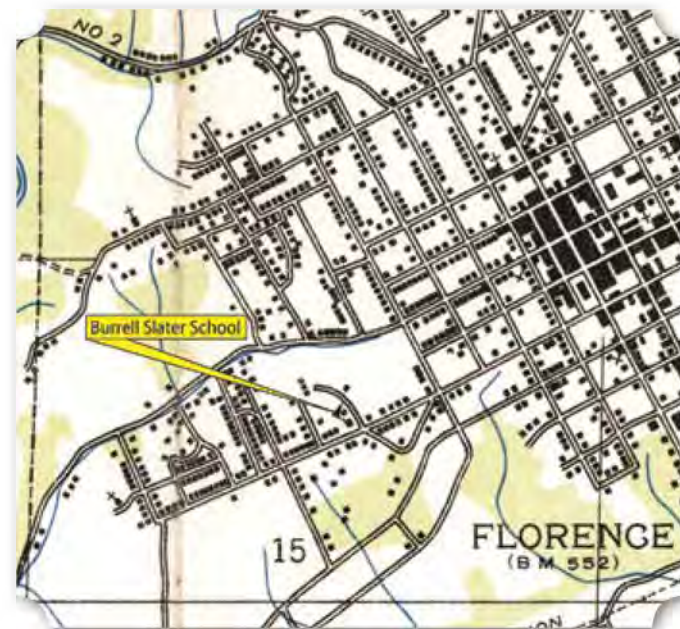


(Above) Newspaper Clipping of Richard Buckingham's Death, August 4, 1925 (Findagrave.com, user John Church)

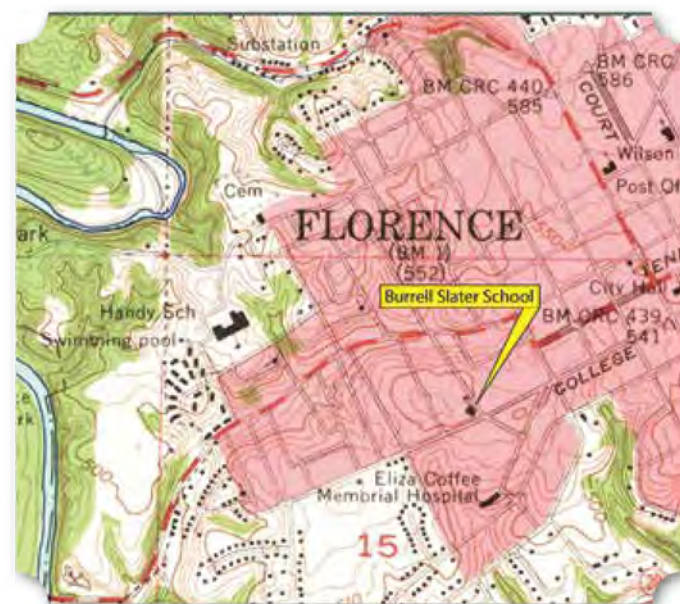
1925) who died while working on Wilson Dam. His unexpected death happened by accident and made the local newspapers on August 4, 1925 as "Negro Killed at Wilson Dam Today." His grave marker reads "He is not dead but sleepth" and "Asleep in Jesus" accompanied by a Masonic symbol.

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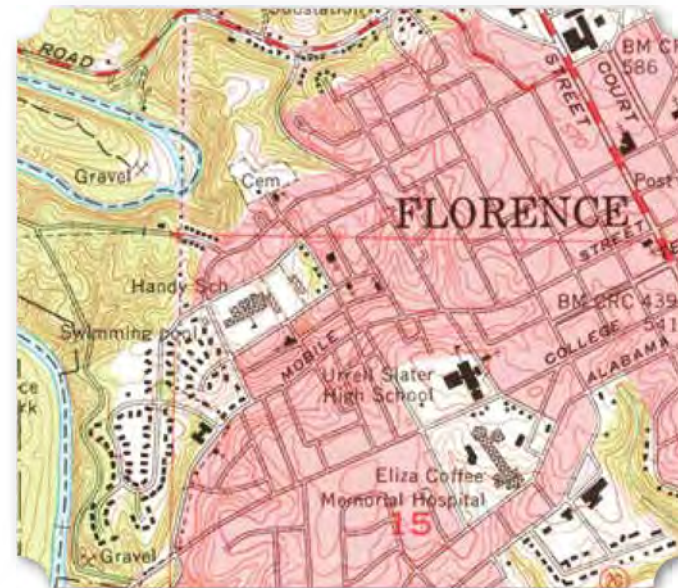
The Burrell Slater High School is located on West College and North Cherokee streets in the southwest Florence neighborhood of Canaan. The school's African American history spans from 1903 to 1969. It began as Burrell Academy, formerly of



(Above) 1936 USGS Topographic Map of Southwest Florence – Burrell Slater High School, Florence, Alabama Quadrangle (Below) 1957 USGS Topographic Map of Southwest Florence – Burrell Slater High School, Florence, Alabama Quadrangle



Selma, Alabama. By 1903, the American Missionary Association opened the Burrell Normal School for African American students in Florence, which served grades 1 through 12. In 1937, the Florence City Board of Education operated the school and changed the name to Burrell High School. The school was moved to the Slater Elementary school



on South Court Street in 1951, combining the names the school became known as Burrell Slater High School.

The building on South Court burned in 1958 and the current building on West College was constructed. This school supposedly cost \$515,000 to build in 1960. It served the African American community until 1969. After the school was forced to close due to integration, it was used as Florence's first vocational school.

(Left) 1971 USGS Topographic Map of Southwest Florence – Burrell Slater High School, Florence, Alabama Quadrangle (Below) Burrell Normal School, 1904 (Florence African American Heritage Project via Facebook.com)



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