

NAME OF CLAIMANT

#237 - Armstrong, J. C.

Number of Acres: 29

Location: On top of the Blue Ridge, lying in both Rockingham and Greene Counties, and entirely within the Park area.

Roads: Nine miles over fair dirt road to Yancey, the nearest shipping point.

Soil: (See reverse side for Soil information)

History of Tract and condition of timber: The wooded area has been cut over many years for farm use, but there is sufficient fuelwood left on the tract.

Improvements: (See reverse side of Improvement information)

Acreage and value of types:

Types	Acreage		Value per acre	Total Value
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Ridge:

Slope: (Grazing)	4	⊙	\$15.00	\$60.00
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Cove:

Grazing Land:	25	⊙	50.00	1250.00
	<u>29</u>			<u>\$1310.00</u>

Fields Restocking:

Cultivated Land:

Orchard:

Minerals:

Value of Land: \$ 1310.00

Value of Improvements: \$ 455.00

Value of Orchard: \$ 50.00

Value of Minerals: \$

Value of Fruit: \$

Value of Timber: \$

Value of Wood: \$

Value per acre for tract: \$ 62.58

	455.00
	50.00
Total -----	<u>\$1815.00</u>

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

Geo. H. Pen CLERK.



NAME OF CLAIMANT

**SOIL:** Fertile sandy loam of fair depth except for some patches of shale. There is a fair amount of rock. The slopes are moderate and fairly smooth. The soil on the first class grazing land is practically pure blue grass. There is almost no brush and a small amount of rock. The second class has a gravelly soil, thinner turf, some briars, thorns and trees. The third class is very poor, much rock, some laurel and brush. The woodland has much rock and there is a fairly heavy stand of hardwood with occasional pine. There is very little water and the two springs are nearly a mile apart.

**IMPROVEMENTS:** Tenant house: Log with shingle walls 16x20', 4 rooms, 1 1/2 story, 1 room ceiled, stone chimney, solid foundation, shingle roof, fair condition.  
Smoke house: Log 10x12', shingle roof, poor condition.  
Hen house: Log 8x16', shingle roof, poor condition.  
Spring house: Log 6x12', shingle roof, fair condition.

Improvements: (See reverse side of improvement information)

Value per acre	Acres	Total Value
\$22.50	4	\$90.00
\$25.00	25	\$625.00
	29	
		\$715.00

Value per acre for tract: \$22.50

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



CO  
About 85 acres in Park area  
balance in ground

Claim of J. C. Armstrong  
In the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, Virginia, No. 1879, At Law.  
The State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia, Petitioner, vs. Cassandra Lantam Atkins et al + 52,561 acres

same  
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 J. C. Armstrong  
My post office address is Penn Laird

I claim a right, title, estate or interest in a tract or parcel of land within the area sought to be condemned, containing about 171 acres, on which there are the following buildings and improvements: House Stable chicken house

This land is located about 7 miles from Simmons Gap Virginia, in the Monroe 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 (about 1/2 in Rockingham)

The land owners adjacent to the above described tract or parcel of land are as follows:  
North Hickie & Moore  
South Hedrick  
East Eiler & Weaver  
West J. W. Hinkle & Moore

for Rockingham

I acquired my right, title, estate or interest to this property about the year 1906 in the following manner: Between 1906 & 1913 I obtained another 1/4 interest  
1906 Purchased of J. S. Lam. 1/4 interest  
1913 Purchased of J. W. Hinkle 1/4 interest

I claim that the total value of this tract or parcel of land with the improvements thereon is \$10,000. 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 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: Deeds recorded in Greene Co  
Taxes Paid in Greene Co

(Continue remarks if necessary on the back).

Witness my signature (or my name and mark attached hereto) this 16 day of Feb, 1930.

STATE OF VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF Rockingham To-wit: J. C. Armstrong

The undersigned hereby certifies that J. C. Armstrong 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 17 day of Feb, 1930.

J. S. Smitzer Clerk of the Court, or Special Investigator or Notary Public, or Justice of the Peace.

Filed in the Clerk's Office  
Rockingham County, Va.

FEB 17 1931

Clerk

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LEMUEL F. SMITH  
JUDGE CIRCUIT COURT

RANDOLPH W. BICKERS  
DEPUTY CLERK

B. I. BICKERS  
CLERK OF GREENE COUNTY COURTS  
STANARDSVILLE, VIRGINIA

Dec.16th 1933

Mr. J.C.Armstrong  
Penn Laird Va

My Dear Mr.Armstrong;

This is to certify that there is no currant or Delinquent taxes against any land owned by J.C.Armstrong, in this County (Greene) Va as you have paid all the taxes due on your land in this county.

Dec.16th 1933.

B I Bickers  
Deputy Clerk



County: Rockingham  
District: Stonewall

County: Greene  
District: Monroe

#237 - Armstrong, J. C. (Rockingham Co.)  
# - Armstrong, J. C. (Greene County)

Acreage Claimed: 171                      Assessed: 170½ A.                      Deed: 170 A  
Value Claimed: \$10,000.00                      (This has been surveyed by                      152 P. ½ int.  
the Park division & found                      170 A 152 P.  
in agreement with an old                      (1913)  
survey) \$1705.00.

Location: On top of the Blue Ridge, lying in both Rockingham and Greene counties, and entirely within the Park area.

Incumbrances, counter claims or laps: None known.

Soil: Fertile sandy loam of fair depth except for some patches of shale. There is a fair amount of rock. The slopes are moderate and fairly smooth. The soil on the first class grazing land is practically pure blue grass. There is almost no brush and a small amount of rock. The second class has a gravelly soil, thinner turf, some briers, thorns and trees. The third class is very poor, much rock, some laural and brush. The woodland has much rock and there is a fairly heavy stand of hardwood with occasional pine. There is very little water and the two springs are nearly a mile apart.

Roads: Nine miles over fair dirt road to Yancey, the nearest shipping point.

History of tract and condition of timber: The wooded area has been cut over many years, for farm use, but there is sufficient fuelwood left on the tract.

Improvements: Tenant house: Log with shingle walls 16x20', 4 rooms, 1½ story, 1 room ceiled, stone chimney, solid foundation, shingle roof, fair condition ----- \$275.00  
Smoke house: Log 10x12', shingle roof, poor condition- 15.00  
Hen house: Log 8x16', shingle roof, poor condition - 15.00  
Spring house: Log 6x12', shingle roof, fair condition- 10.00  
\$315.00  
Orchard: 18 apple trees - Milam - 35 to 40 years old, poor condition. 10 peach trees - 10 to 12 years old, good condition -- valued @ ----- 40.00  
\$355.00  
In Greene Co., Barn: Log 16x21', shingle roof, fair condition ----- \$75.00

Value of land by types: Rockingham County.

Type	Acreage	Value per acre	Total Value
Fg I	18	\$50.00	\$900.00
Fg III	7	8.00	56.00
Woodland	4	10.00	40.00
	29		\$996.00

Total value of land \$996.00



County: Rockingham  
District: Stonewall

County: Greene  
District: Monroe

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# - Armstrong J. C. (Greene County)

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Total value of improvements 996.00  
Total value of improvements \$355.00  
Total value of tract \$1351.00  
Average value per acre \$34.34

Value of land by types: Greene County.

Type	Acreage	Value per acre	Total Value
Slope	9	\$3.00	\$27.00
Fg I	53	50.00	2650.00
Fg II	33	20.00	660.00
Fg III	37	8.00	296.00
Wg	3	10.00	30.00
	<u>135</u>		<u>\$3663.00</u>

Total value of land \$3663.00  
Total value of improvements 75.00  
Total value of tract \$3738.00  
Average value per acre 27.69

SUMMARY  
Rockingham & Greene Counties.

Slope	9 A.	@	\$3.00	-	\$27.00
Fg I	71 A.	@	50.00	-	3550.00
Fg II	33 A.	@	20.00	-	660.00
Fg III	44 A.	@	8.00	-	352.00
Wg	7 A.	@	10.00	-	70.00
	<u>164</u>				<u>\$4659.00</u>

Total number of acres 164  
Total value of land \$4659.00  
Total value of improvements 355.00  
" " " " 75.00  
Total value of tract \$5089.00  
Average value per acre 31.03





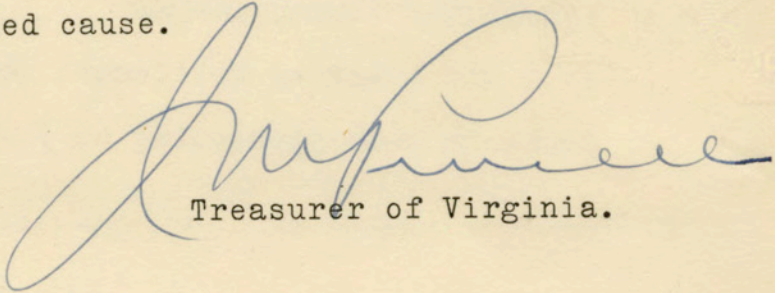
# Commonwealth of Virginia

TREASURER'S OFFICE  
RICHMOND, VA.

JOHN M. PURCELL  
TREASURER OF VIRGINIA

December 27, 1933

This is to certify that I, J. M. Purcell, Treasurer of Virginia have this 27 day of December in accordance with an order of the circuit court of Rockingham County dated 12/21/33 in the cause of the State Commission on Conservation and Development of the State of Virginia vs. Cassandra Lawson Atkins paid to J. C. Armstrong, Penn Laird, Virginia \$1,815.00 being in full settlement of tract # 237 in the above mentioned cause.

  
Treasurer of Virginia.





JOHN M. PURCELL  
TREASURER OF VIRGINIA

# Commonwealth of Virginia

TREASURER'S OFFICE  
RICHMOND, VA.

December 27, 1933

J. C. Armstrong

Penn Laird, Virginia

Received of J. M. Purcell, Treasurer of Virginia, the sum of \$ 1,815.00, in accordance with an order of the Circuit Court of the county of Rockingham entered on the 21st day of December 1933, 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 # 237.

J. C. Armstrong

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



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

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

Petitioner

v. #1829 At Law

Cassandra Lawson Atkins, et als, etc.

Defendant

On this, the 21 day of December, 1933, came J. C. Arm-  
strong, and on his motion leave is given him to file  
his application for the payment to him of the sum of \$ 1815.00,  
the amount of the award set out in the award of condemnation for  
Tract No. 237, 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 J. C. Armstrong  
is invested with a superior or better right or claim of title in and  
to the said Tract of land No. 237, and that the record of this  
cause does not disclose any denial or dispute by any party or person  
in interest as to the title to the said Tract No. 237, or to the  
proceeds arising from the condemnation thereof, and that the said  
J. C. Armstrong is entitled to receive the proceeds arising  
from the condemnation of said Tract No. 237, and it further appear-  
ing to the Court that all taxes due or taxable upon said Tract No. 237  
have been paid:

Upon consideration whereof, it is considered and ordered by  
the Court that the said sum of \$ 1815.00 paid into Court by peti-  
tioner as just compensation for Tract No. 237 be paid unto the said  
J. C. Armstrong; 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 J. C. Armstrong the said sum of  
\$ 1815.00, the amount of the award set out in the judgment of con-  
demnation for Tract No. 237, taking from the said J. C. Armstrong  
a receipt therefor and certifying such payment to  
the Clerk of this Court for appropriate entry thereof as required by  
law.

Enter: NW 13

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NOTE—This need not be filed until the record discloses that the awards have been paid into the custody of the Courts.

**Virginia: In the Circuit Court of Rockingham County**

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

V. At Law No. 1829

Cassandra Lawson Atkins and others, and Fifty-Two Thousand, Five Hundred and Sixty-One (52,561) Acres of land, more or less . . . . . DEFENDANTS.

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(s) of land numbered as follows: Tract No. 237 :  
Tract No. -----: Tract No. -----;

and described in the report of the Board of Appraisal Commissioners appointed herein and shown, numbered, and delineated on the County Ownership Map filed therewith, upon payment into the custody of the Court of the sum(s) set out in the said judgment as constituting the award(s) therefor, as follows:

Award on Tract No. 237 \$1815.00; on Tract No. ----- \$-----; on Tract No. ----- \$-----;

That the report of the said Board sets forth that the following named persons claim, or appear to have a claim to an interest in the said tract(s) of land or in the proceeds arising from the condemnation thereof;

*29 A* *myself only*

That the Petitioner has paid into the custody of the Court the said sum(s) set out in said judgment as constituting the award(s) for the fee simple estate in the said tract(s) of land;

That your undersigned, on the date of the said judgment in rem condemning the said tract(s) of land, owned or was (were) entitled to the following interest in the said tract(s) or in the proceeds arising from the condemnation thereof:—

*fee simple*

That no other person or persons than the undersigned are entitled to share in the distribution of the said award(s) except the following named persons whose interest in said tract(s) or in the proceeds arising from the condemnation thereof on the date of entry of said judgment was as follows:

*none - tax all paid in Green Co*

Wherefore, your undersigned pray(s) that [he (they) be made a party (parties) herein under the provisions of Section 21 of the Public Park Condemnation Act, and that] an order be entered for the distribution of said sum(s) set forth in said judgment in rem as constituting the award(s) for the fee simple estate in the said tract(s) condemned as aforesaid, and for the payment to the undersigned of the said award(s) or of as much thereof as the Court may find that the undersigned is (are) entitled to

receive, and which the undersigned aver(s) is as follows: Tract No. 237 \$1815.00 Tract No. ----- \$-----: Tract No. ----- \$-----;

The undersigned further aver(s) that: (Leave this space blank unless there is some other pertinent matter to be brought specially to the attention of the court)

NAME	P. O. ADDRESS
<i>J. L. Armstrong</i>	<i>Peun Laird</i>
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NOTE—A supply of this blank form has been placed in the Clerk's office for the convenience of interested parties. No one is required to use this form, as the form is not prescribed by law, and claimants can either change or modify it as they deem necessary, or present their motions in any form they may desire which meets with the approval of the Court. This blank form may not and probably will not cover all cases. It has been printed merely as a suggestion of a form of a motion which may be used, subject to the approval of the court in each case.