

### UNDERTAKERS

Fielder O B, 323 N Court  
 Morrison Z P & Son, 112 E Tennessee  
 \*Terry H M O, 314 E Limestone

### UMBRELLA REPAIRERS

Fago Frederick, 515 E Tennessee

### UNDERTAKERS

Fielder O R, 528 E Tombigbee  
 Morrison Z P & Son, 123 E Tombigbee  
 \*Terry H M O, 319 E Alabama

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Thompson & Son Funeral Home was first established in 1920 in Tuscumbia by Bruce Thompson and Tim Ricks. However, Mr. Ricks left the endeavor by 1922 and Thompson's son, Bruce, Jr. followed in his father's footsteps. Bruce, Jr. attended Worsham College of Embalming in Chicago. Upon graduating, he became the "first college-trained embalmer and funeral director [of color] in North Alabama" and went into business with his father. Bruce, Sr. passed away about 1960, and in 1962, Mrs. Thompson and Bruce, Jr. opened a second location in

Florence on Poplar Street. The business was sold in 1982 to the current owners, Col. Arthur D. Graves and wife, Ms. Jean Long Graves.

The research done on Florence's African American professionals touches on only a few of the people and professions of the turn of the 20th century. There are undoubtedly more people of color that operated and owned businesses in the area over the decades. A close examination of city directories cross-referenced with the census and other resources could yield more information on the individuals named here as well as others.

(Top Left) Excerpt of 1913 Florence City Directory for Undertakers – People of Color, such as Mr. Terry, are Denoted by \* (Ancestry.com, U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995) (Left) Excerpt of 1920 Florence City Directory for Undertakers – People of Color, such as Mr. Terry, are Denoted by \* (Ancestry.com, U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995) (Below) 1920 Census Record for Henry M. O. Terry (National Archives and Records Administration via Ancestry.com) (Below Middle) 1930 Census Record for Henry M. O. Terry (National Archives and Records Administration via Ancestry.com) (Bottom) 1910 Census Record for Henry M. O. Terry (National Archives and Records Administration via Ancestry.com)



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6		Josephine	wife	2	9	28	m		yes	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	yes	laborer	City Street	76					
74	323 405 446	Terry, Henry O	Head	0	20	40	m	50	m	23	no	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	yes	Understand	Business 9690	0	yes	90	75	
75		Josephine M	wife	1	18	30	m	23	no	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	yes	none						76	
34	314 254 258	Smith, Virgil	Head	m	13	45	m	6			Ohio	Ohio	Ohio	English	Blacksmith Government	W	110	yes	yes	C H 12	0.98	54	
35		Mattie	wife	7	9	29	m	6	3	2	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	English	Master Mammie	Da		yes	yes		2.07	35	
36		Terry, Henry M	Head	m	13	30	m	1	7		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	English	Undertaker	Business	W	110	yes	yes			36
37		Josephine	wife	7	13	30	m	1	0		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	English	none			yes	yes				37