

**DEATH OF A WORTHY
COLORED MAN**

John W. Turnley was born on the 13th day of February, 1861, and died at his home near Smithsonia, Ala., March 4th, 1919. He had been an active and useful citizen, was a credit to his race. His motto was to set a good example and admonish those with whom he associated to make upright and useful citizens. He never lost an opportunity to co-operate with every influence to establish his people on a higher and firmer basis of usefulness and good citizenship. For thirty-seven years he was a consistent member of the A. M. E. Church, filling any responsible place to which he was assigned. He leaves a wife and three children to mourn his loss. A good and true man has gone to his reward. We cherish his memory.

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University in Huntsville for a B.S. in Elementary Education and a Master's in Counseling. She worked as a teacher for the Lauderdale County and Florence City Schools for 38 years. She was a member of numerous social clubs and organizations and integral to the African American community of Florence and the "Bend of the River."

(Left) Obituary for John W. Turnley, Originally Published March 5th in the Florence Times (Findagrave.com, User Wanda Quinn Bradford) (Below) Excerpt from the 1920 Census Showing Leslie and Annie Pride Living Next Door to Madge Parker Turnley (National Archives and Records Administration via Ancestry.com) (Bottom) Excerpt from the 1940 Census Showing Leslie and Annie Pride with Daughter, Hattie Pride Smith (National Archives and Records Administration via Ancestry.com) (Right) Image of Ms. Hattie Pride Smith (Findagrave.com, User Joy Favors)



Besides John W. Turnley and his legacy of landownership, Ms. Anita's great-grandmother, Louise Parker, was also the daughter of landowners: Berry "Tut" Parker (1833-1904) and Catherine (1843-1933). The Parkers' grave memorial proudly declares Tut and Catherine as "Slaves, Sharecroppers, Landowners, Parents of 15 children." All of their children are listed on the stone: Moses, Hannah, Martha, Annie, Isom, Tommie, Madgie, Mary Frances, Louis, Richard, Berry, Jr., Wylodine, Cornelia, Ellis, and Nelson.

The only census records for Berry Parker are from 1880 and 1900. The 1880 census does not record whether or not someone owned their land. The 1890 census has been lost to a fire. The 1900 census clearly states that Parker rented his farm, although these records have been proven to be wrong before and the elaborate grave marker proclaiming the Parkers to be landowners disputes the records. It is possible that Tut and his wife were able to buy the farm in the last years of his life.

(Opposite Top) Excerpt from the 1880 Census Showing Berry Parker and Family (National Archives and Records Administration via Ancestry.com) (Opposite Middle) Excerpt from the 1900 Census Showing Berry Parker and Family (National Archives and Records Administration via Ancestry.com) (Opposite Bottom) Photograph of the Parker's Grave Memorial at Mt. Zion Cemetery (Findagrave.com, User Joy Favors)

72	72	Turnley Tom	Head	M	52	24	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	yes	farmer	General	670
73	73	Madge	Wife	F	38	24	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	yes	none		7200
74	74	Josh	Son	M	16	8	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	yes	laborer	General	7401
75	75	Thomas	Son	M	14	8	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	yes	laborer	General	7601
76	76	Brynetta	Daughter	F	12	8	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	yes	none		78
77	77	Willie	Son	M	10	8	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	yes	none		77
78	78	Richard	Son	M	8	8	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	yes	none		74
79	79	Henrietta	Daughter	F	8	8	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	yes	none		79
80	80	George	Son	M	6	8	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	yes	none		80
81	81	Callie	Son	M	3	8	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	yes	none		81
82	82	Pride Leslie	Head	M	32	24	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	yes	farmer	General	671
83	83	Annie	Wife	F	24	24	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	yes	none		83
84	84	Hattie	Daughter	F	6	8	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	yes	none		84
85	85	Mathie	Daughter	F	5	8	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	yes	none		85
86	86	Leslie	Son	M	3	8	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	yes	none		86
87	87	Anna	Daughter	F	6	8	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	yes	laborer	General	7701

72	34R 10	Pride Leslie P	Head	M	62	4	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	yes	farmer	farmer	PA 37	40	yes
73		Annie B	Wife	F	44	6	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	yes	farmer	farmer	PA 37	40	yes
74		Leslie James	Son	M	21	8	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	yes	help on	farmer	PA 37	40	yes
75		Smith Hattie William	Son	M	3	8	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	yes	help on	farmer	PA 37	40	yes
76		Wendell Louise	Daughter	F	6	8	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	yes	help on	farmer	PA 37	40	yes
77		Smith Hattie Pride	Daughter	F	26	8	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	yes	school	teacher	PA 37	40	yes
78		Woods Louise	Mother	F	64	8	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	yes	help on	farmer	PA 37	40	yes