer to the report of the Appraisal Commissioners, which was filed in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Rappahannock County, Virginia, on May 18, 1932:

- (1) That the amount of compensation allowed J. B. Brumback, Estate, in which they have undivided interests, by said Appraisal Commissioners for his land in not a just compensation for his land proposed to be taken in these proceedings; that said compensation i is not a fair value for his land; that said amount of compensation is grossly inadequate;
- (2) That the Appraisal Commissioners ascertained his acreage to be only 44 acres, of land, when his deed calls for 93 acres, more or less, his said tract being one-half of a tract of 194 acres, more or less, which was divided by the owners and a surveyor made the division line between this tract and the tract which E. G. Brumback now owns, and that they have estimated his holdings at less acreage than he ( or his estate) owns in said tract, which is within the proposed park area withinthe County of Rappahannock, Virginia;
- (3) That his said mountain land is a grazing farm and is a valuable grazing farm, and provides good pasture for a number of cattle, and has good grasson it; that practically every acre of it is good grazing land; that said Appraisal Commissioners classed 30 acres of the 44 acres they determined his acreage to be "grazing land" and allowed him \$30.00 per acre for same, and that they classed

No. 2. J. B. Brumback, Estate, Luray, Va. Exceptions. 14 acres of said land as "fields restocking" at \$15.00 per acre; and that they should have allowed him at least \$50.00 per acre for the entire tract of 93 acres, more or less;

- (4) That the Appraisal Commissioners viewed his said tract of 93 acres of land, more or less, at a very inoppertune time, during the summer or fall of 1930, when this county and section of the State of Virginia was experiencing a very severe drought and that they could not view this said mountain grazing tract of land to any advantage and get an idea of its true value and worth;
- (5) By way of answer your said defendants say that in 1878 R. T., J. B. and D. H. Brumback purchased two tracts of land, adjacent to each ( aggregating 194 acres, more or less, other in Rappahannock County, Virginia, from Wm. F. Bowen and wife,/ for \$900.00; that J. B. Brumback's estate is now owner of one-half of this tract, and that E. G. Brumback is the owner of the other onehalf of said tract of 194 acres, he having purchased same in 1917 for \$2500., cash, as your land records will show; that said tract of J. B. Brumback is worth as much as the said tract of E. G. Brumback, or more; that they, the heirs of said J. B. Brumback, deceased, claim title to all of said tract of 93 acres, more or less, that his title is older than and superior to any claim or title of the heirs of Julia and or they C. Overall; that he/and his predecessors and their predecessors in title have had actual, advers, notorious, continuous and exclusive possession of said tract or parcel of 93 acres, more or less, of said mountain grazing land since before 1878; and that there is no lap on same as to said Julia C. Overall Heirs or any one else, and that the heirs of said J. B. Brumback, deceased, own the entire tract and all of the proceeds derived from the condemnation there of.

The State Commission on Conservation & Development of the State of Virginia,

vs. ( Astionx At Law No. 149. Clifton Aylor and others and 37,400 acres of land, more or less.

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Answer of E. G. Brumback and J. F. Brumback, two of the heirs at law of J. B. Brumback Estate,  $\mathcal{W}0.7/-7$ ;

> WALTON & BROTHER ATTORNEYS AT LAW LURAY, VIRGINIA

In the Circuit Court of Rappahannock County, Virginia,

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No. 71-1, Brumback, J. B. Estate.

State of Virginia,

County of Page, to-wit:

This day 0. 0. Baker pf Luray, Page County, Virginia, personally appeared before me, the undersigned Commissioner in Chancery for the Circuit Court of Page County, Virginia, and made oath before me in my said county that he is personally acquainted with the 100 acre tract of J. B. Brumback estate, 44 acres of which are located in Rappahannock County, Virginia, and the balance of 56 acres are located in Page County, Virginia, all of which loo acre tract of land is within the proposed National Fark area, and thepart of said tract in Rappahannock County, Virginia, is designated by the Board of Appraisal Commissioners in their report and in the plat or plan of said park land as "No. 71-1, Brumback, J. B.Estate"., and that he has known this land -said J. B. Brumback Estate 100 acre tract of land for about thirty years, and has been on and over same, and that the said J. B. Brumback estate, the said J. B. Brumback and his predecessors in title have had and took actual, adverse, notorious, continuous, and exclusive possession and control of the whole of said 100 acre track, and have had the same for over thirty years prior to this time, and that the said J. B. Brumback estate is entitled to the whole of the proceeds derived from the condemnation of said 100 acre tract, and/or is entitled to the full amount of compensation allowed and damages assessed for the said 100 acre tract of land by the said Board of Appraisal Commissioners, or what court or arbitrators may

finally make the award for said land in this proceeding.

0.0. Baker, Given under my hand this 27th day of July, 1933. Commissioner in Chancery.

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Page No. 3.J. B. Brumback, Estate, Luray, Va.

Your defendants pray for the appointment of commissioners to view said tract of land and make report to the Court, as provided for in the condemnation law, Acts of Assembly, 1928, for such cases. All of which is respectfully submitted this 14th day of July, 1932.

- E.S. Brumback

J. L. Walton, J. J. Brumback, Defendants, By Counsel.

The State Commission on • Conservation & Development of the State of Virginia,

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vs. ( At Law No. 149. Clifton Aylor and others, and 37,400 acres of land, more or less.

Exceptions and answer of E. G. Brumback and J. F. Brumback, two of the heirs-at-law of J. B. Brumback, deceased, to report of Appraisal Commissioners.

Filed July 15, 1932, ti the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Raposhonnock County, Va. Teste: WALTON & BROTHER, Clerk. ATTORNEYS AT LAW LURAY, VIRGINIA In the Circuit Court of Rappahannock County, Virginia: The State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia, Petitioner,

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In compliance with an order entered by the Judge of the above Court, in Vacation, on the 1st. day of November, 1932, your respondents, E. G. Brumback and J. F. Brumback, two of the heirs of J. B. Brumback Estate, by Counsel, come and say that on the 14th day of September, 1932, they filed their amended answer in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Rappahannokk County, Virginia, in pursuance of the order entered by the said Court on the 30th day of August, 1932, but through the inadvetrence of the representatives of your petitioner, The State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia, the said amended answer of your said respondents was overlooked, and your said respondents say that they are advised that they have fully complied with the said order entered on the said 30th day of August, 1932.

Respectfully,

E.S. Brunkask

Respondents, By Counsel,

Counsel.

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WALTON & BROTHER ATTORNEYS AT LAW LURAY, VA. The State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia, Petitioner, vs. (At Law No. 149. Clifton Aylor and others, and 37,400 acres, Defendants,

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No. 71-1.

The answer of Dr. E. G. Brumback, J. F. Brumback, two of the heirs at law and next of kin of the estate of J. B. Brumback, deceased, to the petition filed against said estate of J. B. Brumback and others in the Circuit Court of Rappahannock County, Virginia, by The State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia, as above entitled, Complainant.

These respondents reserving to themselves the benefit of all just exceptions to the said petition and proceedings for condemnation, for answer thereto, or to so much thereof as they are advised that it is necessary and material they should answer, answer and say:

That they own an undivided **one**-sixth interest each in the hereinafter described tract or parcel of land, of which their father, the said J. B. Brumback, died seized and possessed, containing approximately one-hundred acres, forty-four acres of which said tract, are located within the area sought to be condemned in said County of Rappahannock, and the other 56 acres of said tract are located within the area sought to be condemned in the County of Page, by the above petitioner; and are within the boundary lines set out in the petition in the County of Rappahannock;

That the heirs-at law and next of kin of the said J. B. Brumback, .who now own the said forty-four acres of land herein mentioned, deceased,/with their present addresses, are as follows:

Dr. E. G. Brumback, Luray, Virginia, .

Mr. J. F. Brumback, % C. D. Kenny Co., Knoxville, Tenn.

Mrs. Madge Brumback, Luray, Virginia, Mrs. Kate Oliver, Fairfax, Virginia, Mrs. Annie Houser, Losángeles, Calif. Mrs. Gertrude Bagley, Portland, Oregon.

That they claim their undivided interests in the proceeds thereof upon its condemnation;

Said one hundred ecres tract or parcel of land, forty four acres of which being within the boundary lines set out in the petition filed in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Rappahannock County, Virginia, partition is described as follows, in the deed of / karsain kard were R. T. Brumback, party of the first part, and J. B. Brumback, party of the second part, by deed dated March 22, 1904, which said deed is recorded in said County in Deed Book No.. page , as follows, to-wit:

"Beginning at a stone pile on a hill side in a line of the entire tract, also a line of William Bowen's heirs, thence N 75° E 88 poles to a chestmut and chestnut oak trees, on the West side of a road near the Hellebome Spring; thence with a line of Joseph R. Keyser, N. 70 E 89 poles to a White Oak and Gum at the head of Hog Camp Branch and between two Springs; thence N 50° E 55 poles to two chestnut saplings and one white oak near a large stationary rock; thence N 30° W 68 poles to a hickory and two spanish oak saplings; thence S 370 W 50 poles to a white oak tree; thence S 17° W 56 poles to a chestnut oak and hickory; thence S 89° W 56 poles to some hickory bushes; thence N 17° W 64 poles to a white oak near the head waters of Jeremys Run; thence S 84° W 41 poles to two dogwood saplings; thence the division line S 16° E 198 poles to the beginning, containing 97 acres, more or less".

That the above described tract or parcel of land is a part of the same land which was conveyed by Willis Browning and wife to William Bowen, Sr., by deed dated the 8th day of Februaryn 1854, and of record in the Clerk's Office in the County of Rappahannock, Virginia, in Deed Book "I", page 470, and that the said heirs at law and next of kin of the said J. B. Brumback, deceased, and their predecessors in title have had and took actual, adverse, notorious, continuous, and exclusive possession and control of the whole of the said tract or parcel of land as conveyed to said J. B. Brumback, and that since that time they have **kast** continued to exemptise such possession and control of daid tract or parcel of land conveyed to said J. B. Brumback;

That the heirs of Julia C. Overall have no right, title, claim or interest in said tract of land or any part thereof or the proceeds thereof upon its condemnation;

That the above mentioned tract or parcel of land and the tract of land now owned by E. G. Brumback were formerly owned by J. B. Brumback and R. T. Brumback jointly, and they divided said tract into two separate tracts and each conveyed to the other his undivided one-half interest in the same, to the other, so that they could hold their land in severalty, and they divided the land so as to give each other one half of the land, according to value, guality and quantity, said tract of 44 acres which is within the park boundary in Rappahannock County, Virginia, is valued and classified as follows: 30 acres grazing land at \$30.00 per acre, \$200.00 and 14 acres Fields restocking at \$15.00 per acre, \$210.00, or \$1110.00, as the total for said 44 acres of land, and said Appraisal Commissioners \$95.00 allowed said estate \$5.00 per acre for 19 acres as slope land, and \$30.00 per acre for 37 acres as grazing land, or \$1110.00, a total of \$1205.00, for the part of said tr ct in Page County, Virginia, a grand total of \$2315 for the land in Page and Rappahannock Counties in park area;

That said tract of land is a valuable mountain grazing farm and that they graze a number of cattle on said farm each year, andthat said cattle do well on said tract of land;

No. 3.

That the amount of compensation allowed to said J. B. Brumback for said 44 acres, of said 100 acre tract, which are within the proposed park boundary lines set out in the petition in the Circuit Court of Rappahannock County, Virginia, is grossly inadequate, is not a just compensation for said 44 acres of land and that said amount of compensation allowed them by said Appraisal Commissioners is not a fair value for their said land;

That it would be unequitable and unconscionable not to allow them much more compensation for their said tract of land;

That they have a substantial and material defense to make in this proceeding;

That they ask that the Court refuse to accept, or that the Court disapprove such findings of fact as to the value of said land by said Appraisal Commissioner;

That they pray that they may be allowed a jury trial, and also ask thta the Court appoint commissioners, as provided by law, and for general relief;

That said tract of 44 acres of land within the area sought to be condemned, ownership of which is claimed by said J. B. Brumback's heirs, and with reference to which they have filed their objections is the same tract or parcel of land which was valued and found by the Appraisal Commissioners to be the land owned by them, as shown and delineated on said map, read together with said report and exhibit sheets -

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Respectfully submitted, Ble Brunbock, Respondent, J. F. Bumbeck, Respondent, , By Counsel.

State of Virginia, County of Page, to-wit:

S. L. Walter

E. G. Brumback, the respondent named in the foregoing answer being duly sworn, says that the facts and allegations therein contained are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

O.Y. Bruntack, Respondent.

S. L. Walton

Commissioner in Chancery.

Taken, sworn to and subscribed before me, S. L. Walton, a commissioner in chancery in and for the Circuit Court of Page County, Wirkginix xin the State aforesaid, this 13th day of September, 1932.

State of Virginia,

County of Page, to-wit:

S. L. Walton, Attorney for J. F. Brumback, one of the above respondents, named in the foregoing answer, being duly sworn, says that the facts and allegations therein contained are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief are true.

for J. F. Brumback, one of respondents.

MEFrand , a Notary Public for the County aforesaid, in the

State of Virginia, , this 13 day of September, 1932.

My Commissione expires Jan 39,1935

\*71-1 - Brumback, J. B - Estate Gertrude Brumback Begley nd Annie Brumback Houser State Brumback Oliver and Madge Brunback. each owning an undivided one-sixth interest and together owning two-thirds of the said land, accept the appraisal of One Thousand Ind One Hundred by Jen Dollars, as fixed by the board of Appraisal Commissioners. Walter Jansill Hiver. Their Attorney.