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September 1, 1947

Mr. J. I. Ford, Atty,
Pascagoula, Miss.

Dear James:

Subject: Colored Church at Ten Mile, Miss.

We are now building a church for the colored employees here at Ten Mile, which building will be turned over to a church organization now being formed and it is expected that they will elect a Board of Trustees to whom we propose to turn the building over as custodians for use not only as a church but as a community meeting building for the colored employees and for any other denomination who care to use the church for religious purposes.

A greater portion of our darbies are Baptist and it is expected that the Baptist church will assume charge of the church and be custodians of the building, but they are agreeable for the building to be used by any other colored religious organization and we would like for it to be used by any colored religious organization composed of our employees, whether members of the Baptist church or not.

We would like for you to prepare some form of lease to be executed by the Trustees to be elected by the church now being organized, leaving the name of the church and the names of the Trustees blank, it being understood that the agreement will be in the name of the Trustees and their successors in office and that the lease will extend for such time as is mutually agreeable to all parties.

There will be no rent on the building; however the church will furnish its own fuel, lights and furniture.

You can, no doubt, think of some other items that would be to the advantage of all concerned in such an agreement, and will appreciate you preparing one and send to us for submission to the new Trustees. The building is located at Ten Mile, Mississippi, near the L. N. Dantzer Lumber Company's sawmill.

Yours very truly,
L. N. DANTZLER LUMBER COMPANY

W. W. Barber, Gen. Mgr.

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