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15 Redkilm Rd.  
Hamilton Parish CR02  
May 25, 2020

The Secretary  
Commission of Inquiry, HLL  
Sofia House – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
48 Church St.  
Hamilton HM12

Dear Sir/Madam,

In response to the Commission's call for submissions relating to historic land loss in Bermuda, I would be grateful if you would consider the following case.

During the early 1940's, my paternal grandparents, Solomon Thaddeus James Fox & Rose Elizabeth Sinclair Fox, of St. David's, suffered the loss of their home and property in order that the US Government could build the US Base on Southside.

Known as Case 28, their lot number was D66. It was described in archive records as an area of land of 0.20 acres with good views of Castle Harbour and an 8 ft. right-of-way to the waters of the harbour. Their home was a four room wooden house with a wooden roof and surrounding property that contained several fruit trees – bananas, oranges, lemons and grape vines. In addition, there was a vegetable garden.

It is of note that on the Owners Valuation Form, dated May 17, 1941, my grandfather itemizes the value of different aspects of this property, giving a total value of £1,125. In response to this claim, in a letter to my grandparents, dated July 31, 1941 the Director of Public Works of Bermuda writes that the US Government is prepared to offer them £422.

My grandmother responds with a letter, dated August 11, 1941, in which she refuses to accept their offer with accompanying reasons. Further records show that the final award amounted to £748. In addition, a home of similar size was built for them on Texas Rd., St. David's.

While this is a synopsis of the case, all records can be verified in the Bermuda Archives under the following reference:

Case #28, Solomon T. J. Fox, D-66, Box 2, Public Works Department, Office of the Arbitrator, 1941-44. Bermuda Archives.

Additionally, a secondary source is as follows:

High, Steven (2009) *Base Colonies in the Western Hemisphere, 1940–1967*, New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 55 & 56

A copy of the map showing all the plots can be found on page 52 of that book - the reference for that is given as: PA 91. Bermuda Archives.

Chapter 3 of the book is entitled 'The Tourism Politics of Base Location in Bermuda', 43-66

Thanks, in advance, for your attention to this case.

Yours respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marlene Warren". The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent initial "M".

(Mrs.) Marlene Warren