

# FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION

## BETTER HOUSING DIVISION

J. G. BAKER  
COLBERT COUNTY CHAIRMAN

April 29, 1935

SHEFFIELD.  
ALABAMA

Hon. R. H. Walker, Speaker,  
House of Representatives,  
Montgomery, Alabama.

Dear Sir and Friend:-

Herewith attached is copy of my letter of application to Governor Graves for the position as Tax Adjustor of Colbert County, Alabama. Also herewith attached is brief history of myself, and also attached is copy of telegram which the two principal supporters and campaign managers of Governor Graves in this county sent to Hon. Lawrence Lee and Governor Graves in connection with my application.

These parties, as well as the writer, know that you can control the situation down there. You may be interested to know that Charley Carmichael, who professes to be the Governor's strong supporter, does not want his brother to be appointed Tax Adjustor in this county. Frank Dirago, Walter Miller, Judge Tomkins, Judge Roulhac, Representative Deloney of this county and practically all of Graves' supporters do not want Archie Carmichael, Jr. appointed, because they say it will be a calamity to the Carmichaels, as well as the Graves, interests in this county.

I have supported Congressman Carmichael and Attorney General Carmichael and County Attorney Charley Carmichael and Governor Graves, therefore you may see I am not prejudiced when I say that if Governor Graves appoints Archie, Jr. it will be a calamity to the Governor's interest and to the Carmichael family's interest in this county, as everyone says it will appear that the Carmichael family is trying to monopolize every job in this district and state. Archie, Jr. already has a two hundred fifty dollar job in Washington as his father's secretary.

Trusting you will find a brief moment in your busy career to give due consideration to the data herewith enclosed, and will let me hear from you, I beg to remain

Most respectfully

*J. G. Baker*  
J. G. Baker.

JGB:cc

*Help me on this, Senator  
at once, and I will show you later  
that I appreciate it. You never  
answered my last letter.*



Harry Walker.

April 26, 1935

Hon. Bibb Graves, Governor of Alabama,  
The State Capitol,  
Montgomery, Alabama.

Dear Sir and Friends:-

I have the honor to herewith make application to you for the position of Tax Adjuster in Colbert County, Alabama. I am forty-two years of age; have a wife and two children; have lived in Sheffield, Colbert County, Alabama, for the past fifteen years. For several years I have been active in commercial organization work and in civic matters in this county. During most of that time I have been engaged in the general real estate business. For five years I have also been active in political matters in this county and I supported you during the last campaign.

I have had a good public school and business college education. I have held positions paying three hundred dollars per month and more. I have for several years been active in promoting New deal legislation in this district, and have taken active and leading part in supporting the Tennessee Valley Authority and its program of rural electrification.

I am attaching herewith a page setting forth a brief history of myself. I believe my past experience qualifies me to hold the position which I request of you, and I assure you I will greatly appreciate the appointment, and with highest regards, I beg to remain

Most respectfully yours,

J. G. Baker.

JGB:cc

4-29-35

## Brief History of J. H. Baker

Was born in the Village of Baker, Union County, Mississippi, November 14, 1892, and am 42 years of age; was reared on a farm.

Completed public schools and business college education

Have a wife and two children

Am a member of the Methodist church in Sheffield, Alabama

Have been a member of Sheffield Kiwanis club for ten years

Have been a member of the Elks club for fifteen years

Was born a Democrat and have always been active in the party.

Organized the Colbert County Roosevelt for President Club, the first in Alabama, and was Secretary-Treasurer of same, and raised the Colbert County quota of the campaign funds for Roosevelt in 1932.

Organized District Chamber of Commerce and was Secretary-Manager of same for several years.

Organized the Sheffield Merchants Association and also the Tennessee Valley Fair Association and was Secretary of same.

Organized the American Automobile Association in this county and campaigned for good roads.

Organized the Alabama Land Association in this county and was Manager of same

Was one of the five men who sat as directors in organizing the Tennessee-Tombigbee River Association.

Was appointed a year ago as County Chairman of the Federal Housing Administration program in this county and have carried on that work without any salary.

Was recently appointed by the Mayor and Commissioners of Sheffield, Alabama, as Commissioner of the local Housing Authority, which is also a no-salary job.

Am a large tax payer in Colbert County, and have owned, bought and sold considerable city and rural properties, and am familiar with correct values throughout the county.

R. H. WALKER

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DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK END LETTER

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

HON. BIBE GRAVES, GOVERNOR OF ALABAMA  
THE STATE CAPITOL  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

SHEFFIELD, ALABAMA  
APRIL 29, 1935.

Also sent to;

Hon. Lawrence Lee, Legal Advisor to the Governor  
The State Capitol  
Montgomery, Alabama

IT IS RUMORED THAT ARCHIE CARMICHAEL, JR MIGHT BE APPOINTED TAX ADJUSTOR IN COLBERT COUNTY BUT ALL GRAVES MAIN SUPPORTERS IN COUNTY AND CARMICHAEL'S MAIN SUPPORTERS OPPOSE ARCHIE'S APPOINTMENT STOP J O BAKER WANTS THE APPOINTMENT AND IS CAPABLE AND WAS GRAVES SUPPORTER AND IS ACCEPTABLE TO ALL SIDES AND IF YOU CANNOT APPOINT BAKER THEN WE PREFER SOMEONE BESIDES ARCHIE CARMICHAEL THIS CONFIRMS MY LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH THE GOVERNOR TONIGHT.

W. J. BLANKINSHIP, EX-COUNTY SHERIFF.

ROY T. KELLY, PRESIDENT,

Tri-Cities Central Labor Union

(send this as paid NIGHT LETTER)

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