

# **Tate**

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Tate is located about two miles south of Cullendale on Arkansas Highway 376 South. It has had several small businesses located there in times past.

Cubage Wedge Mill was located there, producing quality wooden wedges for the timber industry nationwide. There were big markets in the Pacific Northwest. Cubage operated several months each year with time off to tour the market areas to drum up sales. This mill was eventually sold and moved to Locust Bayou, where Cled Priddy operated it for many more years.

Garland Walker and his wife Alice (nee Babcock) operated a thriving gift shop there and he peddled his wares into the tourist areas of the state from this site.

Woodfield Truck Line has their terminal located there at present, with service throughout the nation.

Some of the families who lived there are the Hughes family, Floyd and children. The farm is still owned by the Hughes family. Other families included the Roark's with children Raymond Ray, Wendell, Phillip and Betty. The Etta Manry family lived on the farm that had been their grandfather's. Children were Amaretta, Meredith and Joy Ann. The L. H. Stewart family, the Jake Garner family with children Bennie Jean and Donald.

At one time Mr. Anderson conducted a quail farm, raising them for market and also had a small community grocery store.

The MoPac (Missouri Pacific Railroad), now the UP (Union Pacific Railroad) has a branch line that passes through the community as it serves Louann, Smackover and El Dorado markets.

East of the railroad was the former home of Lafayette School. This was a branch of the Fairview High School System and served the African-American citizens of the area until it was consolidated into the Fairview School campus.