

(Left) 1947 USGS Topographic Map of Lebanon, Portersville, Alabama Quadrangle

as with the decrease in overall population, there came a decline in landowning farmers. By 1910, there were only 6 African American farms who owned their land. Noah Kelly, Sam Bynum, and George Hammock kept their farms while three new landowners were recorded as well. A pattern of retention appears by 1920.

While many of the early farming landowners of Lebanon were fairly senior in 1900, many of them most likely born slaves in the previous century, it appears that many did not pass on their farms to another generation. Beginning in 1920, the census records indicate that a few families stayed in the area and passed on the land to siblings,

(This Page) Excerpts from the Federal Census from National Archives and Records Administration via Ancestry.com (Below) Excerpt of 1900 Census Record Showing Amanda Bynum and Jordan Malory Owning Farms (Bottom) Excerpt of 1900 Census Record Showing Sam Bynum and George and Charles Hammock Owning Farms

(Opposite Page) Excerpts from the Federal Census from National Archives and Records Administration via Ancestry. com (First) Excerpt of 1900 Census Record Showing William and Benton Malone Owning Farms (Second) Excerpt of 1900 Census Record Showing Noah Kelly Owning a farm (Third) Excerpt of 1910 Census Record Showing Noah Kelly and Rufus M. Alexander Owning Farms (Fourth) Excerpt of 1910 Census Record Showing Reuben Malone and Tom Moore Owning Farms

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