



(Left) Photograph of the Grave of Prof. G. W. Trenholm and His Son, Dr. Harper Council Trenholm at Oakwood Cemetery in Montgomery, Alabama (Findagrave.com, User Lonewalker)

Colored School's third principal. In 1899, he married Ellen T. Brown (1873-1948). In addition to being the principal of the Tuscumbia Colored School, Professor Trenholm was the editor of *The American Star*, an African American newspaper published bi-weekly on Wednesdays in Tuscumbia in the early years of the 20th century. Mrs. Trenholm was the associate editor for a time as well.

Professor Trenholm oversaw the move of the Tuscumbia Colored School from Delony Hill to the corner of 11th and High streets in southeast Tuscumbia in 1905. When he left the position, his

next career was as the president of Alabama State Teacher's College for Negroes – later Alabama State University – in Montgomery, Alabama. Professor Trenholm had earned a Ph.D and a M.S. during his career as an educator. When he retired, his son, Dr. Harper Council Trenholm took over that position.

Tuscumbia Colored School was renamed for Professor Trenholm after he passed away. Trenholm High School was known for its excellence academically and athletically throughout North Alabama. Trenholm High School closed in 1968 due to integration. An elementary school just to the south of the former Trenholm High School on Joe Wheeler Drive was named Southside School in 1971. Sometime later, it was renamed to the current GW Trenholm Primary School in honor of Professor Trenholm.

