

Robert B. Buckingham (1873-1940) was the son of farmers John (1850-aft. 1880) and Julia Buckingham (1853-aft. 1880) of Oakland, Lauderdale County. Mr. Buckingham owned a grocery store in the 1910s. According to the 1913 Florence City Directory, Mr. Buckingham's store was located at 408 East Alabama. The 1920 census lists Robert Buckingham as a merchant of a retail grocery and his wife, Helen (or Hellon), worked as a salesman at, presumably, the same grocery store. In the 1920 city directory, the grocery was located at 308 E Alabama Street, but this is most likely a change in the street numbers and not an actual change in location. It is unknown what became of Buckingham after 1921 when his wife passed away. Her September 16, 1921 obituary says that Robert was "a colored merchant, and one of the best known and most respected colored men of the city." They are both buried at the Florence City Cemetery.

According to the 1913 Florence City Directory, Lewellyn Brewer (c.1860-1865-after 1940) had a grocery at 508 East Alabama Street near Buckingham's Grocery. Brewer is recorded on the 1920 census as a merchant/retail grocer, still living on Alabama Street. Mr. Brewer and his family relocated to Los Angeles, California by 1940.

(Top) 1920 Census Record for Robert Buckingham (National Archives and Records Administration via Ancestry.com) (Middle) 1920 Census Record for Llewellyn Brewer in Florence, Lauderdale County, Alabama (National Archives and Records Administration via Ancestry.com) (Bottom) 1940 Census Record for Llewellyn Brewer in Los Angeles, California (National Archives and Records Administration via Ancestry.com)



Jacob "Jake" W. Wytch (c.1852-1927) was born in North Carolina before the Civil War. By the 1880s, it appears that Wytch had made his way to Texas, before coming back east and settling in Florence. He was both a boot and shoemaker and a grocer. Documents suggest he either traded off these professions as needed or conducted them simultaneously. Mr. Wytch may have been a shoemaker first with a shop on Court Street in 1880, located above a store. In 1897, Mr. Wytch was Worshipful Master of Centennial Lodge No. 19 of the Colored Mason. He also owned a grocery first located on Court Street. The 1910 census records Wytch and his wife, Charlotte living on Alabama Street and a grocer. He moved the store in 1913 to 108 East Mobile Street in 1913 and his family to a house at 204 South Pine Street. The 1926 Florence City Directory lists Wytch as a shoe repairer living in a house at 255 Spring Road. He would have been nearly 75 years old and passed away that year or the next. His

82	260	281	299	Buckingham Robert	Head	1	0	2	13	45	7			yes	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	yes	Merchant	retail grocer	00	827
83				Hellon	wife			7	10	34	7			yes	yes	Mississippi	Mississippi	Mississippi	yes	salesman	grocery store	20	8375
84				Mary	daughter			7	10	11	4			yes	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Mississippi	yes	none			84
85				Robert Jr	son			7	10	7	6			yes	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Mississippi	yes	none			85
86				Carrie	son			7	10	25	6			yes	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Mississippi	yes	none			86

69	529	261	277	Brewer Llewellyn	Head	1	0	2	13	55	7			yes	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	yes	Merchant	retail grocer	00	69
70				Ada J	wife			7	10	41	7			yes	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	yes	none			70
71				Emma M	daughter			7	10	19	4			yes	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	yes	none			71
72				Arren	son			7	10	2	4			yes	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	yes	none			72
73				Jayla Bella	mother-in-law			7	10	61	7			yes	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	yes	none			73
74				Latham Anthony	Boarder			7	10	52	7			yes	yes	Texas	Texas	Texas	yes	salesman	Wilson Co	77	746
75				Samuel Jeff	Boarder			7	10	58	7			yes	yes	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	yes	Alabama	Fertilizer factory	77	751

4	1575	750	3000	110	Brewer, Llewellyn	Head	M	26	80	M	No	8	Alabama	Same place	No	XOXO	No	No	No	No	U	7				0	0	Yes	4	
5					Ada B	Wife	F	16	64	M	No	9	Alabama	Same place	No	XOXO	No	No	No	No	U	7				0	0	Yes	5	
6					Arren	Son	S	14	23	S	No	11	Alabama	Same place	No	XOXO	No	No	No	No	S	6				0	0	No	6	
7					Emma Mae	Daughter	F	14	24	S	Yes	12	Alabama	Same place	No	XOXO	No	No	No	No	S	6				0	0	No	7	
8					Hill Elizabeth	Grand-daughter	F	14	7	S	Yes	2	California	Same place	No	XOXO														8
9					Emma Lou	Grand-daughter	F	14	6	S	Yes	1	California	Same place	No	XOXO														9
10					Anthony Leon	Grand-son	M	14	5	S	Yes	1	California	Same place	No	XOXO														10
11					Ward Harry C.	Lodger	M	14	51	S	No	3	Kentucky	Same place	No	XOXO	No	No	No	No	U-	7				0	0	Yes	11	
12	1525	76 R	1700	110	Hill Eugene G	Head	M	14	55	M	No	8	Georgia	Same place	No	XOXO	Yes	-	-	-	-	7	40	Laborer	Pub. M... 1918	2	52	720	No	12