

I was told by the TVA man that it would be better for me to let them appraise that if I do not the condemnation price will be based on the price offered in the letter.

I taught school at least thirty years here. I am a widow and live alone and have lived here practically all of my life. I am 69 years old.

I have no place to go and no children or any one to help me and I certainly do not want to sell. Mr. Birchfield of TVA is the relocation man for TVA he has told me twice recently that he will not be available to help me relocate after September of this year.

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A COMPLAINT LODGED THIS 4TH DAY OF APRIL A.D. 1968, BY ROBERT DAN YATES,
AGAINST TVA

NATURE OF COMPLAINT

I moved my trailer and wife and two children back to Kentucky November 23, 1966 from the Naval base at Norfolk Virginia. I had been in the Navy for 9 years and three months. I had not been in the Land Between the Lakes and was not aware of all of the TVA implications there. I bought approximately 1½ acres of land from Homer Ray. I agreed not to sell to TVA when I bought the land. Of course I was anxious to have a house and the necessary buildings and bought a house that contained two bedrooms, hard wood floors and was fully insulated. I also bought a garage 22-24 feet and a smoke house. I set the bulidings on solid foundations put in a septic tank and a water supply.

I had been helping my Uncle feed his stock and was present when TVA representatives approached him to buy his property. They told him that they were making their last contacts before condemnation. They told me I would get a better price and better treatment if I would allow them to survey and appraise rather than allow it to go to condemnation. I told them I had agreed not to sell and that I couldn't afford to have Mr. Ray angry at me. I was told that every one else would be condemned but if I allowed them to appraise I could have my buildings and that those who went to condemnation would not get allowance for moving their buildings and would be paid as cheap as possible. I was informed through Mr. Pitts with TVA that the deed I had was unconstitutional as to agreeing not to sell. I allowed the appraisers to come on my property.

The appraisers measured my buildings, looked at the hardwood floors in the house, measured the walks and from all appearances did the usual job of appraisal. Three weeks later they came with my price. I was told that for my land, the septic tank, water supply and walks they were paying \$2,500. They said they couldn't pay for the house, garage and smoke house because I had bought them and moved them on the property. He gave me a form to read. It was the same as those sent out in the certified letters except the part saying we would get the buildings back had not been crossed out. I gave him the contract back and told him I could not accept it. He told me "we can give you \$25.00 more if you leave your pump in the pump house". He asked me what I had been expecting as to price and I said "around \$7,500".

I had been told that the TVA attorneys stated under oath in Federal court in Paducah that TVA had not placed the lands in the LBL under a cloud as to title and that the owners were free to buy, sell, lease, improve or carry on as usual in the area.

I have been in many countries of the world in my service in the Navy. It is my opinion that it was wasted, we'd better be doing something in the Tennessee Valley to right the wrongs. I am a native of the LBL and was born and raised here and want to live the rest of my life here.

ROBERT DAN YATES.

A COMPLAINT LODGED THIS 4TH DAY OF APRIL A.D. 1968, BY JAMES A. PETTY,
AGAINST TVA

NATURE OF COMPLAINT

I owned approximately three fourths acre of land a three room dwelling and two other dwellings that were occupied in the Land Between the Lakes. TVA representatives came to my place repeatedly urging me to sell. I never at any