

"UNDER THE LAKE" NOW AVAILABLE

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“Under the Lake”, a new book featuring Historic images, stories, and genealogy of life along the Caney Fork River before the impoundment of Center Hill Lake, has now arrived.

Authors of the book, Carol Williams, Judy Fuson, and Ria Baker will be at the DeKalb County Complex in the Senior Citizens Center on Thursday, September 1 from 9 a.m. until noon to sell and sign copies of the book. Those who have already ordered a copy may pick them up as well. Please bring your receipt.

“Under the Lake” chronicles four years of research and interviews with families revealing stories associated with the removal of homes, cemeteries, churches, and schools to make way for the lake.

Center Hill Lake was formed as the result of the Federal Flood Control Act of 1938 under which the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was authorized to erect a dam on the Caney Fork River to provide electricity and flood control to the area.

“Under the Lake” is a 9” x 12” inch hardback book with 304 pages. The cost is \$40. More than half the 400 copies available have already been sold.

For more information contact Carol Williams at 931-260-5844, Judy Fuson at 615-464-5305, or Ria Baker at 615-529-2840.

Under the Lake! (book) (also see: DeKalb County, TN, Caney Fork River on FB).

Is finished! It is with the publisher. An announcement will be made soon as we begin pre-selling the book. Only a certain number will be available. No second editions planned.

The book is a 4 year effort of [Ria Baker](#), [Judy Fuson](#), and myself to research the area that is now flooded by Center Hill Lake with the construction of Center Hill Dam. Many, many families, cemeteries, schools and churches were removed to make way for the construction/flooding. The census shows a reduction in population before and after construction.

The lake is 64 miles long with 2,174 square miles. It includes the Caney Fork River and its tributaries. (Some included are: Mine Lick Creek, Falling Water River, and Sink Creek). DeKalb, Putnam, White and a little of Warren County were affected by the project.

We made every effort to interview families who remained or their descendants to obtain pictures and stories. We even tried to locate where the families originated before they moved to the area.

The information came from Corp of Engineer maps our county historian, Tommy Webb, saved in the history room that is named in his honor.

*Read more about the people and places of Putnam Co., TN, DeKalb Co.. TN & surrounding areas at:

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