

Madison County land records show that Frank Morris et al. owned an adjacent parcel of land. This may be the Morris that the chapel is named after. The 1940 census recorded Frank Morris as a farmer of color living on Weatherly Road, but he rented his land. The land that the church and school were built on belonged to Jim E. Weatherly, as did much of

the surrounding land. The Weatherlys were a white farming family living in the area in the early 20th century.





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Mt. Carmel School (Rosenwald)

The Mt. Carmel School is one of nine Rosenwald schools built in Madison County and the only one known to be left standing. Today, it is used by the Antioch Primitive Baptist Church. It was built as a two-teacher/two-room schoolhouse for \$1,050, of which the local African American community gave \$450; \$300 came from public funds; and \$300 came from the Rosenwald Fund.

The two-room school was one of the earlier schools, originally built around 1913. Another room was

(Left) Photograph of the Morris Chapel School in 2000 (Huntsville Revisited Facebook Page) (Bottom) Morris Chapel on Madison County Land Records, 1920-1932 (Index of Land Records, Madison County, Alabama)

