

May 13, 2013

Mr. Otis Spriggs & Commission:

RE: 1610 W. Nettleton Avenue Jonesboro, Ar. 72401 –Proposed CW&L water connection

In 1956 my Uncle and Aunt, O.B. & Edith Mills built their home at 1612 W. Nettleton Ave. Jonesboro, Ar. He allowed the city to cut through (South to North) his West lawn to Establish Hester Street. He died about 1961. Aunt Edith died in January, 1990. At The time of her death, her older brother Elmore Copeland purchased the one lot which was about 120 ft. wide facing Nettleton Ave. Later, Elmore's sister, Jessie Dee Broadaway, who was my mother, and I purchased the house and lot from him and divided the property Into two lots in preparation for my retirement in the future. At the time, the house was not handicap accessible & my husband would physically require this since he is wheelchair bound, so our plans were to build a duplex on the East lot.

According to Joe Dickens, whose property joins the 1610 W. Nettleton lot on East boundary, when his wife learned we were planning to build a duplex, she panicked, because at that time, those horrible three apartment buildings were across the street in 1600 Block of W. Nettleton Ave. & she feared our duplex would lower the value of their home. So, she went down both sides of Hester Street gathering signatures to oppose the duplex. She and Mr. Dickens did not know us from Adams' housecat. My mother & I came before the city council and they approved for us to build a duplex, if we were living in one side of it. Mr. Joe Tomlinson was at the city council meeting should be able to verify all this.

AND, I MIGHT ADD SINCE WE HAVE LIVED IN THIS HOUSE AT 1612 W. NETTLETON, MR. DICKENS HAS APOLOGIZED TO ME FOR HIS WIFE'S BEHAVIOR IN THAT MATTER!!!!!!!!!!!!

In 1995 our son, John Travis Pickering bought this house and lot from me, & by this time he was married and started his family. He then doubled the size of the house at 1612 W. Nettleton Ave. and added a wheelchair ramp so his dad would have access to the house.

In 2010 John Travis Pickering sold the house and lot back to me, Martha Pickering, his mother under the name of Pick-Pick, LLC. In March 2011, my husband had a stroke and I retired from Simmons First Bank after 42 years of banking and moved into this house at 1612 W. Nettleton Ave., to take care of him & my 104 year old aunt, and this is where my husband and I reside at the present time.

NOW, the vacant lot at 1610 W. Nettleton does not have sewer or water. For years I have been discussing this with CW&L engineering dept. and I am now ready to connect from Hester Street, along the North 10 feet of the 1612 W. Nettleton(corner lot), to the Northwest corner of 1610 W. Nettleton. There is no water access on Nettleton Ave. in front of Lot of 1610 W. Nettleton Ave.

I do hope this explanation will satisfy the members of this commission. I was never told this matter even had to go before this commission. You may reach me by my cell phone at 870 219 2780. I am at N.E.A. Baptist hospital taking care of my husband who is in

CCU!!!! Thank you.

Signed: Pick-Pick, LLC by

