

Commission of Inquiry into Historic Loss of Land in Bermuda

Witness statement of Marlene Warren

On behalf of Solomon Thaddeus James Fox and Rose Elizabeth Sinclair Fox

I, Marlene Warren, of "Cran-Mar" 15 Redkiln Road, Hamilton Parish, CR02 will say as follows:

1. I am a descendant of Solomon Thaddeus James Fox and Rose Elizabeth Sinclair Fox who were my paternal grandparents.
2. Solomon Thaddeus James Fox and Rose Elizabeth Sinclair Fox were subject to the historic losses of property in St. David's.
3. They suffered the loss of their home and property in order that the US Government could build the US base.
4. Solomon Thaddeus James Fox was born March 7, 1874 and passed November 18, 1944 and Rose Elizabeth Sinclair Fox was born August 1, 1877 and passed February 8, 1948.
5. The land in question, known as case 28, lot number D-66, was described in the Bermuda Archive records as an area comprising of 0.20 acres with good views of Castle Harbor. The property also consisted of an 8ft right-of-way to the water of the said Harbor.
6. The home of Solomon Thaddeus James Fox and Rose Elizabeth Sinclair Fox was described to be a four room wooden house with a wooden roof and surrounding property that contained several fruit trees – bananas, oranges, lemons and grape vines. As well, there was as a vegetable garden.

7. I note, on an owner's valuation form dated May 17, 1941, my grandfather itemizes the value of different aspects of his property, giving a total value of £1,125.00. In a response to this claim, a letter to my grandparent dated July 1, 1941 from the director of Public Works of Bermuda states the US Government is prepared to offer £422.00.
8. My grandmother responded to this offer in a letter dated August 11, 1941, in which she rejects their offer with accompanying reasons.
9. Records show that the final amount awarded was in the sum of £748.00.
10. My grandparents in addition to the said award, ~~was~~^{are} provided a home of similar size which was built for them on Texas Road, St. David's.
11. I, Marlene Warren, for the purpose of giving evidence to the Commission of Inquiry into Historic Losses of Land in Bermuda intend to rely on the following documents:

Application Number	Applicant	Date Filed	Documents	Description
COIHLL2019031	Marlene Warren	25-05-20	COIHLL2019031 CL001	Letter dated May 25 2020
	Fox		COIHLL2019031 CL002	Certificate of Birth--Mr. Royden Fox
			COIHLL2019031 CL003	Certificate of Birth--Mrs. Marlene Warren
			COIHLL2019031 CL004	Death Notice for Mrs. R. Fox via the Recorder
			COIHLL2019031 CL005	Base Colonies in the Western Hemisphere (pp.51-52)
			COIHLL2019031 CL006	Base Colonies in the Western Hemisphere (pp.55-57)
			COIHLL2019031 CL007	St. David's Land Titles Registration (Plan)
			COIHLL2019031 CL008	Owner's Valuation
			COIHLL2019031 CL009	Hearing dated October 6, 1941
			COIHLL2019031 CL0010	Letter from Public Works dated July 31 1941
			COIHLL2019031 CL0011	Letter from Mrs Rose Fox in response dated August 11 th 1941
			COIHLL2019031 CL0012	Final offer Letter dated May 19 1942

			COIHL2019031 CL0013	Rehabilitation- Letter dated May 19 1942
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I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

Marlene Warren

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[date: 25/11/2020]