



(Above) Image Of Class in Front Of Payne School, Date Unknown (School Days, 2011)

Classes were originally held for children of color at the local church until it burned. Subsequently, Mrs. Martha Payne offered the community a corn crib to use until a schoolhouse was built. The 1920 schoolhouse was destroyed during a storm in 1942, and sometime before 1947, a new building was constructed with state funds. Mrs. Lily M. Trotter was the teacher in 1947. The school and the land were sold in 1960 for a total of \$525.

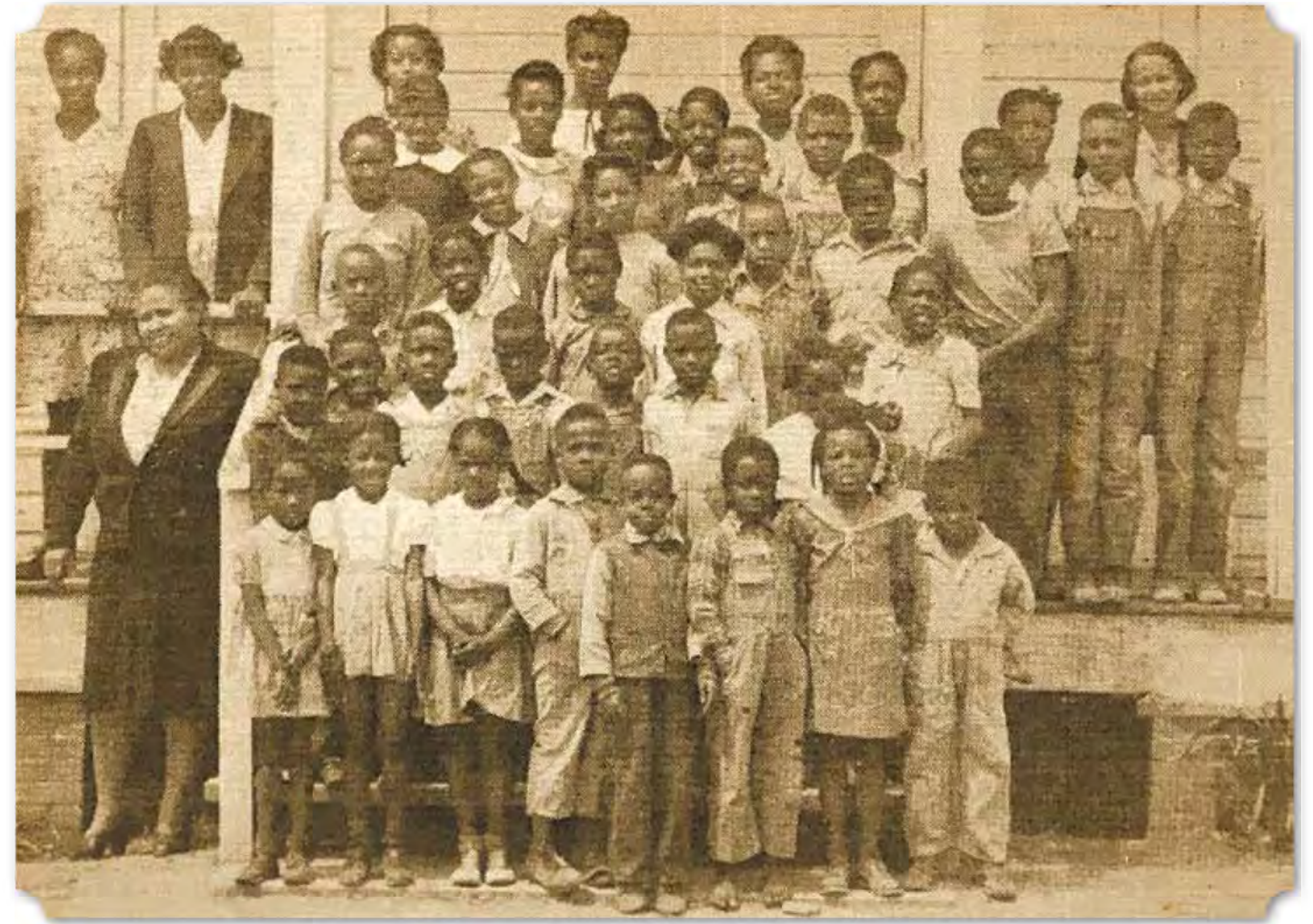
Payne Cemetery

Payne Cemetery is just south of the former Payne School location and west of Spence Cave Road where it meets State Line Road. This African American

cemetery contains about 50 marked and several unmarked graves. The first known burial is that of Dollie Daly (1867-1892). Among those buried here are Ernest Coleman (1885-1974), who owned a farm in Pettusville by 1940. Other common surnames include Brown, Holt, and Trotter.

49 ■ Walter's Chapel School*

Located near the Madison County line east of Peets Corner and south of Capshaw, Walter's Chapel School was once located near Burgreen Road between Highway 72 and Huntsville-Browns Ferry Road. It was a two-room schoolhouse established before 1938,



(Above) Image Of Class in Front Of Payne School, Date Unknown **(Right)** 1936 USGS Topographic Map Showing Walter's ("Waldo") Chapel

when a new school building was constructed. The 1938 schoolhouse was built on land purchased from Mrs. Cartwright, while M.R. Clanton was the builder. The school was headed by Mrs. M.M. Smith.

Over the decades, Walter's Chapel School was served by many teachers including Mr. Moses Brooks, Mr. Jerome Scales, Mr. Castophin, Mrs. Jessie Bedingfield Whitson, Mrs. Willie C. Lucas, Mrs. Eunice Tabor Lucas, Mrs. Nona B. Fletcher, Mrs. Lucy M. Stanley, Mrs. Margaret Malone Smith, Mrs. Marion Selby Strider, Mrs. Bertha Baugh, Mrs. Annie L. Jackson, Mrs. Mildred Gurley Brown, Mrs. C.E. Mason, Mrs. M.S. Howell, and Mrs. H.P. Caldwell.

