Tuzech, Alabama was founded in 1833 by General Thomas S. Woodward, a frontiersman and post officer under General Andrew Jackson. Tuskegee, a community of over 11,000 people, is located in Macon County.

Tuskegee is the home for Tuskegee University, Tuskegee Institute National Historic Site, Tuskegee Veterans Affairs Medical Center, and the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

We are the Birthplace for...

Osceola, famous Creek Indian who fled to Florida after the Battle of Horsehoe Bend, to become Chief of Seminoles. Chief Osceola was born in Macon County.

Black Aviation, and the home of the 99th Pursuit Squadron, which compiled such a record during World War Two that it became "The Most Decorated Unit in the U.S. Air Force."

Lew Adams and George Campbell, founders of Tuskegee Institute, who employed Dr. Booker T. Washington to begin what is now a monument to education throughout the world.

Tuskegee University was founded in 1881 under the dynamic and creative leadership of Booker T. Washington. Academic programs, including both undergraduate and master's-level instruction, are concentrated in seven major areas: The College of Arts and Sciences (Humanities, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences), Computer Sciences and Mathematics and the Schools of Agriculture, Home Economics, Business, Education, Engineering and Architecture (Aerospace, Chemical, Electrical, Mechanical), Nursing and Allied Health, and Veterinary Medicine.

The Commodores, entertainers and winners of over 15 gold records. Lionel Richie, a former Commodore and a writer, producer, performer, has gained world-wide fame and has a true "super star" status in the music field. His compositions have sold millions, for both himself and other artists. His production of "We Are the World" has already broken the "all-time" sales records.

... is the site of many landmark judicial decisions. "Gomillion vs. Lightfoote" (also a novel) was a case where Blacks were gerrymandered out of the Tuskegee city limits to restrict their voting strength. This was overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court, but it triggered a voter's boycott in 1957 that became a model for civil rights movement across the nation. "Lee vs. Macon" is a 1964 landmark desegregation case regarding public schools in Alabama.

... is the site of the appointment of the county's first U.S. Agriculture Farm Agent, Thomas Campbell. Thomas Campbell helped to pass the technology of Dr. Carter's discoveries on to the farmers of Alabama to change the economy and diversify productivity. His wife, Mary Campbell, "Mother of the Year" in 1944, for her contribution to family life.

... Mount Olive Baptist Church is one of Alabama's oldest Black churches. Founded in 1838 (out of First Baptist - White, 1837) while slavery was still in existence, it was incorporated in 1903. Mt. Olive was the church home of Dr. Booker T. Washington and Tuskegee Institute faculty.