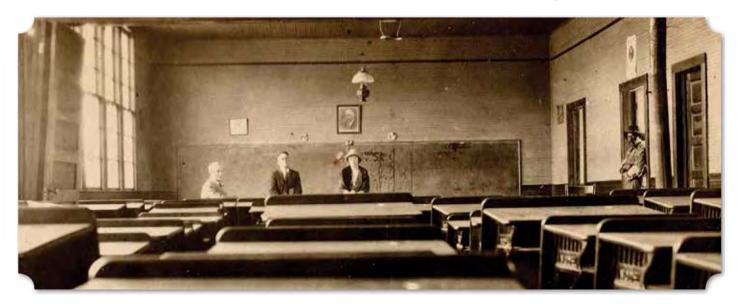
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(Top) Excerpt of 1880 Census Record Recording the Parker Family (National Archives and Records Administration via Ancestry.com) (Above) Excerpt of 1930 Census Record Showing Joe B. Thompson Owning a Farm (National Archives and Records Administration via Ancestry.com) The Mt. Zion School was at the church from 1918 to 1968. On the 1924 USGS topographic map, the church and school are indicated, and the "Mt. Zion School" is labeled. Mt. Zion School was one of seven Rosenwald schools in Lauderdale County. It was a two-room school built by the Tuskegee Institute. It cost a total



of \$1,500 to construct with \$550 raised by the local African American community, \$500 from public funds, and \$500 from the Rosenwald Fund. It can be confused for another school also named Mt. Zion northnortheast of Florence along Butler Creek and Mt. Zion roads.

(Left) Photograph of Mt. Zion School, Interior, Circa. 1918 (Fisk University-**Rosenwald Foundation** (Right) Photograph of the First Grade Class at Mt. Zion School, 1950 (Florence African American Heritage Project via Facebook.com)

