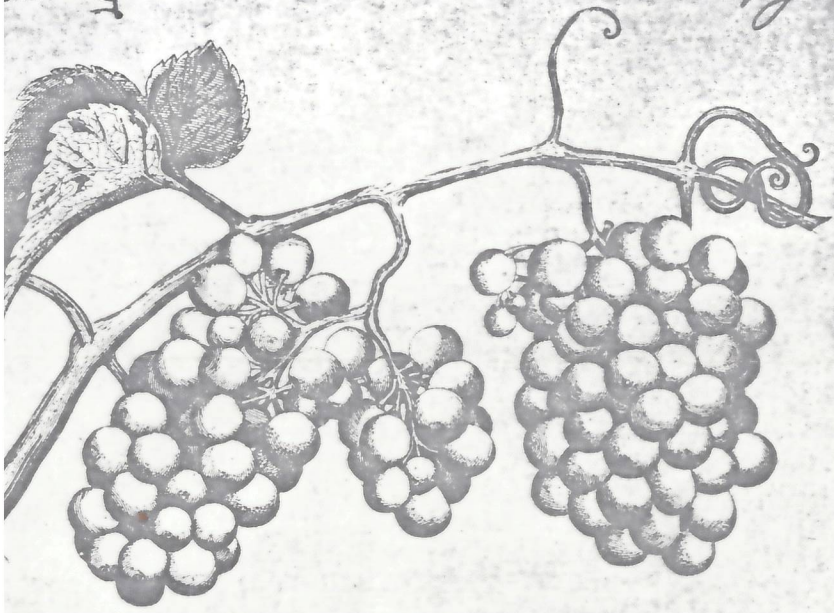


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Bureau Proposes 'Viticultural Area' in Virginia For 'Rocky Knob' Wine

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9000 vines
Rock Castle
908
49-8876
[Redacted]
Jacksonville Beach Fla
Jan 10, 1982 132252

Chief of Bureau
Washington, D.C.
Dear Sir:

My family and I own 125 acres in Floyd County which is partially planted in four year old French Hybrid grapes.

We are interested in the proposal per enclosed as we would like to sell or lease our vine yard. The grapes grow fine there, but I cannot manage the marketing.

Yours truly
Ann Wales
(Mrs Jack B. ...)

December 28, 1981

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
Chief of the Regulations and Procedures Division
P.O. Box 385
Washington, D. C. 20044

Dear Sir:

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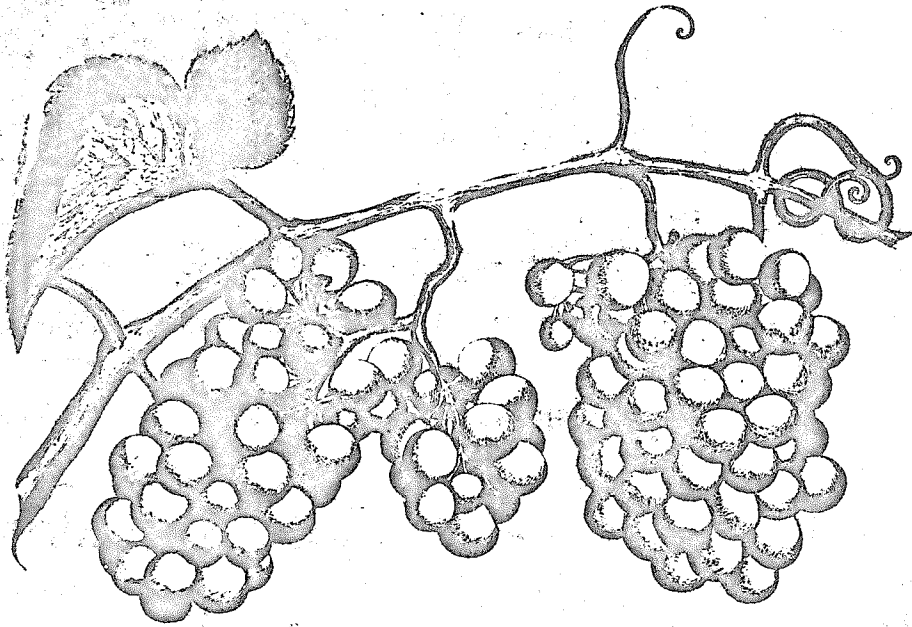
I live in this area that the bureau proposes establishing a grape growing region. In your article you say that the Tug-gles Gap community is located on the northern boundary of the region, and Rock Castle is situated at the southern boundary. I assure you that grapes cannot be grown in this area only at enormous expense. This area consists of very steep mountainous land that is covered almost entirely in timber. Roads would have to be built to have access to this land, plus clearing of the trees. Even after this was done the land would still be too steep to cultivate. Several years ago we had a gentleman in this area to start a vineyard. He had about 14,000 vines at one time, spent thousands of dollars on this project. The project finally became too costly for marketing and now lays abandoned in ruins. I might add that his vineyard was located on relatively smooth, level land.

To further comment on this proposal I believe that I would need to have more information on this subject. I would greatly appreciate if you would send me an answer before the Feb. 17, 1982 deadline for comments. I am interested in knowing where the grapes would be processed and pressed, route of ingress and egress to winery, a map showing the exact boundaries of the proposed Viticultural Area, and how much of our tax dollars are being proposed for this project. Please send me this information soon as possible.

Thank you,

Donald G. Alderman
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[REDACTED]
Floyd, Va. 24091



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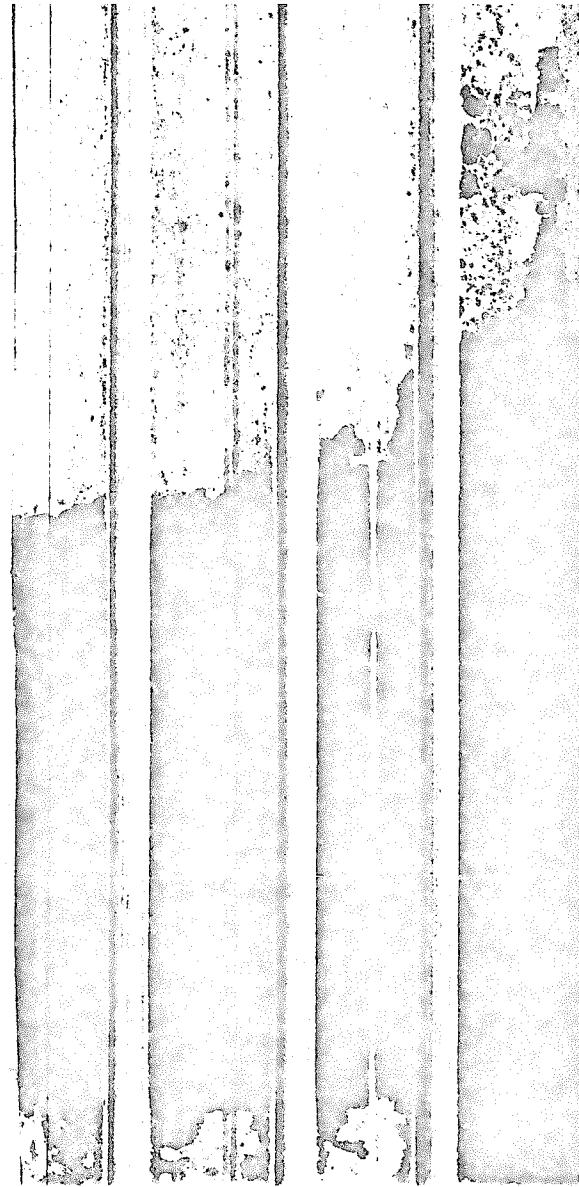
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January 18, 1982

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
Chief of the Regulations and Procedures Division
P.O. Box 385
Washington, D. C. 20044

Dear Mr. Hunt;

Thank you for your answer of January 4, 1982 and the notice of proposed rulemaking concerning the Rocky Knob Vitacultural Area. While this proposal answers several questions, there are other facts that need to be brought to your attention.

Entrance to Woolwine Winery is by a private roadway located two miles from the Blue Ridge Parkway Motor Road at station 1493&50 . Mr. William T. Morresette, owner of Woolwine Winery has been allowed to use this road for several years for private use. Mr. Morresette has never had nor does he have now a right of way over this private road. This road is owned by John F. McAlexander, by deed from the National Park Service.

I am enclosing a copy of this deed for your convenience. This deed refers to an old private roadway owned by Mr. McAlexander and the new private roadway constructed upon release of the old roadway.

My neighbors and myself can foresee all the traffic problems that would occur. if this private road was used for Commercial Enterprises. I myself live within 50 feet off this private road. Last year I had to paint my home once and my deck twice from damage by dust from traffic going to and from Mr. Morresette's over this road to construct this Winery. All my Neighbors have similar complaints. We do feel if Mr. Morresette wants to start a project of this nature he should use his own private road for this excessive traffic. He has a private road that goes from his winery south through his property to St. Rt. 40. By utilizing this route commercial traffic also would be routed away from crossing Blue Ridge Parkway Property. This road is located in the proposed Vitacultural Area.

My neighbors and myself are concerned that if this area was approved as a Viticultural Area would Woolwine Winery be entitled to a Government Grant of money. We cannot envision our tax dollars be spent in such an unwise manner.

In closing I would appreciate you taking this letter and my letter of December 28, 1981 in consideration before making your decision of this proposed Viticulture Area.

WITH MY SIGNITURE, I ACKNOWLEDGE I HAVE READ THIS LETTER
AND AGREE WITH THESE STATEMENTS.

Sincerely yours,
Donald S. Alderman
Marge M. Alderman
John Mc Alexander
Edna Mc Alexander

Deed of Release to The United States of America

Deed of Release, made this 28 day of October 1969, by John F. McAlexander and Edna D. McAlexander, his wife, successors in title to W. H. McAlexander and the heirs of Asa McAlexander, parties of the first part, and the United States Of America, grantee of the Commonwealth of Virginia, party of the second part.

WITNESSETH:

THAT WHEREAS, by a Report of Commissioners which was confirmed on October 17, 1938, by the Circuit Court of Floyd County, Virginia and subsequently recorded in Deed Book No. 57 at page 371, et seq; the Commonwealth of Virginia acquired for The Blue Ridge Parkway a tract of land from W. H. McAlexander and the heirs of Asa McAlexander subject to the right of the grantors to maintain an access to route c-709 by means of a private roadway as shown on the Blue Ridge Parkway Land Map No. 18, and more particularly described as follows:

Together with all right, title and interest of the said W. H. McAlexander and the heirs of Asa McAlexander, and their assigns, to.....maintain.....any access road...not exceeding ten (10) feet in with from adjoining land on south (left) side to Route C-709, crossing the Blue Ridge Parkway Motor Road at or near Station 1476+00....and;

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have mutually agreed that the above described private road can be replaced by a safer and superior access route, beginning on the property line of the parties hereto, at a point approximately 250 feet notheast of Corner No. 119, and extending southward across Blue Ridge Parkway lands to connect with and follow the existing private road crossing the Parkway Motor Road at Station 1493+50 to a junction on the northwest side with Secondary Route C-709.

Now, Therefore, in consideration of the premises and the mutal benefits accuring to the parties hereto, the undersigned have remised and quitclaimed and by these presents do hereby Remise, Release, and quitclaim unto the United States OF America, grantee of the Commonwealth of Virginia, all right, title, and interest in and to the easement to maintain one access road, not exceeding ten feet in with, from adjoining land on the south (left) side to Route C-709, crossing the Blue Ridge Parkway Motor Road at or near Station 1476+00 as described in said Report of Commissioners.

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This release is made expressly subject to the following conditions, to wit: That the undersigned their heirs and assigns, are hereby granted a right over and across the Blue Ridge Parkway lands ro maintain and use, after it is constructed and stone surfaced by the Blue Ridge Parkway of its agents a private roadway, not to exceed ten feet of travel surface and fourteen feet in over-all width, beginning on the property line between the parties hereto, at a point approximately 275 feet northeast of Corner No. 119, and extending southwestward across Blue Ridge Parkway lands to connect with and follow the existing private roadway crossing the Parkway Motor Road at Station 1493+50 to a junction on the northwest side with Secondary route C-709 and, THAT, the aforesaid replacement road for the undersigned shall be completed according tp specifications before the existing private crossing near station 1476+00 is closed and obliterated.

Signed & Notorized, October 28, 1969.
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
National Park Service
Washington, D.C.

The within deed of release is hereby accepted on behalf of the United States pursuant of section 3 of the act of June 8, 1940 (54 Stat.249, 250,16 U. S. sec. 460a-1 by virture of authority delegated by Departmental Order No. 2640, dated June 11, 1951. 16F, R5846.

Director National Park Service