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## Belmont Plantation

Also referred to as the Belle Mont Mansion, Belmont Plantation has been described as “a rare Southern example of architectural ‘Jeffersonian Classicism’” for its near direct connection to the architectural styles and families of Virginia. The house was built for Dr. Alexander W. Mitchell of Virginia sometime between 1830 and 1833. Mitchell quickly sold the house and 1,680-acre property to Isaac Winston (1795-1863),

another Virginia-born planter who settled in Tuscumbia in the 1820s.

According to the 1830 federal census, Winston’s household included 31 slaves. By 1840 when he moved to the large manor, he owned 62 slaves. In 1850, Winston’s plantation had no less than 99 slaves. At the end of his life and the beginning of the Civil War, Isaac Winston owned two plantations, one in the vicinity of Tuscumbia – Belmont, which by then was 2,800 acres and had at least 23 slaves – and another in Courtland, Lawrence County, Alabama, which had at least 17 slaves on 2,000 acres.



(Below) 1860 Non-Population, Agricultural Census Showing Isaac Winston’s Land (National Archives and Records Administration via Ancestry.com)

(Above) Barn at Belmont, 1936 (Historic American Buildings Survey, Library of Congress) (Right) Cabin at Belmont, 1936 (Historic American Buildings Survey, Library of Congress)

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**SCHEDULE 4.—Productions of Agriculture in** *Eastern Subdivision* **in the County of** *Franklin* **in the** *Tuscumbia* **Post Office**

NAME OF OWNER, AGENT, OR MANAGER OF THE FARM.	ACRES OF LAND.		Cash value of Farm.	Value of Farming Implements and Machinery.	LIVE STOCK, JUNE 1, 1860								PRODUCE DURING THE YEAR								
	Improved.	Unimproved.			Horses.	Asses and Mules.	Milch Cows.	Working Oxen.	Other Cattle.	Sheep.	Swine.	Value of Live Stock.	Wheat, bushels of.	Rye, bushels of.	Indian Corn, bushels of.	Oats, bushels of.	Rice, lbs. of.	Tobacco, lbs. of.	Ginned Cotton, bales of 400 lbs. each.	Wool, lbs. of.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
<i>W. C. Bond</i>	<i>125</i>	<i>230</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>125</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>		<i>2</i>		<i>25</i>	<i>500</i>	<i>27</i>		<i>3 1/5</i>					<i>12</i>	
<i>John C. Daley</i>	<i>157</i>	<i>150</i>	<i>1500</i>	<i>150</i>		<i>4</i>	<i>4</i>		<i>10</i>		<i>15</i>	<i>700</i>			<i>500</i>					<i>25</i>	
<i>Isaac Winston</i>	<i>1400</i>	<i>1400</i>	<i>40,000</i>	<i>1800</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>90</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>5300</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>14,000</i>	<i>400</i>				<i>250</i>	<i>27</i>