

Where Pearl Lived

Pearl Higginbotham grew up in Pond Beat. The Hortons owned land in Pond Beat going back to the time of Jack Horton, Pearl's great grandfather who was a White slave owner.



He gave land to each of his children by Amanda Jacobs, whom he emancipated. Pearl's father was born in 1887. The Hortons have owned land in Pond Beat since the time of Jack. Pearl commented that the house they lived in and the land "belonged to Jack Horton." The Army Real Estate Map shows Yancy Horton Sr. as the property owner of Parcel F-264. It seems that Yancy Jr. took his young bride back to the farm where he grew up.

The U.S. census for 1900 shows Yancy Jr. at age 12 living at home with his parents, Yancy and Sophie.

Pearl's sister Ophelia (March 1892-1902).

418-419	Woodward School	Head	W. M.	Oct 1858	40	71	19		Alabama	Virginia	Alabama
	Betta	Wife	W. F.	Sept 1849	50	71	19	2 1	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
	Urie	Daughter	W. F.	Sept 1876	19	5			Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
418-419	Smith Yancy	Head	F. M.	Oct 1854	45	71	20		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
	Kate	Wife	B. F.	Nov 1864	40	71	25	4 4	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
	Samuel	Son	B. M.	Nov 1870	19	5			Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
	Ustia	Son	B. M.	Sept 1879	10	5			Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
	Danna	Daughter	B. F.	Sept 1872	7	5			Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
	Martha	Daughter	B. F.	Jan 1875	5	5			Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
418-419	Horton Yancy	Head	B. M.	Aug 1861	38	71	17		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
	Sophie	Wife	B. F.	Jan 1860	40	71	17	3 3	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
	Grover	Son	B. M.	Aug 1874	15	5			Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
	Yancy Jr	Son	B. M.	June 1877	12	5			Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
	Ophelia	Daughter	B. F.	Feb 1872	8	5			Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
	Sharon Kellon	Boarder	B. M.	March 1877	21	5			Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
418-419	Dale Aaron	Head	B. M.	May 1878	25	71	0		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
	Mary	Wife	B. F.	Sept 1878	21	71	0	0 0	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
418-419	Fletcher Dick	Head	B. M.	Dec 1847	52	71	19		Alabama	Virginia	Virginia

1900 Madison County, Alabama Federal Census, E.D. 107, Sheet 21, Whitesburg Precinct 6. OPHIELA

The census of 1900 shows that living with Yancy and Sophie Horton were children Grover (age 15), Yancy Jr. (age 12) and Ophelia (age 8). This indicates Pearl's sister was named after her Aunt Ophelia. A boarder was also listed in the household, Fulton Turner, age 21.