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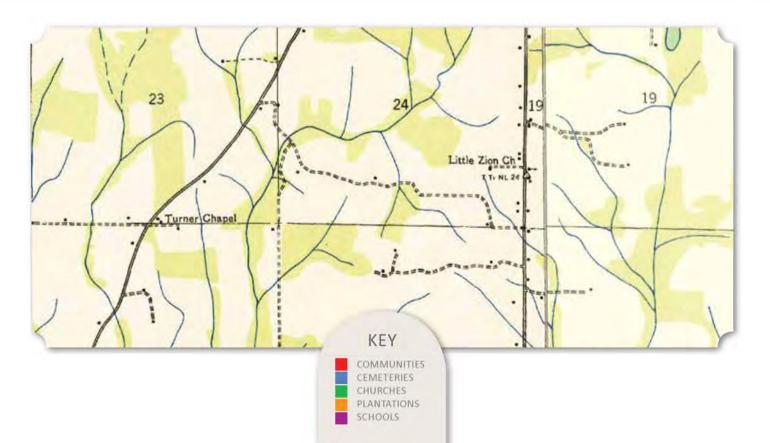
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(Top) 1930 Federal Census Showing Jordan Townsend (National Archives and Records Administration via Ancestry.com) (Middle) 1930 Federal Census Showing Houston Yarbrough (National Archives and Records Administration via Ancestry.com) (Above) 1940 Federal Census Showing Joe Weaver (National Archives and Records Administration via Ancestry.com)



Little Zion Missionary Baptist Church is located southwest of Athens on the east side of Lucas Ferry Road. According to the church's website, Little Zion



(Left) 1935/1936 USGS/TVA Topographic Map of Little Zion Church, Athens and Ripley, Alabama Quadrangles

was established in 1917 when members met at the home of Deacon John and Mother Emma Roberts, who owned a farm on Athens-Browns Ferry Road. The community raised \$50 to purchase an acre of land from Dr. B.S. Kennedy.

The Little Zion School was organized by a few members of the community in 1918. At first, classes met in the church. The building was destroyed by fire in 1927 and classes were temporarily moved to a garage on the Malone Place until a new church and school could be built. The 1930 census showed that Peter and Dan Malone owned farms near Lucas Ferry Road and could possibly have hosted the school.