

Here is a view downstream showing to the right, the lower portion of¹⁰ the Kidd home; and to the left the course of the flood as the waters continued downstream. Snakes still infested the area.

This is another downstream view showing the river in the distance and the debris left by the subsiding waters. The river was well up on the mudbanks in the foreground, and also covered the bottom land in the left center.

Here is more debris in the same area as the previous slide. Bodies were found ~~locked~~ in rigor mortis around tree trunks in this area. They had to be pried loose so they could be taken to the refrigerated vans used as make-shift morgues to await identification. Some victims were partially buried in the sand and soil - others enmeshed in the tangled roots and vines. (pause)

Roseland suffered heavily from water and debris and also from the pounding it took as the major portion of Massie's Mill washed ~~toward~~ ^{THROUGH} it, battering and grinding everything in its path like a huge crushing monster. Notice how contaminated the water is.

This is a view upstream toward the Roseland post office which building and all its records were completely destroyed. In the stream is the top of a submerged vehicle.

Much of the farmland at Roseland is stripped of its soil and is now mostly sandy. Crops from this area have been devastated and the ground fallowed for years to come. - After Roseland we proceeded to Davis Creek. Prior to the disaster, Davis Creek was a pleasant water-shed valley, narrower but similar to the area on the right of US 460 as one climbs Christiansburg mountain southbound for Blacksburg Virginia. A lush ~~valley~~ valley, small farms, pastures, nice homes and small creek. The high portion of Davis Creek valley reached to the watershed where ~~the 31 inches of rain fell.~~ Look at it now.
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