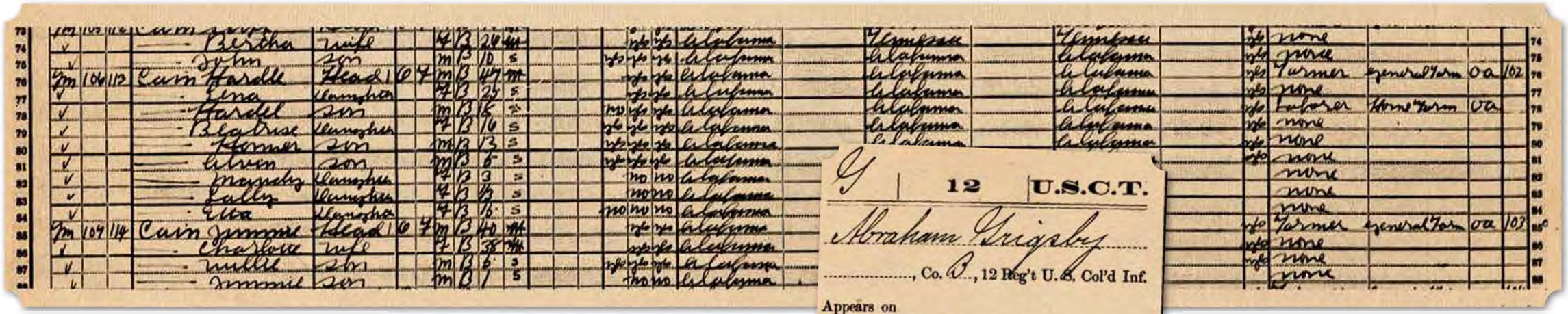

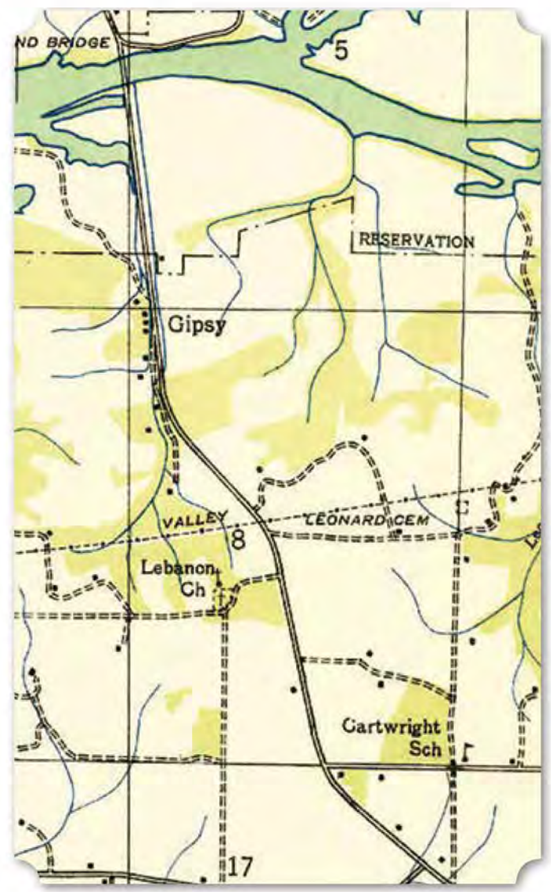

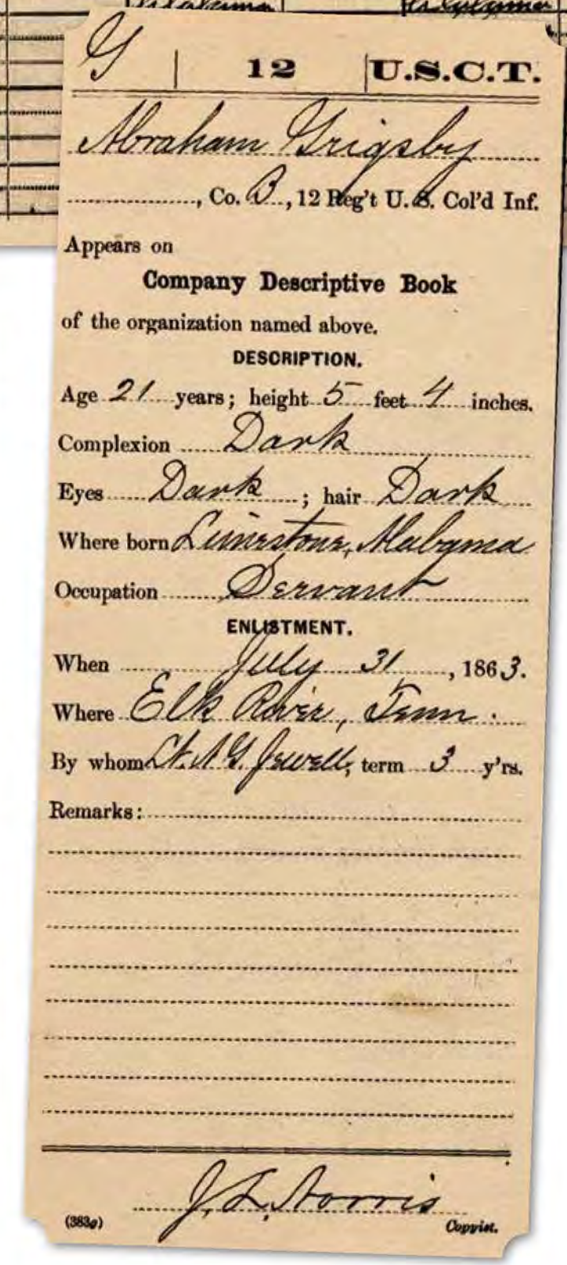
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Abraham Grigsby

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DESCRIPTION.

Age 21 years; height 5 feet 4 inches.

Complexion Dark

Eyes Dark; hair Dark

Where born Livingston, Alabama

Occupation Servant

ENLISTMENT.

When July 31, 1863.

Where Elk River, Tenn.

By whom Capt. Powell, term 3 y'rs.

Remarks:

J. L. Morris

(383g) Copyist.

(Above) Excerpt from the 1920 Federal Census Showing Hartle Cain and His Neighbors (National Archives and Records Administration via Ancestry.com) **(Right)** Enlistment Papers for Abraham Grisby, 1863 **(Far Right)** 1936 USGS Topographic Map Showing Lebanon Church

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Lebanon Community Methodist Church and Old Lebanon Cemetery

The Lebanon Community Methodist Church and Old Lebanon Cemetery are located along Lebanon Road between the community of Persimmon Grove and the Elk River. The small one-room church is adjacent to the large Lebanon Community Church Cemetery and a smaller African American cemetery. The Lebanon Cemetery dates to at least 1832, meaning there has probably been a church here since that time. Although the oldest known grave in the African American cemetery is Sammie Phelps (1889-1911), the burial ground is referred to as Old Lebanon and has many unmarked graves, which indicate it may be much older.

There are only six marked graves at the Old Lebanon Cemetery and several of them are members of the Grisby family. Abraham Grisby (b. 1842) was a soldier in the 12th USCT Co. B during the Civil War. According to his enlistment papers, he was born in Little Elk, Alabama. His daughter, Anna Laura Grisby Phelps (b. 1868) is buried here alongside her husband Robert Phelps (1865-1923), and their son, Sammie. The other two marked graves belong to Comodor Horton (1890-1918) and Mary Yarbrough Horton (1874-1927).

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Leslie Cemetery

The Leslie Cemetery is northeast of Athens along Old U.S. 31 near Hall Road. About 45 marked and several unmarked graves are located here. Besides the Leslie family, common surnames include Beddingfield, Coleman, Fletcher, Turner, and Wiggins.

Among those buried at the Leslie Cemetery are several African American farm owners, including Robert Bolden Leslie (1860-1912), his first wife, Eliza Cain Leslie (1858-1903), and second wife, Sallie Leslie (1876-1959). Robert and his family owned a farm in the area from at least 1900 to 1910. Four of the Leslie children are also buried here: Ulysses S. Leslie (1886-1955), Robert Shelby Leslie (1888-1958), Jesse L. Leslie (1893-1943), and Wilson Eldridge Leslie (1907-2004). Dick C. Mahaley (1875-1921) and his wife Sara