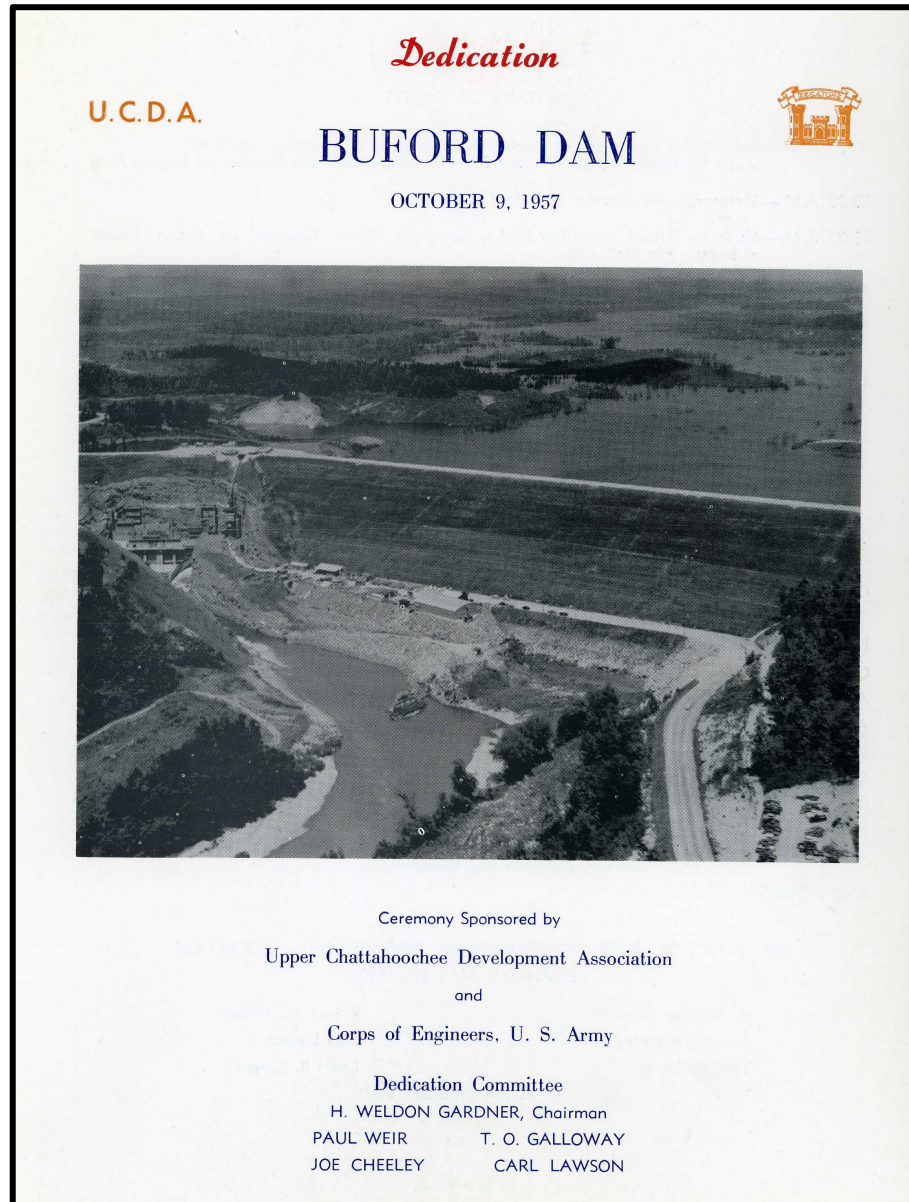


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The intake gate closing ceremony was held on top of the dam on February 1, 1956. Lake Sidney Lanier was officially born at that moment. The lake would reach 1068.0 by mid-summer, 1958. The reservoir was design to be lowered in the late summer to allow it to catch winter and spring rains so it would not reach normal pool of 1070.0 for the first time until May, 1959.

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A copy of the program for Buford Dam's dedication held on October 9, 1957. The lake would not fully form for nearly two years but most of the work on the dam was completed by the time the dedication was held. The ceremony was sponsored by the Upper Chattahoochee Development Association and the United States Army Corps of Engineers. The dedication committee was comprised of H. Weldon Gardner, Chairman; Paul Weir; T.O. Galloway; Joe Cheeley and Carl Lawson. *Courtesy U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District*

Atlanta Mayor William Hartsfield left politics in 1962 after serving nearly three decades of service to the City of Atlanta. He suffered a heart attack in December, 1970 and died at St. Josephs Hospital in Atlanta on Monday, February 22, 1971. Interment is at Westview Cemetery in Atlanta. *Courtesy U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Mobile Distirct*



James C. Davis, the 5th District Representative responsible for early approval then funding for the project. He remained in politics until he was defeated for reelection in 1962 after serving 16 years in the House of Representatives. He died at the age of 86 on Monday, December 28, 1981. Interment is in Oak Hill Cemetery, Newnan, Georgia. *Courtesy U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District*

The 3 Gables restaurant was part of Tract L-1263. The restaurant was a popular local attraction near the old Bolding Bridge site. The property was owned by C.C. Anderson of Dawson County. This building was located on a 6.88 tract of land that was purchased by the government for \$47,500.00 on April 5, 1956. The best use of the property was described as *'suited for present use'*. *Courtesy U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District*

