

219.07301937.1	<p>14x8.5 Tennessee Valley Authority Option Contract Tract No. MK-447 / Parcel 5 on Map I-12 / LYK-128 / Parcel 30 on Map I-12 Agreement between the Tennessee Valley Authority and J. N. Esselstyn and Mary M. Esselstyn, his wife. In consideration of \$1.00 an option to purchase tracts of land and a ferry operation. Purchase price is to be sum of \$2400.00. Seller also agrees option can be extended for 6 months upon payment of \$25.00. (3 pages)</p>
219.01121938.2	<p>Tennessee Valley Authority letterhead From: George M. Baker, Acting Manager / Gilbertville Land Acquisition To: Esselstyn RE: Tract No. GIR 952 & 953 MK 447 – Lyk 128 We are enclosing check drawn on the Treasurer of the United States in the sum of \$25.00 which is the agreed consideration for the privilege of extending our option to purchase your property. Until we have concluded our study of the purchase boundaries we are unable to exercise any options and we cannot at this time definitely assure you that your property will be purchased. Noted and circled in pencil “Ferry”</p>
219.02151938.3	<p>Lined paper written in pencil Addressed as Star Lime Works Appears to be description of how Vogel obtained property. (2 pages)</p>
219.02211938.4	<p>Tennessee Valley Authority letterhead From: S. M. Brady To: Esselstyn Since visiting last Saturday, I made further search of Lyon County Records and have not found title into the Hillman Land & Iron Company for Hillman Ferry Landing tract in Lyon County. If you have been able to find any references or notes that can be used in connection with this title I will appreciate your sending them to me.</p>
219.02231938.5	<p>From: Esselstyn To: Mr. S. M. Brady Since you were here I have looked several places but have failed to locate anything. Also found other records are not in their accustomed places but this may be accounted by my having moved three times during the past two years. I am sure that the title of Hillman Ferry Tract is perfect as Hillman Land Company, Hillman Land & Iron Company and J. N. Esselstyn have had undisputed possession of the tract since 1900. Also quote deed from Mary A. Hillman, Executrix to S. N. Leonard.</p>
219.07131938.6	<p>Tennessee Valley Authority letterhead From: M. G. Forster, Associate Title Examiner / Land Acquisition Department To: Esselstyn RE: Tracts GIR-952 & GIR-953 This is written to give you notice that the Tennessee Valley Authority hereby exercises it option to purchase the lands included in option contract for consideration of \$2400.00. Closing will be effected July 28, 1938, at 9:00AM. This is to request that you, together with your wife, Mrs. Mary M. Esselstyn meet the writer at the Court House in Benton, Kentucky to sign papers. The exercise of this option is understood that you shall have the right to continue</p>

	operating your ferry franchise until such time as lands are flooded by the erection of the Gilbertsville Dam.
219.07131938.7	<p>From: Esselstyn To: Tennessee Valley Authority / Attn: Mr. M. G. Foster Acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 13th requesting that I meet you at Benton at 9 AM. We will make every effort to comply but there are many things that might happen between now and July 28th that might make impossible to keep engagement. I would suggest you send me the deed or deeds to be signed and acknowledged and when check arrives can arrange for exchange of deed for the check. This is the method adopted in the sale of property of Hillman Land Company involving the transfer of over 41,600 acres for consideration of \$170,000.00 the deed was executed a year before payment was made by the Resettlement Administration.</p>
219.07181938.8	<p>Tennessee Valley Authority letterhead From: M. G. Foster To: Esselstyn In reply to your letter of July 13, we are attaching original Settlement Certificate and Closing Statement. Instructions on filling out forms. After taxes and liens and stamp fees, you will receive \$2288.50. (3 pages)</p>
219.07221938.9	<p>From: Esselstyn To: Tennessee Valley Authority / Attn: Mr. M. G. Foster Enclosed find all papers sent me under date of July 18th in connection with two small tracts of land in Lyon and Marshall Counties. Papers enclosed are: Settlement Certificate and closing statement Disposition of Contract Affidavit as to Leases, contracts, etc. Agreement relating to amount withheld for taxes.</p>