

Dan Crutcher Road

Dan Crutcher Road runs north from Toney School Road, then west to Old Railroad Bed Road on the north side of Toney. Daniel Crutcher and his heirs owned the 40-acre parcel in the southeast corner of the road's bend from at least 1920-1959. Several other Crutcher family members lived, farmed, and owned land in Toney.

Dan Tibbs Road

An influential local citizen of Huntsville. Dan Tibbs, Jr. (1922-2016) was honored with the road naming in the city of Huntsville in the wake of his passing. A resolution at the city council meeting detailed his life and his accomplishments. Tibbs was born in the area of Harvest to Dan Tibbs, Sr. and Pearl Etta Moore Tibbs. By age six, he was attending the Center School. Almost directly across the street, Tibbs, Sr. purchased a 200-acre farm in 1929. This land stayed in the family until recently when most was sold to a development. A small parcel is still owned by the family.

Dan Tibbs, Jr. dedicated part of his life to teaching. He taught math at the Indian Creek School from 1960-1964. At the time, it was a school for children of color. He then became the principal of that school for three years until he moved to the New Market



(Above) Photograph of Deacon Dan Tibbs, Jr., Taken from His Obituary Posted by Royal Funeral Home.

Junior High School as assistant principal after integration. The other part of his life was dedicated to preaching. Both Tibbs, Sr. and Jr. were members and deacons at Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church, founded in 1869. Tibbs, Jr. was baptized there in 1939, and by 1944, he was the choir director. A cornerstone of a new addition to the church bears his name.

Nick Fitchard Road

Located in northwest Huntsville, Nick Fitchard Road is approximately five miles long, intersecting with Dan Tibbs Road at its south end. In the northeast corner of this intersection is a 162-acre parcel that was once owned by Nick Fitchard. The land was originally owned by Pond Beat landowner and farmer of color, Yancy Horton, Sr. and his heirs. Yancy purchased this parcel in 1942 upon leaving the Redstone area, and it remained in the family until 1947. Nick Fitchard also owned a small parcel in Pond Beat prior to leaving the area. His land was around the New Mount Olive Church, not far from land owned by Yancy Horton.

In 1940, Nick Fitchard owned a farm off of Moores Chapel Road near Madison. By 1948, he had purchased the large parcel from Horton, which he owned until 1959. The land was then developed for the Indian Creek School.

“I believe that Jordan Lane was named after my ancestor...[and] it used to go all the way through Mullins Flat/Pond Beat.”

- Mr. John Patrick Jordan

Oregon Drive

Located north of Triana, Oregon Drive is located on land owned by William Harris in the early 20th century. While William Harris owned extensive amounts of land in the area, records show that he left at least a 125-acre parcel in south Triana along the river to his son, Oregon (born 1891), when he passed away. The estate left by Daniel Beadle was also left to Oregon once his father died.

Pitts Griffin Drive

Pitts Griffin Drive is located in a new subdivision north of Triana. Land records show that Griffin owned about 70 acres in the area west of Mullins Flat and northeast of Triana around Cowan Cemetery in the early 20th century. Griffin was also a businessman.

From the 1950s to the 1970s, there was a restaurant named Pitts Griffin Café on Holmes Street in downtown Huntsville.

Seay Road

Located in northwest Huntsville and parallel to Garner Road is Seay Road. Part of a short subdivision, this road may be named after Lucy Ellen Seay and her family. Ms. Seay is known to have owned at least 144 acres of land nearby during the early 20th century. The 1900 census recorded Lucy and her husband, John, owning a farm in the area. Sometime before 1910, her husband passed away and left the farm to Lucy. She continued to work on the farm until at least 1930. Born in 1877, it is assumed that Ms. Lucy passed way before the 1940 census.

Tibbs Road

Located on the west side of the community of Toney, Tibbs Road is at the end of Toney School Road. The 200 acres on to the west of the road was owned by farmer of color Calvin Tibbs and his heirs from at least 1920-1959. Another 80 acres to the south was owned by Felix Tibbs and his heirs from at least 1920 to 1940.

Royal Funeral Home

The Royal Funeral Home (RFH) began in 1918 as the Royal Undertaking Company. Originally located downtown at 118 Homes Street, the RFH was first owned and operated by Charles King Binford. Binford ran the business for 22 years before his death in 1940. From that time

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