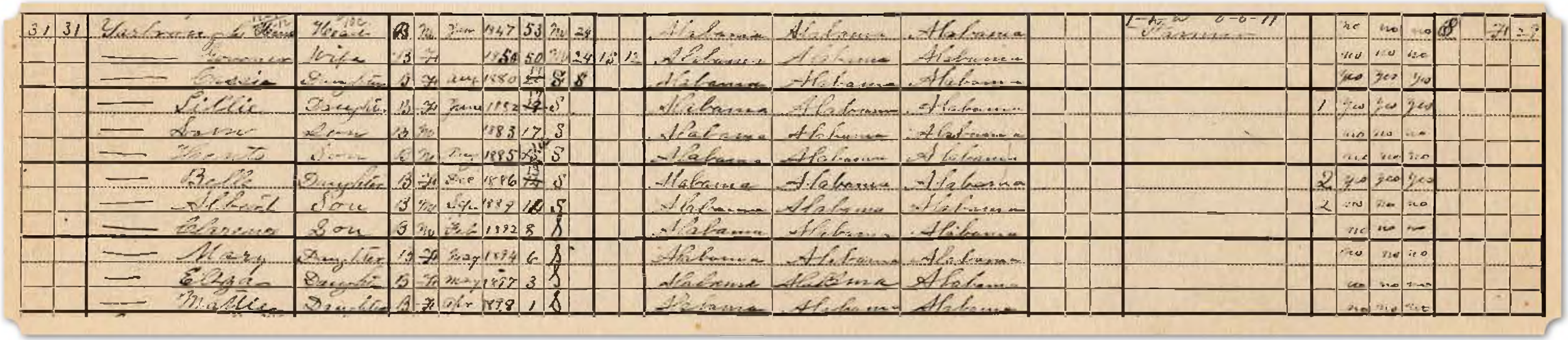

(Above) Excerpt from the 1900 Federal Census Showing the Household of Hence Yarbrough (National Archives and Records Administration via Ancestry.com) **(Below)** Historic American Buildings Survey Photograph of the Zeitler House, Mooresville, 1934 (Library of Congress)

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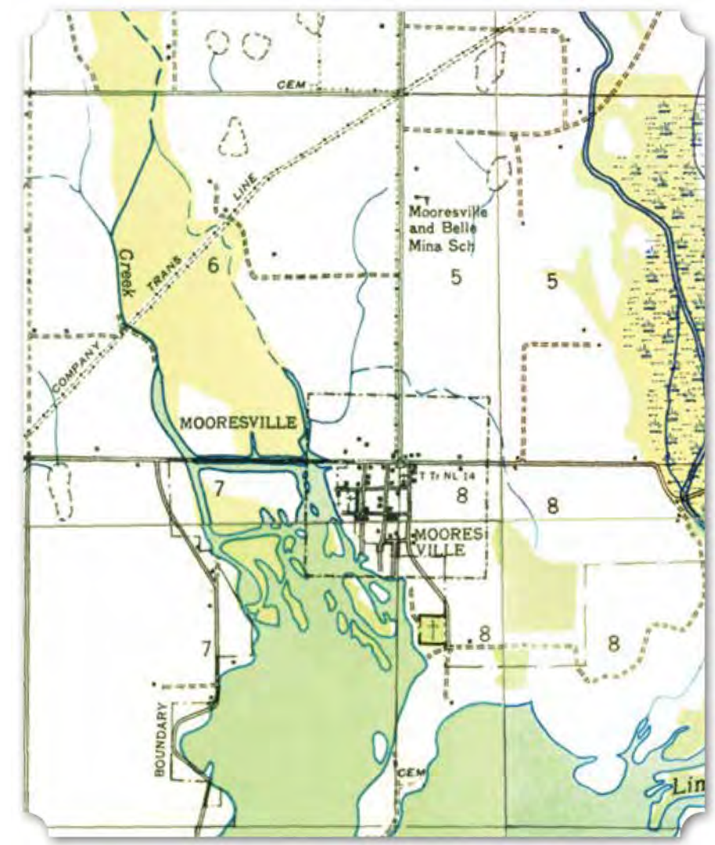
Mooresville

The community of Mooresville is in southeast Limestone County. Known as a well-preserved 19th-century village with many antebellum homes, it is the oldest incorporated town in Alabama – its settlement predated the charter for Athens by only three days. An early rival for commerce, Cotton Port, became a ghost town as Mooresville grew into a center for cotton farming and transportation thanks to its access to the Tennessee River. In the early 20th century, the boll weevil infestation devastated the town's economy. In the 1930s, many of the old homes were documented for the Historic American Buildings Survey and the entire town was later listed on the National Register for Historic Places.

(Right) 1936 USGS/TVA Topographic Map of Mooresville, Decatur, Greenbrier, Mason Ridge, and Tanner, Alabama Quadrangles



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