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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA, Continued and held at Lynchburg, on March 26th, 1924.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff.

Vs.

No. 758 at Law.

REBECCA COFFMAN AND OTHERS,

Defendants.

It appearing to the court that ten days' notice of the intention of the United States to apply to this court for the appointment of commissioners to ascertain what would be just compensations to the owners of the several tracts of land proposed to be condemned in these proceedings for the uses and purposes of the United States, and to award the damages, if any, resulting to the adjacent or other property of the respective owners, or to the properties of any other person or persons beyond the peculiar benefits that will accrue to such properties, respectively, from the acquisition of said lands by the United States and converting them to its uses as set forth in the petition in this cause, has been duly served upon each of the defendants known to reside in this State, and given to all other parties, both non-residents of this State, unknown defendants and defendants whose residences are unknown, by order of publication duly published, as required by law, once a week for two successive weeks in the Page News and Courier, a newspaper published in the county of Page, and by posting copies thereof at the front door of the Courthouse of Page County, and at the front door of the Courthouse of the United States for the Western District of Virginia, and by mailing copies thereof to the defendants who are not residents of this State to their last known postoffice addresses ten days previous to this application; that the United States, by her attorney, has duly complied with the requirements of Section 4363 of the Code of Virginia; that the lands sought to be condemned in this proceeding are wanted for and are necessary for the uses and purposes of the United States; that said lands lie within the counties of Page and Shenandoah, in the Western District of Virginia; that none of said defendants appeared, pleaded, answered or demurred.

On consideration whereof, the court doth appoint J. W. Ruffner, ~~and~~ N. T. Sedgwick, Z. M. Shirley, J. K. Burn, all of Luray, Va., and

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF
IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF

C. W. Louderback, of Stanley, Va. , five disinterested freeholders residing in the said county of Page, in which said county is situated all of Tract Number 2-B and Tract Number 2-I, and the greater portion of Tract Number 2-A, as commissioners any three or more of whom may act for the purpose of ascertaining and reporting a just compensation for the aforesaid lands, and awarding the damages, if any, resulting to the adjacent and other properties of the respective owners, and to the property of any other person or persons beyond the peculiar benefits that will accrue to such properties, respectively, from the acquisition of said lands by the United States and converting them to its uses, as set out in the petition in this cause.

The court doth designate the 14th day of April, 1924, at 10 o'clock, A. M., for the said commissioners to meet on the tract of land designated in the petition as containing 2 acres, lying in Page County, and listed as tract No. 2-I, which tract of land lies adjoining and on the north side of the road leading from Luray to New Market, along Waterfall Creek about 8 miles west of Luray.

The said commissioners will meet for the purpose of commencing the performance of their duties at a printed sign erected by the National Forest Service, attached to a post near to and on the northern side of the above mentioned road, near a corner of the said tract of land.

After having completed their view, and inquiries concerning the said above mentioned tract of land, said commissioners will next meet on the tract listed in the said petition as containing 189.79 acres, in Page County, No. 2-B, which tract lies north of the above mentioned two acre tract, and about one-eighth of a mile distant therefrom. Said tract, while not on, lies near to the said road, and on the north side thereof.

Thereafter the said commissioners will go upon the tract listed in the said petition as containing 381.17 acres, lying in Shenandoah and Page Counties, and designated as tract No. 2-A, which tract lies adjoining and to the west of the last above described tract 2-B, and extends from said tract 2-B to and over the top of Massanutten Mountain.

It is further ordered that the clerk of this court deliver to the

United States marshal for the Western District of Virginia forthwith six
duly certified copies of this order.

It is further ordered that the said marshal serve a copy of said
order on each of the above mentioned five commissioners as soon as may be,
and that he make return to this court of how he has executed this order.

A Copy,

Teste:

L. T. Kezatt
CLERK.

J. W. Ruffner
Durham

1880

Received of J. W. Ruffner the sum of \$100.00 for the purchase of land in the town of Durham, N.C. This receipt is given in full for the amount of the purchase money.