

Patterson Kotz A (Bessie), com trav, h 650 N Poplar  
 Patterson Nancy (wid), Indrs, h 517 Old Jackson rd  
 \*Patterson Reuben (m), cook, h 315 S Poplar  
 Patterson Riley (Minnie), lab, h n s Union 2 w of Trade

\*Patterson Nancy (wid), Indrs, h 517 Jackson rd  
 \*Patterson Percy, lab, b 517 Jackson rd  
 \*Patterson Reuben (m), boot blk, h 315 S Poplar  
 Patterson S Elbert, mill opr, b 137 Commerce

(Top) Reuben Patterson Listed in 1913 Florence City Directory as Cook – He is Denoted as a Person of Color by \* (Ancestry.com, U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995) (Above) Ruben Patterson Listed in 1920 Florence City Directory as Bootblack – He is Denoted as a Person of Color by \* (Ancestry.com, U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995)

**GEO. W. SEWARIGHT**  
**BOOT and SHOE MAKER,**  
 Has opened a SHOP in the room recently occupied by Mr. Fink over the store of M Jacobs, where he is prepared to do work in his line, on short notice and **REASONABLE RATES.**  
 Give him a call when wanting work in his line, and he will satisfy you in quality and price of work. 2176, 81cm

from 1899 lists Mr. Seawright's shoe shop as next door to W.H. Dismuke's grocery. When Mr. Seawright passed away in 1931, he was described as one of the city's most respected citizens. His obituary was written by the Sons of Confederate Veterans officers. One other known businessman was Sam Greenhill (died 1894) who was a boot and shoemaker in Florence. His obituary stated that he was "a worth colored man, a shoemaker by trade" and died in July 1894. His funeral was held at the St. Paul AME Church.

**SHOEMAKERS**

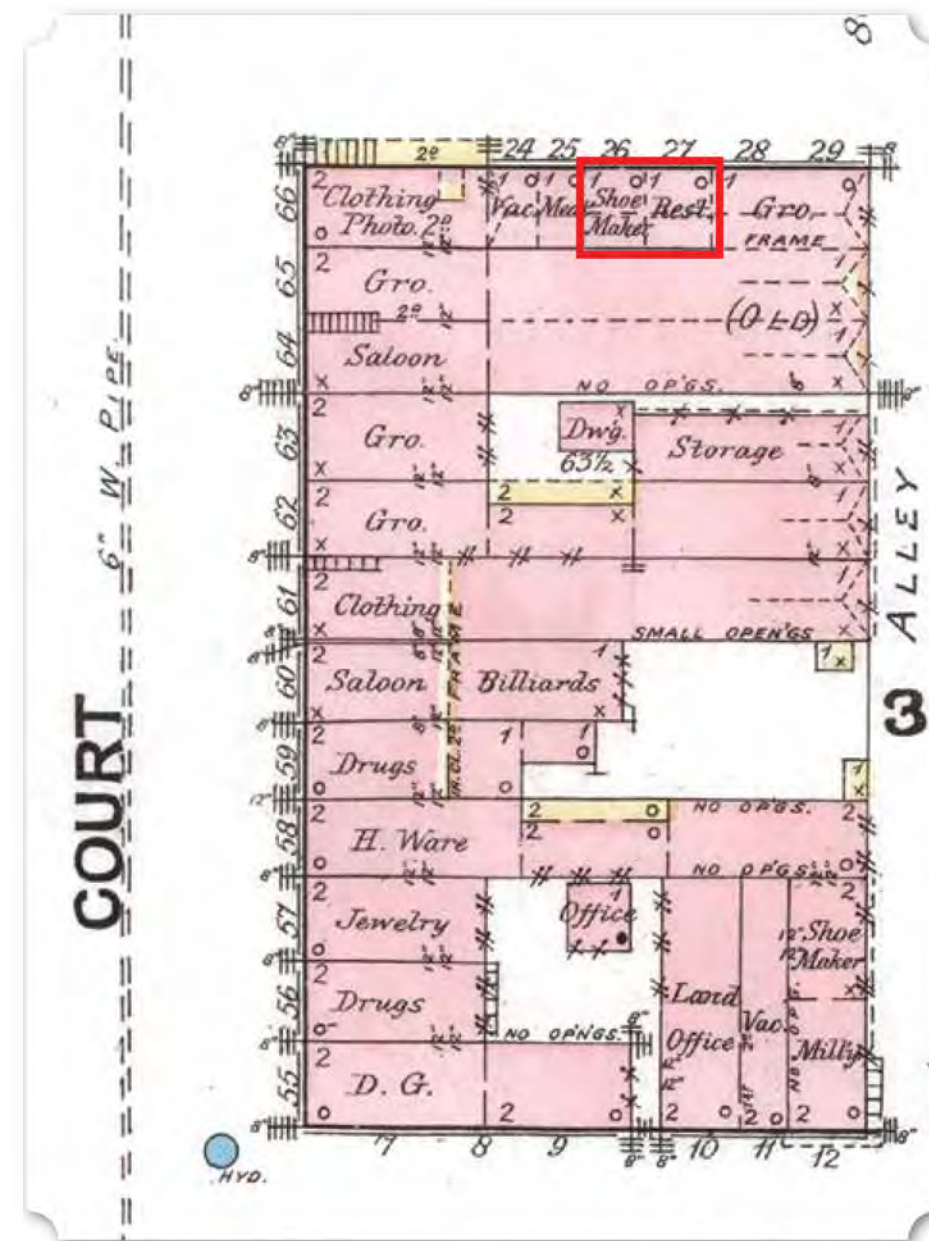
Chiriaco Vincenzo, 216 Tennessee  
 Garibaldi John, 112 W Tennessee  
 Halter C J, 107 E Tennessee  
 Rogers E L, Court n w cor Tombigbee  
 \*Seawright G W, 117 1/2 E Tennessee  
 Snyder J J, 110 N Seminary

(Left) Ad for G. W. Seawright's Boot and Shoemaking (Florence Banner, Tuesday, October 24, 1889 via Florence-Lauderdale Public Library) (Above) Excerpt of 1913 Florence City Directory for Shoemakers – People of Color, such as Mr. Seawright, are Denoted by \* (Ancestry.com, U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995) (Below) Excerpt of 1920 Florence City Directory for Shoemakers – People of Color, such as Mr. Seawright, are Denoted by \* (Ancestry.com, U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995) (Bottom) 1900 Census Record for George W. Seawright (National Archives and Records Administration via Ancestry.com)

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Buchanan H P, 61 Huntsville rd  
 Chiriaco Vincent, 322 E Tennessee  
 Coats Frank, 221 S Pine  
 Garibaldi John, 104 E Mobile  
 Halter C B, 121 E Tennessee  
 Halter C J, 106 E Mobile  
 Hartlino W G, 523 Royal av  
 \*Seawright G W, 117 1/2 E Tennessee

(Below) Excerpt of Sanborn Fire Insurance Map of Florence, Lauderdale County, Alabama, 1889. Showing the Stafford Block. On the Top End of the Map, the "Shoe Maker" Was Most Likely Seawright and the "Rest"aurant Most Likely Belonged to Streiter (University of Alabama, Historical Map Collection, Online)



38	1305	Seawright George W.	Head	13	Jan	1847	53	Dec	30	Alabama	Unknown	Virginia	Shoe maker	0	Yea	Yea	Yea	0	J. H.	33
34	1304	Francis	Wife	68	Nov	1848	57	Jan	30	Alabama	Unknown	Virginia			Yea	Yea	Yea			34