

Young Men's Christian Association of Arkansas for use by the said association for a camp: The south half of the northeast quarter, southeast quarter of the northwest quarter and lot 4, section 31, in township 6 north, range 17 west, county of Conway, State of Arkansas, containing one hundred and sixty-eight and ninety-seven hundredths acres: *Provided*, That there shall be reserved to the United States all oil, coal, or other minerals in the land, and the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior shall prescribe.

Approved, May 28, 1928.

Description.

Proviso.
Minerals, etc., reserved.

CHAP. 850.—An Act To confer jurisdiction on the Court of Claims to hear and determine the claim of John L. Alcock.

May 28, 1928.

[S. 3308.]

[Private, No. 226.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Court of Claims of the United States be, and hereby is, given jurisdiction to hear and determine the claim of John L. Alcock, of Baltimore, Maryland, and to award him compensation for losses or damage, if any, which he may have suffered through action by governmental agencies in commandeering, requisitioning, controlling by compulsion or otherwise, allocating or directing the contracting for, or delivery of, spruce and fir lumber, which he owned, or had sold under firm and binding contracts to others than allied Governments; and to enter decree or judgment against the United States for such compensation, with interest thereon, notwithstanding the fact that there was no taking by the United States of any of said spruce or fir lumber for the direct use of the United States, and notwithstanding the contracts made by claimant with representatives of the Governments allied with the United States, and notwithstanding the fact that the United States, or any officer, agent, or employee acting in its behalf, controlled, allocated, or directed the delivery of said spruce and fir lumber, or directed or required contracts to be made therefor under color of authority, or committed a tort in doing so.

John L. Alcock.
Claim of, for property losses, etc., referred to Court of Claims.

SEC. 2. The Court of Claims in the adjudication of such claim is authorized, in its discretion, to use, in addition to any evidence which may be offered in any suit brought under this Act, the pleadings and evidence in the case of John L. Alcock and Company against United States (Sixty-first Court of Claims Reports, page 312).

Use of prior pleadings, etc.

SEC. 3. Such claim may be instituted at any time within four months from the approval of this Act, notwithstanding lapse of time or any statute of limitations. Proceedings in any suit brought in the Court of Claims under this Act, appeals therefrom, and payment of any judgment therein shall be had as in the case of claims over which such Court has jurisdiction under section 145 of the Judicial Code, as amended.

Commencement of suit.

Jurisdiction of court.

Vol. 36, p. 1136.
U. S. Code, p. 897.

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CHAP. 851.—Joint Resolution Concerning lands and property devised to the Government of the United States of America by Wesley Jordan, deceased, late of the township of Richland, county of Fairfield and State of Ohio.

May 28, 1928.

[H. J. Res. 77.]
[Priv. Res., No. 5.]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the acceptance of the devise and bequest made by Wesley Jordan in his last will and testament to the Government of the United States of America and re-

Wesley Jordan.
Bequest by, of certain lands, etc., declined.