## **Cookeville Pottery Company**

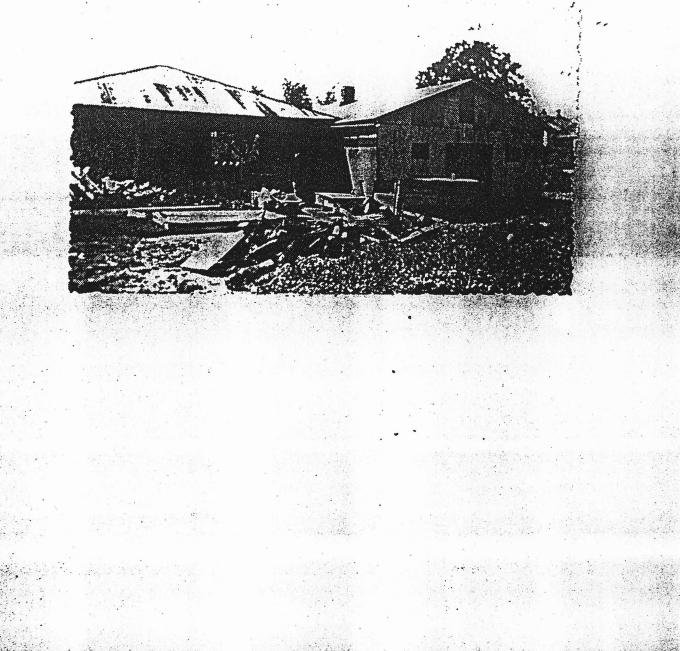
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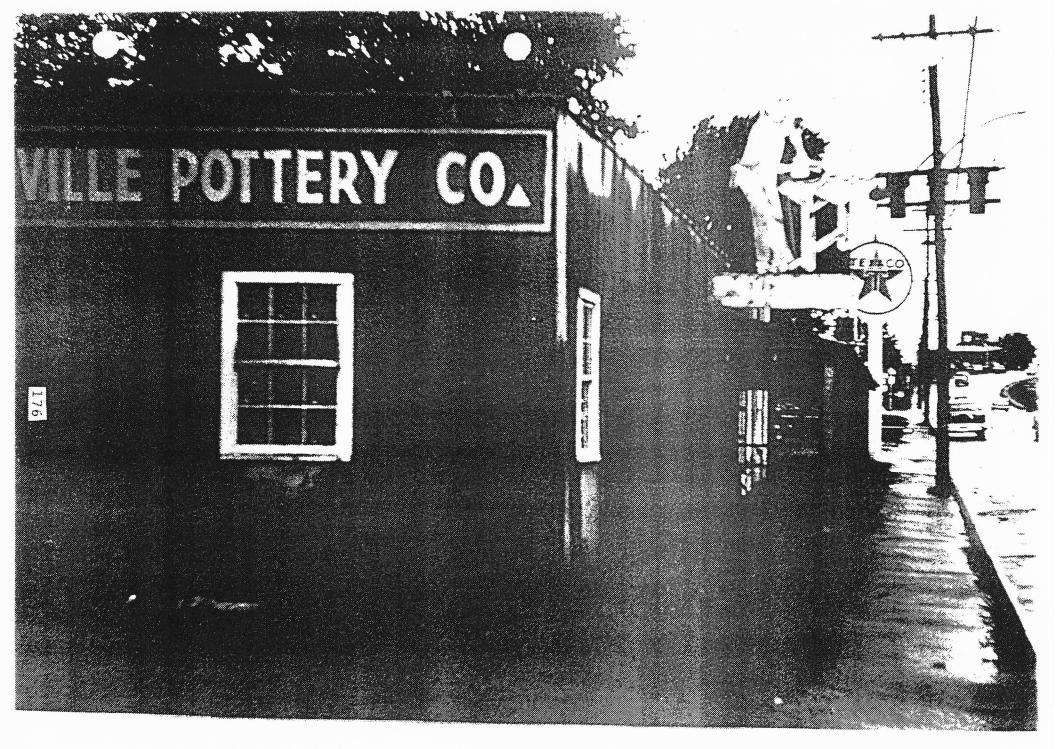
## Earl David Lacy

My father, Lee Lacy, and Arnold Lacy owned the pottery from 1940 to 1964. They were forced to sell it by Model Cities, a government project, which discontinued the manufacturing process, after which Lee continued, after relocating, to job, wholesale and retail pottery, dishes, etc.

As a young man, I remember working part time finishing pottery, helping fire the kilns, and selling the finished product. It was hard and dirty work, working with clay. ~ The kilns were fired by hand, coal and wood, night and day. Someone had to sleep there when the kilns were fired. I remember as a boy sleeping on an army cot with an alarm clock as the kiln had to be fired every few hours.







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