

# **JAMAR – NEW MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY,**

**82 – 1**

## **Summary Report**



**Jamar Cemetery, 88-1, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co. AL, April 28, 2003  
On Sheet 16 of the 1986 Redstone Arsenal Maps, this cemetery is named "New Mount Olive Church Cemetery". Other references call it the "New Mount Hope Cemetery". It is located 1.3 miles south of Buxton Road on the west shoulder of McAlpine Road.**

This cemetery is found in the Southeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 5, Range 1 West. In Dorothy Scott Johnson's book **CEMETERIES OF MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA**, Volume 1 (1971), she labeled it as the "Moore Cemetery", denoting it as "Colored".



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The right side of the double gate is open in this photo, looking along McAlpine Road to the south and into the cemetery grounds on the right.



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This view is toward the west, along the northern end of the cemetery.



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There is a small green growth area in the background above, just to the left of center, enclosed by an inner fence as shown below.



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The inner fenced area is obviously a separated family plot, but it is not known which family is buried there, as there are no tombstones.



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View into the inner fenced area, showing what appears to be two graves that are very deeply sunken and overgrown.



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There are about 150 such obvious grave depressions here. The cemetery  
seems to have 10 N-to-S rows of about 50 graves each, if full.**



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**There are no stones at all in this cemetery, but there is one possible fieldstone marker thrown over the fence onto the shoulder of McAlpine Road about 15 feet south of the gate.**





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Just another example of the numerous grave depressions with no markers.

Land records usually give a clue to the possible burials. When the landowner is known, sometimes the census records can indicate other likely interments, of elderly people in the census who lived near the landowner(s). The initial landowner of the location of the cemetery (SE/4 of S29-T5-R1W) is shown below:

TOWNSHIP 5 South		RANGE 1 West		HUNTSVILLE MERIDIAN			
DESCRIPTION OF THE TRACT		AREA		UNITED STATES TITLE			
PART OF SECTION	Section	Acres	100ths	TO WHOM SOLD OR GRANTED	Date of Sale Location or Grant	Number of Certificate or Warrant	Date of Military Act
Page 56 continued							
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	22	79.10 $\frac{1}{2}$		State			
				*River Impts J. Scarbrough and John Simmons, Asse	23 May 1828		
				Vol. 2, p 47	30 Mar 1830		
North West $\frac{1}{4}$	"	158.20 $\frac{1}{2}$		John Timmons, Asse	20 Nov 1834	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	
South East $\frac{1}{4}$	"	158.20 $\frac{1}{2}$		John Timmons, Asse		*Memo	
South West $\frac{1}{4}$	"	158.20 $\frac{1}{2}$		John Timmons, Asse	2 Feb 1818	524	
Entire Frac N of R.	23	560.51		North of Tennessee River	2 Feb 1818	2965	
	24	560.51		John Timmons	2 Feb 1818	525	
Frac E of Bdry	"	339.00		East of Old Chickasaw Boundary	2 Feb 1818	2980	
Frac W of Bdry	"	186.37		West of Old Chickasaw Boundary			
Page 57		339.00		Leroy Pope			
Frac N of R	26	2.64		Richard Burdyne	17 Jun 1812	662	
	"	2.64		North of Tennessee River	2 Feb 1818	799	
Frac Sec N of R	27	332.25		John Timmons, Asse			
	"	332.25		North and West of Tennessee River	2 Feb 1818	526	
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	28	650.46		John Timmons, Asse	2 Feb 1818	526	
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	81.31		State			
	"	81.31		*River Impts J(orI?) Leeman	23 May 1828		
North West $\frac{1}{4}$	"	162.62		State	26 Jul 1830	*Memo	
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	81.31		*River Impts J(orI?) Leeman	23 May 1828		
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	81.31		Lemuel Mead	26 Jul 1830	*Memo	
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	81.31		John M. Taylor	2 Feb 1818	103	
	"	81.31		Joshua McCutchen	16 May 1837	11491	
	"	81.31		State	13 Jun 1834	7224	
	"	81.31		*River Impts J(orI?) Leeman	23 May 1828		
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	81.31		also John S. Napier	21 Feb 1837	*Memo	
	"	81.31		Vol. 6, p 447	1 Dec 1846	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	
Page 58	29	628.32		State	23 May 1828		
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	78.54		*River Impts Alex. Ross	16 Aug 1830	*Memo	
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	78.54		State	23 May 1828		
	"	78.54		*River Impts J.B. Finley	18 Aug 1830	*Memo	
North West $\frac{1}{4}$	"	157.08		State	23 May 1828		
	"	157.08		*River Impts John Harden (Hardee?)	20 Nov 1832		
	"	157.08		Vol. 3, p 422		*Memo	
	"	157.08		Austin L. Sands, Asse	2 Feb 1818	1096	
	"	157.08		*The following patent issued for NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 9-25-42. "Patent No. 1114733 based on Huntsville Credit System Certificate No. 1096 in the name of Austin L. Sands". See letter Secretary of State 12-11-42.			
South East $\frac{1}{4}$	"	157.08		Austin L. Sands	2 Feb 1818	1102	
	"	157.08		*The following patent issued for SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 9-25-42. "Patent No. 1114734 based on Huntsville Credit System Certificate No. 1102 (Prior) in the name of Austin L. Sands". Letter Secretary of State dated 12-17-42.			
South West $\frac{1}{4}$	"	157.08		Austin L. Sands, Asse	2 Feb 1818	1103	
	"	157.08		*On March 23, 1942 Patent No. 1113541, based on Huntsville Credit System Certificate No. 1103 (Prior) issued in the name of Austin L. Sands for			

Information in script appears on the copy from the office of the Secretary of State of Alabama.

*FACING PAGE	FUND	STATE TITLE	WHEN CONVEYED	Number of State	WHERE RECORDED	MEMORANDUM
				Transfer or Conveyance	VOL.	PAGE

The INDEX TO LANDS by G. W. Jones & Sons, Inc., as shown below, gives the subsequent transitions of ownership of the land from Austin L. Sands through the 1800s and throughout 1919:





Among the many changes in ownership of the SE/4 through the years between 1876 and 1919, there was even an entry for (Dr.) James Cofelt Mitchell Rankin (see the Summary Report for the Dickson – Rankin Cemetery, 87-2). The Jamar / New Mount Hope Church / Moore / New Mount Olive Church Cemetery (82-1) is thought to be entirely a black cemetery, but there is always a possibility that it existed as a cemetery before the black churches were built in the area, and that the churches just added interments to it. While the land records provide clues, they do not at this point of examination yield any proof of any particular surnames of burials or the times thereof. As the research continues and new data is acquired, this report will be updated.

Prepared by John P. Rankin, August 24, 2005