

NORTH CAROLINA PARK COMMISSION

ASHEVILLE, N. C.

REPORT ON THE JOHN E. GIBSON TRACT - NO. 12

Location: This tract is a small lot near Smokemont on the public highway about one mile from Smokemont, which is the nearest railway point.

Description: This tract was bought for a home for a working man to be handy on the Smokemont job. It is rough land, practically all cleared up and of only small value.

Improvements: The house is a single story, two room box, without a chimney, and in poor condition. Shed near the house is of similar construction and same condition.

Valuation: It is hard to justify the paying of a fair price for property of this kind. The owner paid \$200.00 for it; we suppose, with the idea of saving rent while working for the Champion Fibre Company at Smokemont. The tax valuation of this property is \$200.00, and considering the uses for which it has been put, is not excessive and the appraisers could hardly justify themselves in not paying \$200.00 for the property, considering the circumstances.

The tract contains 3 acres.

M. H. Bradley
S. J. Chapman

Name of Owner

J. E. Gibson

Address

Smoketown

County

Main

Map No.

12

Total Acreage Claimed

4

Soil: Quality

A. Good

A. Fair

A. Cultivated

A. In Timber

A. Poor

Good

Timber: Kinds

Very Poor Place

Fair

Poor

Orchard: Acres, Kinds of Trees

Condition

Bearing Trees

Young Trees

Springs: Location with reference to and distance from imp.

Streams: Name of Creeks

Is Farm well Watered?

Roads: Kind

Distance from Improvements

Fencing: Kind

Condition: Good, Fair, Bad

Residence: Kind

Box

Size

No. of Rooms

3

Condition: Good, Fair, Poor

Other Buildings: No.

1

Kinds

Box Shed

Condition: Good, Fair, Poor

Owners Price \$

200 00

My Valuation \$

200 00

Condition: Good, Fair, Poor

Tax Value 200 00

W.H.W.
W.W.W.
G.M.B.

Sign Here

Use Reverse Side for Remarks

307 City Building,
P. O. Box 1232,
Asheville, N. C.

December 23, 1931.

Mr. J. E. Freeman,
Whittier, N. C.

Dear Mr. Freeman:

Your letter of the 20th is received. It is unfortunate that Mr. Weaver is no longer with us, as he was handling all matters in connection with the titles of the property.

The writer has some recollection of a judgment that you held which was to be held back in settling with some of the property owners, and probably this is the one that you mention.

The writer will try and see you at an early date and see if this matter can be adjusted between us.

You speak of an execution, but we do not believe that you would find this satisfactory, as the homestead would have to be laid off and its right protected before your judgment would be effective.

However, we want to do what is fair in the matter, and we realize that you want to settle your pledge, and we will try and work the matter out with you as early as possible.

Very truly yours,

NORTH CAROLINA PARK COMMISSION

By

W. H. Woodbury.

WHW:S

Whittier, N.C.,

Dec. 20. 1931.

North Carolina Past Comm.,
Asheville, N.C.

Gentlemen,

Will you please let me call your attention again to the settlement of the Job W. Gibson judgement as this judgement was on record in Swain County at the time the deed was made to you by Job W. Gibson. I want to make a settlement you or the Pledge that I made to yours Comm., but I do not feel like taking money out of my pocket to pay you when you are due me a account, as you know, I have a right to have this land set up for sale under executive but I do not want to do this as I have always been a friend to you and yours Com.

Hoping to get this settle out a early date. I remain

yours truly,
J. E. Freeman

307 City Building,
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December 31, 1931.

Mr. Will W. Wiggins,
Bryson City, N. C.

Dear Will:

I paid John Freeman \$43.34 on account of a judgment which he claims he had against John Gibson, one of the heirs of Franklin Gibson. This was overlooked when we settled with the Gibsons, and John has been so persistent about it that I thought I would pay him and ease his pain.

However, I have some recollection that the judgment was only for \$8.00, and I wish you would look it up in the records and see also if Freeman has entered a proper cancellation, which he agreed to do.

Write me as soon as you can, or probably better write Mr. Woodbury, at the Park Commission, as I will be in Washington.

Very truly yours,

Zebulon Weaver.

ZW:S