

State of Alabama,
Colbert County.

Probate Court.

Know all Men by These Presents, That we, Grant Ricks, George Ricks
A. C. Ricks His Heirs and J. B. Ricks
of the County and State aforesaid, are held and firmly bound unto Lucas G. Simpson, Judge of the
Court of Probate for said County, and his successors in office, in the penal sum of One Thousand DOLLARS,
for which payment, well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, and administrators, jointly and severally,
firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals, and dated this 26 day of January, 1909

The Condition of the Above Obligation is Such, That whereas, the above bound
Grant Ricks
has been appointed Administrator of the estate of George Ricks, deceased

Now, if the said Grant Ricks shall well
and truly perform all the duties which are or may be by law required of him as such Administrator, then the
above obligation to be void; otherwise to remain in full force.

Grant Ricks [L.S.]
George Ricks, A. C. Ricks [L.S.]
Ohio Housdore [L.S.]
J. B. Ricks [L.S.]
Lucas G. Simpson, Judge of Probate

Taken, approved, and ordered to be recorded this 26 day of Jan, 1909

Page No. 29 } Inquiries numbered 7, 16, and 17 are not to be asked in respect to infants. Inquiries numbered 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, and 20 are to be answered (if at all) merely by an affirmative mark, as follows.

SCHEDULE I.—Inhabitants in Township Four Range Five, in the County of Colbert, State
of Alabama, enumerated by me on the 10 day of July, 1870. 27

Post Office: Tuscumbea A. W. Creamer, Ass't Marshal.

1	2	3	4			7	8		10	11		13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
			Age at last Census	Sex	Color		Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Estate		Place of Birth	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic								
1	193/193	Ricks George	30	M	W	Farmer	400		Alabama										
2		— Caliza	40	F	W	Keeping house			Alabama										
3		— Ohio	12	M	W	at home			Alabama										
4		— Annison	10	M	W	at home			Alabama										
5		— Johnnie	8	M	W				Alabama										
6		— Grant	6	M	W				Alabama										
7		— George	4	M	W				Alabama										
8		— Lottie	1	F	W				Alabama										

(Left) 1909 Probate Court Settlement of George Ricks' Estate, Left to His Children (Ancestry.com, User Laura Corbett) (Above) 1870 Federal Census Excerpt Showing George Ricks and His Family (National Archives and Records Administration via Ancestry.com) (Below) 1900 Federal Census Excerpt Showing George Ricks Owning a Farm and a Few of His Sons Living Nearby, Presumably on His Land (National Archives and Records Administration via Ancestry.com)

P. B. Swoopes (1902-2000)

Paris Baker Swoopes was one of the most prominent African American citizens of Sheffield in the early- to mid-20th century. Mr. Swoopes grew up on the east side of the city of Sheffield, born about 1902 to John and Eliza Swoopes. In 1910, the family was living in Sheffield where John Swoopes owned a house and his own barbershop. A decade later, Swoopes' mother was remarried to James Anderson. Swoopes and his younger sister, lived in a house on 13th 1/2 Street owned by their step-father, who was a fireman for the railroad. In his youth, Swoopes attended Sheffield Colored School and was one of the first students, along with Ms. Marion C. McDaniel, to graduate from the high school. He went on to study at Tuskegee Institute before returning home to Sheffield.

In 1927, P. B. Swoopes opened a tailoring shop in downtown Sheffield on 2nd Street. His shop was a success and he moved his business to 105 Montgomery Avenue in 1941. Swoopes was the only tailor in the city. His clients were both white and people of color. Residents remember his shop on Montgomery for the large windows in the front where Mr. Swoopes would measure and mark his customers. During the Jim Crow era and even afterwards, it was best practice for Mr. Swoopes to be seen conducting

112	715	Ricks George	Head	30	July 1838	66	72	44	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama									
		Caliza	Wife	40	Feb 1831	67	72	48	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama									
		Lottie	Daughter	12	Feb 1862	23	28	8	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama									
		Annison	Son	10	Jan 1858	12	17	8	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama									
113	716	Ricks Indiana	Head	12	Dec 1883	26	31	2	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama									
		Julia	Wife	6	Apr 1880	20	25	1	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama									
		Grant	Daughter	4	Oct 1900	1/2	3		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama									
114	717	Ricks Grant	Head	6	Apr 1862	28	33	14	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama									
		Mary	Wife	6	Feb 1875	25	30	12	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama									
		Ethell	Daughter	3	May 1898	12	17	8	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama									
		John	Son	6	Jan 1890	10	15	8	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama									
		Peray	Son	6	Mar 1893	7	12	5	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama									
		Mary	Daughter	4	Feb 1896	6	11	3	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama									
		Grant	Son	3	Mar 1898	2	7	2	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama									
115	718	Ricks Lemuel	Head	6	Jan 1871	29	34	11	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama									
		Georgia	Wife	6	May 1875	25	30	6	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama									
		Siddons J	Son	3	Apr 1878	8	13	5	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama									
		Agatha	Daughter	6	Jan 1895	5	10	3	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama									
		Sabra	Daughter	3	Feb 1896	4	9	3	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama									