

2. DETAILS OF PLACES OF INTEREST

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Acklin Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

This church is in the community of Berkley in eastern Madison County. The church is present on the 1936 USGS topographic map. During this time period, most of the land surrounding the church was owned by African American farmers. The church property was once owned by Reuben W. Brazelton from 1922-1949 and then by Joseph W. Brazelton (presumably his son) until at least 1986. It is possible that the Brazeltons donated the land for the church.



(Above) William Hooper Council, Founder and President of Alabama A&M University (Alabama A&M University) (Top) Photograph of Students of Alabama A&M University in front of the Carnegie Library, Circa 1900 (Huntsville Revisited Facebook Page) (Page Excerpts) 1900 Federal Census of Huntsville, Madison County Showing William H. Council, Students, and Teachers at Alabama A&M University (National Archives and Records Administration via Ancestry.com)

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Alabama A&M University

Located north of downtown Huntsville in the community of Normal, this university has been pivotal to the education of the African American community at large, not just as an institution of higher learning, but for all levels. Alabama A&M has been dedicated to the education and welfare of African Americans since Reconstruction. William Hooper Council, a former slave, founded the school and served as its first president from 1875 to 1908. Although it has gone through many iterations, as the Huntsville State Normal School for

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John H. Council	M	20	1878	Alabama	Student	at school	
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KEY

- COMMUNITIES
- CEMETERIES
- CHURCHES
- PLANTATIONS
- SCHOOLS

TWELFTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES. SCHEDULE No. 1.—POPULATION. (Depositor's District No. Eight) (Enumeration District No. 178) 1880

County Madison Huntsville Precinct

Name of incorporated city, town, or village, within the above named district

Enumerated by me on the 1st day of June, 1900. Samuel H. Cowe, Enumerator.

NAME	SEX	AGE	DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	RACE			EDUCATION	REMARKS
					White	Colored	Other		
William Hooper Council	M	30	1868	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	at school	
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