

## **EXHIBIT 3**

**EXHIBIT THREE****CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS OF  
TAMPA SOUTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY**

v.

**BONNIE K. TANKERSLEY, ET AL.**

<b>TAB</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
1.	April 9, 1925	Legal description of right-of-way across an 8.96-acre strip of land prepared by W.G. Furlong, Real Estate Agent for Atlantic Coast Line Railroad. This description was incorporated as the legal description in the condemnation petition.
2.	September 14, 1925	Tampa Southern Railroad Company condemnation petition against Bonnie K. Tankersley and Mattie V. Davies filed in the District Court for the Southern District of Florida filed by Kelly, Sutton & Shaw as the railroad's counsel.
3.	September 15, 1925	Writ of Scire Facia issued by federal district Judge Lake Jones directing Bonnie K. Tankersley and Mattie V. Davies to appear November 2, 1925.
4.	September 15, 1925	Show Cause Order directing Bonnie K. Tankersley and Mattie V. Davies and other interested parties to appear for Show Cause hearing on October 5, 1925.
5.	September 15, 1925	Show Cause Order for hearing re-set on November 2, 1925.
6.	September 17, 1925	Copies of registered mail and return of service of pleadings on Bonnie K. Tankersley and Mattie V. Davies, both of Greensboro, North Carolina.
7.	November 2, 1925	Answer of Bonnie K. Tankersley and Mattie V. Davies to Tampa Southern Railroad's condemnation petition. Filed by Frank Redd and John B. Singletary as counsel.

8.	March 8, 1926	Praeipie for witness subpoena by Kelly Sutton & Shaw, attorney for Tampa Southern Railroad Company naming J.H. Lord, R.K. Thompson of the Palmer Trust Corp., Louis Lancaster of the Ringling Interests, and A.B. Albritton of the Ringling Interests as witnesses.
9.	March 8-9, 1926	Witness subpoenas and service of subpoenas and service fees.
10.	March 9, 1926	Praeipie for witness subpoenas by John B. Singletary, Attorney for Tankersley and Davies, naming E.J. Bacon, Sam Tomlin, E.A. Smith, J.M. Clark and J.H. Tucker, Louis Lancaster, and W.B. Phillips as Witnesses
11.	UNDATED	Tampa Southern Railroad Company's requested charge to jury.
12.	UNDATED	Tankersley and Davies request for additional charge to jury. (Transcription provided).
13.	March 15, 1926	Florida Secretary of State Certification of Plat showing "location of Tampa Southern Railroad through Sarasota County Sections 20, 31, 22, 25, 26, and 27." The Plat is not in the district court records.
14.	March 15-17, 1926	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Docket of Trial Proceedings in condemnation petition tried to jury with witnesses testifying for Tampa Southern Railroad being Chas. L. Leggett, L.S. Bishop, J.H. Lord, and Adolf D. Albritton.</li> <li>- Motion to dismiss by Tankersley and Davies argued, submitted and denied.</li> <li>- Witnesses for Tankersley and Davies were Chas. B. Benson, J.B. Phillips, J.H. Tucker, E.A. Smith, E.J. Bacon, W.B. Dickenson, N.B.K. Pettingill, C. W. Blackburn, and J.C. Bichop.</li> <li>- Tampa Southern Railroad Called Robert K. Thompson as rebuttal witness.</li> </ul>

15.	March 17, 1926	Handwritten Joint Stipulation as to right-of-way boundary issues. (Transcription provided).
16.	March 18, 1926	Verdict
17.	March 18, 1926	Entry of Judgment
18.	April 17, 1926	Receipt and acknowledgment of Tampa Southern Railroad depositing \$61,500 as compensation and \$5,000 as attorney's fee in the Registry of the Court.

**TAB 1.**

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**April 9, 1925**

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**Legal Description of Right-of-Way**

**Prepared by W.G. Forlong,**

**Real Estate Agent for.**

**Atlantic Coast Line R.R.**

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STATE OF FLORIDA  
 COUNTY OF SARASOTA

DESCRIPTION FOR CONDEMNATION OF RIGHT OF WAY  
 FOR TAMPA SOUTHERN RAILROAD THRU LANDS OF  
J. C. BISHOP:

All that certain piece, parcel, or strip of land situate, lying and being in the Southwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) and Southeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Twenty (20), Township Thirty-six (36) South of Range Eighteen (18) East, Sarasota County, Florida, particularly described as follows, to-wit:-

BEGINNING at an iron monument reputed to be in the east line of the Southwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of said Section Twenty (20); said iron monument being one hundred feet north of the center line of the main line track of the S.A.L. Railway; thence westwardly parallel to the center line of the main line track of the S.A.L. Railway and one hundred feet therefrom, fifteen hundred and nineteen and six tenths (1519.6) feet to a point of curve; thence in a general northwestwardly direction (from the preceding course as a tangent) on a curved line to the right having a radius of nine hundred and thirty and thirty-seven hundredths (930.37) feet, a distance of fourteen hundred and sixty and seven tenths (1460.7) feet to a point of tangent; (said point of tangent being distant two hundred and twenty-five (225) feet east of the west line of the Southeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of said Section Twenty (20); thence northwardly tangent to said curved line three hundred and five (305) feet, more or less, to an iron monument reputed to be in the south line of the Northeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of said Section Twenty (20), said iron monument being two hundred and twenty-five (225) feet east of the west line of the Southeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of said Section Twenty (20); thence westwardly along the south line of the Northeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of said Section Twenty (20), a distance of one hundred and seventy-five (175) feet to a point in the east line of land conveyed by J. C. Bishop to the Tampa Southern Railroad Company by deed dated June 2nd, 1923, recorded July 6th, 1923, in Deed Book 11, Page 339, records of Sarasota County, Florida; thence southwardly along said east line four hundred and sixty (460) feet to an iron monument distant fifty (50) feet east of the west line of the Southeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of said Section Twenty (20); thence southeastwardly on a curved line to the left concentric with the second course herein described and two hundred (200) feet therefrom, as measured radially, ten hundred and thirty (1030) feet, more or less, to an iron monument; said monument being fifty (50) feet north of the center line of the main line track of the S.A.L. Railway; thence eastwardly parallel to the center line of the main line track of the S.A.L. Railway and fifty (50) feet therefrom twenty hundred and sixty-nine and six tenths (2069.6) feet to the east line of the Southwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of said Section Twenty (20); thence northwardly along said east line fifty (50) feet to the point of beginning; containing eight and ninety-eight hundredths (8.98) acres, more or less:-

W. C. Forlong,  
 Real Estate Agent,  
 A.C.L. RR. Co.,  
 Wilmington, N. C.,  
 April 9, 1925-ft

*Handwritten calculations:*  
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 268  
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 1070  
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**TAB 2.**

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**September 14, 1925**

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**Condemnation Petition filed by  
Tampa Southern Railroad Company  
in Federal District Court  
for the Southern District of Florida**

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE SOUTHERN  
DISTRICT OF FLORIDA.

TAMPA SOUTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY,  
a corporation created and existing  
under the laws of the State of  
Florida,

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CONDEMNATION.

vs.

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BONNIE K. TANKERSLEY and MATTIE  
V. DAVIES

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The petition of the Tampa Southern Railroad Company, a corporation, petitioner in the above entitled cause, respectfully shows unto the Court that it is a corporation duly created and existing under the laws of the State of Florida and is a resident of the State of Florida. That the defendants, Bonnie K. Tankersley and Mattie V. Davies are residents of the State of North Carolina City of Greensboro, and that the controversy involved herein is one solely between citizens of different States of the United States and that no person having any interest in the controversy herein, save and except your petitioner Tampa Southern Railroad Company, is a resident or citizen of the State of Florida and that the amount in controversy in this suit exceeds, exclusive of interest and costs, the sum of Three Thousand (\$3000.00) Dollars and that the District Court of the United States has jurisdiction by virtue of the acts of Congress of the United States in the premises.

Petitioner further shows unto the Court that it is a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida as a public carrier for the operation of a commercial railroad and is authorized to construct, maintain and operate a line of railroad from the City of Tampa in the State of Florida to the town of Sarasota in the County of Sarasota, State of Florida. Petitioner further says that it is authorized, under the laws of the State of Florida, to take and condemn real estate for purposes necessary for its use as a railroad.



Petitioner further shows unto the Court that it has duly located its line of railroad and intends in good faith to construct the same over and through the property hereinafter described. That it desires to condemn for use as a right of way the following described property in Sarasota County, Florida, to-wit:-

All that certain piece, parcel or strip of land situate, lying and being in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter and the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 20, Township 36, South of Range 18 East, Sarasota, Florida, particularly described as follows, to-wit:-

BEGINNING at an iron monument reputed to be in the east line of the Southwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter of said Section 20, said iron monument being 100 feet north of the center line of the main line track of the S.A.L. Railway; thence westerly parallel to the center line of the main line track of the S.A.L. Railway and 100 feet therefrom, 1519.6 feet to a point of curve; thence in a general northwestwardly direction (from the preceding course as a tangent) on a curved line to the right having a radius of 930.37 feet, a distance of 1460.7 feet to a point of tangent; (said point of tangent being distant 225 feet east of the west line of the Southeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter of said Section 20; thence northwardly tangent to said curved line 305 feet more or less, to an iron monument reputed to be in the south line of the Northeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter of said Section 20, said iron monument being 225 feet east of the west line of the Southeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter of said Section 20; thence Westwardly along the south line of the Northeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter of said Section 20, a distance of 175 feet to a point in the east line of land conveyed By J. C. Bishop to the Tampa Southern Railroad Company by deed dated June 2nd, 1923, recorded July 6th, 1923, in Deed Book 11, page 359, records of Sarasota County, Florida; thence Southwardly along said east line 460 feet to an iron monument distant 50 feet east of the west line of the Southeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter of said Section 20; thence southeastwardly on a curved line to the left concentric with the second course herein described and 200 feet therefrom, as measured radially 1030 feet, more or less, to an iron monument; said monument being 50 feet north of the center line of the main line track of the S.A.L. Railway; thence eastwardly parallel to the center line of the main line track of the S.A.L. Railway and fifty (50) feet therefrom 2069.6 feet to the east line of the Southwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter of said Section 20; thence northwardly along said east line 50 feet to the point of beginning; containing 8.98 acres, more or less.

Petitioner further shows unto the Court that it has made diligent search to ascertain the name or names of the owners,

mortgagees or occupants of the said property hereinbefore described, their places of residence and whether or not the said owners, mortgagees or occupants are under any legal disability.

Petitioner further shows unto the Court that the owners of the above described property are Bonnie K. Tankersley and Mattie V. Davies and that the place of residence of the said Bonnie K. Tankersley and Mattie V. Davies is City of Greensboro, State of North Carolina.

Petitioner further shows unto the Court that there are no mortgages appearing of record in the records of Sarasota County, Florida, upon said property, nor does it know of any mortgagees of said property.

Petitioner further represents and shows unto the Court that according to the best of its knowledge, information and belief, the owners of the said property, Bonnie K. Tankersley and Mattie V. Davies, are not under any legal disability.

Petitioner further shows unto the Court that the taking of the said property by your petitioner is for the purpose of its use as a right of way for the construction of its railroad, and that the said property is necessary for that purpose.

Petitioner further shows unto the Court that it has made all reasonable efforts to purchase a right of way through the said property from the owners thereof, but that all negotiations for such purchase have failed.

Wherefore your petitioner prays that the said property aforesaid may be condemned for the uses and purposes above set out, in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida in such case made.

*Kelly - Sutton & Shaw*  
Attorneys for Petitioner.

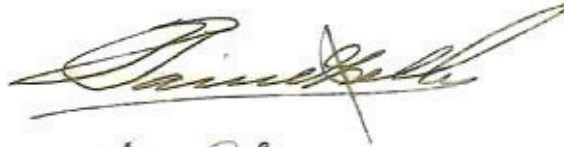
STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared T. PAINE KELLY, who being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is attorney for the Petitioner, Tampa Southern Railroad Company, in the foregoing cause, that the President of the said corporation and all other officers are absent from the State of Florida and that affiant makes this affidavit because of the absence of the officers of the said corporation. Affiant further says that he has read the foregoing petition and that the matters and things therein alleged are true. Affiant furthersays that diligent search and inquiry has been made to ascertain the names, places of residence, legal disabilities, if any, and interest of the owners and mortgagees of the property described in said petition, and that these, as ascertained, are set forth in the foregoing petition.

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me this 14th day  
of September, A. D. 1925.

*Oliver McDougall*

Notary Public.



*T. Paine Kelly*

Sworn to & subscribed  
before me this 15<sup>th</sup>  
day of March, 1924

*Julian A. Blahy*  
Deputy Clerk  
U. S. Dist. Court

**TAB 3.**

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**September 15, 1925**

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**Writ of Scire Facia  
filed by Counsel for  
Tampa Southern Railroad Company**

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DISTRICT COURT, UNITED STATES  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA.

TAMPA SOUTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY

VS.

BONNIE K. TANKERSLEY AND MATTIE  
V. DAVIES.

FILED

SEP 15 1925

*William P. Williams*  
CLERK  
BY *W. C. ...*  
DEPUTY CLERK

NOTICE.

*Sei facias.*

KELLY, SUTTON & SHAW

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA.

TAMPA SOUTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY,  
a corporation,

vs.

BONNIE K. TANKERSLEY AND MATTIE  
V. DAVIES

I  
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CONDEMNATION.  
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TO THE UNITED STATES MARSHAL:

You are hereby directed to make known to Bonnie K. Tankersley and Mattie V. Davies and all other persons interested in or claiming any lien upon or any interest in the property herein described, to-wit:

All that certain piece, parcel or strip of land situate, lying and being in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter and the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 20, Township 36, South of Range 18 East, Sarasota County, Florida, particularly described as follows, to-wit:-

BEGINNING at an iron monument reputed to be in the east line of the Southwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter of said Section 20, said iron monument being 100 feet north of the center line of the main line track of the S.A.L. Railway; thence westerly parallel to the center line of the main line track of the S.A.L. Railway and 100 feet therefrom, 1519.6 feet to a point of curve; thence in a general northwestwardly direction (from the preceding course as a tangent) on a curved line to the right having a radius of 930.37 feet, a distance of 1460.7 feet to a point of tangent; (said point of tangent being distant 225 feet east of the west line of the Southeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter of said Section 20; thence northwardly tangent to said curved line 305 feet, more or less, to an iron monument reputed to be in the south line of the Northeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter of said Section 20, said iron monument being 225 feet east of the west line of the Southeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter of said Section 20; thence Westwardly along the south line of the Northeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter of said Section 20, a distance of 175 feet to a point in the east line of land conveyed by J. C. Bishop to the Tampa Southern Railroad Company by deed dated June 2nd, 1923, recorded July 6th, 1923, in Deed Book 11, page 339, records of Sarasota County, Florida, thence Southwardly along said east line 460 feet to an iron monument distant 50 feet east of the west line of the Southeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter of said Section 20; thence southeastwardly on a curved line to the left concentric with the second course herein described and 200 feet therefrom, as measured radially, 1030 feet, more or less, to an iron monument; said monument being 50 feet north of the center line of the main

line track of the S.A.L. Railway; thence eastwardly parallel to the center line of the main line track of the S.A.L. Railway and fifty (50) feet therefrom, 2069.6 feet to the east line of the Southwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter of said Section 20; thence northwardly along said east line 50 feet to the point of beginning; containing 8.98 acres, more or less.

That they, the said Bonnie K. Tankersley and Mattie V. Davies, are hereby commanded and notified to be and to appear in the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of Florida, on the 2nd day of November, A.D. 1925, the same being the first Monday in said month, to show what interest they have in the property herein described, and to show cause why it should not be taken for the uses and purposes set forth in the petition filed by the Tampa Southern Railroad Company on the 14th day of September, A. D. 1925, and more particularly why the said lands should not be taken for use as a right of way by said Tampa Southern Railroad Company, or else be barred.

WITNESS THE HONORABLE LAKE JONES, Judge of said Court, this 15th day of September, A. D. 1925.

*Edwin R. Williams*

Clerk, United States District Court  
Court, Southern District of Florida.

*By: Julian Orsola*  
*Deputy*

**TAB 4.**

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**September 15, 1925**

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**Show Cause Order for  
October 5, 1925 Hearing**

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA.

TAMPA SOUTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY,  
a corporation,

vs.

DONNIE K. TAMMORLEY AND MATTIE  
V. DAVIES

CONFESSION.

TO THE UNITED STATES MARSHAL:

You are hereby directed to make known to Donnie K. Tammerley and Mattie V. Davies and all other persons interested in or claiming any lien upon or any interest in the property herein described, to-wit:

All that certain piece, parcel or strip of land situate, lying and being in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter and the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 20, Township 26, South of Range 18 West, Sarasota County, Florida, particularly described as follows, to-wit:-

BEGINNING at an iron monument reputed to be in the east line of the Southwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter of said Section 20, said iron monument being 100 feet north of the center line of the main line track of the S.A.L. Railway; thence westerly parallel to the center line of the main line track of the S.A.L. Railway and 100 feet therefrom, 1519.6 feet to a point of curve; thence in a general northwesterly direction (from the preceding course as a tangent) on a curved line to the right having a radius of 900.37 feet, a distance of 1400.7 feet to a point of tangent; (said point of tangent being distant 225 feet east of the west line of the Southeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter of said Section 20; thence northwardly tangent to said curved line 305 feet, more or less, to an iron monument reputed to be in the south line of the Northeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter of said Section 20, said iron monument being 225 feet east of the west line of the Southeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter of said Section 20; thence eastwardly along the south line of the Northeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter of said Section 20, a distance of 175 feet to a point in the east line of land conveyed by J. C. Bishop to the Tampa Southern Railroad Company by deed dated June 2nd, 1923, recorded July 6th, 1923, in Deed Book 11, page 339, records of Sarasota County, Florida, thence southwardly along said east line 400 feet to an iron monument distant 30 feet east of the west line of the Southeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter of said Section 20; thence southeastwardly on a curved line to the left concentric with the second course herein described and 200 feet therefrom, as measured radially, 1030 feet, more or less, to an iron monument, said monument being 50 feet north of the center line of the main

line track of the S.A.L. Railway; thence easterly parallel to the center line of the main line track of the S.A.L. Railway and fifty (50) feet therefrom, 2000.6 feet to the east line of the Southwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter of said Section 20; thence northerly along said east line 50 feet to the point of beginning; containing 3.98 acres, more or less.

That they, the said Bonnie E. Famborley and Mattie V. Lewis, are hereby summoned and notified to be and to appear in the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of Florida, on the 30th day of October, A.D. 1935, the same being the first Monday in said month, to show what interest they have in the property herein described, and to show cause why it should not be taken for the uses and purposes set forth in the petition filed by the Tampa Southern Railroad Company on the 16th day of September, A. D. 1935, and more particularly why the said lands should not be taken for use as a right of way by said Tampa Southern Railroad Company, or also be barred.

WITNESS THE HONORABLE LAKE JONES, Judge of said Court, this 15 day of September, A. D. 1935.

Edwin R. Williams  
Clerk, United States District Court  
Court, Southern District of Florida.

Julian A. Blake  
Deputy

attest: a true copy

Edwin R. Williams  
Clerk

Julian A. Blake  
Deputy

**TAB 5.**

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**September 15, 1925**

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**Show Cause Order for  
November 2, 1925 Hearing**

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA.

TAMPA SOUTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY, a corporation,		
vs.		CONDEMNATION.
BONNIE K. TANKERSLEY AND MATTIE V. DAVIES		

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO BONNIE K. TANKERSLEY AND MATTIE V. DAVIES, and all other persons interested in or claiming a lien upon or any interest in the property hereinafter described, in Sarasota County, Florida, to-wit:-

All that certain piece, parcel or strip of land situate, lying and being in the Southwest quarter of the Southeast Quarter and the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 20, Township 36, South of Range 18 East, Sarasota County, Florida, particularly described as follows, to-wit:-

BEGINNING at an iron monument reputed to be in the east line of the Southwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter of said Section 20, said iron monument being 100 feet north of the center line of the main line track of the S.A.L. Railway; thence westerly parallel to the center line of the main line track of the S.A.L. Railway, and 100 feet therefrom 1519.6 feet to a point of curve; thence in a general northwesterly direction (from the preceding course as a tangent) on a curved line to the right having a radius of 930.37 feet, a distance of 1460.7 feet to a point of tangent; (said point of tangent being distant 225 feet east of the west line of the Southeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter of said Section 20; thence northwardly tangent to said curved line 305 feet, more or less, to an iron monument reputed to be in the south line of the Northeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter of said Section 20, said iron monument being 225 feet east of the west line of the Southeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter of said Section 20; thence westwardly along the south line of the Northeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter of said Section 20, a distance of 175 feet to a point in the east line of land conveyed by J. C. Bishop to the Tampa Southern Railroad Company by deed dated June 2nd, 1923, recorded July 6th, 1923, in Deed Book 11, page 389, records of Sarasota County Florida; thence Southwardly along said east line 460 feet to an iron monument distant 50 feet east of the west line of the Southeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter of said Section 20; thence southeastwardly on a curved line to the left concentric with the second course herein described and 200 feet therefrom, as measured radially 1030 feet, more or less, to an iron monument; said monument being 50 feet north of the center line of the main line track of the S.A.L. Railway; thence eastwardly parallel to the center line of the main line track of the S.A.L. Railway and fifty (50) feet therefrom 2069.6 feet to the east line of the Southwest Quarter of Southeast

Quarter of said Section 20; thence Northwardly along said east line 50 feet to the point of beginning; containing 8.98 acres, more or less.

To appear in the District Court of the United States in and for the Southern District of Florida, on the 2nd day of November, A. D. 1925, the same being the first Monday in said month, to show what interest they have in and to the property herein described, and to show cause why said property should not be taken for the uses and purposes set forth in the petition filed by the Tampa Southern Railroad Company herein on the 14th day of September, A. D. 1925, and more particularly why the said lands should not be taken for use as a right of way by the Tampa Southern Railroad Company, or else be barred.

WITNESS the HONORABLE LAKE JONES, JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA, this 15th day of September, A. D. 1925.

*Edwin A. Williams*  
Clerk, District Court United  
States Southern District of  
Florida.

*Ray Julian Arnsperg*  
Deputy

## **TAB 6.**

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**September 17, 1925**

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**Service of Condemnation Petition**

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13407 (POSTMARK OFF)

Receipt for Registered Article No. 13407  
Registered at the Post Office indicated in Postmark.

Fee paid 15 cents Class postage \_\_\_\_\_  
Accepting employe will place his initials in spaces applicable below, to indicate indorsement, etc.

Delivery restricted } in person \_\_\_\_\_ Return receipt demanded }  
to address } or order \_\_\_\_\_ Spl. Del'y \_\_\_\_\_

POSTMASTER, per \_\_\_\_\_ (MAILING OFFICE)

Complete record of registered mail is kept at the post office, but the sender should write the name of the addressee on back hereof as an identification. Preserve and submit this receipt in case of inquiry, or application for indemnity.

Registry Fee and Indemnity.—Domestic letters and sealed parcels indorsed for \$50 or less, 10 cents; for over \$50 and not in excess of \$100, 20 cents; domestic second-class, not indorsed, 10 cents; domestic third-class, indorsed up to \$25, 10 cents; articles addressed to foreign countries, regardless of class or indemnity, 10 cents. Claims must be filed with postmasters within one year from date of mailing.

Form 3506 4-2-6502

(POSTMARK OFF)

Registered Article No. 12864  
Registered at the Post Office indicated in Postmark.

Fee paid 15 cents Class postage \_\_\_\_\_  
Accepting employe will place his initials in spaces applicable below, to indicate indorsement, etc.

Delivery restricted } in person \_\_\_\_\_ Return receipt demanded }  
to address } or order \_\_\_\_\_ Spl. Del'y \_\_\_\_\_

POSTMASTER, per \_\_\_\_\_ (MAILING OFFICE)

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Form 3506 4-2-6502

13408 (POSTMARK OFF)

Receipt for Registered Article No. 13408  
Registered at the Post Office indicated in Postmark.

Fee paid 15 cents Class postage \_\_\_\_\_  
Accepting employe will place his initials in spaces applicable below, to indicate indorsement, etc.

Delivery restricted } in person \_\_\_\_\_ Return receipt demanded }  
to address } or order \_\_\_\_\_ Spl. Del'y \_\_\_\_\_

POSTMASTER, per \_\_\_\_\_ (MAILING OFFICE)

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Form 3506 4-2-6502

12865 (POSTMARK OFF)

Receipt for Registered Article No. 12865  
Registered at the Post Office indicated in Postmark.

Fee paid 15 cents Class postage \_\_\_\_\_  
Accepting employe will place his initials in spaces applicable below, to indicate indorsement, etc.

Delivery restricted } in person \_\_\_\_\_ Return receipt demanded }  
to address } or order \_\_\_\_\_ Spl. Del'y \_\_\_\_\_

POSTMASTER, per \_\_\_\_\_ (MAILING OFFICE)

Complete record of registered mail is kept at the post office, but the sender should write the name of the addressee on back hereof as an identification. Preserve and submit this receipt in case of inquiry, or application for indemnity.

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**TAB 7.**

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**November 2, 1925**

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**Answer of Tankersley and Davies**

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1225-T

IN DISTRICT COURT

UNITED STATES  
~~MANATEE COUNTY~~  
SOUTHER DISTRICT OF  
FLORIDA

Tampa Southern Railroad Company, a  
corporation created and existing  
under the laws of the State of  
Florida.

vs.

Bonnie K. Tankersley and Mattie V  
Davies.

ANSWER

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JOHN B. SINGELTARY  
BRADENTON, FLORIDA

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE SOUTHERN  
DISTRICT OF FLORIDA.

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TAMPA SOUTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY, )  
a corporation created and existing :  
under the laws of the State of )  
Florida, :  
: )

vs

CONDEMNATION.

Bonnie K. Tankersley and Mattie V. :  
Davies. :  
: )

THE ANSWER OF BONNIE K. TANKERSLEY AND  
MATTIE V. DAVIES TO THE PETITION OF  
CONDEMNATION OF THE TAMPA SOUTHERN  
RAILROAD COMPANY, A CORPORATION CREATED  
AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE  
OF FLORIDA, AGAINST THESE DEFENDANTS:

X For answer to said petition, these defendants say that  
said Tampa Southern Railroad Company, petitioner in said  
cause, should not have or maintain its said cause against  
these defendants for the reason and because of the fact  
that said Tampa Southern Railroad Company has not filed in  
this cause any duly verified petition, sworn to by the  
petitioner or its president or other executive officer of  
said Tampa Southern Railroad Company, a corporation, which  
corporation is as these defendants aver a private corpora-  
tion entitled only to maintain an action of condemnation  
upon and when it has filed a petition praying the condemna-  
tion of the property sought to be taken, duly verified by  
the oath of said petitioner, its president or some other  
executive officer of said corporation.

X These defendants further show unto the Court that while  
said petitioner avers in its petition that it is a corpora-  
tion duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida

as a public carrier for the operation of a commercial railroad and is authorized to construct, maintain and operate a railroad from the City of Tampa in the State of Florida to the Town of Sarasota in the County of Sarasota, State of Florida, it seeks in and by said petition to condemn certain land in said petition particularly described, which is not essential for the construction of its line of railroad from said City of Tampa to the City of Sarasota but beyond the destiny and termination of its purposes and authority and its power to extend and proceed with its said road and with condemnation for its construction or for its right-of-way, to-wit:- beyond its terminus in the City of Sarasota, and these defendants so allege and aver that the land in said petition described is no part of the right-of-way of said railroad company from Tampa to Sarasota but lies beyond the terminus of said road in the City of Sarasota.

These defendants further show unto the Court that petitioners right to condemn said property exists only under and by virtue of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Florida granting petitioner the privilege of exercising the right of condemnation to take private property for its use upon payment of such compensation as shall be to the owners of said property allowed and awarded by a jury of twelve men to be empanelled in the County where said property is situated and drawn from the body of said County in which said land is located and upon and after a view of said property by the said jury and not otherwise, all of which can not be provided, allowed and granted by this Honorable Court by

reason whereof said Court is without jurisdiction to try said cause.

These defendants further show unto the Court that they are entitled to and desire to be present and heard as to the amount due these defendants as compensation for the damage by them sustained by reason of the appropriation and taking of their said land if the taking thereof be allowed.

Frank Redd  
Wm. B. Livingston  
Attorneys for Defendants.

Dannie K. Faulknerley  
Matie V. Davis  
Defendants.

**TAB 8.**

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**March 8, 1926**

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**Praecipe for Witness Subpoenas by  
Tampa Southern Railroad Company**

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1225-T

DISTRICT COURT, UNITED STATES,  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA.

TAMPA SOUTHERN RR COMPANY

VS.

BOENIE K. TANKERSLEY, ET AL.

PRÆCIPUE FOR WITNESS  
SUBPOENA

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*Edwin P. Williams*  
CLERK

*Ala E. Warren*  
DEPUTY CLERK

KELLY, SUTTON & SHAW

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA.

TAMPA SOUTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY,  
a corporation created and existing  
under the laws of the State of  
Florida,

vs.

DONNIE K. WANKINSLEY and LATTIE  
V. DAVIES,

CONDENATION.

The Clerk of the District Court will please issue  
summons ad testificandum directed to the following named witnesses  
on behalf of the petitioner in the above entitled cause, and make  
the same returnable to the 15th day of March, A.D. 1926, at  
9 o'clock A. M., to-wit:

J. W. Lord, Sarasota, Florida.

R. K. Thompson, with Palmer Trust Corporation,  
Sarasota, Florida.

Louis Lancaster, with Ringling Interests, Sarasota,  
Florida.

A. B. Albritton, with Ringling Interests, Sarasota,  
Florida.

  
Attorney for Petitioner

**TAB 9.**

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**March 8-9, 1926**

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**Witness Subpoenas  
and Service Fees**

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**United States District Court,**  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA.

**The President of the United States,**

To W. B. Phillips, Sarasota, Fla.

**Greeting:**

**We Command You,** That all and singular, the business and excuses being laid aside, you and each of you appear and attend forthwith before the District Court of the United States of America, for the Southern District of Florida, at a term of said Court to be held at Tampa, Florida, in and for the Southern District of Florida, on the 15th day of March, 1912, at 9.30 o'clock in the forenoon, to testify and give evidence before said Court in the case of Tampa Southern Railroad Company, Plaintiff,

versus Donnie E. Tankersley and Mattie V. Davies, Defdt., on the part of the Plaintiff—Defendant, to whom you must look for fees. And this you, or any of you, are not to omit, under the penalty upon you and everyone of you, of what may therein befall.

**Witness,** The Honorable RHYDON M. CALL, Judge of the said Court of the United States, and the seal of this Court, at the City of Tampa in the Southern District of Florida, this 5th day of March, in the year of our Lord 1912.

John S. Simpson  
Attorney for Plf.—Defdt.

Edwin H. Williams  
Clerk U. S. District Court.

By Alv E. Harrison  
Deputy Clerk.

This to the U. S. Marshal to execute.

United States District Court, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA.

The President of the United States,

To A.B. Albritton, % Ringling Interests, Sarasota, Florida.

Greeting:

We Command You, That all and singular, the business and excuses being laid aside, you and each of you appear and attend forthwith before the District Court of the United States of America, for the Southern District of Florida, at a term of said Court to be held at Tampa, Florida, in and for the Southern District of Florida, on the 15th day of March, 1926, at 9.30 o'clock in the forenoon, to testify and give evidence before said Court in the case of Tampa Southern Railroad Company, Plaintiff, versus Bonnie E. Tankersley & Mattie V. Davis, Defendant, on the part of the Plaintiff-Defendant, to whom you must look for fees. And this you, or any of you, are not to omit, under the penalty upon you and everyone of you, of what may therein befall.

Witness, The Honorable Joke Jones RHYDON M. CALL, Judge of the said Court of the United States, and the seal of this Court, at the City of Tampa in the Southern District of Florida, this 8th day of March, in the year of our Lord 1926

KELLY SUTTON & SHAW, Attorney for Plf.-Defd.

Edwin R. Williams, Clerk U. S. District Court. By Al E. Warren, Deputy Clerk.

This to the U. S. Marshal to execute.

United States District Court, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA.

The President of the United States,

To J. M. Clark, Sarasota, Fla. Jones

Greeting:

We Command You, That all and singular, the business and excuses being laid aside, you and each of you appear and attend forthwith before the District Court of the United States of America, for the Southern District of Florida, at a term of said Court to be held at Tampa, Florida, in and for the Southern District of Florida, on the 15th day of March, 1926, at 9.30 o'clock in the forenoon, to testify and give evidence before said Court in the case of Tampa Southern Railroad Company, Plaintiff, versus Bonnie E. Tankersley and Mattie V. Davis, Defendant, on the part of the Plaintiff-Defendant, to whom you must look for fees. And this you, or any of you, are not to omit, under the penalty upon you and everyone of you, of what may therein befall.

Witness, The Honorable RHYDON M. CALL, Judge of the said Court of the United States, and the seal of this Court, at the City of Tampa in the Southern District of Florida, this 8th day of March, in the year of our Lord 1926

Joke Jones Attorney for Plf.-Defd.

Edwin R. Williams, Clerk U. S. District Court. By Al E. Warren, Deputy Clerk.

This to the U. S. Marshal to execute.

*on Budget  
John Thompson*

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United States District Court,

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA.

The President of the United States,

To J.H. Lord, Sarasota, Fla.; R.K. Thompson, Palmer Trust Corp. Sarasota, Fla.; Louis Lancaster and A.B. Albritton Ringling Interests, Sarasota, Florida. Greeting:

We Command You, That all and singular, the business and excuses being laid aside, you and each of you appear and attend forthwith before the District Court of the United States of America, for the Southern District of Florida, at a term of said Court to be held at Tampa, Florida, in and for the Southern District of Florida, on the 15th day of March 1926, at 9.30 o'clock in the forenoon, to testify and give evidence before said Court in the case of Tampa Southern Railroad Company, Plaintiff, versus Bonnie K. Tankersley & Mattie V. Davies, Defendant, on the part of the Plaintiff to whom you must look for fees. And this you, or any of you, are not to omit, under the penalty upon you and everyone of you, of what may therein befall.

Witness, The Honorable Lake Jones, Judge of the said Court of the United States, and the seal of this Court, at the City of Tampa in the Southern District of Florida, this 8th day of March, in the year of our Lord 1926

KELLY SUTTON & SHAW, Attorney for Plf.

Edwin R. Williams, Clerk U. S. District Court. By O.E. Warren, Deputy Clerk.

This to the U. S. Marshal to execute.

United States District Court,

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA.

The President of the United States,

To E.J. Bacon; Sam Tomlin; E.A. Smith; J.M. Clark; J.H. Tucker Sarasota, Florida. Greeting:

We Command You, That all and singular, the business and excuses being laid aside, you and each of you appear and attend forthwith before the District Court of the United States of America, for the Southern District of Florida, at a term of said Court to be held at Tampa, Florida in and for the Southern District of Florida, on the 15th day of March 1926, at 9.30 o'clock in the forenoon, to testify and give evidence before said Court in the case of Tampa Southern Railroad Company, Plaintiff, versus Bonnie K. Tankersley and Mattie V. Davies, Defendant, on the part of the Defendant, to whom you must look for fees. And this you, or any of you, are not to omit, under the penalty upon you and everyone of you, of what may therein befall.

Witness, The Honorable Lake Jones, Judge of the said Court of the United States, and the seal of this Court, at the City of Tampa in the Southern District of Florida, this 9th day of March, in the year of our Lord 1926

John B. Singletary, Attorney for Defd.

Edwin R. Williams, Clerk U. S. District Court. By O.E. Warren, Deputy Clerk.

This to the U. S. Marshal to execute.

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United States District Court  
Southern District of Florida.

Tampa Southern Ry. Co.

-vs-

Bonnie K. Tankersley et al.

WITNESS SUBPOENA.



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MAR 19 1926

Edwin P. Williams  
BY: *Alex. M. ...*  
DEPUTY CLERK

By *Harry Peter*  
Harry Peter Deputy

B. E. Dyson, U. S. Marshal

Received this writ at Tampa, Fla. Mar. 8, 1926 and executed the same at Sarasota, Fla. on the 10 day of Mar 1926, by delivering a true copy hereof to R. K. Thompson, and further executed this writ at Sarasota on the 12th. day of March 1926, by delivering a true copy hereof to J. H. Lord and Louis Lancaster in person, and after diligent search am unable to locate the within named A. B. Albritton.

Received this Writ at Tampa, Fla. March 9, 1926 and executed the same at Sarasota Fla. on the 10th. day of March 1926 by delivering a true copy hereof to E. J. Bacon and E. H. Smith in person and further executed this writ at Sarasota, Fla. on the 12th. day of March 1926, by delivering a true copy hereof to Sam Tomlin and J. H. Tucker in person, and after diligent search am unable to locate the within named J. M. Clark.

B. E. Dyson, U. S. Marshal

By *Harry Peter*  
Harry Peter Deputy

1225-T

United States District Court  
Southern District of Florida.

Tampa Southern R.R. Co.

-vs-

Bonnie K. Tankersley et al.

WITNESS SUBPOENA.



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MAR 19 1926

Edwin P. Williams  
BY: *Alex. M. ...*  
DEPUTY CLERK

United States District Court, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA.

The President of the United States,

To George W. Blackburn of Sarasota, Fla

Greeting:

We Command You, That all and singular, the business and excuses being laid aside, you and each of you appear and attend forthwith before the District Court of the United States of America, for the Southern District of Florida, at a term of said Court to be held at Tampa, Fla. in and for the Southern District of Florida, on the 15th day of March 1926 at 9.30 o'clock in the forenoon, to testify and give evidence before said Court in the case of Tampa Southern Railroad Company, Plaintiff versus Bonnie K. Tankersley et al, Defendant, on the part of the Plaintiff—Defendant, to whom you must look for fees. And this you, or any of you, are not to omit, under the penalty upon you and everyone of you, of what may therein befall.

Witness, The Honorable Lake Jones EHYDON WOODLEY, Judge of the said Court of the United States, and the seal of this Court, at the City of Tampa in the Southern District of Florida, this 15th day of March, in the year of our Lord 1926

John B. Singletery, Attorney for Def.—Defd.

Edwin R. Williams, Clerk U. S. District Court. By Ala E. Warren, Deputy Clerk.

This to the U. S. Marshal to execute.

United States District Court, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA.

The President of the United States,

To Louis Lancaster, and W.B. Phillips, Sarasota, Fla

Greeting:

We Command You, That all and singular, the business and excuses being laid aside, you and each of you appear and attend forthwith before the District Court of the United States of America, for the Southern District of Florida, at a term of said Court to be held at Tampa, Florida in and for the Southern District of Florida, on the 15th day of March 1926, at 9.30 o'clock in the forenoon, to testify and give evidence before said Court in the case of Tampa Southern Railroad Company, Plaintiff versus Bonnie K. Tankersley and Mattie V. Davies, Defendant, on the part of the Plaintiff—Defendant, to whom you must look for fees. And this you, or any of you, are not to omit, under the penalty upon you and everyone of you, of what may therein befall.

Witness, The Honorable Lake Jones EHYDON WOODLEY, Judge of the said Court of the United States, and the seal of this Court, at the City of Tampa in the Southern District of Florida, this 15th day of March, in the year of our Lord 1926

John B. Singletery, Attorney for Def.—Defd.

Edwin R. Williams, Clerk U. S. District Court. By Ala E. Warren, Deputy Clerk.

This to the U. S. Marshal to execute.

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Received this writ at Tampa, Fla. March 9, 1926 and executed the same at Sarasota, Fla. on the 12th. day of March 1926, by delivering a true copy hereof to Louis Lancaster in person, and after diligent search am unable to locate the within named W. B. Phillips.

B. E. Dyson, U. S. Marshal

By Harry Peter  
Harry Peter Deputy

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1226-T

United States District Court  
Southern District of Florida.

Tampa Southern R. R. Company,

-vs-

Bonnie K. Tankersley et al

WITNESS SUBPOENA.



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United States District Court  
Southern District of Florida.

Tampa Southern Railroad Co.

-vs-

Bonnie K. Tankersley et al

WITNESS SUBPOENA.



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Clerk  
by Ala. E. Warren  
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Received this writ March 15, 1926 at Tampa, Fla. and executed the same by delivering a true copy hereof to the within named George W. Blackburn, at Tampa, Fla. March 15, 1926.  
B. E. Dyson U. S. Marshal.  
BY J. A. Law  
Deputy.

Form No. 23

Tampa, Fla. April 15, 1926, 192

United States of America  
301 District of Florida.

Tampa Southern R.R. Co.,

TO THE UNITED STATES, DR.,

FOR SERVICES OF THE UNITED STATES MARSHAL IN THE CASE OF

Tampa Southern R.R. Co.

vs. Bonnie K. Tankersley. et al

MARSHAL'S DOCKET No.	DATE OF WRIT 19	NATURE OF FEES AND EXPENSES CHARGED	MARSHAL'S FEES AND EXPENSES
	March	To fees and expenses of serving writs for Defendants.	25.36

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U. S. Dist. Court  
So. Dist. Fla.

Tampa S. & L. Co.  
vs

Tambert et al

Request to assess  
Defendants costs

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CLERK

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Geo B. Suggs }  
Marion B. Searles }  
for  
Haber

U. S. A. Dist Court  
 Sou. Dist of Fla.

Tampa S. R. Co. }  
 75 } Condemnation  
 Dennis K. Tinkersley }  
 et al }

To The Honorable Clerk of said Court=

Please assess defendants costs in the  
 above styled cause as follows to wit:

	Chorus costs	5.00
	U. S. Marshal	25.38
Witnesses - from Sarasota, Sarasota County Fla	J. H. Tucker, 4 days @ 1.50 per day	6.00 = 11.60
	56 miles @ 10¢ per mile	5.60 = 11.60
	C. H. Phillips - Do.	= 11.60
	E. J. Bacon - Do.	= 11.60
	R. R. Tomlin - Do.	= 11.60
	Louis Lancaster - Do.	= 11.60
	E. A. Smith - Do.	= 11.60
	Geo W. Blackburn - Do.	= 11.60
	Total	\$ 111.58

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And oblige -

Frank R. Ed  
 Geo B. Siggelary  
 Marion B. Jennings  
 Counsel for Defendants 88-000028

In United States District Court  
Southern Dist. of Fla.

Tampa Southern Railroad Co.  
vs

Tankersley - et al

Precept for witness subpoena.

The Clerk of this Honorable Court will  
please issue subpoena in the above  
entitled cause addressed to George  
W. Blackburn of Sarasota in  
Sarasota County, Florida, as a  
material witness, on behalf  
of defendants, commanding  
said witness to appear before  
the Court instante, & oblige.

Frank R. d  
Jno B. Singeltary  
Atty for defendants

**TAB 10.**

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**March 9, 1926**

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**Praecipe for Witness Subpoenas  
by Counsel for  
Tankersley and Davies**

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United States District Court  
Southern District of Florida

Tampa Southern Railroad Co.

-vs-

Bonnie K. Tankersley et al.

PRECIPE FOR ATTEST SUBPOENA

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A. E. Hansen  
Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR THE SOUTHERN  
DISTRICT OF FLORIDA.

Tampa Southern Railroad Company,	*	
	*	
-versus-	*	CONDEMNATION.
	*	
Bonnie K. Tankersley and	*	
	*	
Mattie V. Davies.	*	
	*	

The Clerk of the above styled Court will please issue witness subpoenas to the following named witnesses, to testify in behalf of the defendants returnable March 15th, at ten O'clock A.M. in the forenoon.

E.J. Bacon	Sarasota, Fla.
Sam Tomlin	" "
B. A. Smith	" "
J. M. Clark	" "
J.H. Tucker	" "
Louis Lancaster	" "
W.B. Phillips	" "

*John B. Siquelero*  
Attorney for Defendants.



**TAB 11.**

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**Tampa Southern Railroad's  
Requested Jury Charge**

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA.

YAPPA SOUTH FLORIDA RAILROAD COMPANY, I  
A CORPORATION, I

vs. I CONDEMNATION

SOMER K. TROSTERSLEY, ET AL. I

DEFENDANT'S REQUESTED CHARGES.

1. The jury are instructed that, as the power of eminent domain is necessary for the public good, it would be unjust to the public that the plaintiff should be required to pay the owner more than a fair indemnity for the loss he sustains by the appropriation of his property for the general use. On the other hand, the owner being compelled to part with his property, whether he desires to sell or not, the law allows him just compensation therefor.

2. The jury are instructed that "just compensation" means the amount of such sum of money as will "make the defendant whole, so that, on receipt by the defendant of the compensation and damages awarded, he will not be poorer by reason of his property being taken or damaged.

3. The jury are instructed that, in considering the compensation to be paid to the defendant for the land about to be taken, they are to fix the actual cash market value of the land taken. And they are further instructed that they are not to consider the price at which the property would sell for under a forced or extraordinary circumstances, but its fair market value, if sold in the market under ordinary circumstances for cash, and not on time, and assuming that the owners are willing to sell, and the purchaser is willing to buy.

4. The court instructs the jury that you are not to consider what the land is worth to the defendant, the owner, for speculation, or merely possible uses, nor what she claims it may be worth for, nor what it may be worth to plaintiff for railroad or other

purposes, nor what the land would bring at a forced sale. You are not to consider the price the land would sell for under special or extraordinary circumstances, but its fair market value, if offered in the market under ordinary circumstances for cash, a reasonable time being given to make the sale. (Market value is the amount the strip would sell for if put upon the open market, and sold in the manner in which property is ordinarily sold for cash in the community where it is situated, with a reasonable time being given to find a purchaser and make the sale.)

5. The court instructs the jury that ~~xx~~ you must take into consideration the purposes for which the property was adapted and determine the market value from what a person would then have paid for the property, in cash, not buying, however, for any particular purpose, but having regard to the market value of the property as it then stood for all purposes.

6. The court tells the jury that they will find for the defendants a fair equivalent for the entire piece of property, which finding should be its market value at present in money, and its market value is that price it would bring when it was offered for sale by one <sup>who</sup> desires, but is not obliged to sell it, and is bought by one who is under no necessity of buying it; in other words, a fair market value means the fair value between one who wants to purchase and one who wants to sell.

*Kelly Sutton Shaw*  
Attorneys for Petitioner.

**TAB 12.**

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**Tankersley and Davies  
Proposed Jury Charge  
and Transcription**

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The defendant requests the Court  
to charge the jury:

In fixing the compensation to  
be paid the owners for the  
land sought to be taken it is  
proper for you to determine  
whether or not the proposed  
appropriation imposes an  
injury or impairment of value  
to the adjoining land of defendants  
of the same tract from which  
this land is taken and in fixing  
the amount of compensation to  
be awarded by you you should  
include the amount of such  
injury if any there be in  
your award.

In addition to the compensation  
awarded the defendants by you  
it is also your duty to determine  
from the evidence before you  
what amount would be a  
reasonable attorneys fee for  
the services of an attorney represent-  
ing the defendants in this cause.

**Transcription of Tankersley and Davies Proposed Jury Charge.**

The defendant requests the Court to charge the jury:

In fixing the compensation to be paid the owners for the land sought to be taken it is proper for you to determine whether or not the proposed appropriation imposes an injury or impairment of value to the adjoining land of Defendants of the same tract from which this land is taken and in fixing the amount of compensation to be awarded by you you should include the amount of such injury if any there be in your award.

In addition to the compensation Awarded the defendants by you It is also your duty to determine from the evidence before you what amount would be a reasonable attorneys fee for the services of an attorney representing the defendants in this cause.

**TAB 13.**

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**March 15, 1926**

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**Evidence of Plat  
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Page EXHIBIT NO. 1

Manpa Low, R.P. Co

vs.

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STATE OF FLORIDA )  
Office Secretary of State ) 33

I, H. CLAY CRAWFORD, Secretary of State of the State of Florida, do hereby certify that the attached is a true copy of a portion of the plat filed in this office showing the location of the Tampa Southern Railroad through Sarasota County in Sections 20, 21, 22, 25, 26 and 27.

GIVEN under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this the eighteenth day of January, A. D. 1926.



*H. Clay Crawford*  
Secretary of State.

**TAB 14.**

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**March 15-17, 1926**

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**Docket of Trial Proceedings**

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## In the District Court of the United States in and for the

SOUTHERN District of FLORIDA.

Tampa, Florida, March 16th, 1926 Cont'd.

Mabel Altman

#1028T.-v- Damages \$50,000.00

Atlantic Coast Line Railroad  
Company, a corporation.

Both parties to this cause be again present by counsel, and the jury heretofore sworn in this cause being in their respective places, trial of this cause is Ordered resumed:

Now comes the defendant at the close of all the testimony and again moves the Court for an instructed verdict in favor of the defendant, which motion being argued by counsel and submitted to the Court, it is Ordered that said motion be and the same hereby is granted;

Whereupon, by direction of the Court the jury returns in open court its verdict in the words and figures following, to-wit:

"We the jury find for the defendant. So Say we all.

L.E. Joughin---Foreman

Tampa Southern Railroad Company,  
a corporation.

#1225T. -v- Condemnation.

Bonnie K. Tankersley et al.

Both parties to this cause being again present by counsel and the jury heretofore empanelled herein being in their respective places, trial of this cause is Ordered resumed:

To further maintain the issues herein in behalf of the plaintiff there are sworn and testified as witnesses: Chas L. Leggett; L.S. Bishop; J.H. Lord; and Adolf D. Albritton. Plaintiff rests.

Now comes the defendants herein and moves the court to dismiss the petition herein, which motion being argued and submitted to the Court, it is Ordered that said motion be and the same hereby is denied.

To maintain the issues herein in behalf of the defendant there are sworn and testified as witnesses: Chas. G. Benson.

Defendant files in evidence Exhibit No. "A".

The hour for the recess of the Court having arrived, and the jury again being cautioned as to their conduct are allowed to separate for the night.

It is Ordered that all jurors be excused until 10:00 o'clock A.M. tomorrow.

It is ordered that Court do now take a recess until 10:00 o'clock A.M. tomorrow. Whereupon Court takes a recess as ordered.

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In the District Court of the United States in and for the

SOUTHERN District of FLORIDA.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 17th, 1926.

PRESENT: HIS HONOR LAMAR JONES U.S. DIST. JUDGE PRESIDING.  
COURT OFFICIALS AND SHERIFFS IN ATTENDANCE.  
IT IS ORDERED THAT COURT BE NOW OPENED.  
WHEREUPON COURT IS OPENED AS ORDERED.

Tampa Southern Railroad Company  
#1225-T vs Condemnation  
Bonnie K. Tankersley et al.

Both parties to this cause being again present by counsel,  
and the jury heretofore empanelled herein being in their respective places,  
trial of this cause is resumed.

To further maintain the issues herein, in behalf of the  
defendant there are sworn and testified as witnesses:

W.B. Phillips                      E.J. Bacon                      C. W. Blackburn  
J. H. Tucker                      W.B. Dickenson                J. C. Bishop  
E. A. Smith                        N. B. K. Pettingill.

Defendant rests.

To further maintain the issues herein in rebuttal in behalf  
of the plaintiff there are sworn and testified as witnesses:

Robert K. Thompson.                      Plaintiff closes.

Defendant closes;

The hour for the recess of the Court having arrived, and the  
jury being again cautioned as to their conduct are allowed to separate for  
the night.

It is ordered that all jurors be excused until 10:00 O'clock  
A.M. tomorrow.

United States of America  
vs  
J. T. Hogan

ORDER.

It appearing on report of the United States Marshal that J.T.  
Hogan, a United States prisoner heretofore confined in Hillsborough County  
Jail, was removed from said jail on order of the attending physician on the  
16th day of March 1926 to Gordon Keller Hospital, Tampa, Florida, ill with  
pneumonia, it is hereby

Ordered that the said removal and confinement in said hospital  
be and the same is hereby approved, for such period of time as may, in the  
opinion of the attending physician be necessary; and it is further

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**March 17, 1926**

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**Joint Stipulation as to Legal  
Description and Transcription**

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#1225-P

U. S. District Court  
Sou. Dist. of Fla

Tampa Southern  
R.R. Co

-v-

Bennie H. Tankersley  
et al.

Stipulation

Filed - Mar - 17 - 1926

Edwin R. Williams  
Clerk

Julian A. ...  
Deputy

It is agreed that the area of the land sought to be taken in this proceeding and shown in red on the map filed in evidence as plaintiff's Exhibit No. 2 is as follows:-

From the East extremity of the red area to the line marked "B" is (1.74) One and seventy-four one hundredths acres

From the line on the area ~~in~~ in red marked "B" to the line marked "A" is (2.01) Two and one one hundredths acres and

From the said line marked "A" to the North end of the area marked in red is (5.23) Five and twenty three hundredths acres.

And that the triangular tract in the South West corner south west of the red area is approximately 5 acres

*Chinichelly*

Attorney for Plaintiff

*J. K. ...*

Attorney for Defendants

**Transcription of March 17, 1926, Joint Stipulation as to Legal Description.**

It is agreed that the area of the land sought to be taken in this proceeding and shown in red on the map filed in evidence as plaintiffs' Exhibit No. 2 is as follows:

From the East extremity of the red area to the line marked "B" is (1.74) one and seventy-four one hundredths acres. From the line on the area in red marked "B" to the line marked "A" is (2.01) two and one - one hundredths acres and from the said line marked "A" to the North end of the area marked in red is (5.23) five and twenty-three hundredths acres.

And that the triangular tract in the South West corner south west of the red area is approximately 5 acres.

Signatures:  
Attorney for Petitioner  
  
Attorney for Defendant



**TAB 16.**

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**March 18, 1926**

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**Verdict**

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No. 12357

**United States District Court**  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

TAMPA SOUTHERN RR COMPANY

vs.

BONNIE K. TANKERSLEY, ET AL.

*Verdict*

~~Verdict~~

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*March 18 - 1926*

*Edwin R. Williams*  
*Clerk*

*Julian A. Blakey*  
*Deputy*

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA.

TAMPA SOUTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY, |  
a corporation, |

vs. |

CONDEMNATION |

BOHNSIE K. TANKERSLEY and MATTIE |  
V. DAVIES |

We, the jury, duly impaneled and sworn in accordance with law to try what compensation shall be paid to the defendants for the property sought to be appropriated in this cause, irrespective of any benefit from any improvement proposed by the petitioner, do find:-

1. That the property sought to be condemned is described as follows:-

All that certain piece, parcel or strip of land situate, lying and being in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast quarter and the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 20, Township 56, South of Range 18 East, Sarasota County, Florida, particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron monument reputed to be in the east line of the Southwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter of said Section 20, said iron monument being 100 feet north of the center line of the main line track of the S.A.L. Railway; thence westerly parallel to the center line of the main line track of the S.A.L. Railway and 100 feet therefrom, 1519.6 feet to a point of curve; thence in a general northwestwardly direction (from the preceding course as a tangent) on a curved line to the right having a radius of 930.37 feet, a distance of 1460.7 feet to a point of tangent; (said point of tangent being distant 225 feet east of the west line of the Southeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter of said Section 20; thence northwardly tangent to said curved line 305 feet more or less, to an iron monument reputed to be in the south line of the Northeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter of said Section 20; said monument being 225 feet east of the west line of the Southeast Quarter of Southwest quarter of said Section 20; thence westwardly along the south line of the Northeast Quarter of Southwest quarter of said Section 20, a distance of 175 feet to a point in the east line of land conveyed by J. C. Bishop to the Tampa Southern Railroad Company

by deed dated June 2nd, 1923, recorded July 6th, 1923, in Deed Book 11, page 369, records of Sarasota County, Florida; thence southwardly along said east line 460 feet to an iron monument distant 50 feet east of the west line of the Southeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter of said Section 20; thence southeastwardly on a curved line to the left concentric with the second course herein described and 200 feet therefrom, as measured radially, 1050 feet, more or less, to an iron monument; said monument being 50 feet north of the center line of the main line track of the S.A.L. Railway; thence eastwardly parallel to the center line of the main line track of the S.A.L. Railway and fifty (50) feet therefrom 2069.6 feet to the east line of the Southwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter of said Section 20; thence northwardly along said east line 50 feet to the point of beginning; containing 8.98 acres, more or less.

2. That the compensation made therefor shall be the sum of 61500<sup>00</sup> Dollars, together with the further sum of 5000<sup>00</sup> Dollars as a reasonable attorney's fee for the defendant's attorneys in this cause.

3. That the amount of said compensation shall be paid to Bonnie K. Tankersley and Mattie V. Davies, *in equal portions.*

DATED THIS 8 TH DAY OF MARCH, A.D., 1926.  
SO SAY WE ALL.

*W. G. Overstreet*  
FOREMAN.

**TAB 17.**

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**March 18, 1926**

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**Entry of Judgment**

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No. 12257

United States District Court  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

TAIPA SOUTHERN RR COMPANY

vs.

BONNIE F. TANKERSLEY, ET AL.

INVESTMENT IN DEBT INSTRUMENTS

JUDGE: SAUNDERS

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA.

TAMPA SOUTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY, } a corporation,	}	
vs.	}	CONDEMNATION
BONNIE R. WANKENSLEY and MATTIE } V. DAVIES	}	

The above entitled cause coming on to be heard upon the verdict of the jury, which verdict is in words and figures following, to-wit:-

We, the jury, duly impaneled and sworn in accordance with law to try what compensation shall be paid to the defendants for the property sought to be appropriated in this cause, irrespective of any benefit from any improvement proposed by the petitioner, do find:-

1. That the property sought to be condemned is described as follows:-

All that certain piece, parcel or strip of land situate, lying and being in the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter and the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 20, Township 33, South of Range 18 East, Sarasota County, Florida, particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron monument reputed to be in the east line of the Southwest quarter of Southeast Quarter of said Section 20, said iron monument being 100 feet north of the center line of the main line track of the S.A.L. Railway; thence westerly parallel to the center line of the main line track of the S.A.L. Railway and 100 feet therefrom, 1519.8 feet to a point of curve; thence in a general northwestwardly direction (from the preceding course as a tangent) on a curved line to the right having a radius of 500.37 feet, a distance of 1460.7 feet to a point of tangent; (said point of tangent being distant 225 feet east of the west line of the Southeast quarter of Southwest Quarter of said Section 20; thence northwardly tangent to said curved line 205 feet more or less, to an iron monument reputed to be in the south line of the Northeast quarter of Southwest quarter of said Section 20; said monument being 225 feet east of the west line of the Southeast quarter of Southwest quarter of said Section 20; thence westwardly along the south line of the Northeast quarter of Southwest quarter of said Section 20, a distance of 175 feet to a point in the east line of land conveyed by J. C. Bishop to the Tampa Southern Railroad Company

by deed dated June 2nd, 1923, recorded July 6th, 1923, in Deed Book 11, page 359, records of Sarasota County, Florida; thence southwardly along said east line 460 feet to an iron monument distant 50 feet east of the west line of the Southeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter of said Section 20; thence southeastwardly on a curved line to the left concentric with the second course herein described and 200 feet therefrom, as measured radially, 1030 feet, more or less, to an iron monument; said monument being 50 feet north of the center line of the main line track of the S.A.L. Railway; thence eastwardly parallel to the center line of the main line track of the S.A.L. Railway and fifty (50) feet therefrom 2069.6 feet to the east line of the Southwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter of said Section 20; thence northwardly along said east line 50 feet to the point of beginning; containing 8.98 acres, more or less.

2. That the compensation made therefor shall be the sum of \$ 61,500<sup>00</sup> Dollars, together with the further sum of 5000<sup>00</sup> Dollars as a reasonable attorney's fee for the defendant's attorneys in this cause.

3. That the amount of said compensation shall be paid to Bonnie K. Tankersley and Mattie V. Davies, *in equal portions.*

DATED THIS 18 TH DAY OF MARCH, A.D., 1926.  
SO SAY WE ALL.

W. G. Overstreet  
FOREMAN.

It is considered by the Court that the property therein described be appropriated by the Tampa Southern Railroad Company for use as a right of way for said Railroad Company, upon the petitioner paying, or securing by deposit of money, the sum of sixty-one thousand, five hundred Dollars, the compensation found by the verdict of said jury in favor of the owners, and in addition thereto, paying or securing by deposit of money in the registry of court, the sum of five thousand Dollars, which is determined by the jury to be a reasonable attorney's fee for the defendants in this proceeding, also the costs of this proceeding, to be taxed by the Clerk of this Court.

DONE AND ORDERED THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, A.D., 1926.

L. J. Jones  
JUDGE.



**TAB 18.**

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**April 17, 1926**

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**Deposit of Judgment in  
Court Registry**

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#1225-T

U. S. District Court  
S. D. Fla

Tampa Bay RA Co

-v-

Bonnie R. Tankersley  
et

Certificate of Clerk  
as to depositing money  
in Registry of Court.

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Edwin P. Williams  
Deputy Clerk

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA.

TAMPA SOUTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY, |  
VS. | CONDEMNATION  
BONNIE K. TANKERSLEY, ET AL. |

I, EDWIN R. WILLIAMS, Clerk of the District Court for the Southern District of Florida, do hereby certify that on this 17th day of April, 1926, the Tampa Southern Railroad Company duly deposited in the registry of the above court, the sum of SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED - - - and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$61,500.00) the compensation allowed by the jury in the above cause for the land sought to be appropriated, and do further certify that the said Tampa Southern Railroad Company has further deposited in the registry of this court, the sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5000.00), the amount found by the jury to be a reasonable attorney's fee to be allowed to the defendant in the said cause, and has further deposited in the registry of this court the sum of ONE HUNDRED ELEVEN and 58/100 (\$111.58) as costs of this proceeding.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said Court this 17th day of April, A.D. 1926.

Clerk, District Court, United States,  
Southern District of Florida,  
by *Julian A. Beale*  
Deputy Clerk.