

DDT in their bodies. Two years later, the EPA began to investigate how the pollutant contaminated the water supply of the area. The findings indicated that the pollutant came from the Olin Corporation's production of the chemical on Redstone Arsenal. Lawsuits were filed against Olin Corporation by residents of Triana, as well as the U.S. Department of Justice. These lawsuits were eventually settled.

The water near Triana was monitored by the EPA from 1982-1995 to track the levels of DDT that were still in the Huntsville Spring Branch. During that time, the amount of DDT in the water was reduced by 97%. The EPA now

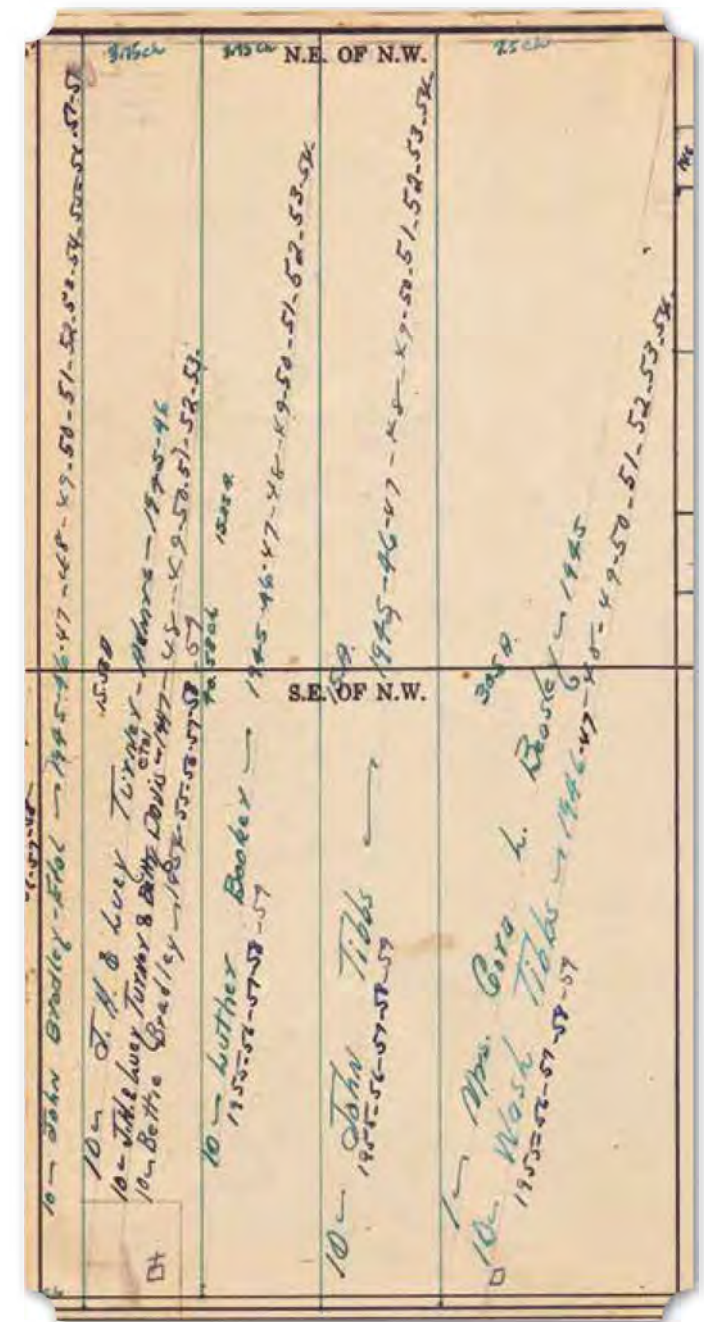
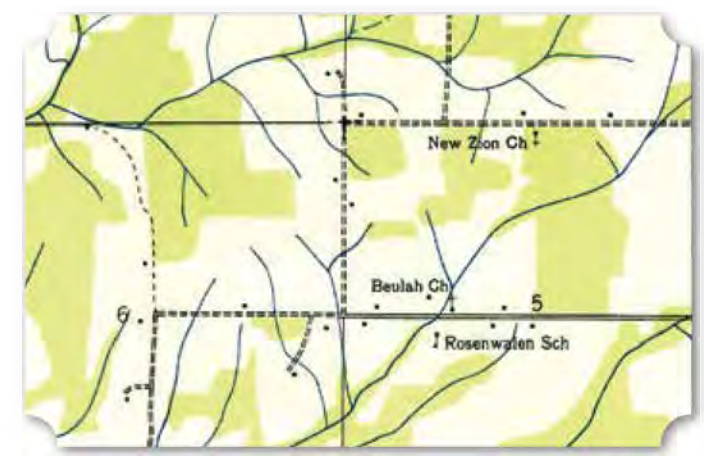
**(Left)** Photograph of Triana Police Chief R.C. Bailey with Officers Robert Jones and Theodore Binford and a 1959 Ford Patrol Car Reportedly Purchased by the Local Residents (Huntsville Revisited Facebook Page)  
**(Below)** The Pitts Griffin Café on Holmes Street in Huntsville Named for Farming Landowner of Triana (Huntsville Revisited Facebook Page)



considers the physical cleanup process for the site to be complete. Despite this, it is still on the Agency's Superfund list.

Triana has two notable cemeteries: the Historic, or Old, Triana Cemetery and the New Triana Cemetery. The old cemetery was established circa 1825. According to its sign, it is the final resting place of early European settlers and some people of color. Many of the cemetery's stone memorials have eroded over the nearly two centuries. There are about 45 graves here, but this cemetery has not been used since 1913. It is located on 6th Street between present-day Zierdt Road and Record Street.

The New Triana Cemetery is located just south of the old cemetery on 4th Street. Although it is a smaller area, there are at least 190 people buried here. This cemetery is still in use and is the main cemetery for Triana and the surrounding area. Several local farming landowners and their families are buried here including: Cornelious Ayers (1861-1929), his wife Lula (1869-1924), and their children, Aretta Caudle (1896-1974), Lottie B. Ragland (1900-1960), Evelyn Lanier (1903-1963, and Hattie Ayers (1906-1989); Pitts Griffin (1910-1991) and his wife, Johnnie Mae Griffin (1914-2010); William Harris (1866-1933), his son Oregon Harris (1890-1964) and his wife, Emma Rice Harris (1896-1965) and three of their children, all rest in New Triana Cemetery.



## 67 ■ Turner Cemetery

In the early 20th century, the 80-acre parcel that contained the cemetery was owned by Evaline Turner Binford and completely surrounded by land owned by people of color. The Turner Cemetery in Toney has at least 79 graves. While there are several unmarked or

**(Top Right)** 1936 USGS/TVA Topographic Map  
**(Right)** Turner Chapel on Madison County Land Records, 1945-1958 (Index of Land Records, Madison County, Alabama)

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