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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA—SWAIN COUNTY

THIS DEED, Made this 16th day of December, 1943, by and between

JACK WELCH and wife, BESS O. WELCH,

of the County of Jackson and State of North Carolina, as parties of the first part, in consideration of the sum of THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY AND 75/100 Dollars (\$ 3,640.75) to them paid by the party of the second part, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have bargained and sold, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, its successors and assigns, a certain tract or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in Swain County, State of North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows: to-wit:

A tract of land lying in Forneys Creek Township of Swain County, State of North Carolina, on the right side of the Little Tennessee River, approximately 1 1/2 miles east of the confluence of Pinnacle and Eagle Creeks, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a 14 inch black oak tree at the top of Pinnacle Ridge, a corner of the lands of the J. E. Coburn Heirs, and W. A. Franklin, and the most southerly point of the tract herein described; thence with W. A. Franklin's line North 28° 00' West, 1100 feet to a point; thence South 66° 00' West, 740 feet to a dead 20 inch chestnut tree, a corner of the lands of W. A. Franklin, and the North Carolina Exploration Company; thence with the Company's line North 27° 05' West, 2442 feet to a point, a corner of the lands of the North Carolina Exploration Company, and the Hazel Creek Land Company; thence with the Land Company's line South 88° 13' East, 2580 feet to a chestnut stump, a corner of the lands of the Hazel Creek Land Company, and the North Carolina Exploration Company; thence with the North Carolina Exploration Company's line South 21° 18' East, 2442 feet to a point at the top of Pinnacle Ridge, a corner of the lands of the North Carolina Exploration Company, and the J. E. Coburn Heirs; thence with the J. E. Coburn Heirs' line and the top of the ridge as it meanders in a southwesterly direction approximately 1330 feet to the point of beginning, and containing 127. acres, more or less.

It is understood and agreed that the bearings given in the above description are based on the North Carolina State Coordinate System, Lambert Projection, as established by the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey. The central meridian for this coordinate system is located at Longitude 79° 00' West.

The above described land was acquired by Jack Welch, one of the first parties herein, by deed from Maude Welch, dated August 26, 1938, and recorded in Book 62, Page 614, and by deed from George W. Rogers et al, dated May 11, 1940, and recorded in Book 64, Page 100, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Swain County, North Carolina.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the aforesaid tract or parcel of land and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, to the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, its successors and assigns, to its own use and behoof forever. And the said parties of the first part, for them selves, their heirs, successors, administrators and assigns, covenant with the said party of the second part, its successors and assigns that they are seized of said land and premises in fee, and have right to convey the same in fee simple; that the same are free and clear from all encumbrances and that they will warrant and defend the title to same against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals this the day, month and year above written.

(Seal)	(Seal)	s/ Jack Welch	(Seal)
(Seal)	(Seal)	Jack Welch	(Seal)
(Seal)	(Seal)	s/ Bess O. Welch	(Seal)
(Seal)	(Seal)	Bess O. Welch	(Seal)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, JACKSON COUNTY

I, Crawford Pearson, a Notary Public for Graham County, N.C. do hereby certify that JACK WELCH and BESS O. WELCH, his wife, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument; and the said Bess O. Welch, wife of Jack Welch, being by me privately examined, separate and apart from her said husband, touching her voluntary execution of the same, does state that she signed the same freely and voluntarily, without fear or compulsion of her said husband or any other person, and that she does still voluntarily assent thereto.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 16th day of December, A.D., 1943.

I certify that I am qualified to act as a notary in the above county under the provisions of Sec. 3176 N.C. Code of 1939.

Crawford Pearson
Notary Public

(SEAL AFFIXED)

My commission expires: 5-3-45

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA SWAIN COUNTY
The foregoing certificate of Crawford Pearson a Notary Public of Graham County, N.C. attested by his official seal, is adjudged to be correct. Let the instrument, and the certificate, be registered.

WITNESS my hand this 16th day of December, A.D., 1943. H. J. Truett, Clerk Superior Court
Filed for registration on the 16th day of December, 1943, at 1:55 o'clock, P.M., and registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Swain County, North Carolina, 17th day of December, 1943, at 10:40 o'clock A.M. in Book 67 of Deeds, and Page 126, etc.

Jack Welch
Deputy Register of Deeds.
Swain County, N.C.