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Dear Sir:

please excuse the paper I doubt if I
could ever find a letter head.

In regards to your inquiry in the
Herald-Citizen about the Cookeville
pottery, it was closed in 1960. The
Government needed our property for
a urban renewal housing project.

The pottery was built in 1934 by
my uncle, Arnold Lacy & O.J. Sherrill.

O.J. Sherrill had a brother-in-law in Calif.
that owned Bauer Balkman Pottery and
my uncle Arnold Lacy worked at this
pottery while there. An Mr. Balkman
encouraged them to build this pottery.
Arnold's dad, my grandfather had long
before, this worked in a pottery in

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Washington, D.C. & Pottery by
I guess you could call this a family
thing

I bought O.G. Sherrill out in 1941
I took over the pottery in 1944 and the
pottery was opened till 1960,
at our peak we only worked 4 men
beside our foreman & delivery and
Management.

we sold in volume of 150,000
we had a 12 ft diameter down draft kiln
our larger production was a natural
glower pot with a design from 3" to 14"

was made on aigger wheel, also ~~hand~~
was, churn from 1 gal. through 5 gal.
perhaps the pieces you have were turned
by hand some of our hand turned was
pieces of different sizes, large, small,
sugar & cream pots small & large, glass
jars, different size jars, long neck bottles
jars to be made into lamps, & other collectibles
we glazed all except the small, clay pots
a lot of different colors but our pieces
our color of white & blue (enamel)

I would like to know what pieces you
have seen etc and if you would sell
them, when we had to close the pottery
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