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## PROVIDING FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN HOPKINS COUNTY, KY., TO THE ESTATE OF JAMES D. MEADORS

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MAY 25 (legislative day, MARCH 29), 1950.—Ordered to be printed

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Mr. GEORGE, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following

### R E P O R T

[To accompany H. R. 7255]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 7255) to provide for the conveyance of certain real property in Hopkins County, Ky., to the estate of James D. Meadors, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment, and recommend that the bill do pass.

#### EXPLANATION OF BILL

Provides for the conveyance to the estate of the former owner of a portion of land (34.49 acres) at the Veterans' Administration hospital at Outwood, Ky. The land is surplus to the needs of the veterans' Administration. The land was originally conveyed by James D. Meadors and wife to the Government, in September 1919, for a money consideration of \$1. The land was acquired by the Government for the purpose of a road right-of-way and has not been used by the Government since prior to 1932, and the use of the right-of-way is not contemplated. The Veterans' Administration has under consideration the question of reporting this property to the General Services Administration as being in excess to their needs. The Veterans' Administration has no objection to the bill.

The Veterans' Administration submitted a report to the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, which was incorporated in the House report and is as follows:

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VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION,  
Washington 25, D. C., January 31, 1950.

Hon. JOHN E. RANKIN,  
Chairman, Committee on Veterans' Affairs,  
House of Representatives, Washington 25, D. C.

DEAR MR. RANKIN: This is in reply to your letter of August 29, 1949, requesting a report by the Veterans' Administration on H. R. 6149, Eighty-first Congress, a bill to provide for the conveyance of certain real property in Hopkins County, Ky., to the estate of James D. Meadors, which provides as follows:

"That the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is hereby authorized and directed to convey to the estate of James D. Meadors, late of Dawson Springs, Kentucky, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to certain real property in Hopkins County, Kentucky, containing thirty-four and forty-nine one-hundredths acres. Such real property was conveyed to the United States by the late James D. Meadors and his wife, the late Ella C. Meadors, for use by the United States for the construction and maintenance of a highway, but such real property is no longer being used for highway purposes. Such real property is more particularly described as follows:

"A strip of land one hundred feet in width extending fifty feet on each side of the center line of the highway, which center line begins at a point on the line between the lands of Cynthia C. Campbell and Matilda Dunning and of the said James D. Meadors, such point also being south sixty-nine degrees east and a distance of nine hundred and forty feet from the corner of such lands of Cynthia C. Campbell and Matilda Dunning and of Mrs. Lou Coleman Cook, such point also being on a five-degree curve to the left and at station 25 plus twelve and eight-tenths on such highway and running thence with such five-degree curve, a distance of two hundred and thirty-one and six-tenths feet to the point of tangent of such curve, such point being at station 27 plus forty-four and four-tenths; thence with such tangent south twenty-four degrees east, a distance of one thousand eighty-six and six-tenths feet to a point on the bank of Tradewater River at station 38 plus thirty-one on such highway, containing in all thirty-four and forty-nine one-hundredths acres."

The land described in H. R. 6149, a part of the Veterans' Administration hospital area at Outwood, Ky., was conveyed by James D. Meadors and Ella C. Meadors, his wife, to the Government for a consideration of \$1 and other good considerations by deed dated September 2, 1919. The land was acquired by the Government for the purpose of a road right-of-way, 100 feet wide and following the course described in the deed. This right-of-way has not been used by the Government since prior to 1932 and use of such right-of-way is not contemplated. Accordingly, there is under consideration the reporting of this property to the General Services Administration as being excess to the needs of the Veterans' Administration.

The attention of the committee is invited to the fact that, with one exception, the description of the land as set forth in the bill, though not identical, is substantially the same as the description in the deed of conveyance to the Government by Mr. Meadors and his wife. The exception is the words "containing in all thirty-four and forty-nine one-hundredths acres", in lines 22 and 23, page 2, of the bill which words do not appear in the deed of conveyance to the Government. The quoted words, and similar words which appear in lines 7 and 8, page 1 of the bill, give rise to the impression that the right-of-way proposed to be conveyed by the bill contains 34.49 acres, when as a matter of fact it contains less than 4 acres. Perhaps the reference to 34.49 acres is due to the fact that this right-of-way was at one time part of a tract of land containing 34.49 acres, owned by James D. Meadors and Ella C. Meadors, his wife. Accordingly, if the bill is to be favorably considered by your committee, it is suggested that the reference to "thirty-four and forty-nine one-hundredths acres" in lines 7 and 8, page 1, and lines 22 and 23, page 2 of the bill, be deleted and that the description of land contained in the bill be modified to conform to the description in the deed of conveyance to the Government, a copy of which description is enclosed for your ready reference.

Subject to the foregoing suggestions, the Veterans' Administration would interpose no objection to the favorable consideration of the bill by your committee.

Advice has been received from the Bureau of the Budget that there would be no objection to the submission of this report to your committee.

Sincerely yours,

O. W. CLARK,  
Deputy Administrator  
(For and in the absence of the Administrator).

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"DESCRIPTION OF LAND CONVEYED BY DEED FROM JAMES D. MEADORS AND ELLA C. MEADORS, HIS WIFE, TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DATED SEPTEMBER 2, 1919, AND RECORDED SEPTEMBER 9, 1920, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE HOPKINS COUNTY COURT, KENTUCKY

"\* \* \* a strip of land 100 feet in width, being 50 feet on each side of the centerline of the roadway which centerline begins at a point on the line between the lands of Cynthia C. Campbell and Matilda Dunning and of James D. Meadors, south 69° east 940 feet from the corner of said lands of Cynthia C. Campbell and Matilda Dunning and of Mrs. Lou Coleman Cook, said point being on a 5° curve to the left and at station 25 plus 12.8 on said highway location, and running with said curve 231.6 feet to the point of tangent at station 27 plus 44.4; thence with said tangent south 24° east 1,086.6 feet to a point on the bank of Tradewater River at station 38 plus 31.0.

"Said strip of land is a part of the land conveyed to James D. Meadors by Lou C. Cook and husband by deed dated December 7, 1911, and recorded in deed book 87, page 601, in the office of the clerk of Hopkins County Court."

