

## 1: Page, Thomas Nelson (â€“)

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Although these families differed in some ways the Pages were planters from Gloucester County , while the Nelsons were importers and ship owners in Yorktown , they were similar in that they both arrived in the Virginia Colony from England in the mids and quickly amassed wealth, only to see it decline by the beginning of the early s. By the time Page was born, the families were well-established aristocrats but were not extravagantly wealthy. By the time Thomas Page reached his mid-teens, the Civil War had already been fought and lost. The soldiers of the Confederacy would remain fixed as heroes of gargantuan stature to Page, who would always see them through the eyes of an adoring child. Likewise, antebellum Virginia would remain the uncomplicated place of a happy childhoodâ€”a world destroyed not only by war but also by the devastating financial hardships of the Reconstruction period that followed it. The new world that Page found himself having to negotiate was one that demanded different strategies altogether in order to deal with dramatically different values and social dynamics. The old Virginia ruled by the aristocracy had, in his view, behaved according to rules of chivalry and codes of honor that upheld a rigid class system. This system strictly divided the worlds of aristocratic whites and poor whites, while placing aristocrats in a paternalistic relationship with enslaved African Americans. After the war, those relationships were squelched in Virginia and throughout the South by an overwhelming shift toward capitalism and new social policies. Throughout the rest of his life, Page would obsess about the sharp division between the hard capitalism of the New South Virginia and the aristocratic perspective of pleasant pseudo-feudalism of the Old South Virginia. In fact, this contrast would form one of the strongest threads in his writing. Lee was then president, but he left in without graduating. By that time, he had decided to become a lawyer like his father. Although he struggled as a student, he completed his work, was graduated, and passed the bar in November He practiced law in Hanover until , when he moved to Richmond to set up a practice with his cousin. He retired and moved to Washington, D. When he moved to Richmond, he occasionally wrote pieces for newspapers and was even commissioned by the Richmond Enquirer to report on an address given by Ralph Waldo Emerson in Charlottesville. The piece was a dialect poem, very similar to the poetry then being published by Irwin Russell â€”; another white southern lawyer, from Port Gibson, Mississippi in which an African American speaks in vernacular and praises plantation life. Russell had himself borrowed from the dialect styles of such writers as John Pendleton Kennedy and William Gilmore Simms. But where these writers had presented black people as background to the planter class, Russell actually had his African American characters speaking at center-stage. Unfortunately, their dialogue mouthed white misconceptions of black speech from a perspective that had been established by other writers and was evident in the popular minstrel shows of the day, in which white actors portrayed black singers and dancers. As such, it managed to influence both national policy toward sectional reconciliation and national attitudes toward race relations. In the letter, she confessed her love for him but warned that if he came home to claim her without a furlough, she would not marry him. Haunted by this powerful combination of love and honor, as well as by his nostalgia for the prewar order, Page started to fashion a story in his mind. At first, he told it to his friends, gauging their reactions. Then he wrote it down and read it to neighbors, lecture audiences, Sunday school classes, and so on, keeping the parts that resonated with his audience and jettisoning those that did not. It was a composition method that he would utilize for all of his early stories, and one that would shape the finished products into finely tuned oral productions designed to be read aloud. The story that grew out of this gestation method was "Marse Chan," which was published in the April issue of the popular Century Magazine. When Channing leaves to fight in the Civil War, Anne realizes that she still loves him and wants to marry him. But her decision comes too late, because he has already died in battle. Page made this view especially potent by making the narrator a black servant rather than a white aristocrat. In placing his glorification of the Old South in the mouth of a former slave, he infused that vision with an authenticity that was all but incontrovertible to the majority of his readers many of whom were

northern whites who also longed to return to an idealized antebellum era, free from the stresses of capitalism. *A Chronicle of Reconstruction*, follows a number of storylines as it details white aristocratic loss and reacquisition of power during Reconstruction. One of its primary strains follows the lives of the aristocratic Gray and Cary families, while another relates the marriage of southerner Steve Allen to northerner Ruth Welch. This story is a modified version of "reconciliation romance," a popular late nineteenth-century literary device in which northern and southern whites marry, and their romantic union represents a reunion of the formerly warring factions. A long novel with a complicated plot, *Red Rock* nevertheless provides engaging and interesting reading and offers a vivid picture of Virginia through the eyes of the aristocracy during Reconstruction. *Her Making and Her Manners* Later Years and Death Page had married his first wife, Anne Seldon Bruce, in 1865, but she died only two years later, in 1867. After Page retired from law and moved to Washington, D. From that point forward, he focused his energies on writing and lecturing. His second wife, Florence Lathrop Field, whom he married in 1870, died in 1875. Page died on November 1, 1899, at Oakland Plantation in Hanover, Virginia, which by then had been restored to its former grandeur. His brother, Rosewell Page, finished the book and it was published in *Major Works In Ole Virginia: Echoes in Negro Dialect with A.*

### 2: New South - Wikipedia

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Opinions vary about what makes a Southern story Gothic, but some things to look for include dreariness, dark obsession, the supernatural, wincing humor, sacrilege, perversion, drug addiction, alcoholism, and character deformity, both mental and physical. My novel, *Soil*, is set in the sparse Mississippi hill country. The main character is a would-be organic farmer, who, in a downward spiral, composts a dead body he finds in his flooded field. The dead man shows up later as a ghost or a buzzard, maybe just a hallucination. Nice ladies have asked me why I write about difficult people in depressing circumstances. Because many of us Southerners would rather read about the aberrant among us, the lowly and damned. The best of the lot -- classics like *Frankenstein*, *Dracula*, *Wuthering Heights*, and the stories of Edgar Allen Poe -- used fantastical devices and aberrant behavior to get at the ugly truth all trussed up in pomp and formality. With the flattening of the South, the old aristocrats have all moved to the city. Some stubborn hold-outs and strange relatives have stayed behind in dilapidated mansions, but the rest have been bulldozed to make room for trailer parks and Wal-Marts. Today Southern gentility has been replaced by conservative politics, which is anything but chivalrous. The decay of the Old South is aggressively apparent. The latest best examples of Southern Gothic are all twenty years or more old. *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* comes to mind. The novels of Harry Crews are rife with this Southern grotesque, especially his autobiography, *A Childhood*. McCarthy left the South in the late s, took his grotesquery out west, but he spawned a new strain of Gothic described as Grit-Lit or Rough South. For my money, no one better evokes the South I know in all its strangeness, both casual and shocking, and all of its stupidity and love, than Barry Hannah. His influence looms over a vital brand of Southern grotesque comedy practiced by such noteworthy writers as Lewis Nordan, George Singleton, Mark Richard, and Jack Pendarvis. The style reaches sublime peaks in the hilarious *Dog of the South* and *Masters of Atlantis* by Charles Portis, a writer who, like Hannah, continues to influence a new generation of writers. These writers take the perversity, humor, and outrageousness of Southern Gothic and shape it into something alive and fantastic which speaks to current situation of the South. A writer working at peak performance who might best personify this new Gothic is Padgett Powell. His novels are deeply experimental while maintaining a Southern sense of conversational storytelling, even as he parodies it. Ditto his oddly compelling *The Interrogative Mood*, a novel composed in an inquisitive litany. But one of his most unsung and brilliant works tackles the stereotypes of Southern literature head-on -- *Mrs. In a creative panoply*, Powell gives us a mild Southern housewife who sits down to make a grocery list, which unfurls in a brilliant tirade of grievances and absurdist vignettes that resurrect Confederate icons against a hallucinatory background of upended Southern stereotypes. And I wonder if Gothic is an old-world idea, just a word tied arbitrarily to this style of irony that Southern writers wield to express the contradictions we see in a society that keeps fumbling along, shackled with bad memories and dog-like devotion to an elusive idyll. Jamie Kornegay is the author of *Soil*.

## 3: Wayne Mixon (Foreword of In Search of Bisco)

*Southern writers and the New South movement*, by Wayne Mixon, , University of North Carolina Press edition, in English.

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The new South presents a perfect democracy, the oligarchs leading in the popular movement—a social system compact and closely knitted, less splendid on the surface, but stronger at the core—a hundred farms for every plantation, fifty homes for every palace—and a diversified industry that meets the complex need of this complex age. Another advocate of this view, C. Vann Woodward, argued vigorously that the New South had broken the back of the antebellum planter class. Perhaps, this was directly affected by the availability of cheap labor, which directly deferred the adoption of new industrial advances. For instance, where the North installed an important labor-saving machine in the mid-nineties, forty years passed before Southern mills adopted the advance. Ayers, in *Taking Sides* page 36, mentions that while the iron and steel industries in the South failed, the textile industry and its reliance on cotton prospered. What happened, however, was just the opposite. Firstly, the new Redeemer state governments advocated white supremacy, which was the prevailing attitude before the Civil War, and they re-elected, even as representatives to Congress, former Confederate leaders. Secondly, while the Thirteenth Amendment was ratified in 1865, which abolished slavery, and the Fifteenth Amendment in 1870, which gave African American men the right to vote, the Southern states still disfranchised blacks. The means of the disenfranchisement were indirect, so that denying voting privileges based on race would not violate the Fifteenth Amendment. Have we solved the problem he presents or progressed in honor and equity toward solution? Let the record speak to the point. No section shows a more prosperous laboring population than the negroes of the South, none in fuller sympathy with the employing and land-owning class. He shares our school fund, has the fullest protection of our laws and the friendship of our people. Self-interest, as well as honor, demand that he should have this. Our future, our very existence depend upon our working out this problem in full and exact justice. We understand that when Lincoln signed the emancipation proclamation, your victory was assured, for he then committed you to the cause of human liberty, against which the arms of man cannot prevail—while those of our statesmen who trusted to make slavery the corner-stone of the Confederacy doomed us to defeat as far as they could, committing us to a cause that reason could not defend or the sword maintain in sight of advancing civilization. Firstly, there was segregation in the labor market. Blacks were confined to menial labor positions, while whites could secure supervisory roles and white-collar jobs. Not fifty of these were for political causes; the rest were for all manner of accusations from that of rape of white women, to the case of the boy Will Lewis who was hanged at Tullahoma, Tenn. Since then, not less than one hundred and fifty have been known to have met violent death at the hands of cruel bloodthirsty mobs during the past nine months. In looking at the mistakes of the past, let wise men tread softly where fools rush in, and let not history repeat itself. What was Jim Crow. Lynch Law in All Its Phases. Just the Beginning Foundation, n. Ludwig Von Mises Institute, 19 Aug. Madaras, Larry, and James M. McGill, Ralph, and Cal M. No Place to Hide: The South and Human Rights. Ferris State University, Sept.

**6: New South Era | Encyclopedia of Alabama**

*Southern Writers and the New South Movement*, By Wayne Mixon. (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, x + pp. Notes, select bibliography, and index.

Of late, historians of the American West have grown more interested in the idea, and the Midwesterners show signs of life, but the New Englanders are mostly indifferent, and those in the "Middle States" long since gave up the ghost. As usual, the Southerners have been most eager, most endowed with regional organizations, study centers, periodicals, publishers, tourist pilgrimages, and bricbrac. In Mississippi, regionalism is not "a less-than-familiar perspective. Many echo how Southern history has been configured. Earlier, there had been Southerners, such as John C. Calhoun, who spoke of "Southern rights" but were Unionist, and who thought localism to be an underpinning of a federal nationality. There had been others, secessionists such as Jefferson Davis, who concluded that American nationalism had failed and who grounded a new state on a different landscape of localities. Abraham Lincoln in the Gettysburg Address described the South as the site of the reactionary and counter-revolutionary, and many Southerners have thought him right and watched their neighbors for the un-American thing. That national politics is an aggregation of particularist politics was something James "The Irony of Southern History" , in C. For a brief overview, see Edward L. Onuf, All over the Map: Retzinking American Regions Baltimore, Md. On Observing the Quicksand Madison knew and V. William Faulkner grasped the problem of "multiplicity and fragmentation," and there is a whole literature on "the idea of the South," which might be described as "constructivist. Southerners have even had the concept of the "post-Southern" for about twenty years, and they begin to have an intimation of a connection between regionalism and multiculturalism. Black Southerners and white Southerners, in their differing but interconnected ways, know a little of regionality as victimhood, the latter having buried their dead at Shiloh, the former having cut down their strange fruit. In fact, they might be slightly dismayed to discover how trendy Southern understandings might be. They have found it energizing to be out of step; the opportunities for indignation are so many, remembering that regions die without a certain quota of misanthropy about the opinions held of them somewhere else. Indeed, this Southern habit of mind is now so old that it may be drifting into senescence. If Applegate is right that regionalism is all the Yage in Europe and I think her only half-right , it is a little tired in the American South, and the intellectual conviction of its pertinence is probably weaker now than a half-century ago; it may have become more subtle, analytically more sophisticated, but this may be the Owl of Minewa at dusk. My own recent experience is that it is hard to persuade people that region is a profitable way to structure American history, when race, class, and gender compete as useful categories of analysis, more firmly lodged in minds. Not unexpectedly, we do not Wocumenting all these standpoints would amount to a bibliography of modern Southern historical literature, but, by way of illustration, see, on Grady and local color, Wayne Mixon, Southern Writers and the New South Movement, Chapel Hill, N. Gwin, Trudier Harris, and Fred Hobson, eds. A Norton Anthology New York, Identities have to be alert to survive. One thing a Southern historian has learned is that, if one moves "region" from the realm of "objective" reality to what Professor Wigen calls the "subjective expressions of regional belonging," one has to give perception a history. It helps to interrogate how the idea of "region" has ev01ved. The word, after all, arises from the Latin regere, to rule, and early came to mean a place capable of being governed. But almost anything can be governed, from a cow to an empire. So "region" did not necessarily mean a political domain, and size was irrelevant, as it often was in premodern usages; a "continent" might once have meant something large like Asia but also something tiny, a spit of land. But bodies, too, had regions arms, kidneys, the seats of humors , and so did the unearthly. In5 All this persists until very late. If anything, the word tended to become vaguer, the further it drifted from its Latin root. One can see this in American usage in the nineteenth century, including that of the South. Historians casually refer to the South as a "region" before the Civil War, but the term is anachronistic and was not then deployed by Southerners to describe the whole South. So George Frederick Holmes in spoke of "the tide-water region of Virginia," as we still might. With no core, there is no periphery. It had been the hope of the American political experiment to achieve union without centralization,

and most antebellum Southerners understood the United States precisely as a collectivity of parts in which none, especially not the federal government, was dominant, but all were freely cooperative. It was the death of this political idea in the Civil War that made it possible to describe the South as a "region," for it reconfigured the United States as a nation-state, with subsidiary divisions. But even in the late nineteenth century, the usage of "region" was uncommon and did not become usual until after World War I. John Milton, *Paradise Lost*, Book 1, lines 1-20. But also significant were the various scientific disciplines such as geology, which were concerned to map the American landscape; the U. Geological Survey divided the country into regions. On *Observing the Quicksand* This chronology seems to accord with, at least, British usage. By imitation from the French, "regionalism" begins to appear in the 1830s, though infrequently and as the *Edinburgh Review* put it "inharmoniously. Cole, the English socialist, in Howard Odum and Harry Estill Moore wrote in *American Regionalism* of "the new science of the region" and of "practical planning. Nor could one have that other sense of region, which is relevant to its Asian usage, as a geographical aggregation of nations within a world system. Region came to radiate from the nation, upward and downward. Applegate confines herself to the period after 1900, by which time "regions" and "regionalism" had become accepted, if disputed, categories. Yet many of her historical actors refuse the label, even now. Very few Scots would accept a description of Scotland as a "region," including those who do not vote for the Scottish Nationalist Party. I am half-Scottish and would not, perhaps the more so as the other half is Cornish and remembers not only Culloden but also the rebellion of 1747, when the English and Henry VII defeated a Cornish army on Blackheath. True, I had to look up the date, but grievances are the more forceful for being vague. The trouble is that continuities are so mixed with instabilities, not especially but markedly in our own times. New nations appear only to disappear, enclaves raise flags, bombs explode. Asia has changed immensely in the last several generations; in Tibet, India, Vietnam, Hong Kong, the lineaments of political identities have shifted, and nationality itself has been invented. In Europe, the Soviet Union has come and gone, Italy develops fissures, the Balkans struggle into uncertain forms, the map of Central and Eastern Europe is almost unrecognizable from what it was a generation ago. Oxford, 1998. The invention of the region, in turn, mandated the invention of the "subregional. See, for example, "England, Whose England: Yet their analyses quieten it all, because the language of regionalism is a language of stability and limited volatilities. Her tone is mildly irritated or amused with those who seek to upset matters. She smiles at "a thicket of Basques, Slovenes" etc. Applegate is for the big picture and wants to "productively stabilize our perceptions of European history," which is hard to do, when the damn people keep rearranging Europe and do not agree on its structure, when their perceptions are unstable, quicksilver. She wants us to think big, when all the regionalists want to think small. There is a dissonance. Perhaps part of the problem is that writing from within American culture about Europe and Asia tends to suggest a stabler world than anyone in Belfast, Split, Lhasa, Seoul, or St. Petersburg might be experiencing. The United States is one of the few places in the world where the nation-state seems incontestable. Hardly anywhere else on the planet has a polity over years old and boundaries stable for more than a century. And this attitude is present, despite the fact that only about a third of the states of the U. Perhaps one day, the Chicanos will want to expel the Americans from the lands seized from Mexico in the 1840s or the Inuits may rise up to claim the Alaska bought without their consent, just as Louisiana was purchased. There are, to be sure, fringe groups who want a Southern nation and do "not hesitate to advocate secession and self-rule for the Southern states. So, in the United States, region accepts the permanence of the nation-state, although even here the strength of regionalism is roughly in proportion to a history of a problematic relationship to the federal government. Hence this is, perhaps, a good place to conceptualize regionalism, but a poor place from which to imagine what region might mean elsewhere. Indeed, I suspect that the new availability of the language of regionalism in Europe and Asia may be partly due to the cultural influence of the United States, whose political language is now so broadly available and serves to reinforce the regionalist concept Orz *Observing the Quicksand* at the same moment that it has validated the efficiency of supermarkets. Applegate and Wigen are certainly discerning an indigenous movement in foreign cultures, but they may also be listening to an echo of American ideology. Or *Just Its Clichks?* The *Financial Times* article cited above, however, nowhere applies the words "region" or "regionalism" to Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland-it speaks of "the smaller parts of the

UK"-but only to a conjectural administrative division of England into "regions whose dimensions no one can agree upon. He has written extensively on the intellectual history of the American South: *Essays in Intellectual History*

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Reconstruction and the New South

1 The Problems of Peacemaking a The Aftermath of the War and Emancipation i Southern towns and fields ruined, many whites stripped of slaves and capital, currency worthless, little property. Almost none owned land or possessions b Competing Notions of Freedom i Freedom to blacks meant end to slavery, injustice, humiliation. Rights and protections of free men also desired ii AAs differed over how to achieve freedom: Moderates in between d Plans for Reconstruction i Lincoln proposed lenient Reconstruction plan- favored recruiting former Whigs to Repubs, amnesty to white Southerners other than high Confed officials. Questions of future of freedmen deferred for sake of rapid reunification ii The occupied Louisiana, Arkansas, and Tennessee rejoined under plan in iii Radicals unhappy with mild plan. After Congress would readmit to Union. Like Wade-Davis Bill had provisional governors, constitutional convention had to revoke ordinance of secession, abolish slavery, ratify 13th Amdt. State govts, then readmission iii By end of all seceded states has new govts, waiting for Congress to recognize. No other citizenship requirements allowed, penalties for restricting male suffrage. But corruption also rampant in N- both result of economic expansion of govt services that put new strains on elected officials. Larger budgets reflected needed services previous govts had not offered: Many black agricultural laborers worked only for wages, but most worked own plots of land and paid landlords rent or share of their crop d The Crop-Lien System i Postwar years saw economic progress for African Americans, great increase in income. After war few credit institutions such as banks returned, new credit system centered on local country stores iv Farmers did not have steady cash flow so relied on credit to buy what they needed. Had to give lien claim on crops as collateral- bad years trapped them in debt cycle v Effects included leading some blacks who had gained land to lose it as they became indebted, S farmers became dependent on nearly all cash crops only possibility to escape debt. Had no political experience, apptd incompetent cabinet members, relied on party leaders and spoils system. Fish resolved claims against GB of violating neutrality by building ships for Confed. In areas of black majority whites used intimidations and violence Ku Klux Klan, ect. Worked to advance interest of those who would gain from white supremacy- mainly planter class and Democratic party. Most of all, however, economic pressure used b The Ku Klux Klan Acts i Repubs tried to stop white repression, passed Enforcement Acts known as Ku Klux Klan Acts - prohibited states from discriminating against voters on race, fed govt given power to prosecute violations. After adoption of 15th Amdt many in N felt blacks should take care of themselves. Viewed poor blacks in this light, favored little govt intervention to help. Depleted treasury led ppl to want to spend little on freedmen, poor state govts cut back on social services iii In Congressional elections of Dems won majority in House for first time since , Grant used army to maintain Repub control in SC, FL, LA d The Compromise of i In elections Repubs sought new candidate to distance from corruption and attract Liberals back- chose Rutherford B Hayes, Dems chose Sam Tilden ii Tilden won popular vote but dispute over 20 electoral votes from 3 states. Tilden one vote shy of electoral vote majority, Hayes needed all 20 votes to win. Most were women, wages much lower than in N. Subsistence farming gave way to only growth of cash crops- increased poverty. Cumming v County Board of Education - laws for separate schools valid even if no comparable school for blacks existed iii White policies shifted from subordination to segregation- black voting rights had been used by Bourbons to keep their control of Dem party, but when poor white farmers saw this they sought to disenfranchise blacks. An anti-lynching movement did emerge led by Ida B. Wells to pass national law enabling fed got to punish those responsible for lynchings v White supremacy diluted class animosities btwn poor whites and Bourbon oligarchs. Economic issues played secondary role to race, distracting ppl from social inequalities that affected blacks and whites.

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Alabama, like the rest of the South, experienced drastic economic and social change in the post-Reconstruction , or New South, era. Grady, refers to the economic shift from an exclusively agrarian society to one that embraced industrial development. First Steel Cast in Birmingham During this time, Alabama saw profound changes in its economic and political landscape, the emergence of new manufacturing and mining industries, the growth of urban centers, and advancements in education. The period is also characterized by civil and social upheaval; farming hardships and exploitative labor practices led to the emergence of labor unions , and Jim Crow laws allowed racism to flourish under the guise of a policy known as "separate but equal. Industry Prior to the Civil War , most free people in Alabama made their living by farming cotton. Although little industry existed, Alabama contained large, unexploited deposits of coal , iron ore, and limestone. Jefferson County is the only place in North America where these three essential ingredients for steel production are found in such close proximity. These natural resources drew investors to Alabama, and from to , the manufacture of iron products came to dominate industry in Alabama. By , Alabama ranked second in the nation in iron ore production. Unlike antebellum farmers all over the South, who grew cotton and shipped the raw material up north or to Europe for manufacture into a product, Alabama manufacturers produced iron ore within the state. By , 53 furnaces operated in Alabama. The number of cotton mills in the state increased, with the number of people employed at these mills increasing from 1, in to 9, by Once considered waste, cottonseeds became a valuable raw material. By , more than a dozen Alabama mills produced oil, soap, fertilizer, and stock food from cottonseeds. In addition to steel and cotton manufacture, grist mills, flour mills, and wool mills continued to operate and many expanded. The growth of manufacturing in Alabama was rapid and extensive during the New South era. From to , the number of operating factories in the state rose from 2, to more than 5,, with the number of factory employees increasing from approximately 10, people to more than 33, Birmingham became the center of commerce in the state, and its more than industrial plants included cotton gins, brickyards, bottling works, broom factories, gristmills, furniture factories, a jug factory, an overalls factory, and a cottonseed-oil mill. Notable factory and mine owners included Daniel Pratt , Henry F. Comer started what would become one of the largest grist mills in the state in Barbour County before moving to Birmingham and developing successful textile operations at Avondale Mills. Agriculture Plowing with Draft Animals in Pike County Despite the wave of industrialization sweeping through the state, most Alabamiansâ€™nearly 90 percentâ€™still lived on and worked farms. Cotton production rebounded by the s to pre-Civil War yields, but market prices dropped continuously through the s and s. As a result, conditions for Alabamians engaged in agricultural production did not improve after Reconstruction. Many described the tenant farming and sharecropping systems, which emerged as a result of an overabundance of unskilled workers and the persistent lack of credit opportunities, as little better than the slave system that preceded it. Both freed slaves and poor white small farmers were affected. Freedpeople were generally unable to find credit to purchase land of their own. Landowners, who no longer had an enslaved labor source, had little money to pay salaries. As a solution, owners either rented their land to farmers tenant farming or allowed farm laborers to live on and work their land in exchange for a share of the profits from cash crops sharecropping. Such relationships developed not only between farmers and landowners, but also between farmers and creditors, who advanced groceries, seed, fertilizer, and other necessities for a share of future profits. These advances were known as "crop liens. Few tenant farmers or sharecroppers could hope for better than breaking even each year. Agricultural curricula at Auburn University and Tuskegee Institute sought to educate farmers in both the business and science of farming. Urban Growth Birmingham Mule-drawn Streetcar, ca. The city was founded in by a group of enterprising capitalists who successfully convinced railroad interests to build lines through the area to provide shipping for the iron, coal, and limestone products.

Located at the intersection of north-south and east-west railroad lines, Birmingham became a center of commerce. People said the city grew "like magic," hence its nickname, the "Magic City. Soon after the rise of Birmingham, entrepreneurs attempted to recreate its success by founding other towns where iron and coal deposits were suspected to be abundant. DeBardeleben founded Bessemer, Ensley named a town after himself, and Samuel Noble and Daniel Tyler founded the planned community of Anniston, which became the fourth largest city in Alabama by 1880. Some towns that lured investors, such as Fort Payne, did not fulfill their promise and bankrupted their hopeful developers. Sizeable cities not related to industrial areas expanded during this time as well. Mobile struggled throughout the early New South era because of the decrease in cotton exporting, but it rebounded as textile shipping increased and the state dredged a deeper shipping channel. Huntsville, Montgomery, and Gadsden grew larger and more prosperous because of the influx of successful textile mills. Transportation Steamboat in Mobile, ca. 1820. Railway construction connecting Mobile with Nashville, through Montgomery and Birmingham, was completed in 1858. In addition, a line linking Meridian, Mississippi, and Chattanooga, Tennessee, also ran through Birmingham. By 1865, the Southern Railway system, the Atlantic Coastal Line, and the Seaboard Line all reached into Alabama, which by then had more than 4,000 miles of working track. Waterways also played an important role in shipping. Improvements to steamboats and Mobile Harbor made water transportation more viable. Politics After almost a decade of Reconstruction efforts by Republicans, southern conservative Democrats, or "Bourbons," regained political power in the period known as Redemption, which began in the mid-1870s. The Republican Party the party of Lincoln held a majority in the House in 1874, when the black vote carried Republican candidates to victory. But the party failed to stay unified because of the emergence of Republican figures like Lewis E. Parsons, who was no supporter of rights for African American Alabamians. This discord among Republicans sympathetic to and those opposed to civil rights opened the door for Democrats to reassert themselves in the state political arena. The party split into conservative and reform factions. Reform Democrats supporting Rueben F. Kolb split from the party to form the Jeffersonian Democratic Party. Near the end of the nineteenth century, the Populist Party emerged as a viable competitor in the traditional two-party system. Democrats in Alabama viewed Populists as a threat to their support from small farmers and discontented factory workers and bristled at their calls for government regulation of business and industry, which were viewed by many people as corrupt and exploitive. Kolb, who courted the Populist vote and spoke out for Populist ideas, narrowly lost two controversial gubernatorial races marred by charges of voter fraud, apparently well founded. Clearer voting requirements set the voting age at 21 and established an annual poll tax. Vague qualifications included a requirement to be "of good character" and hold a "steady job. The poll tax also deterred poor whites from voting and secured power in the hands of the conservative Democrats well into the twentieth century. Nationally, reform became the sentiment that carried the day, and many reform-minded politicians were able to enact progressive improvements in areas like education and worker rights. The conservative Democrats had to embrace some tenets of progressivism to ensure their continued dominance of Alabama politics. Education Antebellum society did not place a premium on public education. A significant portion of available jobs required unskilled labor and social stratification discouraged widespread educational opportunities. A major part of the New South optimism hinged on improving education and thereby enhancing opportunities. Several important colleges and universities in Alabama were founded in the New South era. Several existing colleges relocated or were forced to rebuild following the Civil War. The University of Alabama, which suffered significant damage during the conflict, began rebuilding in 1868 and reopened in 1870. Howard College moved to Birmingham in 1868 and became Samford University. Julia Tutwiler "Normal" schools, established to train teachers, opened in several cities during this time. Additional institutions were founded in Jacksonville and Livingston in 1868 and Troy in 1869. Social reformer Julia S. Tutwiler served as the president of the normal college in Livingston now the University of West Alabama and became a major force in education reform in the state. Elementary and high school education also made great strides during the New South era. Many of the normal schools also offered preparatory elementary and high school programs. More than 100 private elementary and high schools were chartered in Alabama between 1865 and 1880, and a state school system headed by a state superintendent was established. Education among blacks in Alabama, however, never progressed as well as that of whites, and lost ground after the gains made during

Reconstruction. Beginning in , local jurisdictions were authorized to apportion spending, and they unevenly divided funding among the segregated schools in favor of white institutions. Labor Problems New industrial labor brought with it strikes and controversy over working conditions, as well as renewed calls for reform of convict and child labor. In antebellum times, plantation owners held legal jurisdiction over slaves and whites often settled disputes outside the courts. Reconstruction Alabama had a severe shortage of jails and penitentiaries to house convicted criminals. As a result, the state leased out convicts to companies as a source of revenue. Convicts provided cheap labor for new industrialists, who needed mine and mill workers. Working conditions for convicts were deplorable; they were overworked, poorly fed and clothed, and harshly treated. Because the majority of the convicts were black, the use and abuse of convict labor drew comparisons to slavery. Activists and reformers, such as Julia S. Tutwiler, called on the state to abolish convict labor. Free workers also argued against the convict worker program, charging that it reduced available jobs and depressed wages. Many new industrialists built villages around their mills and factories to house laborers. These self-contained communities usually included a school, a market, and a church, and provided housing allowed companies to keep wages low. Workers had no choice but to accept such arrangements, given the alternatives of tenant farming or not working at all. Low wages also meant that the family needed as many paychecks as possible, and so mothers, fathers, and children all joined the workforce. In , Alabama passed a law setting the minimum age of a child worker at 12 and limiting the maximum hours a child could work per week to Alabama raised the minimum age law to 14 in , and child labor would continue in Alabama until the s. Race Relations Race relations in Alabama were always contentious, but in the New South era, disfranchisement, dire working conditions, and convict leasing worsened them significantly. Optimism among blacks during Reconstruction quickly dissipated when conservative Democrats regained power. The Constitution of dealt a devastating blow to dreams of racial equality in Alabama.

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