

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

Swain

COUNTY.

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 18th day of October, A.D. 1929, by and between
William Stepp and wife, Oma Stepp

of Swain County, North Carolina, hereinafter called the VENDOR, whether one or more, and THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, hereinafter called the VENDEE:

WITNESSETH:

That whereas Vendor is the owner of certain lands within the area designated by the Secretary of the Interior of the United States of America for a national park to be known as the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, 44 Statutes at Large 616, which lands are also embraced within the boundary mentioned in Chapter 48 of the Public Laws of North Carolina, Session of 1927:

And whereas the Vendee is desirous of acquiring title to said premises for inclusion in said Great Smoky Mountain National Park;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Vendor for and in consideration of the sum of ONE DOLLAR to him in hand paid, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and other valuable considerations moving him thereto, agrees to sell and convey in fee simple to the Vendee at the option and upon the demand of said Vendee, its successors and assigns, at any time within months from the date of these presents, all those certain lands situate in

Township, County and State aforesaid, containing acres, more or less, adjoining the lands of

and others, bounded and described as follows: T R A C T N O. 86.

~~NOTE: All bearings in this description were taken from the survey of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.~~
and all distances are expressed in chains of 66 feet.

Lying about 30 chains West of the Oconaluftee River, and about 12 chains south of Lambert Branch.

BEGINNING at Corner 1, a black oak and corner 3 of the C. W. Parker Tract (79a) and the meanders of the ridge N. 24-25 E. 4.42 chains; N. 34-20 W. 2.97 chains; N. 71-41 W. 4.61 chains; S. 65-18 W. 1.68 chains; N. 58-40 W. 3.94 chains; N. 69-30 W. 1.56 chains; N. 63-04 W. 8.31 chains; N. 82-10 W. 1.13 chains, N. 15-54 W. 3.14 chains; N. 73-06 W. 2.59 chains; N. 58-44 W. 2.94 chains; S. 74-25 W. 73 chains, a fallen chestnut which is corner 1 of the L. Duckett Tract (85), and corner 4 of the C. W. Parker Tract (79a); thence with the Duckett Tract (85) and the meanders of the ridge S. 85-18 W. 3.94 chains; N. 78-21 W. 1.62 chains; S. 88-16 W. 2.53 chains; N. 75-48 W. 2.13 chains; N. 87-57 W. 107 chains; N. 59-41 W. 3.53 chains; N. 86-00 W. 2.17 chains, corner 2, a point which is corner 5 of the L. Duckett Tract (85), and a point in the Indian Boundary; thence with two lines of the Indian Boundary S. 37-19 E. 24.85 chains, corner 3, a locust post on S. W. bank of old road, scribed I.B. S. 87-00 E. 27.23, the place of beginning, containing 43.55 acres.

Also all other pieces, parcels or lots of land or interest in lands located within the area designated by the Secretary of the Interior as the "Great Smoky Mountains National Park".

The Vendor covenants that at the date of this instrument the title to said land is clear and free of encumbrances, except as follows:

The Vendor agrees to procure and have recorded at his own expense all such deeds and other evidences of title which he may be advised by the Attorney-General of North Carolina or his assistants are necessary and proper to vest in the Vendee good and sufficient title to said land.

The price to be paid for said lands by the Vendee is the sum of \$1,000.00, payable as follows: **Cash upon delivery of deed**

In the event the price is by the acre, such acreage shall be ascertained by an accurate survey made by the Vendee.

In the event that the title of the Vendor is not satisfactory to the Attorney-General of North Carolina, title may be acquired by the institution of condemnation proceedings, in which event the evidence to be presented by both parties to this agreement before the appraiser or appraisers in condemnation proceedings in the valuation of said land shall be the same price as stipulated in this agreement.

It is agreed that any demand or notice to the Vendor on the part of the Vendee of the acceptance hereof shall be through the Chairman or Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Park Commission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said Vendor has hereunto set his hand and seal, the day and year first above written.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED }
in the presence of }

Nellie Stepp

William Stepp (Seal)

Oma Stepp ^{her} _{mark} (Seal)

..... (Seal)

..... (Seal)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, Buncombe

COUNTY.

I, W. H. Woodbury, a Notary Public, do hereby certify that

William Stepp

and Oma Stepp

his wife, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument; and the said

Oma Stepp

....., being by me privately examined, separate and apart from her said husband, touching her voluntary execution of the same, doth state that she signed the same freely and voluntarily, without fear or compulsion of her said husband or any other person, and that she doth still voluntarily assent thereto. Let the instrument and the certificate be registered.

Witness my hand and Official seal this 18th day of October, A.D. 1929.

(Notary's Seal)

W. H. Woodbury

, Notary Public.

My commission expires Jan., 14, 1931

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

COUNTY.

I,, a, do hereby certify that

and

their wives, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument; and the said

being by me privately examined, separate and apart from their said husbands, touching their voluntary execution of the same, do state that they signed the same freely and voluntarily, without fear or compulsion of their said husbands or any other person, and that they do still voluntarily assent thereto.

Let the instrument and the certificate be registered.

Witness my hand and, seal this, day of, A.D. 19.....

My commission expires

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

COUNTY.

I,, a, in and for said County and State, do hereby certify that

..... personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the

due execution of the foregoing instrument. Let the instrument and the certificate be registered.

Witness my hand and, seal this, day of, A.D. 19.....

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

COUNTY.

This, day of, A.D. 19....., personally came before me,

a, in and for the County and State aforesaid,

....., who, being by me duly sworn, says he is president of the, and that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument in writing is the corporate seal of the Company, and that said writing was signed and sealed by him in behalf of said corporation by its authority duly given. And the said, acknowledged the said writing to be the act and deed of said corporation.

Let the instrument with the certificate be registered.

My commission expires

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

Swain COUNTY.

The foregoing certificate of W. H. Woodbury, a N. P.

of Buncombe County, adjudged to be correct. Let the instrument and the certificate be registered.

This 18 day of Oct., A.D. 1929.

V. A. Browning, Clerk Superior Court.

Filed for registration on the 18 day of Oct., 1929 at 2:37 o'clock P. M., and registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Swain County, North Carolina, on the 18 day of Oct., 1929

in Book No. 58 of Deeds, at page 123.

Ellis Burnette

, Register of Deeds.