

There is no "just" compensation for taking a man's home and livelihood. But, at least, I would have received a more fair price, I feel, and, at best, what had happened in this area would have been exposed, through trial by jury, for what it really is—the arbitrary and unnecessary annihilation of the life of a whole community in the name of "experimenting in recreation".

J. H. DUNCAN.

A COMPLAINT LODGED APRIL 3, 1968, BY ELWANDA BARNETT, AGAINST TVA

NATURE OF COMPLAINT

Today I looked out the front door of my Mother in law's house and saw a TVA car parked in front of the house we had been renting from a cousin for two years. Earlier TVA had put up a sign saying TVA is the owner. I was never notified by the owner or TVA that the property had been sold.

I walked up to the house and the TVA man was coming out of the house. He asked for my husband. He told me I had better get the "damn stuff" out by tonight. That it wasn't any good but he wanted the antique dresser and the bed. He said the TV wasn't any good. He said my husband had been notified to get the belongings out. I told him I would get the furniture out the best way I could. I have three babies the youngest eight weeks old. My husband's mother and I carried the big old antique bed and dresser down to her house. The TVA man came out of the house with our babies bottle warmer and vaporizer and a heavy duty extension cord. I said those are ours. he said "they are mine now". He got in the TVA car license number 4782 and drove off with those things. While we were carrying the dresser down the road a TVA pick up truck came by and passed us. Two neighbors came by and helped us load the rest of the furniture and hauled it down to my husband's mothers.

The TVA man asked if my mother in law "is ready to sell". I told him no.

The TVA man was tall and slim, dark hair and eyes and carried a gun.

I had to leave my baby at home alone while we carried the things down the road by hand.

ELWANDA BARNETT.

A COMPLAINT LODGED THIS 10TH DAY OF APRIL A.D. 1968, BY MR. AND MRS. HOWARD W. BARNETT, AGAINST TVA

NATURE OF COMPLAINT

I own 81 acres in the LBL area. I lost 80 acres of my good river land to the Corps of Engineers for the Barkley Dam project. TVA offered me less than ½ the assessed value of my property for tax purposes. My farm was formerly a part of the Charley Barnett place. There is just a fence between and they were paid around \$500. per acre. TVA offered me \$200. per acre. Land adjoining me sold for \$1000 per acre five or six years ago.

When the TVA man brought my price I told him if he multiplied it by two I still could not accept. He came back every two or three days urging me to sign the contract. I told him not to come back. The last time he came back I was working on the garden tractor. I told him to have a seat in one of the several chairs on the lawn. He sat down and I turned around in a few minutes and he was gone. I quit work and came in the house, he was sitting in the living room. My wife was in the bath room shampooing her hair. I asked if he had good news (a raise in the offer). He said "no". My wife came into the room with a rifle and told him he was trespassing and that he needn't be hanging around. This was the sixth time he had been there and each time he was told not to come back.

I can't replace this place for two times what we have been offered. We've looked at places in Missouri and all over West Kentucky. I am sure we have looked at over 100 different places and can't find anything to compare for the money.

Mrs. Barnett had an interest in her Mother's estate—when the Resettlement Administration came in to buy. "I refused to sign for the offer because the total price was \$200. There were 33 acres and a little log house. It wasn't much of a house but it was her home. She told me she had spent over \$200. on woven wire fencing to fence the place. The house was burned and the property condemned and taken. I think it was burned to get her to accept."

Since TVA has been in here they have killed about 25 colonies of bees for me and have refused to even pay damages. They were killed with their spraying.