After the close of the Civil War Berry, along with other Appomattox Area African Americans, fled the rural countryside to more populated and urban areas. Once in Petersburg, Berry married her husband, Reverend Peter R. Berry in 1870. The Berrys’ were able to accumulate wealth and become homeowners within the town of Petersburg. According to the 1900 census, Fannie and her husband were homeowners. By 1920, they accumulated enough wealth to pay off their home. They had three children, all of whom were able to read and write although Fannie herself could not.