



Pond Spring was documented for the Historic American Buildings Survey in the 1930s along with several of the other plantation houses of North Alabama. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places as "Joe Wheeler Plantation" in 1977 (#77000209). The house, 12 buildings, and 50 acres were donated by the Wheeler family to the Alabama Historical Commission in 1993.

To the north of Pond Spring is another plantation and standing antebellum home – Bride's Hill. Constructed about 1830, the home and plantation first belonged to Robert and Elizabeth Danridge. The Danridges were from Virginia and purchased 160 acres outside of Courtland in 1829. After passing through various owners, the house became part of Pond Spring when

(Above) Photograph of Cabin at Pond Spring, Lawrence County, Alabama. Historic American Buildings Survey, 1939 **(Right)** Photograph of Bride's Hill, Lawrence County, Alabama. Historic American Buildings Survey, 1933 (Library of Congress)

it was purchased by Annie Wheeler, daughter of Gen. Joe Wheeler, in 1912. Bride's Hill was included in the photo documentation conducted for the Historic American Buildings Survey in the 1930s. In 1956, when Ms. Wheeler passed away, the Pond Spring and Bride's Hill combined estates had 16,000 acres. Bride's Hill was abandoned for a time starting in 1982 but remains standing. It was added to the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage in 1985.

24 ■ Red Bank

Like most of the areas on the northern half of Lawrence County along the Tennessee River, Red Bank was a majority African American community in the early 20th century. The census district of Red Bank is not very large. In 1900, it contained only 161 total households, of which 105 (65%) were African American. Both the number of total households and the number of African American households rose in 1910, with 85% African American households. The number of households of color peaked in 1920, when 90% of the 192 households of Red Bank

(Opposite Page) (Top Left) 1936 USGS/TVA Topographic Map of Red Bank, Rogersville and Wheeler Dam, Alabama Quadrangles **(Top Right)** 1952 USGS/TVA Topographic Map of Red Bank, Rogersville and Wheeler Dam, Alabama Quadrangles **(Lower Opposite Page) (First)** Excerpt of 1920 Census Record Showing Susie Troupe Owning a Farm (National Archives and Records Administration via Ancestry.com) **(Second)** Excerpt of 1930 Census Record Showing Ed Warren Owning a Farm (National Archives and Records Administration via Ancestry.com) **(Third)** Excerpt of 1930 Census Record Showing Frank Davis Owning a Farm (National Archives and Records Administration via Ancestry.com) **(Fourth)** Excerpt of 1940 Census Record Showing Tom Fuqua Owning a Farm (National Archives and Records Administration via Ancestry.com)

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