



SMOKY MTN. PARK

ELBERT KEENER TRACT

66.38 ACRES

SCALE 1"=20 CHAINS

SURVEYED 1927
BY W. N. SLOAN

No improvements { no house
no fence
no barn

✓ in creek cut.

Pretty hard burn

All acid wood removed

3 acres cleared (not in cultivation however)

12 apple trees of bearing age.

Steep slope on left - burned

✓ valuation - Not over \$250⁰⁰ =

NORTH CAROLINA PARK COMMISSION

ASHEVILLE, N. C.

REPORT ON THE ELBERT KEENER TRACT - NO. 96.

- LOCATION: This tract is located on the waters of Mingus Creek, adjoining the lands of Floyd and others. Mingus Creek is a tributary of Oconalufty River, flowing into said river near Ravensford, N. C.
- DESCRIPTION: This is an abandoned home place, the buildings having been burned down. Merchantable timber all removed.
- VALUATION: This tract contains 66.38 acres, and the appraisers put a value of \$500.00 on the tract, which is the option price, and the appraisers recommend its acceptance.

APPRAISERS.

P. O. Box 1232,
Asheville, N. C.

A-Purchase
Keener, Elbert
#96.

November 26, 1928.

Mr. Elbert Keener,
Rocky Point, S. C.

Dear Sir:

The North Carolina Park Commission is now buying lands for the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. We have surveyed your tract which lies on Woody Branch of Mingus Creek in Swain County. We are now ready to have you put a price on this tract.

We have been over it and find that it is an abandoned farm with thoroughly cutover woodland and badly washed farm lands. The place has no improvements whatever. Our survey shows an area of 66.38 acres.

If your price is reasonable and one we can accept, we can promise you your money in a very short time.

Yours very truly,

Verne Rhoades,
Executive Secretary.

P. O. Box 1232,
Asheville, N.C.

A-Purchase
Keener, Elbert
#96

March 21, 1929.

Mr. Worth McKinney,
Bryson City, N. C.

Dear Mr. McKinney

In the case of M. S. Sherrill versus Elbert Keener, warrant of attachment against the North Carolina Park Commission:

We understood from Mr. Bramlett when he was in the office that a compromise had been reached between the parties in this matter.

However, we have been carrying the matter in suspense in this office with Judge Carter, and had a conference with Judge yesterday.

As you are doubtless aware, the warrant of attachment was served on Mr. Bramlett, and it is Judge Carter's opinion that this is no service at all on the North Carolina Park Commission.

Judge Carter requests us to ask you to file IN WRITING a special appearance in this case, setting out the fact that this is no service on the Commission.

I assume that if a compromise has been made and some record made relieving the Park Commission that this special appearance is not necessary. To be on the safe side, however, it had probably better be filed regardless of the rumored settlement.

If you will be kind enough to advise this office so this can be gotten out of our suspense, your kindness will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

NORTH CAROLINA PARK COMMISSION

ATTORNEY'S CERTIFICATE AND OPINION

Tract No. 96.

66.38

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED: That the title to the within described land as disclosed in the attached abstract which contains a full, complete and correct abstract of all instruments and court proceedings of record affecting the same from and including the beginning entry there of has been carefully examined and noted, and that the following named owner.....:

Elbert Keener

is seized in fee simple of a good and valid title to the same, subject only to any lien, charge or encumbrance shown in this abstract and listed hereon.

ENCUMBRANCES

1. Taxes for the year 1928.
2. An affidavit must be obtained showing that Jonas Jenkins died prior to March 13, 1914, and the names of his heirs at law.
3. A further affidavit should be obtained, showing that the husband of Mary Elliott, one of the heirs of Jonas Jenkins, was dead at the time she executed the deed dated March.13, 1914.
4. A Release of the timber rights reserved by J. Wyley Wilson in his deed to Elbert Keener should be obtained.

P. O. Box 1232,
Asheville, N.C.

A-Purchase
Keener, Elbert
#96.

April 29, 1929.

Mr. Elbert Keener,
Ravensford, N. C.

Dear Sir:

A check for \$500.00 has been issued to you
and Mrs. Keener in payment of your land in the Park
area.

This check is now in the hands of Hon. Zebulon
Weaver, our title attorney, who has his office in Bryson
City. Mr. Weaver is preparing your deed, and if you will
call at his office in Bryson City and execute the deed,
he will turn the check over to you. *Mrs Keener*

Yours very truly,

Verne Rhoades,
Executive Secretary.