

40	78	78	Magie Tom	Head	10	W	M	B	39	M				Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Farmer	Farm	1913	40
41			Ann	Wife		F	B	37	M					Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Laundress	at Home	W	41
42			Grace	Daughter		F	B	13	M					Alabama	Alabama	Alabama				42
43			Ruth	Daughter		F	B	11	S					Alabama	Alabama	Alabama				43
44			Blanche	Daughter		F	B	9	S					Alabama	Alabama	Alabama				44
45			Thomas	Son		M	B	7	S					Alabama	Alabama	Alabama				45
46			Clara	Daughter		F	B	6	S					Alabama	Alabama	Alabama				46
47			Nellie	Daughter		F	B	3	S					Alabama	Alabama	Alabama				47
48			Ray	Daughter		F	B	14	S					Alabama	Alabama	Alabama				48
49	79	79	W. J.	Head	10	W	M	B	39	M				Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Farmer	Farm	1913	49

80			W. J.	Head	10	W	M	B	39	M				Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Farmer	Farm	1913	80
81			Martha	Wife		F	B	37	M					Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Laundress	at Home	W	81
82			Clara	Sister		F	B	15	W					Alabama	Alabama	Alabama				82
83														Alabama	Alabama	Alabama				83

64	83	83	Connitcha Bob	Head	0	W	M	B	70	W				Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Janitor	Courthouse	W	64
65	84	84	Ida Parks	Head	0	W	F	B	45	W				Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Cook	Private Family	W	65
66			Maybe	Daughter		F	B	19	S					Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Laundress	at Home	W	66
67			Eller	Sister		F	B	16	S					Alabama	Alabama	Alabama				67
68			Charles	Nephew		M	B	14	S					Alabama	Alabama	Alabama				68
69			Lucretia	Mother		F	B	11	S					Alabama	Alabama	Alabama				69
70			Arthur Lucie	Mother		F	B	61	S					Alabama	Alabama	Alabama				70
71	85	85	Franklin Ben	Head	10	W	M	B	54	S				Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Retired Farmer			71

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at 22 in 1930 before rising again to 48 in 1940. Due to the rapid growth of the town, the percentage of African American households declined from 15% to 5% overall.

Among the households of color were very few farmers who owned their own land. Most African American families lived within the city of Fort Payne and rented their homes. In 1900, there was only one man who owned his farm, William Williamson. No further information could be found about him. The following decade, there

were three landowners: Tom Chambliss, Charlie Sparks, and Robert Hightower. While representing less than 1% of the overall households, they made up 6% of the households of color in 1910. The greatest number of farming landowners was recorded in 1920. That year, there were seven families with farms including those of Tom Magbie, Ida Parks, Lewis J. Judkins, Wiley Fielder, Green Coleman, Tom Chambliss, and Ruff Moore. These farms were representative of 1% of the total households and 14% of the African American households. By 1930, the African American population of Fort Payne dropped significantly, leaving only one landowner - Tom Chambliss.

This was true of 1940 as well although by then Chambliss' son owned a farm as well.

Tom Chambliss (1877-unknown) owned his farm from at least 1910 to 1940. In 1910, he owned a farm on the west side of Fort Payne, but by 1920 had settled on Dugout Valley Road on the north side near Minvale. Herman Chambliss (1892-1957) was Tom Chambliss' son. He owned a farm on Big Valley Road in 1940. The Chambliss family is buried in the large public cemetery in Fort Payne called Glenwood. Another landowner, Green Coleman (born c. 1864) and his wife, Mattie, owned a house in Fort Payne from at least 1900 to 1910 before