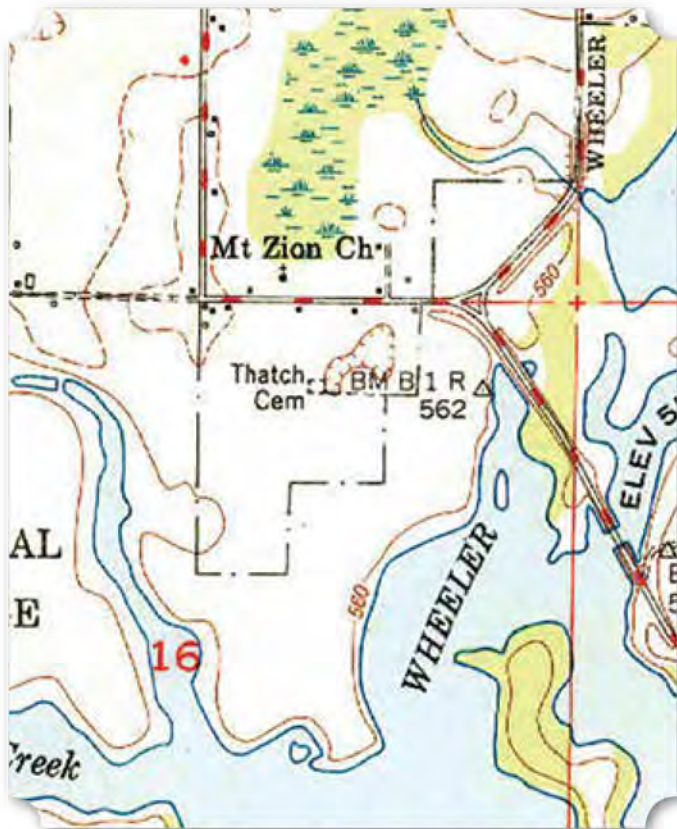


in 1985 and, of the 22 known burials there, none are more than 30 years old. However, the cemetery appeared on a map by 1951, indicating it was in use earlier.



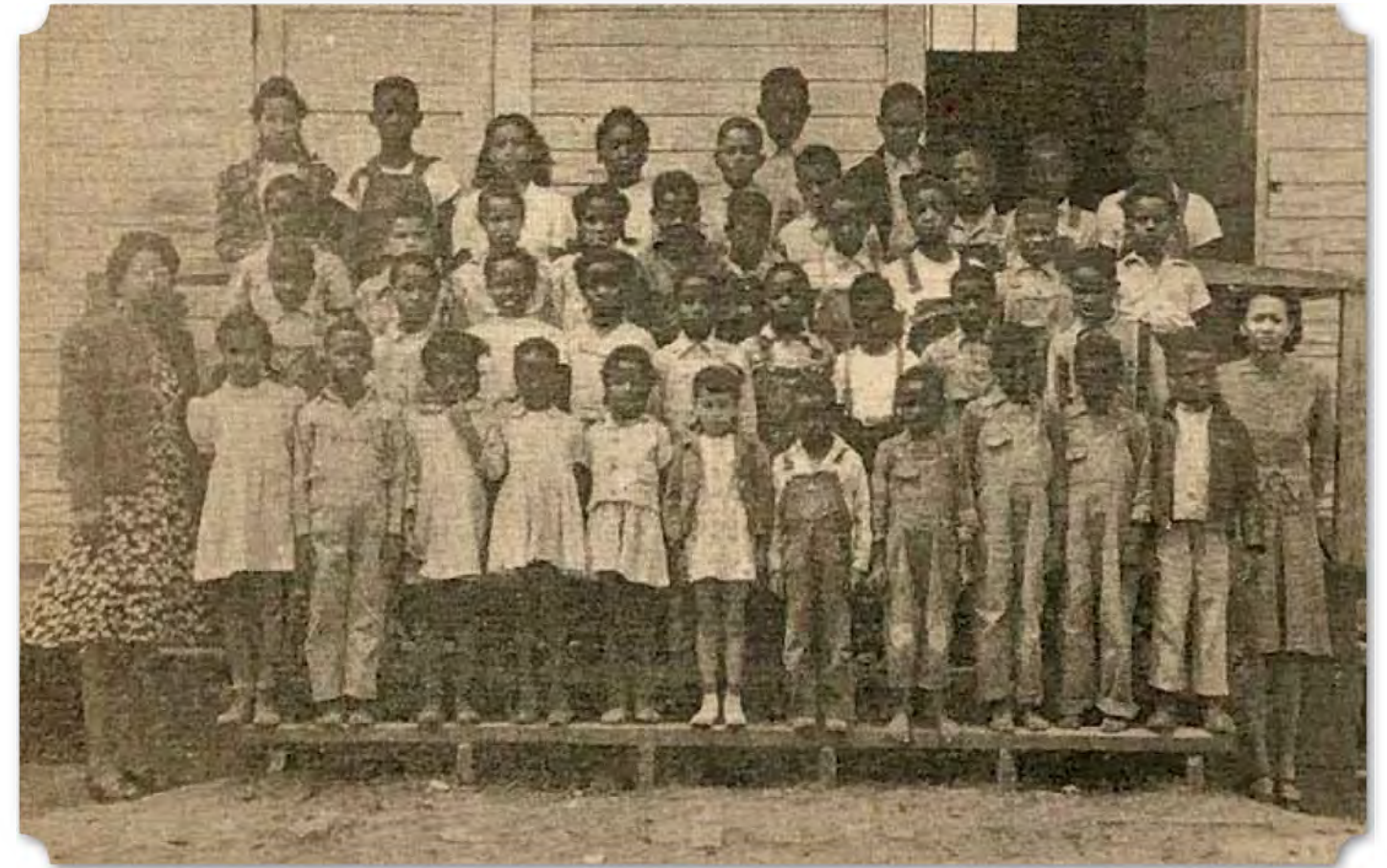
(Above) Students and Teachers of the Mt. Zion School (Below) 1951 USGS Topographic Map Showing Mt. Zion Church and Thatch Cemetery



## 30 ■ Nelson School\*

Nelson School was located along Love Branch Road near the Madison County border and north of the Town of Capshaw. It was a two-room schoolhouse originally located on a property called the Mayo farm. The school was established around 1907 with Ms. Lucy Warren as the first teacher. Other teachers included Mrs. Minnie Brown, and Ms. Ethel Featherwood. The school closed between 1914 and 1927, when the school for white children burned and needed a replacement. At that time, however, there were few white children in the area and so a school for African American children was built instead. Ms. Nellie Evans was the first teacher of the new school along with Ms. Willie Lucas and Mrs. Maxine Harris Pulley. In the summer of 1939, a new schoolhouse was built. Teachers in the 1940s were Mrs. Annie B. Maples, Mrs. Leslie, Mrs. Yarbrough, Mrs. Maggie Dobbins, Mrs. Mildred Leslie and Mrs. Fannie Witt.

(Below) 1936 USGS Topographic Map Showing the Nelson School (Top Right) Students and Teachers of the Nelson School



## 31 ■ ■ ■ New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Cemetery, and School\*

The small community of New Hope is located in southeast Limestone County near the Tennessee River and Madison County line. Also referred to as Richland on early 20th century censuses, the New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church, New Hope School, and New Hope Cemetery are along the south side of Wall Street. The church was organized during the late nineteenth century and met at the southeast corner of Wall Street and New Hope Road, where a new church building now stands.

(Right) 1949 USGS Topographic Map Showing the New Hope Church, School, and Cemetery

