

In another e-mail written September 25, 2002, Beverly Curry informed John Rankin of more details from her interviews:

Ovoy Horton was mentioned a rocket article. I have interviewed his wife. He worked for Kershaw and Butler, the construction contractor who built the first buildings here for the Army and continued to work for the arsenal. His wife has a photo of him at a test stand. Ovoy was the son of James Horton, Grandson of Everett Horton, and Great Grandson of Jack Horton. His Grandfather 's brother, Yancy Horton, was the one who donated the land for the black school in Pond Beat (on Buxton Road). The school, Horton School, was a "Rosenwald school". Julius Rosenwald, once a president of Sears & Roebuck, was a rich philanthropist. He wanted to help rural blacks to get an education, but to help them in a manner that required community commitment and involvement. So he devised a plan to match his contribution to what the community raised. Donating the land counted in the match. I scanned a photo of the groundbreaking for Horton School. According to interview info from another Horton family source (Pearl Higgenbotham), Yancy (born 1845) gave "the first acre of land" to build the school. Yancy and also his father were called "Savoy".

CEMETERY: Pearl H. recorded in her small notebook that the following names under the heading of Horton's Cemetery:

Deceased daughter of Ophelia Horton, died age 11, 1925.

Madkin Mts. in Silver Hill, Sam Moore Cenetry:

1. Maria Russel Ernest
2. Sophia Horton
3. Maria Jacobs

Langford Horton--age 9 mo (note: on the small note book, to the far right, across from this line and the one above is a note saying Berton {Buxton?} Rd Cemetery, Pond Beat)

Jacobs

Joiner

David Bailey Sr--neighbor, last buried

King

Bell

Pecola (writing uncertain) Turner

Fannie Robinson

Boby Boy Roh...

Otto Turner

John Crimes

Pearl said "our cemetery was mostly on Frank Jacobs side, but it was at the end of that road by the school. The road that divided the land went down to the school, and was off the only main road that went through Pond Beat that took you