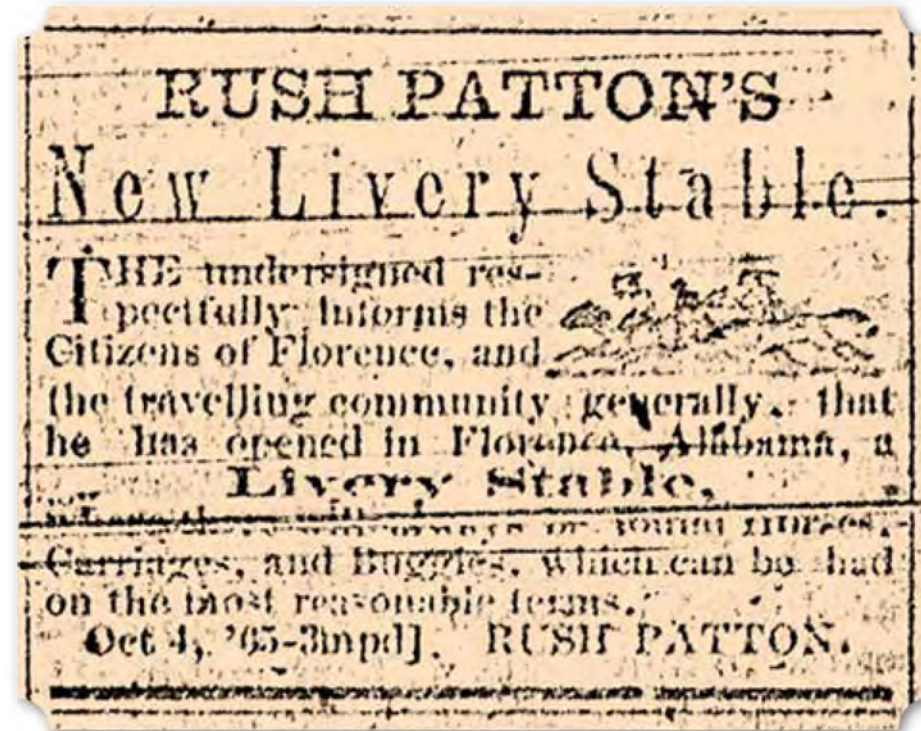


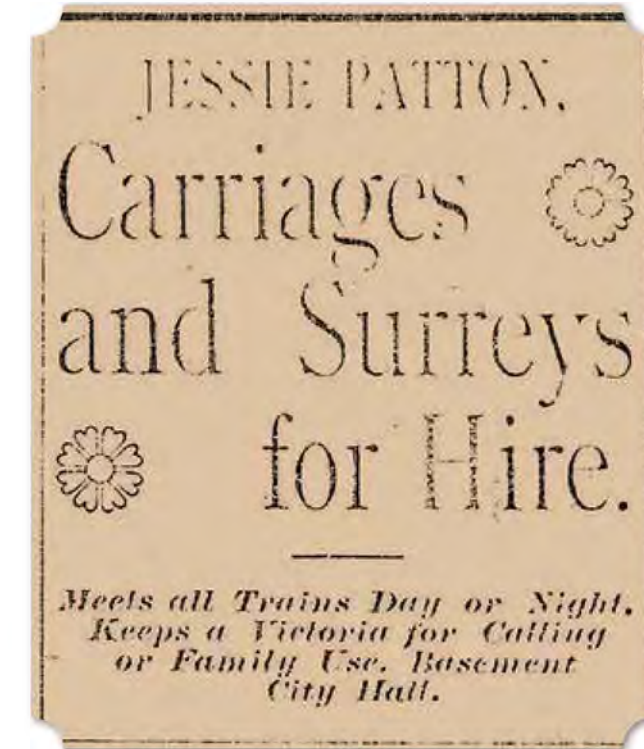
(Left) Excerpt of Sanborn Fire Insurance Map of Florence, Lauderdale County, Alabama, 1899. Showing Patton's Livery Stables at the Intersection of Pine and Tennessee Streets, on the North Side of the Courthouse. The Livery is Much Larger and Mostly Made of Brick (University of Alabama, Historical Map Collection, Online)



(Top) Ad for Rush Patton Sr.'s Livery Stable, (Florence Journal, Wednesday, October 4, 1865 via Florence-Lauderdale Public Library) (Above) Ad for Rush Patton, Jr.'s Carpentry and Painting Established out of Jesse Patton's Stables (Florence Herald, Thursday, January 7, 1897 via Florence-Lauderdale Public Library)

Jesse Patton (1865-1910) was born to Henry and Rachel Patton. His father, Henry, had been the slave of Judge Sidney Cherry Posey, and Rachel was owned by the Huff and Callahan families. Jesse grew up working in the stables and eventually owned a livery. In 1891, Mr. Patton advertised in Florence newspapers; previously, he had worked

out of stables owned by a Mr. Ramsey. The following year, he operated a small livery out of the basement of City Hall, across the street from Rush Patton's livery stables. He, too, was awarded the U.S. mail contract in 1894 and another contract for the L&N Railroad depot. He owned a large and impressive building by 1895.



(Left) Ad for Jessie Patton's Carriages and Surreys (Florence Herald, Thursday, September 1, 1892 via Florence-Lauderdale Public Library) (Below) Photograph of Jesse Patton's Livery, Feed, and Sale Stable on West Tennessee Street, 1897 (Florence-Lauderdale Public Library)

