

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Alvin Zeigler, Legal Division, Tennessee Valley Authority, Knoxville
From: Greta Biddle, Family Removal Section, Norris
Date: January 9, 1936

Subject: TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY CONTACTS WITH MATTIE AND JIM RANDOLPH
TRACT NO. 566

- (1) Attitude antagonistic from beginning.
- (2) Tennessee Valley Authority offered to buy fourteen acres for \$530. *July 1934*
- (3) Randolphs refused to sell or consider selling.
- (4) Condemnation suit *filed 1/9/35*
- (5) Order of Possession granted Tennessee Valley Authority *1/11/35 or 8/10/35*
- (6) Refuse to allow Reservoir Clearance men to come on property.
- (7) Threatened man with shot guns.
- (8) University Relocation Division offered service in selecting new location. Randolphs refused to go look at another place or consider buying.
- (9) Family Removal Section of Tennessee Valley Authority offered to help in many ways. Randolphs flatly refused any assistance or to take seriously the threatening menace and danger of rapidly rising water.
- (10) Reluctantly submitted to the erection of a tent in case of flood but would not accept responsibility for it. *Nov. 20th 1935*
- (11) The Legal Section of Tennessee Valley Authority prepared papers for Mrs. Randolph. One document was the Randolph answer prepared for her in the condemnation suit against Tennessee Valley Authority leaving a blank for her claim and a place for her witnesses. She refused to accept it. They also offered her an order to approve the withdrawal of \$475.00 leaving the rest in bank, allowing her freedom to come into court and to show the added value of her land. This was refused, answering to the effect "they had beaten her out and they might as well take it all." *Dec. 12 1935*
- (12) Unreasonable attitude demonstrated by Mrs. Randolph's proposal to remain permanently in home even after covered with water.

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