Yes, I rode a bus similar to that one, probably a year or two newer. We gathered each morning at the post office in Irondale and I'm sure it took 30 minutes at least to get to school. The bus did not stop for a pick-up; you had to be at the post office by 77:30 a.m., or earlier. Shades Cahaba still looks the same from the outside, yes, in Homewood. It remained a high school until 1949, and THEN CONVERTED TO GRAMMAR SCHOOL.  The city wanted to keep it operating as a barrier between residential section and business section of Homewood. The new school, Shades Valley, opened in 1949, and I taught there until January 29, 1952, at which time I switched to Social Security, one of the smartest moves I ever made!  
No, Euhal did not finish high school. Melton finished Shades Cahaba in 1927. H e played on the baseball team and there is a picture of the team that was lost somewhere that he always tried to find. Patti may have the 1927 yearbook that has the picture. Vena did not finish H.S. She married at age 18 0r 19. Loudelle finished in 1931, me in 1937, Virginia 1940, I think, and Ralph in 1942.  
By 1937 the Depression was lifting a little and going on to school, and college, became more affordable and the popular thing to do.  
We had a good school in Irondale, with good teachers, and Irondale students always excelled at Shades Cahaba. In 1937, I was editor of the yearbook, the Owl, and my best buddy, Charles Pugh, was valedictorian and president of the class> We both were on the Debate team and I was president of the Dramatic Club. The Debate Team went to the University of Alabama to debate other school and we almost won a partial scholarship to the U. of A.  
  
This is more than you wanted but it gives you enough to chew on. Still hot, hot, hot. I haven't heard any more about the Depot celebration, so I guess Sept 21 is likely.  
  
Dad

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| **Historical populations** | | | |
| **Census** | **Pop.** |  | **%±** |
| [**1900**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1900_United_States_Census) | 498 |  | — |
| [**1910**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1910_United_States_Census) | 572 |  | 14.9% |
| [**1920**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1920_United_States_Census) | 809 |  | 41.4% |
| [**1930**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1930_United_States_Census) | 1,517 |  | 87.5% |
| [**1940**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1940_United_States_Census) | 1,486 |  | −2.0% |
| [**1950**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1950_United_States_Census) | 1,876 |  | 26.2% |
| [**1960**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1960_United_States_Census) | 3,501 |  | 86.6% |
| [**1970**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1970_United_States_Census) | 3,166 |  | −9.6% |
| [**1980**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1980_United_States_Census) | 6,510 |  | 105.6% |
| [**1990**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1990_United_States_Census) | 9,454 |  | 45.2% |
| [**2000**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2000_United_States_Census) | 9,813 |  | 3.8% |
| [**2010**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2010_United_States_Census) | 12,349 |  | 25.8% |