

These are papers from TVA when they were relocating bodies from old cemeteries that were to be flooded by the lake. These are also papers of TVA notifying citizens that their property was to be flooded and determining the citizens plans to find new homes. This is only a small samples of these papers to give you the idea of the method that TVA took before flooding the lake.

NAME	G. W. Gean		
RACE	White		
Home Tenure	Owner	Location	Near Bumpass Creek Road
Address	Waterloo, Ala.		
Agricultural Status	Tenant and owner.		
Occupation	Farming		
TO BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED: Directly <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indirectly			
TO BE OTHERWISE AFFECTED: Status Unchanged Status Improved			
Remarks <del>Now cultivates land inside the taking line</del> owned by Rob Vincent.			
ATTITUDE OF FAMILY TOWARD READJUSTMENT:			
Of Family Are mentally confused.			
Of Community Believes Authority should aid in re-adjustment.			
Possibility of Readjustment of Family: In addition to his home, Mr. Gean owns about 100 acres of hill land, 7 acres of which are tillable. He and his wife do not believe that they could subsist if they should re-locate to this farm. They do not see how they can subsist if they remain where they are. It might be possible for them to build up <sup>their</sup> a farm. Their greatest need seems to be to convert their Waterloo home place into cash.			

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

WILSON DAM, ALABAMA

May 19, 1937

Mrs. J. D. Carson  
Dyersburg, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Carson:

According to the information available, you are the nearest living relative to "Granny" McDaniel, who is buried in the Owens Cemetery near Waterloo, Alabama.

This cemetery will be flooded by the backwaters of Pickwick Dam, and the Tennessee Valley Authority is trying to contact the nearest relatives of those persons buried in the affected area, to see if they prefer for these graves to be moved to some nearby suitable spot at the TVA's expense, or remain and be covered with water.

We have arranged for a new cemetery to be laid out at Waterloo, adjoining the present Richardson Cemetery. This cemetery will be used for the reinterment of those graves disinterred from cemeteries in that locality.

If you prefer for this grave to be moved to the new cemetery, please fill out the enclosed form numbered 298. If you prefer that they remain as they are, fill out the form numbered 299.

Return the forms in the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage.

If you would like for someone living near Waterloo to represent you in this, just furnish us the name and address, and we will gladly contact this person.

Very truly yours

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

By Fred W. Wendt  
Fred W. Wendt  
Supt. Grave Removal

*Written to  
John McDaniel  
Lawrenceburg, Tenn.  
4/13/37*



Mr. A.M. Anderson, Superintendent, Concentration Yards, Norris, Tennessee  
S.H. McBeth, Engineering Equipment Unit, Chattanooga  
May 20, 1937

TOOLS AND MATERIALS BELONGING TO GRAVE REMOVAL SECTION ON HAND AT NORRIS  
CONCENTRATION WAREHOUSE

Please ship to the following address the grave removal equipment which you  
are holding as specified; transportation charges for this shipment should  
be to account 13-24104-14-74, any labor connected with making this shipment  
should be charged to account 23-04504-53-86.

Mr. Fred W. Wendt,  
Grave Removal Section  
Tennessee Valley Authority  
Plant #1  
Sheffield, Alabama

1 anvil, blacksmith	45 shovels, square point
2 boxes, tool	1 pr. tongs, blacksmith
2 bars, short	119 ends, for 7' boxes
4 bars	94 sides, " " "
13 handles, axe	57 tops and bottoms for 7' boxes
6 hammers, rock	48 bottoms, for 7' boxes, in bundles
5 handles, rock hammer	1 bundle to bottom.
27 markers, grave	667 ends for 4' boxes
1 peavie	632 sides " " "
35 Picks, miners - 10-picks	618 tops and bottoms for 4' boxes
6 rakes, garden	590 ends for 3' boxes
3 spades, garden	604 sides " " "
51 spades, square point	580 tops and bottoms for 3' boxes

I anticipate that some of the items shown such as rakes, spades, shovels,  
etc., are not in serviceable condition and I ask that you use your best  
judgment and discard any part of the items shown which are not in good and  
serviceable condition, and send down only articles which can be used to  
advantage on the grave removal job.

Any of the items listed as junk in your letter of May 5, 1937, or any of the  
items which you may discard as requested in the preceding paragraph should  
be junked by you and disposed of to the best advantage as they are of no use  
to the Authority so far as I know.

The grave removal section will have no further use for any items left over  
after the shipment requested above is made, and this will be your authority  
to issue any such items left over to any section of the Authority which may  
be in need of same.

M:8  
CC: Mr. Fred Wendt  
Mr. L.B. Rockwell

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TVA 706 (5-1-37)  
Tennessee Valley Authority

## FOREMAN'S DAILY TIME AND PROGRESS REPORT

PICKWICK Reservoir Carl M. Wallace Foreman

Weather \_\_\_\_\_ Temperature \_\_\_\_\_ Date July 7, 1937

Name	Disin- terring Hours	Rein- terring Hours				
Wallace, Carl M.		8				
Guyton, Claude F.		8				
Irwin, Elmer E.		8				
Higgins, Bud		8				
Higgins, Cletis L.		8				
Woods, Coy		8				
Webb, Jones T.		8				
Cobb, Thomas W.		8				
Kimbrough, B. L.		8				
Crotts, Charles E.		8				
Cloud, William T.		8				

### PROGRESS Graves Reinterred

From	To		From	To	
Cem. No.	Gr. No.	Name	Cem. No.	Gr. No.	Name
P-25	1	R-2	P-25	16	R-4
P-25	2	R-2	P-25	17	R-4
✓	3	✓	✓	18	✓
✓	11	✓	✓	19	✓
✓	12	✓	✓	20	✓
✓	15	✓	✓	51	✓
✓	4	✓	✓	52	✓
			✓	53	✓
P-18	224	R-2			
		Unidentified			

Total Graves Reinterred 16

Other Work

No. & Size Boxes on Hand

Moving Surplus Dirt

Tenure	Within Taking Line (Acres)			Outside Taking Line (Acres)			Total Acres
	Cleared	Wooded	Total	Cleared	Wooded	Total	
Rented							
Owned	108	12	120				120
Rented Out	70	10	80				80





19. Give location of all land other than home farm: None  
Owned or rented \_\_\_\_\_ Number of acres \_\_\_\_\_

20. Total acres owned 120 Total acres rented out 80  
Name of tenant Edgar Sharp, Tom Sharp Relationship None

21. If renter, give name and address of landlord: \_\_\_\_\_

22. Is agreement or lease written? \_\_\_\_\_ or oral? ✓

23. How long has family rented from this landlord? \_\_\_\_\_ From previous landlord? \_\_\_\_\_

24. Farm tenure: Share-cropper \_\_\_\_\_ Cash tenant \_\_\_\_\_ Share tenant \_\_\_\_\_ Rent in kind \_\_\_\_\_

25. If a farm laborer, number of days worked in 1934: \_\_\_\_\_

26. Acres in crops:

Year	Corn	Cotton	Hay	Small Grain	Cane	Other	Total
1934	<u>Didn't make a crop last year</u>						
1935	<u>25</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>				<u>38</u>

27. Is farm covered by a cotton contract? Yes In whose name? Sam Emerson  
No. acres allowed? \_\_\_\_\_ No. acres planted? \_\_\_\_\_ No. acres rented to Government? \_\_\_\_\_  
No. acres of this land within taking line? all

28. Livestock:

Mules		Horses		Cattle		Hogs		Poultry		Other		Total
No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	Value
<u>3</u>	<u>\$300</u>			<u>2</u>	<u>\$60</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>\$35</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>\$17.50</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>\$2.50</u>	<u>\$415.00</u>

29. Farm machinery:

Article	No.	Value	Article	No.	Value	Article	No.	Value
Wagon	<u>1</u>	<u>\$15</u>	Fertilizer distributor			Grain drill		
Turning plow	<u>1</u>	<u>\$10</u>	Mower			Tractor		
Gang plow			Hayrake			Small tools		<u>\$10</u>
Cultivator	<u>1</u>	<u>\$25</u>	Stalk cutter			Harness		<u>\$10</u>
Section harrow			Binder			Other		
Disc harrow			Hay baler			Total value		<u>\$95</u>
Planter	<u>1</u>	<u>\$25</u>						

30. Gross farm expenditures and receipts for 1934:

Expenditures		Amount	Receipts		Amount
Livestock and poultry			Corn		<u>\$100</u>
Feeds			Hay		
Farm implements and machinery			Cotton		<u>\$100</u>
Machinery repairs			Seed		
Farm labor			Gin tickets		
Commercial fertilizers, manure			A.A.A. parity and rental checks		
Seeds, plants, trees, etc.			Livestock		
Ginning			Poultry and poultry products		
Gin tickets			Milk and milk products		
Taxes		<u>\$60</u>	Forest products		
Insurance of buildings, crops			Home occupations, handicrafts		
Rent: Cash			Other receipts		
Kind					
1/3 - 1/4					
1/2					
Other (fence repair, etc.)					
Total expenditures, 1934		<u>\$60</u>	Total receipts, 1934		<u>\$200</u>

He had no cash of his own in '34. Rented it all out

## 44. Children at home, not at home, and other members of household:

Name	Age	Relation-ship	Depend-ency	School Grade 1935-1936	Highest School Grade	Health	Present Employment
Children at home:							
Katherine Elliott	6	Daughter	Dep	former	-	good	-
Fred	2	son	Dep	-	-	good	-
Children not at home:							
None							
Other members of household:							
None							

## 45. Members of family who left home to work after 1920 but later returned and now live at home:

Name	Relation	Type of Work Done	Location of Work	Date Left Home	Date re-turned Home	Married While Away
None						

46. Give the name of any member of your family who owns land that will probably be purchased by TVA None47. Has new location been definitely selected? No If so, in what county? \_\_\_\_\_  
Community? \_\_\_\_\_ P.O. address? \_\_\_\_\_

## 48. If no location has been selected, do you desire to relocate:

- a. Near present community \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. In the same county but another vicinity \_\_\_\_\_  
 c. Elsewhere (name) Richmond Co., Miss

49. Will family buy or rent? Rent Approximate amount to invest? \_\_\_\_\_50. Has employment been secured? No If so, what? \_\_\_\_\_51. What type of employment is desired: Farm \_\_\_\_\_ Part-time farm and industry ✓  
Industry \_\_\_\_\_ Other mercantile or professional employment \_\_\_\_\_52. Special trades in which husband is skilled None

53. How did the individual respond to the interview? \_\_\_\_\_

Antagonistic      Suspicious      Indifferent      Interested ✓      Gladly Co-operated

## 54. What is his attitude toward the TVA?

Antagonistic      Critical      Neutral      Interested ✓      Active Booster



NAME Jeff Emerson

RACE White

Home Tenure Rents from W. H. White

Location To rear of Seaton's store  
on Main Street.

Address Waterloo

Agricultural Status Has sold forth acres of land to the Authority at Wright.

Occupation Operating school bus. He has been notified that his contract  
would be terminated after January 1st.

TO BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED: Directly . Indirectly

TO BE OTHERWISE AFFECTED: Status Unchanged . Status Improved

Remarks Mr. Emerson faces readjustment problems. He  
is not certain whether he is benefited or injured by Authority activities.

ATTITUDE OF FAMILY TOWARD READJUSTMENT:

Of Family He believes that he must relocate.

Of Community Believes the Authority should aid in  
readjustment.

Possibility of Readjustment of Family: Mr. Emerson is self-dependent. He has a  
family which consists of himself and his wife only. They are young and have money  
which they have received from the Authority, as well as the truck which he purchased  
to haul school children. He may buy a farm elsewhere in Lauderdale County and  
relocate.



EMERSON, JEFF  
(White)

9/23/36 (Kennedy)

Jeff Emerson and his wife reside on the west side of Main Street just south of and to the rear of the Seaton store. Mr. E. rents the house from his father-in-law, Mr. Will H. White of Waterloo.

Mr. E. was formerly a land owner at Wright where he owned  $\frac{1}{3}$  interest in 120 acres jointly with his brother, John and Sam Emerson. The land was all purchased by the Authority, and Mr. E. then purchased and rigged out a truck which he has used under contract as a school bus. He has recently been informed that his services would no longer be needed after January 1, 1937.

Mr. E. states that he faces a relocation problem. He has no definite plans and does not know whether or not he will buy other land. He and his wife are both young and have no children.

CHERRY, MRS. FLORENCE  
(White)

9/15/36 (Kennedy)

Mrs. C. resides on Main Street in Waterloo in the second house north of the L. G. Threet store. She is a widow who owns  $\frac{1}{3}$  interest in the Joe L. Newman estate which consists of this home in addition to tract #710 on Bumpuss Creek. The other heirs are her brother, Clark L. Newman of Waterloo and her sister, Mrs. Gertie Greeson of Okla. About forty acres of the farm has been sold to the Authority.

Mrs. C. believes that the town of Waterloo will be greatly injured economically by the Pickwick Reservoir. She has no other plan than to remain in her present home. She has a son, Si E. Cherry, who resides with his family in the same home. (See file)

NAME J. Leonard Fisher

RACE White

Home Tenure Renter

Location Walnut Street

Address Waterloo, Ala.

Agricultural Status None

Occupation A Presbyterian Minister, who is Resident Mission Worker in Waterloo.

TO BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED: Directly . Indirectly X

TO BE OTHERWISE AFFECTED: Status Unchanged . Status Improved

Remarks The church will discontinue its present planned activities in Waterloo.

ATTITUDE OF FAMILY TOWARD READJUSTMENT:

Of Family Will be transferred by the church.

Of Community Believes Authority should purchase town site or develop new industries.

Possibility of Readjustment of Family: Mr. Fisher expects to be assigned to other territory within the near future, probably in October. The church has abandoned its plan for a vocational school. The town will be visited from time to time by a mission worker from the Church in Sheffield, Alabama.



FISHER, J. LEONARD  
(White)

9/9/36 (Kennedy)

Mr. F. is a Presbyterian minister who is a Resident Mission Worker in Waterloo. He will be transferred to another field of church work within a short time, probably in October, 1936.

The church will cancel former plans, and will not build a vocational school in Waterloo. They will have no Resident Mission Worker in the town, and the limited amount of work to be done by them in the future will be performed through a visiting Mission Worker from the church at Sheffield.

The withdrawal from planned activities by the church fall as a result of the Authority's purchases of lands for the Pickwick Reservoir.

Mr. F. has not yet been reassigned, but his readjustment will be made through the offices of the church.

COLEMAN, JIM  
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10/28/36 (Salter)

Mr. C's house has been moved to its permanent location. Mr. C. became drunk and it is alledged that he assaulted Mr. Handback. As a result he is in the County jail in Florence, Alabama, charged with assault with intent to commit murder.

Although this family has moved from TVA property it is not considered that this relocation is satisfactory, because there is no land which Mr. C. can cultivate and he will be forced to move again in order to locate a crop for next year. If any provision is made for follow-up work with families after they move from Authority owned property, it is thought advisable that this family be contacted.

CHERRY, SI E.  
(White)

9/15/36 (Kennedy)

Mr. C. resides with his wife and one child in the home of his mother, Mrs. Florence Cherry, on the west side of Main Street in Waterloo. The house is the second residence north of the L. G. Threet store.

Mr. C. owns no property himself, although his mother owns 1/3 interest in the home and in the Joe L. Newman heirs tract #710, forty acres of which have been sold to the Authority.

Mr. Cherry was a farmer until he secured employed as truck driver at Wheeler Dam in 1935. He is now employed, stacking lumber for Mr. Chandler in Waterloo.

The opportunity to farm will not be available for Mr. C. in the future, and he sees no permanency in the kind of work in which he is now engaged. He wishes to remain in Waterloo, provided that new activities are developed which will provide the opportunity for future employment.



DAVENPORT, SARAH  
(Colored)

9/14/36 (Kennedy)

Sarah Davenport is a colored widow who owns her home in Waterloo with less than one acre of ground. The house is reached by following College Street to its northern end and turning to the left. It is the third house on the right hand side. In the household are a son, Isaac Rivers, unmarried, a daughter and two grandchildren. Rivers is over thirty years old and is the employable member of the family. He was a farm tenant for many years, but has not made a crop this year or last year. His only employment now are odd jobs of farm labor.

Sarah Davenport inherited the home and has lived here nine years. The family is not prospering at present, and she would like to remove if she could find some place better to make a living. She feels that there will be no chance here in the future after the withdrawal of bottom lands from cultivation. Her son has had no work experience other than in farming and in general rough labor.

This family is apparently in need of economic rehabilitation without considering any future adverse affects, resulting from the withdrawal of farm lands. A steady job of some kind is needed for Isaac Rivers.

COLEMAN, JIM

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8/3/36 (Salter)  
REFERENCE

Mr. J. L. Potts stated that Mr. C. is a poor tenant, and that he would not have given him a place had Mr. C. attempted to rent from him instead of sub-renting from Mr. Jim Handback. Mr. Potts will not provide for this family next year, and he plans to begin dismantling the building in which Mr. C. lives by December, 1936.

8/31/36 (Salter)  
NOTE

No definite plans have been made, and this family will have very little clear profit after all debts have been paid. Mr. C. stated that he believed that he could get a place from his present landlord, Mr. Handback, next year, but that he would not know definitely until after the crop was gathered, at which time he shall know how well he comes out financially.

9/8/36 (Salter)  
REFERENCE

Jim Handback advised that he will not provide for Mr. C. next year.

10/19/36 (Salter)  
NOTE

Mr. C. has not found a place as yet.

10/20/36  
REFERENCE

Mr. J. L. Potts, land owner, was contacted and advised that unless his buildings were removed he would lose them. It was suggested that since he was planning to roll his buildings across the severance line that this work be done before wet weather set in. This he agreed to do in the near future. He plans to move the house regardless of whether Mr. C. is able to move. He has been advised that the house could be moved with Mr. C's furniture in it.

10/27/36 (Salter)  
CLOSING SUMMARY

The house in which Mr. C. lived has been jacked up and his being rolled across the taking line. The new location will be approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from the old one and the house will be located near a good spring and barn. Mr. C. and his family

BLOUNT, J. W.  
(White)

9/18/36 (Kennedy)

Mr. and Mrs. B. are an aged couple who own their home on Pine Street in the southern part of Waterloo. In the home also are a daughter and a two year old grandson of the daughter. Mr. B. came to Waterloo fourteen years ago from Savannah, Tennessee. They subsist on a pension or War insurance which comes to them as a result of the death of a son from influenza during the World War. They are not affected economically by the Pickwick Reservoir except in so far as the values of real-estate in the town may be affected. They believe the Authority should "do something" to protect the town.

A son-in-law, Otis Haggard, resides in a house on the same lot. (See file)



CULVER, LUTHER A.  
(White)

9/10/36 (Kennedy)

This family lives at the north edge of Waterloo on the Second Creek road in a home which Mr. C. rents from his mother, Mrs. Jennie Culver a widow of Waterloo. Mr. C. has a wife and two children. He is a carpenter by trade who is now endeavoring, with little success, to earn a living as insurance agent.

Mr. C. plans to remain in Waterloo in the hope that the town will be sustained by new industries as substitute for agriculture. He has no definite ideas concerning the kinds of industries which might be suitable for the town. He is pessimistic concerning the outlook except for the hope that the Authority will develop and promote ideas and plans which will counteract the evident injuries to be sustained by the withdrawal from cultivation of the farm lands. He does not consider it likely that ideas will be originated among the citizens of the town.

BANKS, WILL  
(White)

9/10/36 (Kennedy)

Mr. and Mrs. B. are a young couple who are residing temporarily in the home of Mrs. B's grandmother, Mrs. D. C. Higgins of Main Street, Waterloo.

Mr. B. has for four years been a mail carrier on a tri-weekly rural route out of Waterloo. This route will be mostly outside the reservoir area, but Mr. B. is apprehensive as he feels that he may be released in order that the carrier who had served for nearly thirty years may be shifted. (J. H. McCorkle, see file.)

The financial earnings of Mr. B. have never been satisfactory due to the fact that his route is tri-weekly. His wife taught school for three years in Waterloo, but was displaced in a turn over in the school management, after which she served as teacher for a few years in some locality south of Birmingham. She has not been engaged as yet for the coming year.

Mr. B. has had little experience in any work other than in delivering mail. It will appear that his future status will depend upon circumstances governing readjustment among postal employees.



AUSTIN, WARDEN  
("hite")

9/18/36 (Kennedy)

Mr. A. with his wife and three children reside on the north side of Pine Street in Waterloo. The home is at the foot of the hill and is opposite the W. O. Harrison lot. Mr. A. rents from Mr. Shanner Till. The house is small and in a bad condition of repair, and the family appear to have a very low standard of living.

Mr. A. was a farm tenant on river bottom lands for several years until last year when he secured a job with the Republic Creasoting Company. In January he lost one finger and had another one broken in an accident suffering while at work. He still works for this company, but irregularly. His conditions are unsatisfactory, and Mr. A. plans to relocate elsewhere as a farm tenant. He hopes to secure a team of mules, and be able to find a farm to cultivate in 1937. The withdrawal of Pickwick Reservoir lands from cultivation will cause him to relocate.

NAME Lula Bankhead

RACE Colored

Home Tenure Owner

Location Lane from Bumpass Creek road

Address Waterloo

Agricultural Status None

Occupation Clothes washing for white residents

TO BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED: Directly . Indirectly

TO BE OTHERWISE AFFECTED: Status Unchanged ☒ . Status Improved

Remarks Will be affected indirectly if the town  
should be largely de-populated.

ATTITUDE OF FAMILY TOWARD READJUSTMENT:

Of Family Hopes to remain in the present status

Of Community Believes that the Authority should aid  
in readjustment.

Possibility of Readjustment of Family: Can subsist on present basis unless the  
town should be abandoned by many of the white residents.



NAME Otto (Jack) Eppes

RACE White

Home Tenure Rents room from D. C. Jones

Location Bumpass Creek Road.

Address Waterloo, Ala.

Agricultural Status None

Occupation Clerk in the D. C. Jones store.

TO BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED: Directly                      . Indirectly                     

TO BE OTHERWISE AFFECTED: Status Unchanged   x   . Status Improved                     

Remarks May be affected indirectly by a decrease in business which may follow the withdrawal of farm lands from cultivation.

ATTITUDE OF FAMILY TOWARD READJUSTMENT:

Of Family Self-Dependent.

Of Community Believes Authority and citizens should cooperate in re-adjustment.

Possibility of Readjustment of Family: Mr. Eppes is a bachelor who lives in Waterloo most of the time. He has a regular job at present. If circumstances should make it advisable he will seek employment elsewhere and re-locate.

Grave #7

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY  
AGREEMENT

Town Dyersburg

State Tenn

Date 1937

I hereby represent to the Tennessee Valley Authority that I,  
Mrs. J. D. Carson am the surviving Granddaughter of  
(Relation)  
(Granny) M. Daniel, who died in or about the year 1895 and was  
buried in the Owens Cemetery, and in the area which will be  
flooded by the building of Pickwick Dam, and as such nearest kin or  
relative have the right to authorize the disinterment and removal of the remains of  
said deceased person from the area or allow them to remain therein, and hereby re-  
quest that they be not disturbed but allowed to remain therein.

Witness:

✓  
(Name)

✓  
(Address)

Name Mrs. J. D. Carson  
Address Dyersburg, Tenn  
R#3



BECKHAM, S. H.  
(White)

9/18/36 (Kennedy)

Mr. and Mrs. B. and their daughter reside on the S. H. Beckham, et al, tract on the south edge of Waterloo. Mrs. B. owns the home and both she and her husband are farm owners. The wife, Mayflower Shaw Beckham, has sold about  $91\frac{1}{2}$  acres of land to the Authority. The husband has sold more than 100 acres. Both had debts, however, according to Mrs. B., and will have insufficient money to purchase a new farm and home. Mrs. B. was found to be very despondent at the turn of events. It seems that the sale of their lands has brought their economic affairs to a crisis, and they are now situated in their home with no means of support. Their interests lie in agriculture, but they will be unable to secure sufficient land in this vicinity for subsistence. They have lived as landlords with the wife managing her own farm and with the husband looking after the interest of his mother and sister who reside on an adjoining tract in Waterloo. (Mrs. Ella Beckham)

Mrs. B. says that she has "cried and cried", she is "so blue". She and her husband believe that the Authority should buy their home as well as the others in the town of Waterloo. They have no definite plans, but consider that they must face the prospect of abandoning or renting their home.

BECKHAM, MRS. ELLA  
(White)

9/18/36 (Kennedy)

Mrs. B. resides at the end of College Street in the southern most part of Waterloo. She owns her home with about four acres on a knoll at the end of a ridge. She is a widow whose farm lands have been given to her son, S. H. Beckham, and her daughter, Mrs. Olie B. Shaw. Mrs. S. is separated from her husband and resides with her son in the home of Mrs. B. S. H. Beckham resides near by on an adjoining tract. Mrs. Ella Beckham, like her daughter-in-law, Mrs. S. H. Beckham is very despondent, and she believes that the Authority should buy her home. Her home will be ruined, and the reservoir waters will be entirely too close for her comfort, in addition her son will have no means of subsistence at this location. He and his sister have each sold over 100 acres of land to the Authority, and his wife has sold  $91\frac{1}{2}$  acres, but the family finances are not in good shape due to previous indebtedness.

Mrs. B. is a clerk in the Dan George store in Waterloo at \$1.00 per day.

Mrs. B. foresees financial ruin for her own family, and she foresees ruin for the town of Waterloo by the effect of the withdrawal of farm lands from cultivation.



FLORENCE, ALA.  
JUNE 7, 1937

Colored

We, the undersigned Trustees of the Waterloo Cemetery, do here by request the Tennessee Valley Authority to disinter and remove the unidentified graves from the Old Witherspoon and reinter them in our own cemetery at Waterloo Colored.

This request is made with the knowledge that the majority of these unidentified graves are the graves of former members of our church and members of their families who are known to be buried here, but an exact identification of each grave is impossible.

WITNESSES:

A. L. Turner  
C. C. McQueen

SIGNED:

Andrew J. Simpson  
W. C. Pinder  
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Mr. John L. Neely, Jr., Administrative Division, Wilson Dam, Alabama  
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May 11, 1937

#### CEMETERY RELOCATION--PICKWICK RESERVOIR

As explained to you in telephone conversation of yesterday, it will be appreciated if you will assist Mr. Fred Wendt, of the Engineering Service Division, working in our Wilson Dam office, to develop a trade with the trustees of the Richardson Cemetery in the town of Waterloo. Mr. Wendt has informally discussed this matter with certain of the trustees, and it is believed that the suggested idea will be favorable to them.

The attached maps indicate the areas involved. The proposed severance lines indicated on the maps are tentative and may be altered upon further investigation. It is suggested that the areas C & D be acquired in fee simple by the Authority, and area E be deeded to the Richardson Cemetery. There are no graves located in the areas C and D, as they are on steep slopes, and will extend in the reservoir. The present area used by the Richardson Cemetery is well filled and affords little space for future burials. It is planned to reinter most of the graves from the old Waterloo Cemetery in the area E. There may be some graves reinterred in this area from cemeteries in the near vicinity of Waterloo. The total reinterments to be made by the Authority in this area E will probably be between 200 and 300. It is believed that this additional area E will also allow sufficient space for future burials to be made as desired by the Richardson Cemetery.

The negro cemetery (New Waterloo) adjoining at the southwest corner of the Richardson Cemetery, should also be severed, as the lower portion of this cemetery will be flooded. There are no graves located in this area. If additional space is required by this negro cemetery, the area B can be deeded to them. It is understood from Mr. Baker that this land, E and B, included in Land Tract PR-845, has not yet passed title from the Cherokee Land Company to the Authority, and Mr. Evans Dunn suggests that to simplify the procedure we arrange a direct transfer of deed from the Cherokee Land Company to the trustees of the two cemeteries.

The access road to both the negro cemetery and the Richardson Cemetery is now along the west boundary of the Richardson Cemetery. The Highway Division plans to make these two cemeteries accessible after flooding by constructing a bridge and road across the area of the Pickwick Reservoir immediately north of this property. If the area E is deeded to the Richardson Cemetery, a right-of-way should be reserved for access to the negro cemetery.



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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY  
AGREEMENT

Town Waterloo.

State Ala.

Date 7 - 6 - 1937

I hereby represent to the Tennessee Valley Authority that I ,  
W. H. Evans am the surviving Brother of  
Infant Evans , who died in or about the year 1875 and was  
(Relation)  
, buried in the Evans Infant , and in the area which will be  
flooded by the building of Pickwick Dam, and as such nearest kin or  
relative have the right to authorize the disinterment and removal of the remains of  
said deceased person from the area or allow them to remain therein, and hereby re-  
quest that they be not disturbed but allowed to remain therein.

Witness:

[Signature]  
(Name)

(Address)

Name W. H. Evans

Address Waterloo Ala. R-1

