

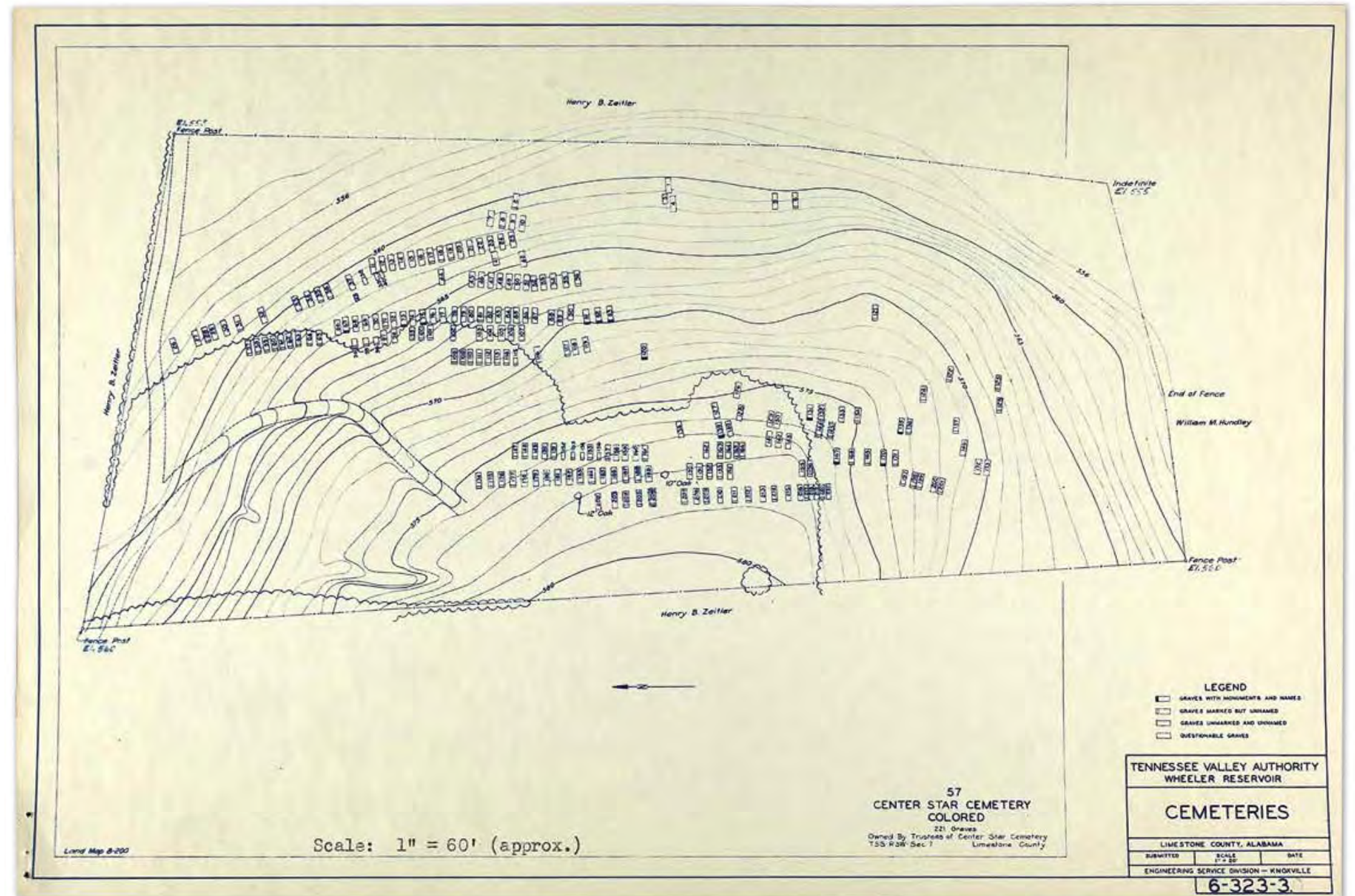
(Right) TVA Map of Center Star Cemetery (Tennessee Valley Cemetery Relocation Flies, 1933-1990, National Archives and Records Administration via Ancestry.com)

the TVA mapped the site in preparation for its removal from the area, only 221 graves were mapped. It does not appear that the cemetery was relocated, although part of it may flood at times.

Of the possible 1,500-plus graves at Center Star, only about 59 have memorials at present. The earliest remaining marked burial is that of W.H. Whitehead (d. 1903). Surnames here include Evans and Pickett. William McComb (1889-1954), a local farmer who helped to organize Belle Mina School, is also buried there.

Also located nearby was the Living Water School. Known to be located south of Mooresville in the vicinity of Center Star Church and Cemetery, it is not marked on any USGS topographic maps. The school was sometimes called "the little red school on top of the hill" and its location described as along a winding road just west of the bridge that leads to Mooresville. Although it is not known when the school started, it was moved in 1924 when the government purchased the original land. The school was named for its waterfront location and known for having a spacious playground, a unique attribute for schools in the early 20th century. In 1947, there were 25 students enrolled in Living Water School and the teacher was Ms. Eulasteine Moseley. Col. James L. Walker remembers his mother, Mrs. Lizzie Mae Walker, teaching at the Living Water School.

The school may appear in a 1949 aerial photograph of Mooresville. The Center Star Church and Cemetery can be seen on a tract of land jutting out into the Tennessee River floodplain. One of the nearby buildings may be the Living Water School.



(Right) TVA Notes on Center Star Cemetery (Tennessee Valley Cemetery Relocation Flies, 1933-1990, National Archives and Records Administration via Ancestry.com)

Name	County	Sec.	T ^{South}	R	Number Graves	Elev. of Lower Corner	Remarks
Center Star (Negro) ^{not on map}	Limestone	SW ^{SE}	7	5	3 rd	1500± Below 556	In use since C