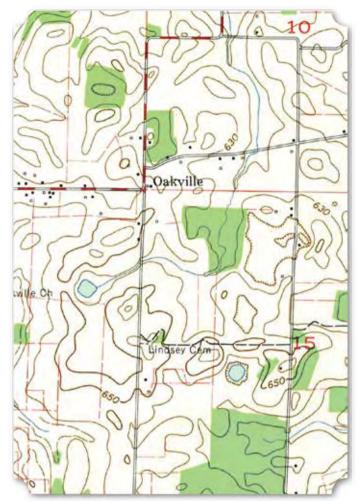
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While Oakville may be known for one of the country's famous African American athletes, the area around Jesse Owens Birthplace and Museum had very few African American households and landowners in the early 20th century. Between 1900 and 1940, there were never more than 48 African American households in Oakville. In 1900, there were only 29 households of color, or 16% of the population. As the overall population grew slightly, the percentage of African Americans leveled off. In 1910, the 30 African American households made up only 13% of the community. By 1920, there were 41 households of color, only 11% of the population. There were 33 African American families in 1930 and 48 in 1940. Of the landowners, there were never more than four in any given year. Winnie Alexander and Abner

(Right) 1935 USGS Topographic Map of Oakville, Oakville, Alabama Quadrangle (Right Middle) 1960 USGS Topographic Map of Oakville, Oakville, Alabama Quadrangle (Far Right) 1976 USGS Topographic Map of Oakville, Oakville, Alabama Quadrangle





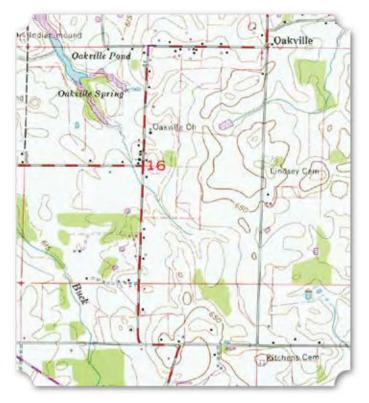
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