SOUTHEASTERN COUNCIL
PURPOSE:
THE LOGICAL DEVELOPMENT OF MUTUAL INTERESTS
OFFICE OF PRESIDENT
WILMINGTON, N. C.

February 7, 1935.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 E. Nineteenth St.,
New York City.

Dear Miss Tarbell:-

Enclosed is a copy of a letter received this morning from the Secretary giving his decision relative to the Penderlea Project, and a copy of my reply.

The Secretary's letter is cryptic, and one guess as to his purpose is as good as another; but of this I am convinced - if the Southern people want to take full advantage of the opportunity to save their economic system through salvaging rural life, this is the time to act through their Senators, members of Congress and those who are close to the President.

Very truly yours,

HMcR:AP
Encls.

Hugh MacRae



Digital Image, 2009. The Ida M. Tarbell Collection, 1890-1944, Allegheny College Pelletier Library

PERSONAL - NOT FOR PUBLICATION

Memorandum Giving Present Status of
Secretary Ickes' Attitude toward
the Penderlea Project

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
Washington, D. C.

February 4, 1935.

My dear Mr. MacRae:

After careful consideration of the report of the investigation into the Penderlea Subsistence Homestead Project, I have come to the conclusion that there should be a new manager appointed, and that the headquarters should be moved to the project itself. I would be glad, however, to retain you as adviser for this project, and I await an indication of your disposition in the matter.

Sincerely yours,

(SIGNED) HAROLD L. ICKES,

Mr. Hugh MacRae,
Wilmington, N. C.

Secretary of the Interior.

- - - - - - -

DIVISION OF SUBSISTENCE HOMESTEADS
Wilmington, N. C.

February 6, 1935.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Your letter of February 4th received, and I appreciate your prompt advices in regard to the Penderlea Rural Life Project.

It is evident that you have a certain very definite plan in mind, and it would be necessary for me to have the details of this plan before I could indicate my disposition in the matter as you have requested.

As far as I can understand the situation at the moment, and referring to my telegram to you dated November 19th, 1934, my resignation - subject to the approval of the President, under whose authority I originally undertook this work - is before you.

Sincerely yours,

Hon. Harold L. Ickes,
Washington, D. C.

(SIGNED) HUGH MacRAE

Digital Image, 2009. The Ida M. Tarbell Collection, 1890-1944, Allegheny College Pelletier Library