

# **LACY CEMETERY, 75 – 1**

## **Summary Report**



**Lacy Cemetery, 75-1, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co. AL, May 1, 2003  
Large stump to right of center, box crypt to left of center**

At the time of the 2003 visit to this cemetery, it was within the bounds of a highly secure area. Therefore, casual or impromptu visits are not allowed. The cemetery is the resting place of some of the early pioneer families of Madison County. It is found at the line between Sections 13 and 14 of



Township 5, Range 1 West. The cemetery is entirely within Section 14, at the north-south midpoint of the Southeast Quarter section line on the east.



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Box crypt of Mary W. Lacy at left; crypt of Alberta Ann Howell (collapsed) beside partially standing crypt of Prudence K. Howell. Dorothy Scott Johnson in her book "CEMETERIES OF MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA, VOL. 1" (1971) had a note as follows for these crypts: "...identical box-type tombs unlike any others found in Madison County. Most box type tombs are made of plain quarried stone slabs; the above three were cast in cement with molded sides and ends."

The land where the cemetery is located was first purchased from the U. S. Government in 1813 by Alexander Grey Wall, as shown in the photo of the pertinent page of the Government Tract Book below. Ownership passed from Alexander to Conrad Wall (probably by inheritance, but probate records have not yet been checked). Conrad Wall sold the land to Alfred Howell, per a deed recorded in 1828, as shown in the Madison County Reverse Index to deeds. Alfred Wall sold it to Theophilus Lacy in 1838, per the next deed index shown below. It is from Theophilus Lacy and his wife

Mary W. Harris that the cemetery draws its name, even though there are more marked Howell graves than marked Lacy graves here. In fact, there is only one Lacy marked grave – that for Mary W. Lacy, wife of Theophilus.



TOWNSHIP 5 South RANGE 1 West HUNTSVILLE

DESCRIPTION OF THE TRACT	AREA	UNITED STATES TITLE	Date of Sale, Location or Grant	Number of Certificates or Warrants		
PART OF SECTION	Section	Acres	100ths	TO WHOM SOLD OR GRANTED		
Fraction E of Sec.	10	693 55		East of old Chickasaw Boundary West of So Hugh M. Mahan	Feb 9 1811	732
Fraction W of Sec.		3 00		Richard Burdette	Feb 2 <sup>d</sup> 1818	799
Fraction E of Sec.	14	206 45		206 45 East of old Chickasaw Boundary West of So Alexander G. Wall	Dec. 15, 1818	2815
E. 1/2 of W. 1/4		97 00		Alexander G. Wall	July 4 1831	1452
W. 1/4 of NW 1/4		80 00		Thos. Owen Burton	Mar 17 1832	4816
E. 1/2 of W. 1/4 of NW 1/4		293 38		Benjamin Pattison	July 4, 1831	1453

Government Tract Book, recording original land purchasers in Madison County, Alabama

SE 1/4 of NE 1/4	15	64 270		Solomon Spence	Dec 11 1833	6835
SE 1/4 of SE 1/4	"	40 17		Hughy Smith	Nov 12 1833	6876
NE 1/4 of SE 1/4	"	40 17		Solomon Spence	July 25 1831	4075
E 1/2 of NW 1/4	"	80 34		Hughy Smith	July 22 1835	8356
W 1/4 of NW 1/4	"	80 34		James J. McSmith	Nov 13 1833	6583
South East 1/4	"	160 67 1/2		Hughy Smith	Mar 25, 1818	2941
E 1/2 of NW 1/4	"	80 34		Hughy Smith	Dec 25 1831	876
W 1/2 of NW 1/4	"	80 34		Pleasant S. Austin	April 28, 1818	3026

{Initial land sale in Section 14 of T5-R1W is shown in middle of page, where Alexander G. Wall purchased the cemetery land per Certificate No. 2815 in 1813.}

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**General Index to Real Property—** DEEDS, MORTGAGES, JUDGMENTS, LIS PENDENS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS AFFECTING REAL ESTATE **No. 1—REVERSE—1810-1919**

TO WHOM MADE				MAKER	KIND OF INSTRUMENT	When and Where Recorded				Location or other brief Description
SURNAME	BY WHOM MADE	DATE MADE	BY WHOM MADE			Book	Page	Year	Sec. Tr. Rg.	
Howell	Edward Tr			James Gallaspy	al p of A	D	G	128	1831	
do	Alfred			Conrad Wall	Deed	D	L	406	1828	Indef
do	Alfred			John D Wylie	Deed	D	L	408	1828	Liberty
do	Alfred			Town of Liberty	Deed	D	M	63	1828	Liberty
do	Alfred Tr			George Cook	H T	D	O	153	1832	17 5 1-W
Howell & Patterson	al			John W Looney	al Deed	D	P	263	1835	12 5 2-W
Howell	Alfred			John Timmons	al Deed	D	Q	600	1838	14 5 1-W
do	Alfred			Eleanor V Leech	Deed	D	R	118	1839	Near Rvl
do	Alfred			Thomas Fearn	al Deed	D	R	274	1839	12 5 2-W
do	A B			J H Shipp	al Deed	D		104	523	1911 Gurley
do	A B			Mrs Mary Smith	al Deed	D		111	227	1915 23 4 2-E
do	A B			Mrs Mary Smith	al Deed	D		111	247	1915 23 4 2-E
do	Anderson B			A I Klinger	al Deed	D		106	507	1916 15 4 2-E
do	A B			H T Williams	al Deed	D		106	615	1916 15 4 2-E Gurley
do	Anderson B			C T Boyd	al Deed	D		111	410	1916 15 4 2-E
do	A B			E B Shoemaker	al Deed	D		114	273	1916 12 4 2-E
do	A B			John H Snellings	Deed	D		114	274	1916 Joplin St Gurley
do	A B			G T Shelby	al Mtg	M		144	217	1916 Section St Gurley
do	A B			(Investment Co Gurley Realty Loan &	Deed	D		114	437	1917 Joplin St Gurley
do	A B			Brady McCrary	al Mtg	M		136	309	1917 12 4 2-E
do		Mary E		Sam T Hereford	al Deed	D		112	283	1918 20 1 2-E
do	A B			Tennessee Valley Bank	Deed	D		121	631	1919 Gurley
do	A B			Thompson Cole	Deed	D		123	123	1919 Section St Gurley

The second entry line above shows Alfred Howell's purchase of land in 1828 from **Conrad Wall**, per Deed Book L, page 406. The name of Conrad Wall does not appear again with respect to any other land transaction in Madison County records examined to date, nor in the census records for the county. Moreover, it is not included in the family histories for the Madison County Walls. Even more strange, the date of the sale of this land by Conrad Wall falls within the lifetime of Alexander G. Wall, who died in 1836. Therefore, it is not likely that ownership of the land passed by



inheritance from Alexander to Conrad, who is not among the children of Alexander G. Wall according to various sources that have been examined. Perhaps Alexander's full name was Conrad Alexander Grey Wall.

<b>SPECIALS</b> CHURCHES See page 17 under Ch LODGES See page 21 under La SCHOOLS, COLLEGES and SCHOOL BOARDS See page 15 under Sc	<b>La</b>	<b>Le</b>	<b>Li</b>	<b>Li</b>	<b>Lo</b>	<b>Lu</b>	<b>Lu</b>	<b>Ma</b>	<b>Ma</b>	<b>Me</b>	<b>Me</b>	<b>Me</b>	<b>Me</b>	<b>Me</b>	<b>My</b>
	Laa to Lae 1	Lea to Lej 11	Lia to Lid 11	Lia to Lid 11	Loo to Loo 21	Ma to Mal 31	Ma to Mal 31	McA ... 43	McG ... 53	Mea to Mel 63	Mea to Mel 63	Mea to Mel 63	Mea to Mel 63	Mea to Mel 63	Mea to Mel 63
	Laf to Lam 3	Lee to Lek 13	Lie to Lik 13	Lie to Lik 13	Loo to Lot 23	Man to Map 35	Man to Map 35	McB ... 45	McH.J. 55	Mej to Mel 65	Mej to Mel 65	Mej to Mel 65	Mej to Mel 65	Mej to Mel 65	Mej to Mel 65
	Lan to Lap 5	Lel to Lep 15	Lil to Lip 15	Lil to Lip 15	Loo to Lot 25	Mar to Mar 37	Mar to Mar 37	McC ... 47	McK.L. 57	Mer to Mer 67	Mer to Mer 67	Mer to Mer 67	Mer to Mer 67	Mer to Mer 67	Mer to Mer 67
Lar to Lar 7	Ler to Ler 17	Lir to Lir 17	Lir to Lir 17	Lu ... 27	Max to Max 39	Max to Max 39	McD ... 49	McM.N. 59	Mia to Mia 69	Mia to Mia 69	Mia to Mia 69	Mia to Mia 69	Mia to Mia 69	Mia to Mia 69	Mia to Mia 69
Lav to Lav 9	Lil ... 19	Ly and Old 29	Ly and Old 29	Ma to Max 41	McE-McF 51	McE-McF 51	McO to Z 61	McO to Z 61	Mia to Mia 71	Mia to Mia 71	Mia to Mia 71	Mia to Mia 71	Mia to Mia 71	Mia to Mia 71	Mia to Mia 71

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<b>TO WHOM MADE</b> SEPARATELY GROUPED ON PAGE INDICATED  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Madison County, Alabama</b></p>	<b>Search These Names</b> FIRST Surnames, First or Corporation Name have written will, because of their frequent entry, to found separately grouped on page here indicated. If name is not here written, look for it in first name column on this and containing pages.	<b>GENERAL INDEX TO REAL PROPERTY</b> <b>No. 1</b> <b>DEEDS, MORTGAGES, JUDGMENTS, LIS PENDENS</b> <b>AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS EFFECTING REAL ESTATE</b>  <b>From 1810 to 1919 Inclusive</b>
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SURNAME	GIVEN NAMES A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z	GIVEN NAMES I J K L M N O	GIVEN NAMES P Q R S T U V W X Y Z	M A K E R	KIND OF INSTRUMENT	WHERE AND WHEN RECORDED				LOCATION OR OTHER BRIEF DESCRIPTION		
						Book	Vol.	Page	Year	Sec.	Ta.	By
Lacy	Hopkins			George Austin by Comr	al Deed	D	14J	457	1825	18	5	1-E
do			Theophilus	Alfred Howell	al Deed	D	Q	625	1836	14	5	1-W
do			Theophilus Tr	Wm H Gee	D T	D	S	403	1841	Indef		
do			Theophilus	Preston Yeatsar	al Deed	D	S	632	1842	25	5	1-W
do	Alexander H			Nathaniel D Snoddy	al Deed	D	T	281	1842	13	5	1-W
do	Alex H			Abram Dean	al Deed	D	X	453	1850	18	5	1-E
do			Theophilus	John Morris Sr	al Deed	D	Y	2	1850	25	5	1-W
do			Theophilus	Elijah Hanebrough	al Deed	D	Y	29	1850	31	4	4-E
do			Theophilus	Joseph Leeman by Exr	Deed	D	Y	115	1850	33	5	1-W
do	Cornelius			Richard Houghton	al Deed	D	Y	403	1852	6	3	2-E
do	Alexander H			Abram Dean	al Deed	D	AA	112	1855	18	5	1-E
do			Theophilus	Meredith Calhoun	al Deed	D	AA	252	1855	36	5	1-W
do			Theophilus	Wm M Otey	al Deed	D	AA	508	1856	23	5	1-W
do	al		Theophilus	Wm Y C White	al Deed	D	KK	159	1865	Whitestburg		
do			Sarah C	Brown Owen & Co	Deed	D	CCC	210	1878	18	5	1-E
do			Sarah C	do do	Deed	D	DDD	262	1878	Mary Wall Pat		
do		James		Samuel A Bailey	Deed	D	III	126	1884	21	5	1-W
do			Thos H	Margaret Piteay	Deed	D	III	539	1885	19	5	1-W
Lacey	Charles			Wm P Newman	al Deed	D	LLL	568	1885	7	5	1-E
Lacy			Pattie S	John H Lacy	al Mtg	M	25	631	1887	Indef		
do	Bettie		Thomas	C J Martin	al Deed	D	TTT	602	1891	Adams Ave Bvl		
do	Charles			Wm P Newman	al Deed	D	VVV	122	1892	7	5	1-E
do			Pattie S	John H Lacy	al Note	M	41	267	1892			
do		James		Wm H Timmons	al Deed	D	76	127	1896	21	5	1-W
do	Alex C			T C Morris	al Deed	D	80	75	1897	20	5	1-E
do		Leo		do do	al Deed	D	80	76	1897	Same		
do	Ellen			do do	al Deed	D	80	77	1897	Same		
do			Thomas	Cora L Martin	al Deed	D	87	131	1900	Adams Ave Bvl		
do		Jno		Jno E McCalley	al Deed	D	87	221	1900	13	5	1-W
Lacey		John H		U S of America	Deed	D	89	95	1900	22	5	1-E Bvl

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{Second entry line shows Theophilus Lacy's purchase of land from Alfred Howell per Deed Book Q, page 625.}



**Lacy Cemetery, 75-1, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co. AL, May 1, 2003  
Box crypt of Mary W. (Harris) Lacy, first wife of Theophilus Lacy.  
They were married April 24, 1835 (MB-4).**





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The inscription on the tablet of her box crypt states that Mary W. Lacy was the wife of Theophilus Lacy. They were married 20 April 1835 in Madison County, Alabama. The inscription further states that she died 25 June 1836. It is possible that she died in childbirth or soon afterward, from an infection or other complication associated with the birth of a child. Her husband Theophilus was born in 1806, according to the records of Maple Hill Cemetery in Huntsville, where he is buried with his subsequent wife, Fannie (Frances H. Binford). However, most research results point very definitely to a birth year of 1804 for Theophilus. The Maple Hill record shows that Theophilus “died 29 July 1876, at age 70”, whereas his last wife Fannie died 17 March 1891, also at age 70. The Lacy family history as published by descendant Dennis William Simpson in his book **DOCTOR WILLIAM SIMPSON** is summarized in the pages excerpted from his book below:



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Theophilus Lacy was the son of Henry and Angelica Lacy. He was born November 4, 1736, at New Kent County, Virginia, and died about May 1777. The inventory of the estate of Theophilus Lacy was filed November 24, 1777, in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. Stephen Cocke became guardian of Batte Cocke Lacy, Betsey Lacy, Hopkins Lacy, Theophilus Lacy, John Lacy, Polly Lacy, and William Lacy, orphans of Theophilus Lacy, deceased. Theophilus Lacy married Martha Cocke, November 28, 1759, in Amelia County, Virginia.<sup>23</sup> She was the daughter of Abraham and Mary Batte Cocke. Martha (Cocke) Lacy's paternal grandfather Stephen Cocke, was a first cousin, of Elizabeth (Cocke) Cary, 12th G.G. Grandmother of the author. Theophilus Lacy and Martha Cocke were the parents of at least seven children.<sup>24</sup>

1. Batte Cocke Lacy married Elizabeth Overton.
2. Betsey Lacy.
- \* → 3. Hopkins Lacy married Marguerite Simpson, widow of Dr. William Simpson, q.v., of whom further.
- \* → 4. Theophilus Lacy, died unmarried.
- \* → 5. John Lacy was born in Virginia, and died August 13, 1826, at Lacy's Spring, Alabama. He was twice married, but the name of his first wife is not of record. John married secondly, Mary Henderson, daughter of Thomas and Jane (Martin) Henderson. She was also a sister of Governor Alexander Martin of North Carolina. Mary was born January 16, 1795, at Rockingham, North Carolina, and died July 4, 1850.<sup>25</sup> John had issue by both marriages, by his first wife he had:

1. Hopkins Lacy, II, was born January 1797. He married Susan Axton, February 14, 1832. They were the parent of at least five children:<sup>26</sup>

1. Martha Lacy was born 1834. She married William M. Cruse, March 26, 1851.
2. Mary Elizabeth Lacy was born 1836. She married William E. Wright, November 29, 1851. (Admr. of James Dickson's Estate. James was the father-in-law of John Simpson, q.v.)
3. Elizabeth M. Lacy married William McLeod, son of Mary Simpson, q.v.
4. Hopkins Lacy, Jr., was born 1842.
5. Harriet Lacy was born 1843.

<sup>23</sup>Lacy Porter McColloch, "Theophilus Lacy of Colonial Virginia and his Descendants," (Silver Spring, MD: 1972), p. 12.

<sup>24</sup>Ibid., p. 12-15.

<sup>25</sup>Ibid., p. 27.

<sup>26</sup>Ibid., p. 29.

\* → Brothers Hopkins, Theophilus, and John Lacy all lived in the community of Lacy's Spring, on the south bank of the Tennessee River in Morgan County, near the site of Leeman's Ferry crossing.



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Children of John Lacy by his second wife, Mary Henderson:

2. Theophilus Lacy, II, was born January 1, 1804. He married first, May W. Harris, April 24, 1835, and secondly, Frances Hardeman Binford, December 13, 1838.
3. Thomas Henderson Lacy was born June 11, 1806. He married Mary E. McClellan, August 7, 1834.
4. Frances Hardeman Lacy was born 1810, and died in his youth.
5. Alexander H. Lacy was born 1814. He married Sally C. Wall, October 19, 1842. She was a sister of Mary Elizabeth Wall, mother-in-law of Alexander Heath Simpson and Mary Ella Simpson, q.v.

6. Polly Lacy.

7. William Lacy married Sally B. Overton.

Hopkins Lacy was the son of Theophilus Lacy and Mary Batte Cocke. He was born about 1763, at Halifax County, Virginia. He lived for many years in Rockingham County, North Carolina, then migrated westward into Washington County, State of Franklin, [Tennessee]. In 1790, he began his practice of law. The next year Governor Blount appointed him to serve as an officer in the Militia. On June 16, 1792, Hopkins Lacy qualified before the County Courts to practice law in Knox County. Then, on June 11, 1793, he was admitted as attorney for Hamilton District, which consisted of Jefferson and Knox counties. On February 4, 1794, he served the Tennessee House of Representatives as a clerk. He served as Attorney General for Washington District on March 30, 1796.<sup>27</sup> In 1806, Hopkins Lacy became a trustee of Nancy Academy in Sevierville, Tennessee.<sup>28</sup> Hopkins Lacy wrote the following letter to John Coffee, and mailed it in care of Judge Jackson at Cumberland, Tennessee.<sup>29</sup>

Mr. John Coffee

Cumberland

Judge Jackson

October the 9th 1799

Sir

When I was at your house in Cumberland, as well as I remember you told me Freel [sic] was to pay the cost of the suit your Father brought against him.

<sup>27</sup>James Gettys McGrady Ramsey, "The Annals of Tennessee to the End of the Eighteenth Century." (Charleston, SC: Walker and James, 1853), p. 664.

<sup>28</sup>Worth S. Ray, "Tennessee Cousin," (Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1950), p. 204.

<sup>29</sup>Andrew Jackson, Judge of the Tennessee Supreme Court from 1798 to 1804, and later became seventh president of the United States.



The above data shows that Theophilus Lacy, the husband of Mary W. Harris Lacy, was a son of John Lacy by his wife Mary Henderson. This Theophilus was identified in the book as “II”, since there were others with the same name in the area at the time. In fact, there were several generations of Theophilus Lacy in the family history, but the cemetery on Redstone Arsenal is associated with “Theophilus II”, as opposed to those others of the family referenced variously as Theophilus I or III or Senior or Junior. The research into the Madison County records of the family frequently involved two brothers of Theophilus -- Alexander H. Lacy and Thomas Henderson Lacy -- as will be seen later in this report. In fact, the wife of Alexander H. Lacy, Sallie C. (Wall) Lacy, was ultimately in control of much of the Lacy brothers’ lands after their deaths.

After the death of Theophilus in 1876, the land containing the arsenal cemetery appears to have been sold to William A. Wall by Sallie (Sarah) C. Lacy in 1881. The land transaction index prepared by G. W. Jones & Sons, Inc., for Section 14 of Township 5, Range 1 West, shows the transitions by quarter sections, and the images which follow show some more detail.





General Index to Real Property

DEEDS, MORTGAGES, JUDGMENTS, LIS PENDENS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS AFFECTING REAL ESTATE

MAKER				TO WHOM MADE	KIND OF INSTRUMENT	Where and When Recorded				Location of other Real Descriptions		
SURNAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	SUFFIX			Book	Vol.	Page	Date	Sec.	Tp.	Co.
Lacy		Hopkins		John Hobbs	Deed	D	1&J	122	1824	32	5	1-E
do		Hopkins		John Hobbs	Deed	D	K	332	1826	4	6	1-E
do		Andrew		Wm H Moore	Bond Title	D	N	191	1830			
do		Catherine		Silas Parsons	F of A	D	N	191	1830			
do		Andrew		Daniel G Hamner	al Deed	D	Q	276	1837	14	5	2-E
do		Alexander H		Sarah C	W E Church South	Deed	D	Z	335	1853	16	-
do		Fannie H		Theophilus	John R King	Deed	D	EE	348	1866	28	5 1-W
do		Fannie H		Theophilus	do do	Deed	D	EE	348	1866	33	5 1-W
do		Fannie H		Theophilus	do do	Deed	D	EE	348	1866	27	5 1-W
do		Adar by Reg		Theophilus	do do	Deed	D	EE	348	1866	1	-
do		al Fanny H by Reg		Theopolis	Northern Bk of Ala	Deed	D	GG	489	1867	2	-
do		al Fanny H by Reg		Theopolis	do do	Deed	D	GG	489	1867	11	-
do		al Fanny H by Reg		Theopolis	do do	Deed	D	Gg	369	1867	12	-
do		al		Theo Jr	J R Love	Deed	D	RR	82	1871		Whiteburg
do				Sarah C	I Well & Bro	Mtg	D	WW	156	1873	13	5 1-W
do				Sarah C	Mayhew & Lowery	Mtg	D	WW	498	1874	18	5 1-E
do				Sarah C	Mayhew & Lowery	Mtg	D	WW	498	1874	13	5 1-W
Lacey				Sarah C	Brown Owen & Co	Deed	D	BBB	47	1876	18	5 1-E
Lacy				Sarah C	Thomas Jamar	Deed	D	CCC	211	1878	13	5 1-W
do		Alice C	Atty	Sarah C	Thomas Jamar	Deed	D	CCC	211	1878	18	5 1-E
do		al Annie E	Jno E by	Theophilus	Thos Jamar	Deed	D	DDD	360	1879	13	5 1-W
do		Eliza P by Atty		Theophilus	do do	Deed	D	DDD	360	1879	18	5 1-E
do		al Alexander A	Juliette	Theophilus	do do	Deed	D	DDD	360	1879	13	5 1-W
do		al Fannie M		do do	do do	Deed	D	DDD	360	1879	18	5 1-E
do				Sallie C	Jno L Rison	Mtg	M	6	277	1879	14	5 2-W Near Rvl
do		Eliza P	John M	George Gibson	P of A	M	6	337	1879	13	5 1-W	
Lacey				Sallie C	Wm A Wall	Deed	D	GGG	136	1881	14	5 1-E
do				Sallie C	do do	Deed	D	GGG	136	1881	14	5 1-W
do				Mtgee	do do	Deed	D	GGG	136	1881	13	5 1-W
do				Sally C by	Wm A Wall	Deed	D	GGG	136	1881	14	5 1-W
Lacy				Sally C	John L Rison	Mtg	M	12	65	1881	13	5 1-W Indef
do				James	Pricy	Mtg	M	17	204	1884	21	- - Indef
do				Thos H	S A Bailey	Mtg	M	17	204	1884	16	- -
do				Sylva	Margaret Pitsey	Mtg	M	19	296	1885	10	5 1-W
Lacey		Charles		Wm P Newman	Mtg	M	22	615	1886	15	5 1-W	
Lacy			John H	Wm B	Pattie S Lacy	Mtg	M	25	631	1887	7	5 1-E
do				Admr	do do	Deed	D	NNN	141	1887	24	5 1-W
do				Theophilus	S S Darwin	Deed	D	NNN	141	1887	36	3 1-W Randolph
do				by Admr	do do	Deed	D	NNN	141	1887	36	3 1-W Randolph
do				Theophilus	do do	Deed	D	NNN	141	1887	24	5 1-W
do				Theophilus	do do	Deed	D	NNN	141	1887	24	5 1-W
do				Theophilus	do do	Deed	D	NNN	141	1887	24	5 1-W
do		Charles		Wm J Martin	do do	Deed	D	WWW	107	1892	23	5 1-W
do		Charity		Wm P Newman	do do	Deed	D	WWW	117	1892	7	5 1-E
do			John H	W B	Pattie S Lacy	Note	M	41	287	1892	41	287
Lacey		Charles		Wm P Newman	al Mtg	M	41	336	1892	7	5 1-E	
do		Charity		do do	do do	Deed	D	WWW	107	1892	23	5 1-W
Lacy		Bettie		Thomas	J H McAnally & Bro	Mtg	M	47	465	1894		Rvl
do		Bettie		Thomas	J H McAnally & Bro	Mtg	M	53	141	1895		Adams Ave Rvl
do		Calvin Dft		Campbell & Bailey Plf	Jugat	Dkt	1	164	1896			

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Sarah C. Lacy was first recorded as selling land (without her husband being noted in the Deed Index) in 1878. Sallie C. Wall married Alexander H. Lacy on 19 October 1842, per Madison County Marriage Records, Volume 4, page 655. For her to have control of the property rights to unilaterally enter into sales, Sallie's husband Alexander H. Lacy must have died before that land sale in 1881. (The last index record of a sale of land by Alexander was in 1855.) Alexander (or his wife or children) must have inherited the land from Theophilus after Theophilus' death in 1876. One other possibility is that Sallie was Administrator of the estate of Theophilus in order to sell his land, but if so, then the index is supposed to indicate that circumstance.

Accounts of the Wall family history in Ahnentafel form from on-line internet (Ancestry.com) sources and from a book by Dennis Simpson are shown below in order to provide some insights into the situation.

## RYAN/GALE Family Tree

**Entries:** 3192    **Updated:** Tue Jan 15 21:25:04 2002    **Contact:** Gary Ryan

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Ahnentafel, Generation No. 1

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1. [Alexander G. WALL](#) was born 1793 in Virginia, and died 1835 in Madison County, Alabama. He was the son of 2. [John WALL](#) and 3. [Mary TURNER](#).

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Ahnentafel, Generation No. 2

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2. [John WALL](#) was born WFT Est. 1737-1769, and died WFT Est. 1796-1853.
3. [Mary TURNER](#) was born ABT. 1763 in Virginia, and died WFT Est. 1795-1857 in Greensville Co., Virginia. She was the daughter of 6. [John TURNER](#) and 7. [Priscilla BLUNT](#).



Children of Mary TURNER and John WALL are:

- i. [John Jr. WALL](#) was born WFT Est. 1781-1804, and died WFT Est. 1786-1885.
- ii. [Joseph Gray WALL](#) was born WFT Est. 1781-1804, and died WFT Est. 1786-1885.
- iii. [Mary WALL](#) was born WFT Est. 1781-1804, and died WFT Est. 1786-1888.
- iv. [Albert WALL](#) was born WFT Est. 1781-1804, and died WFT Est. 1786-1885.
- v. [James Augustus WALL](#) was born 1785, and died WFT Est. 1786-1875.
1. vi. [Alexander G. WALL](#) was born 1793 in Virginia, and died 1835 in Madison County, Alabama.

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Ahnentafel, Generation No. 3

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6. [John TURNER](#) was born ABT. 1740 in Southampton Co., Virginia, and died DEC 1796 in Greensville Co., Virginia. He was the son of **12. [Simon TURNER](#)** and **13. [Mary](#)**.
7. [Priscilla BLUNT](#) was born WFT Est. 1730-1750 in Southampton Co., Virginia, and died ABT. 1797 in Greensville Co., Virginia. She was the daughter of **14. [Benjamin BLUNT](#)** and **15. [Priscilla SUGARS](#)**.

Children of Priscilla BLUNT and John TURNER are:

- i. [Simon TURNER](#) was born WFT Est. 1757-1785 in Virginia, and died ABT. 1838 in Madison County, Alabama. He married [Nancy BYNUM](#) 3 MAR 1797 in Greensville Co., Virginia, daughter of Benjamin BYNUM and Lucy WILLIAMSON. She was born ABT. 1775 in Virginia, and died ABT. 1851 in Morgan County, Alabama.
- ii. [Nancy Ann TURNER](#) was born WFT Est. 1761-1785 in Virginia, and died WFT Est. 1811-1873 in Greensville Co., Virginia. She married [Person TURNER](#) 9 SEP 1797 in Greensville Co., Virginia. He was born WFT Est. 1752-1784 in Virginia, and died WFT Est. 1811-1868.
- iii. [William TURNER](#) was born WFT Est. 1761-1788 in Virginia, and died ABT. 1797 in Greensville Co., Virginia.
- iv. [James TURNER](#) was born WFT Est. 1761-1789 in Virginia, and died ABT. 1826 in Greensville Co., Virginia. He married [Elizabeth RIVES](#) WFT Est. 1781-1819. She was born WFT Est. 1760-1795, and died 1828.

- v. [Sugars TURNER](#) was born WFT Est. 1762-1793 in Virginia, and died ABT. 1836 in Madison County, Alabama. He married [Rebecca DELONEY](#) 1804 in Greensville Co., Virginia. She was born WFT Est. 1770-1793 in Virginia, and died 1824 in Madison County, Alabama.
- 3. vi. [Mary TURNER](#) was born ABT. 1763 in Virginia, and died WFT Est. 1795-1857 in Greensville Co., Virginia. She married [John WALL](#) 1784. He was born WFT Est. 1737-1769, and died WFT Est. 1796-1853.
- vii. [John Blunt TURNER](#) was born ABT. 1764 in Virginia, and died ABT. 1809 in Greensville Co., Virginia. He married [Amelia BARNES](#) WFT Est. 1778-1803. She was born WFT Est. 1750-1773, and died WFT Est. 1793-1861.
- viii. [Thomas TURNER](#) was born 1779 in Virginia, and died 2 MAY 1830 in Madison County, Alabama. He married [Martha BINFORD](#) WFT Est. 1793-1819. She was born WFT Est. 1763-1791, and died 28 APR 1825. He married [Elizabeth M. HARWELL](#) 27 OCT 1829 in Halifax County, North Carolina. She was born WFT Est. 1777-1811, and died WFT Est. 1833-1899.

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- 12. [Simon TURNER](#) was born BEF. 1705 in Isle of Wight Co, Virginia, and died 1761 in Southampton Co., Virginia. He was the son of **24.** [John TURNER](#) and **25.** [Mary TOMLIN](#).
- 13. [Mary](#) was born WFT Est. 1699-1721, and died WFT Est. 1743-1808.

Children of Mary and Simon TURNER are:

- i. [Jennett TURNER](#) was born WFT Est. 1721-1741 in Southampton Co., Virginia, and died WFT Est. 1759-1828. She married [Drury BYNUM](#) ABT. 1754 in Virginia, son of William BYNUM and Elizabeth SUGARS. He was born ABT. 1725 in Surry County, Virginia, and died ABT. 1761 in Brunswick County, Virginia.
- ii. [Arthur TURNER](#) was born WFT Est. 1721-1749 in Virginia, and died ABT. 1777 in Brunswick County, Virginia. He married [Elizabeth DONALDSON](#) 9 MAY 1774 in Brunswick County, Virginia. She was born WFT Est. 1718-1749 in Virginia, and died BEF. 1777 in Brunswick County, Virginia.
- iii. [Simon TURNER](#) was born WFT Est. 1726-1754 in Virginia, and died



WFT Est. 1732-1833.

- iv. [Thomas TURNER](#) was born WFT Est. 1726-1754 in Southampton Co., Virginia, and died WFT Est. 1732-1833.
- v. [Millie TURNER](#) was born WFT Est. 1726-1754 in Southampton Co., Virginia, and died WFT Est. 1731-1836.
- vi. [Dorcas TURNER](#) was born WFT Est. 1726-1754 in Southampton Co., Virginia, and died WFT Est. 1731-1836.
- vii. [William TURNER](#) was born WFT Est. 1726-1754 in Southampton Co., Virginia, and died 1774 in Brunswick Co., Virginia.
6. viii. [John TURNER](#) was born ABT. 1740 in Southampton Co., Virginia, and died DEC 1796 in Greensville Co., Virginia. He married [Priscilla BLUNT](#) 11 FEB 1762 in Southampton Co., Virginia, daughter of Benjamin BLUNT and Priscilla SUGARS. She was born WFT Est. 1730-1750 in Southampton Co., Virginia, and died ABT. 1797 in Greensville Co., Virginia.
14. [Benjamin BLUNT](#) was born ABT. 1707 in Isle of Wight Co, Virginia, and died 1752 in Southampton Co., Virginia. He was the son of **28. [Thomas BLUNT](#)** and **29. [Priscilla BROWNE](#)**.
15. [Priscilla SUGARS](#) was born ABT. 1717 in Isle of Wight Co, Virginia, and died 1782 in Southampton Co., Virginia. She was the daughter of **30. [John SUGARS](#)** and **31. [Elizabeth SWAN](#)**.

Children of Priscilla SUGARS and Benjamin BLUNT are:

7. i. [Priscilla BLUNT](#) was born WFT Est. 1730-1750 in Southampton Co., Virginia, and died ABT. 1797 in Greensville Co., Virginia. She married [John TURNER](#) 11 FEB 1762 in Southampton Co., Virginia, son of Simon TURNER and Mary. He was born ABT. 1740 in Southampton Co., Virginia, and died DEC 1796 in Greensville Co., Virginia.
- ii. [Ann BLUNT](#) was born WFT Est. 1730-1752 in Southampton Co., Virginia, and died BEF. 1778 in Southampton Co., Virginia.
- iii. [Benjamin BLUNT](#) was born WFT Est. 1730-1752 in Southampton Co., Virginia, and died WFT Est. 1737-1835.
- iv. [Elizabeth BLUNT](#) was born WFT Est. 1730-1752 in Southampton Co., Virginia, and died WFT Est. 1736-1838.
- v. [John BLUNT](#) was born WFT Est. 1730-1752 in Southampton Co.,

- Virginia, and died ABT. 1803 in Southampton Co., Virginia.
- vi. [Mary BLUNT](#) was born WFT Est. 1730-1752 in Southampton Co., Virginia, and died WFT Est. 1736-1838.
  - vii. [Sarah BLUNT](#) was born WFT Est. 1730-1752 in Southampton Co., Virginia, and died WFT Est. 1736-1838.
  - viii. [William BLUNT](#) was born 1733 in Southampton Co., Virginia, and died 1787 in Southampton Co., Virginia.

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- 24. [John TURNER](#) was born WFT Est. 1654-1683, and died 1705 in Isle of Wight Co, Virginia.
- 25. [Mary TOMLIN](#) was born WFT Est. 1663-1684, and died WFT Est. 1708-1774. She was the daughter of 50. [Mathew TOMLIN](#).

Children of Mary TOMLIN and John TURNER are:

- 12.
  - i. [Simon TURNER](#) was born BEF. 1705 in Isle of Wight Co, Virginia, and died 1761 in Southampton Co., Virginia. He married [Mary](#) WFT Est. 1722-1750. She was born WFT Est. 1699-1721, and died WFT Est. 1743-1808.
  - ii. [John TURNER](#) was born BEF. 1705 in Virginia, and died WFT Est. 1706-1795.
  - iii. [James TURNER](#) was born BEF. 1705 in Virginia, and died 1768 in Northampton Co., North Carolina.
  - iv. [Thomas TURNER](#) was born BEF. 1705 in Virginia, and died 1751 in Isle of Wight Co, Virginia.
  - v. [William TURNER](#) was born BEF. 1705 in Virginia, and died 1766 in Southampton Co., Virginia.
  - vi. [Joseph TURNER](#) was born BEF. 1705 in Virginia, and died 1737 in Brunswick Co., Virginia. He married [Burchett LUNDY](#) WFT Est. 1722-1736. She was born WFT Est. 1703-1726, and died WFT Est. 1767-1817 in Warren County, North Carolina.
- 28. [Thomas BLUNT](#) was born 1656 in Surry County, Virginia, and died 1709 in Surry County, Virginia. He was the son of 56. [Richard BLUNT](#) and 57. [Mary ?](#).
- 29. [Priscilla BROWNE](#) was born WFT Est. 1654-1687 in Surry County, Virginia, and



died 1733 in Surry County, Virginia. She was the daughter of **58. William BROWNE** and **59. Mary BROWNE**.

Children of Priscilla BROWNE and Thomas BLUNT are:

- i. William BLUNT was born WFT Est. 1677-1704 in Surry County, Virginia, and died 1736 in Surry County, Virginia.
- ii. Henry BLUNT was born WFT Est. 1677-1704 in Surry County, Virginia, and died 1758 in Southampton Co., Virginia.
- iii. Jane BLUNT was born WFT Est. 1677-1704 in Surry County, Virginia, and died WFT Est. 1682-1786.
14. iv. Benjamin BLUNT was born ABT. 1707 in Isle of Wight Co, Virginia, and died 1752 in Southampton Co., Virginia. He married Priscilla SUGARS AFT. 1730 in Isle of Wight Co, Virginia, daughter of John SUGARS and Elizabeth SWAN. She was born ABT. 1717 in Isle of Wight Co, Virginia, and died 1782 in Southampton Co., Virginia.
30. John SUGARS was born BEF. 1686, and died ABT. 1726 in Surry County, Virginia.
31. Elizabeth SWAN was born BET. 1668 - 1685 in Virginia, and died AFT. 1726 in Virginia. She was the daughter of **62. Mathew SWAN** and **63. UNKNOWN**.

Children of Elizabeth SWAN and John SUGARS are:

- i. Elizabeth SUGARS was born WFT Est. 1700-1709 in Isle of Wight Co, Virginia, and died 1773 in Southampton Co., Virginia. She married Elias Jr. FORT ABT. 1720. He was born WFT Est. 1668-1700 in Isle of Wight Co, Virginia, and died 1724 in Virginia. She married William BYNUM 1724 in Virginia. He was born 1690 in Surry County, Virginia, and died 1762 in Southampton Co., Virginia.
  - ii. Abigail SUGARS was born AFT. 1704 in Surry County, Virginia, and died WFT Est. 1705-1798.
  15. iii. Priscilla SUGARS was born ABT. 1717 in Isle of Wight Co, Virginia, and died 1782 in Southampton Co., Virginia. She married Benjamin BLUNT AFT. 1730 in Isle of Wight Co, Virginia, son of Thomas BLUNT and Priscilla BROWNE. He was born ABT. 1707 in Isle of Wight Co, Virginia, and died 1752 in Southampton Co., Virginia.
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Ahnentafel, Generation No. 6

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50. [Mathew TOMLIN](#) was born WFT Est. 1621-1659, and died ABT. 1684 in Isle of Wight Co, Virginia.

Children of Mathew TOMLIN are:

- i. [Mathew TOMLIN](#) was born WFT Est. 1648-1685, and died WFT Est. 1663-1767.
  25. ii. [Mary TOMLIN](#) was born WFT Est. 1663-1684, and died WFT Est. 1708-1774. She married [John TURNER](#) WFT Est. 1679-1704. He was born WFT Est. 1654-1683, and died 1705 in Isle of Wight Co, Virginia.
56. [Richard BLUNT](#) was born WFT Est. 1605-1634, and died BEF. 1658 in Surry County, Virginia.
57. [Mary ?](#) was born WFT Est. 1616-1676, and died AFT. 1677 in Virginia.

Child of Mary ? and Richard BLUNT is:

28. i. [Thomas BLUNT](#) was born 1656 in Surry County, Virginia, and died 1709 in Surry County, Virginia. He married [Priscilla BROWNE](#) BET. 1674 - 1699, daughter of William BROWNE and Mary BROWNE. She was born WFT Est. 1654-1687 in Surry County, Virginia, and died 1733 in Surry County, Virginia. He married [UNKNOWN](#) WFT Est. 1675-1700.
58. [William BROWNE](#) was born WFT Est. 1610-1660 in England, and died 1705 in Surry County, Virginia.
59. [Mary BROWNE](#) was born WFT Est. 1617-1661, and died WFT Est. 1654-1744. She was the daughter of **118. [Henry BROWNE](#)** and **119. [Anne ?](#)**.

Child of Mary BROWNE and William BROWNE is:

29. i. [Priscilla BROWNE](#) was born WFT Est. 1654-1687 in Surry County, Virginia, and died 1733 in Surry County, Virginia. She married [William THOMAS](#) AFT. 1656. He died in Surry County, Virginia. She married [Thomas BLUNT](#) BET. 1674 - 1699, son of Richard BLUNT and Mary ?. He was born 1656 in Surry County, Virginia, and died 1709 in Surry County, Virginia. She married [River JORDAN](#) BEF. 1699 in Surry County, Virginia. He died 1700 in Surry County, Virginia.



62. [Mathew SWAN](#) was born WFT Est. 1625-1667, and died 1702 in Surry County, Virginia.
63. [UNKNOWN](#).

Child of UNKNOWN and Mathew SWAN is:

31. i. [Elizabeth SWAN](#) was born BET. 1668 - 1685 in Virginia, and died AFT. 1726 in Virginia. She married [John DREW](#) WFT Est. 1683-1721. He was born WFT Est. 1657-1692, and died WFT Est. 1683-1774. She married [John SUGARS](#) ABT. 1704 in Surry County, Virginia. He was born BEF. 1686, and died ABT. 1726 in Surry County, Virginia.

The above Ahnentafel not only shows the Wall family history, but it shows the relationship to **Sugars Turner**, another well-known and prominent pioneer of the early Madison County days. Sugars Turner was probably the most prolific land speculator in the history of the area. He bought and sold numerous tracts of land in north Alabama, including several that were later to become part of Redstone Arsenal. According to the Ahnentafel, **Sugars Turner was a maternal uncle of Alexander Grey Wall**. It is also interesting that the Blunt family was part of the heritage of the Madison County Wall family. As historians will recognize, the Blunt family included a governor of Tennessee and the namesake of a county in north Alabama. Dennis Simpson has published a book of the Simpson – Wall – Lacy and related families, wherein he states that Alexander G. Wall was a son of **James Wall, not John Wall**, as given above in the Ahnentafel.

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Because of the close association of the Wall, McLeod and Steger families, an abbreviated Wall genealogy is presented here: In Mrs. Samuel Allen Wilkinson, D.A.R. application papers (National Number 39771). She descends from James Wall, ancestor of the Madison County family, as follows: Her parents were Alexander Heath Simpson, 1841-1919, and Helen Grey (Steger) Simpson, 1843-1898. Helen Grey Steger, was the daughter of Kennon Harris Steger, 1806-1892, and Mary Elizabeth Wall, 1821-1899, his wife. Mary Elizabeth Wall, was the daughter of Alexander Grey Wall, 1793-1836, and Mary Cooper, 1801-1869, his wife, they were married 1820. Alexander Grey Wall was the son of James Wall, 1760-1830, and Mary Turner, 1763-1838.

### Madison County, Alabama Court Records

Orphans Court Minutes Book 6, page 202: WALL, Alexander G. died intestate: Mary WALL the widow does not wish to qualify and wished administration is granted to Alfred Howell. William Cooper, Jr. and John Hardin, securities. 17 March 1835.

Orphans Court Minutes Book 67, page 505: WALL, Alexander G. dec'd. Petition to sell land by Alfred Howell, the Admr. Sally C. WALL, Alfred A. WALL, Helen G. WALL and James T. WALL four of the heirs are infants; guardian ad litem is appointed and he and Kennon H. Steger and Wife Mary Elizabeth, formerly WALL, and one of the children of said Alexander G. WALL dec'd are to be cited. 20 Sept. 1839.

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<sup>42</sup>Madison County, Alabama, Marriage Book 22, p. 60.



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Orphans Court Minutes Book 8, page 52: WALL, Mary applied for Letters of Guardianship for Sarah WALL, over 14, child of Alexander G. WALL; of James T. WALL, Alfred A. WALL and Helen G. WALL, under 14, infants of Alexander G. WALL dec'd. Alfred Howell and Asa Shelton, securities. 9 March 1840.

Probate Record Book 11, pages 513-517: WALL, Mary makes final settlement of her guardianship of Sarah C. WALL, and annual settlement for Alfred A., Helen G., and James T. WALL, all infants of Alexander G. WALL dec'd. 14 Dec. 1844.

Probate Record Book 13, page 279: WALL, Mary makes final settlement of her guardianship of Alexander A. WALL, and annual settlement of accounts with Helen G. and James T. WALL. 14 June 1847.

Probate Record Book 33, page 60: WALL, Mary dec'd. Petition to sell the land. Kennon H. Steger, Administrator. She died about the 13th of February 1869 and was the Widow of Alexander WALL dec'd. During her marriage she had the following Children by her said husband: Mary Steger, Wife of Kennon H. Steger (applicant); Alfred A. WALL; Sally C. Lacy, Widow of Alexander Lacy dec'd; James T. WALL who died in the lifetime of the intestate and left surviving only one child named William WALL, who is over 14 and Helen G. WALL who died in the lifetime of the intestate, under 21, and unmarried. Mary Steger, Alfred A. WALL and Sally C. Lacy are over 21, William WALL is an infant over 14, with no parent in life and is now under the care of his Grandfather Thomas H. Cawthon; all reside in Madison Co., Ala. 19 Nov. 1870.

Probate Record Book 33, page 173: WALL, Mary dec'd. Petition to probate the will. Kennon H. Steger and Alexander A. WALL show that Mrs. Mary WALL died the 1st day of March 1869 in Madison County, leaving a will in which the petitioners are named as executors. The next of kin are: Sarah C. Lacy, unmarried, over 21, Madison Co., Ala.; William A. WALL, Son of James T. WALL, a minor over 14 residing with Thomas H. Cothran, Madison Co., Ala.; Mary E. Steger, Wife of Kennon H. Steger, of age, Madison Co., Ala. Alfred C. WALL and Helen G. WALL, over 14 and residing with their Father A.A. WALL, Madison Co., Ala., William R. WALL, James S. WALL, Robert Lee WALL, Alexander Lacy WALL and John A. WALL, minors over 14, residing with their Father A.A. WALL in said county of Madison. Alfred A. WALL who is of age and resides in Madison County. 3 Apr. 1871.

Will Book 1, page 452: WALL, Mary. Will. Daughter Mary E. Steger. Daughter Sarah C. Lacy. Grandson William A. WALL, Son of James T. WALL dec'd. Grandchildren Alfred C. WALL, Helen G. WALL, William R. WALL, James S. WALL, Robert Lee WALL, Alexander Lacy WALL and John A. WALL the now



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living Children of my Son Alexander A. WALL and any other child or children which may be born to my said Son Alexander A. WALL. Son Alexander A. WALL and son-in-law Kennon Steger, Executors. Witnesses: William Helpricht, Harriet E. Lowe, Mary C. Lowe, A.A. WALL. Proved 25 Apr. 22 Sept. 1868.

Probate Minutes Book 6, page 480: WALL, Alfred A. applied for Letters of Administration on the estate of James T. WALL dec'd. Mary WALL and Alexander H. Lacy, securities. 3 March 1859.

Cemetery Inscriptions at Nelson's Chapel Cemetery

WILLIAM ALFRED WALL B. Aug. 3, 1883 - D. July 3, 1885.

WILLIAM AUGUSTUS WALL B. Nov. 1, 1855 - D. Dec. 20, 1893.

In Vol II, of Joel C. Dubose, "NOTABLE MEN OF ALABAMA," he writes of Alexander Alfred Wall. "He was one of Tuscumbia's oldest and most universally respected physicians, was born in Madison county, Ala., April 9, 1826. His parents, Alexander Gray and Mary (Cooper) Wall, were both natives of Virginia, the former of Southampton and the latter of Albemarle county. The father served in the War of 1812. . . . Of the six children, three sons and three daughters, born to this couple, Dr. A.A. Wall is the only survivor . . . . He has been twice married. His first wife, to whom he was married on Nov. 12, 1850, was Amanda Ross, a native of Huntsville and a daughter of Fred A. and Elizabeth (Cooper) Ross,<sup>43</sup> both natives of Virginia. To this marriage were born six children: Kate died at the age of sixteen months; Conrad died in February 1903, in his fortieth year, having married Laura Challen, and left one son: Helen died in July 1897; William Richard lives in Huntsville; James S. died at the age of thirteen years; Elizabeth died in infancy. Mrs. Amanda (Ross) Wall died in 1860. During her life she was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. On October 23, 1862, Dr. Wall was united in marriage to Mary McLeod . . . .""  
q.v.

Mr. Dubose also wrote a brief biography of William Augustus Wall stating: "He was born in Madison county, Nov. 2, 1855. Here he received his primary schooling, subsequently attending one year at Southern Baptist institute at Murfreesboro, Tenn. Returning home at the end of the Year, he remained until 1887. For two years after he was engaged in railroad construction; he was then made superintendent of the Bownell iron mines, in which he was engaged for five years. His health giving way, he sought

<sup>43</sup>During the Civil War Rev. Frederick A. Ross was arrested and sent North for praying a "disloyal" prayer. He prayed: "We pray thee, O Lord, to bless our enemies and to remove them from our midst as soon as seemeth good in thy sight."



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relief in Florida, but never recovered; he died near Arcadia, in that State, Dec. 19, 1893. He married July 15, 1880, at Maysville, Ala., Viola Lillian Taylor, daughter of Judge Thomas J. Taylor, whose father, Major George Taylor, was a lieutenant in the Revolutionary war, serving in the campaigns of South Carolina and Georgia, assisting in the recapture of Augusta from the British. He was born near Richmond, Va., in 1762, and participated in the battles of Monmouth, Guilford Courthouse and King's Mountain. The family came to Baltimore, Md., with the celebrated Englishman, Lord Baltimore . . . . The father of William A. Wall, James Tazewell Wall, was a native of Madison county, Ala. He studied law at Lebanon, Tenn., but never practiced. Returning home, he became a planter, which occupation he followed until his death, at the age of twenty-four, Feb. 14, 1859 . . . . His mother, Mary Eliza (Cowthon) Wall, was the daughter of Thomas H. Cowthon and wife, Sarah Rebecca (Steger) Cowthon, both of whom were of the same county; they are now deceased . . . ." Children:

1. James Taylor Wall married Eloise Carter.
2. Nannie Mary Wall.
3. Sallie Lacy Wall married Halcott Roberts Acosta.
4. William Alfred Wall was born August 11, 1883, and died July 3, 1885 at Madison County, Alabama.
5. Hal Tate Wall was born September 15, 1888, and died August 13, 1889, at Champion, Alabama.

Abstract of the will of James Cooper, Madison Co., Ala. dated 9 June 1834, probated 15 Jan. 1835; wife Charity, sisters Mary Wall, Nancy Veitch and Elizabeth Ross. Father William Cooper. Exr. David Allison. Wit. James F.W. Smith, Lucy Ives, Larkin Ballinger.

The children of Alexander Grey Wall (1793-1836), and Mary Cooper (1801-1869), are as follows:

1. Mary Elizabeth Wall was born August 9, 1821, and died June 6, 1899. She married Kennon Harris Steger, December 12, 1838.
2. Sally C. Wall married Alexander H. Lacy. (See Lacy Family, Chapter 1).
3. Male child, died before his father's death.
4. Alexander Alfred Wall was born April 9, 1826. He first married his maternal first cousin, Amanda Ross, and secondly, Mary McLeod. (q.v.)
5. Helen Grey Wall, died unmarried before February 13, 1869.
6. James Tazewell Wall was born 1835, and died February 14, 1859. He married Mary Eliza Cowthon. (See Steger Family, Chapter 7).

Book 1860/62, page 287: 5 Oct. 1865. Sarah C. LACY propounds the will of Alexander H. LACY dec'd. The following persons are heirs at law: Theophilus



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LACY, John H. LACY, Alexander H. LACY, Mary L. LACY, Amanda C. LACY, Theophilus LACY, Jr., Fanny LACY, Laura LACY, Alice LACY, Ann Eliza LACY, William Cruse and Wife Martha, William McCloud and Wife Lizzie, Hopkins LACY and Harriet LACY. Theophilus LACY and William McCloud and Wife Lizzie reside in this county, the rest out of the state. Theophilus LACY, Jr., Amanda C., Fanny, Laura, Alice, Ann Eliza and Harriet are under 21; Hopkins LACY is n/c/m.

Probate Minutes 10, page 66: 5 Oct. 1865, Alexander H. LACY dec'd; Sarah C. LACY petitions to probate will. Notice by publication to John M. LACY, Alexander H. LACY, Mary L. LACY, Amanda C. LACY, Theophilus LACY, Fannie LACY, Laura LACY, Alice LACY, Ann Eliza LACY, Hopkins LACY, Harriet LACY and William Cruise and Wife Martha the heirs of descendant residing out of the state; Theophilus LACY and William McCloud and Wife Lizzie, resident heirs to be cited; guardian ad litem appointed for Thomas, Amanda C., Fanny, Laura, Alice, Ann Eliza and Harriet LACY, minors and for Hopkins LACY n.c.m.

(H.)  
Will Book 1, page 323: Will of Alexander LACY dec'd. Wife Sarah C. LACY, Executrix. Property for life then to the Children of my Brother Thomas H. LACY of Ark. Niece Elizabeth M. McLeod, Wife of William McLeod of Madison Co., Ala. I have made no bequest to the Children of my Brother Theophilus LACY\* who were equally near to me, because they are already well provided for, their father being a man of considerable property. 14 Nov. 1863, at Mardisville, in the County of Talladega, Ala. Witnesses: M.H. Cruikshank, L.B. Ogletree, A.A. WALL, Mary Russell. Probated in Madison Co., Ala. Dec. 11, 1865; proved by oath of A.A. WALL.

\* This is the Theophilus Lacy whose wife Mary W. Harris is buried in the Lacy Cemetery (75-1) on Redstone Arsenal in Madison County, AL.





These pages of Dennis Simpson's book show that Sarah ("Sallie") C. [Wall] Lacy, wife of Alexander H. Lacy, was the Executrix of his will, which was entered into probate in October of 1865. The will specifically named Theophilus and Thomas H. Lacy as his brothers, and Sallie as Executrix was given power to enter into land transactions for his estate. Exactly how Alexander's estate came to include the land of the cemetery is not yet known. However, another item of interest in the Wall family history by Dennis Simpson is the frequent mention of other notable pioneers of arsenal lands as being involved with the Lacy and the Wall family. For example, at one point, **Alfred Howell** is mentioned as an **Adminstrator of the estate of Alexander Grey Wall**, Sallie's father-in-law. Others mentioned and known to be prominent among the arsenal land pioneers were David Allison; James F. W. Smith (son of Hughy); William, James, and Charity Cooper; Lucy [Lanier] Ives [Clark]; and members of the McLeod / McCloud family.

It should be noted that Theophilus Lacy did not remain in residence on the land he owned that became arsenal property, as he always was enumerated in census records among the residents of the town of Huntsville. However, he was not found in Alabama in the 1830 census, even with a Soundex search. There is a possibility that he was in New Kent County, Virginia, in that census year, as the only "fit" for his name in any state in 1830 was a Theophilus A. Lacy, age 20 – 30, in that county. The record showed him with a wife age 20 – 30 and a daughter age 0 – 5. He was enumerated on the same page with a Bartholomew Lacy and other Lacy families, plus John Kirby and Merriweather Lewis and other Lewis families. These are all names of people known to be related to the Theophilus Lacy of Madison County or who later moved to the county, settling around Triana.

The 1840 census record for Theophilus shows some of the most prominent of early Huntsville citizens as his close neighbors. The 1840 census record below can be viewed at 200% for clarity and ease of reading, if using the CD-ROM. Otherwise, a good magnifying glass might suffice to see the neighbors of Theophilus Lacy in historic Huntsville. Several of the prominent, historic personages of the town entered into business relationships with Theophilus Lacy and / or Alfred Howell, two of whose daughters are also known to be buried in the Lacy Cemetery on the arsenal.





SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Shenandoah Ward 4, in the County of Madison, State of Alabama, enumerated by me on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 1870.

Post Office: Shenandoah Ala

Geo. W. Dennis, Asst. Marshal. 405

1	2	3	4			7	8		10	11				16	19	20
			5	6	9		11	12		13	14	15				
The name of every person whose place of abode on the first day of June, 1870, was in this family.			Sex	Color	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.	Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Estate	Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S., or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.	Whether colored or white.	Whether male or female.	Whether single, married, widowed, or divorced.	Whether naturalized citizen.	Whether foreign born.	Whether foreign born.	Whether foreign born.
		Bush Laura	F	W				Ala								
168	176	Harper A. C. W.	M	W	Gen'l Laborer			Virginia								
		— Louisa	F	W	Keeping House			Tenn								
169	177	Henry Washington	M	W	Gen'l Laborer			Ala								
		— Susan	F	W	Keeping House			Ala								
		— Rose	F	W				Ala								
170	178	Murphy Andarilla	M	W	Keeping House			Ala								
		— Benjamin	M	W				Ala								
		— Nancy	F	W				Ala								
		— Sarah	F	W				Ala								
		— Lucy	F	W				Ala								
		— William	M	W	Photographer	400		Ala								
		— Mary	F	W				Ala								
		— Barbara	F	W				Ala								
		— John	M	W				Ala								
		— Nancy	F	W				Ala								
		— Sarah	F	W				Ala								
171	179	Arnold Francis	M	W	Keeping Restaurant			Germany								
		— Sophia	F	W	Keeping House			Germany								
172	180	Lacy Theophilus	M	W	Cashier in Bank	18000	1500	N Carolina								
		— Francis	M	W	Keeping House			N Carolina								
		— Patti	F	W				Ala								
		— Theophilus	M	W	Farmer			Ala								
		— Cassie	F	W				Ala								
		— Edija	F	W				Ala								
		— Louisa	F	W				Ala								
		— John	M	W				Ala								
		— William	M	W				Ala								
		Bette Moses	F	W				Ala								
		Lucy Rebecca	F	W				Ala								
173	181	Hebert Matton	M	W	Log Goods Merchant			Va								

Data from Dennis Simpson of California indicates that an uncle of Madison County's Theophilus Lacy also was "the first banker in Huntsville" (see "communication of May 18, 2004" several pages below). The "first bank" in Huntsville was chartered in 1809, when Theophilus was only about 3 or 4 years old, so the early banker was no doubt the never-married Theophilus Lacy of Morgan County, an uncle of the Madison County Theophilus.

To recapitulate, the Theophilus Lacy associated with the arsenal cemetery was a farmer who lived in Huntsville rather than on the land that he owned around the cemetery. (At least, he lived in Huntsville after his first wife was buried on the pre-arsenal land. He may well have lived on the land around the cemetery while his wife Mary W. Harris Lacy was alive.) He was a son of John William Lacy, who along with his brothers Hopkins Lacy and another Theophilus Lacy moved to northern Alabama between 1807 and 1821. The older three Lacy brothers were all born in Virginia but moved to North Carolina and Tennessee before coming to northern Alabama. There were several sons named "Theophilus" in each generation of this family in America, so it is easy to see how confusion is created in the public records.

Accounts of the Lacy family settlement in northern Alabama are published in several sources. The one shown below is from an article written by Dennis Simpson about Dr. William Simpson, whose widow married Hopkins Lacy. Hopkins was first of the Lacy brothers to come to Madison County, but later residing in Morgan County, at the "Lacey's Spring" community. He was a close friend of Dr. William Simpson.



Nathan A. Simms was born February 5, 1881 in Lincoln County, Tennessee, a son of George W. Simms and Martha Jones.

Minnie L. Sugg was born February 3, 1884 purportedly in Petersburg, Lincoln County, Tennessee. She was the daughter of Joseph Sydney Sugg and Mary Elizabeth McGee.

Nathan and Minnie were married June 30, 1901 in Lincoln County, Tennessee. They had two children: Oscar Washington Simms, born October 30, 1902 and Cornelia Martha Ann Simms, born May 22, 1905. Both children were raised in Lincoln County, Tennessee.

In 1942, Nathan and Minnie moved to Huntsville, Alabama and lived with their daughter Cornelia Simms Porter on McCullough Avenue. Nathan died in 1945 and is buried in Lincoln, Tennessee. Minnie died on June 1967 and is also buried at Lincoln.

After completing the second year of high school at Lincoln in 1922, Oscar met and later married Ethyl Lynn of New Market, Alabama. They were married in Madison County on 9 June 1922. They lived their early marriage years in Lincoln County Tennessee where Oscar Bryson was born 19 December 1923, and Minnie Elizabeth, was born 30 January 1927.

In the late 1920's Oscar and Ethyl and two children moved to Huntsville, Alabama. On 12 June 1928, George Melvin Simms was born on Mills Street. Oscar had accepted a job with International Harvest and became a farm implement parts salesman.

In early 1931, the family moved to Hazel Green, also in Madison County. Here Nathan Wayne Simms was born 29 June 1931. Bryson and Elizabeth attended school at Hazel Green where Alex S. Simms was the principal.

Shortly after this, the family moved back to Huntsville and lived at several places before settling on Meridian Street in the early 1930's. Nina Irene Simms was born on 9 November 1934 and John Louis Simms was born on 14 January 1938. Bryson, Elizabeth, Melvin, and Wayne attended the Huntsville City schools. Elizabeth graduated in 1942. Bryson came home from World War II and graduated in 1946. Melvin graduated in 1947, Wayne in 1949, Irene in 1952, and Louis in 1956.

Oscar W. and Bryson served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. Oscar spent most of his time in the South Pacific. Bryson was a crew member of the troop transport *torpedero* and sank off the coast of Africa in 1942.

During the Korean War, Melvin served in the U.S. Air Force and Wayne served in the U.S. Navy. After graduating from high school, Louis also served in the U.S. Air Force.

Ethyl Simms died in Huntsville on 7 October 1963 and Oscar Simms died on 10 October 1964. Both are buried in State Line Cemetery north of Huntsville.

Bryson is now retired and lives in Cocoa Beach, Florida. Elizabeth and Irene are deceased. Melvin retired from the Marshall Space Flight Center and lives in Brownsboro, Alabama. Wayne is now residing in Montgomery, Alabama and Louis is retired and lives in Warwick, Georgia. See photo on page 409. Submitted by: *George Melvin Simms, 1770 Dug Hill Road, Brownsboro, AL 35741.* Source: Marriage and Birth records of Madison County, Alabama and similar records of Lincoln County, Tennessee.

### Doctor William Simpson

William Simpson was born 1780,<sup>1</sup> at Ballynahery, County Londonderry, Ireland<sup>2</sup> and died in 1816, near Ditto's Landing, Mississippi Territory.<sup>3</sup> He was buried at Hobbs Island, Madison county, Alabama in an unmarked grave.<sup>4</sup>

In Ireland, William Simpson received a commission as a Major in the United Irishmen. This was a Protestant organization whose goal was to gain equal representation in the British Parliament for Ireland's Catholics. After the unsuccessful rebellion of 1798, William Simpson was captured, and on March 12, 1798, was convicted of Treason, and sentenced to hang at Bantry Bay. He was imprisoned in the Donegal Arms for a short time, then released on bail, on condition he exile himself from the British Empire.<sup>5</sup> He received an American passport and migrated to the United States about 1806.<sup>6</sup> William Simpson left the emerald isle with his wife Marguerite, and quite possibly a younger brother, George Simpson accompanied them to America. Marguerite was pregnant with William's child and gave birth to their daughter Mary Simpson while on the voyage over.<sup>7</sup>

Dr. Simpson and his family came to Madison county, in 1807, when it was part of the Mississippi Territory prior to Alabama statehood. They were among the first white settlers of what is now Ditto's Landing, Alabama.

Dr. Simpson was listed in the 1809 squatters census,<sup>8</sup> and staked out a squatter's claim near Ditto Landing then purchased it from the government land office in 1809, and went on to amass large land holdings in the area.<sup>9</sup> He was very active in the formation



John Simpson

of Madison county Government. He served on numerous court cases,<sup>10</sup> was an overseer for the public road,<sup>11</sup> and was a charter member of Madison Lodge Number 21, the first Masonic Lodge in Alabama.<sup>12</sup>

During the War of 1812 William Simpson served as a Private and a Surgeon in the 7th Mississippi Regiment.<sup>13</sup> Colonel Peter Perkins' Battalion of Mississippi Militia from Madison county. Perkins' Battalion came under General John Coffee's command in October 1813, and fought for Andrew Jackson in Alabama against the Red

Sticks, a warring band of the Creek Nation.<sup>14</sup> At Horseshoe Bend, Dr. Simpson help save the wounded leg of a young soldier named Samuel Houston, who later became President of the Republic of Texas. Dr. Simpson's death was apparently the result of an epidemic of some unknown malady, after the war was over.

After William Simpson death, his widow, Marguerite married the Hon. Hopkins Lacy, on July 15, 1817, in Madison county, Mississippi Territory.<sup>15</sup> Hopkins Lacy was born about 1763, at Halifax county, Virginia, and died February 9, 1831, near Ditto's Landing, Alabama. He is buried beside his brothers and their families in the Bartee cemetery, Lacy's Spring, Alabama.<sup>16</sup> Hopkins Lacy was the older brother of Theophilus and John Lacy, whom Lacy's Spring, was named.<sup>17</sup>

Hopkins Lacy was a member of the Tennessee House of Representatives, and Attorney General for the district of Washington prior to Tennessee statehood.<sup>18</sup> A close friend of John Coffee and Andrew Jackson,<sup>19</sup> Mr. Lacy accompanied them to Alabama after the Creek uprising in 1813. After hostilities ended Hopkins Lacy remained in Madison county and became closely associated with Dr. William Simpson. Marguerite preceded her husband Hopkins Lacy in death, she died before August 19, 1820.

Marguerite had the following children. 1. Mary Simpson, born 1806, on the boat coming from Ireland. Married May 22, 1822, George W. McLeod.<sup>20</sup> She died May 23, 1837, at Mardisville, Alabama.<sup>21</sup> 2. John Simpson born 1811, at Ditto's Landing, Mississippi Territory.<sup>22</sup> Married November 18, 1840, Margaret Ann Dickson.<sup>23</sup> He died January 27, 1876, at Pond Beat, Alabama.<sup>24</sup> 3. Martha Jane Cocke Lacy, born 1818, at Ditto's Landing, Mississippi Territory. Married September 24, 1835, Dr. Albert Russell, Jr.<sup>25</sup> She died January 20, 1864, at Huntsville, Alabama.<sup>26</sup>

Dr. Simpson and his wife Marguerite were buried beside one another at Hobbs Island, Alabama, but their graves were never found. In September 1988, a Veteran Administration marker was placed at the Simpson cemetery commemorating Dr. Simpson's service in the War of 1812, by his great-great-grandson, Dennis Simpson. The Simpson cemetery, located east of Dodd Road inside Test Area, I, is a small plot containing several 19th century burials.

The cemetery was established by Dr. Simpson's son John, whose family and descendants lived for many years on land that became Redstone Arsenal. The memorial service included a military color guard, a 21-gun salute which was followed by taps. The dedication was attended by numerous family members, a contingent and the two top Masons in Alabama.

William Simpson's descendants include the Hon. David Campbell Humphreys, Judge for the Supreme Court of the District of

### Doctor William Simpson (Continued)

Columbia who was appointed by President Ulysses Simpson Grant. General John Alexander Steger, Madison county's last Confederate Soldier. John Russel Simpson, President of the Home-Stake Royalty Company. The Home-Stake companies are leaseholders of one of the richest oil fields in the world. Dr. Samuel Allen Wilkinson whose patients included the father of President John F. Kennedy; Queen Frederika of Greece; Mohandas Gandhi; and Sir Anthony Eden, Prime Minister of Great Britain. Dennis William Simpson author of *"The Descendants of Doctor William Simpson,"* a copy has been donated to the Heritage Room of the Huntsville Library. Dennis is District Deputy President General for the Pacific District of the General Society of the War of 1812, and President Emeritus of the Society of the War of 1812 in the State of California. He is a charter member of the First Families of the Tennessee Valley, and a life member of the Limestone County, Alabama Historical Society. Submitted by: Dennis William Simpson, Post Office Box 17084, Encino, CA 91416-7084

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The following is a portion of a communication dated May 18, 2004, from Dennis Simpson regarding the Lacy family:

Another famous gentleman who settled in Madison County was the Honorable Hopkins Lacy. However, nothing is written about this illustrious gentleman, who arrived in the county from East Tennessee. More is written about his brother who was the first banker of the famous Bank sitting on top of the Big Spring in Huntsville, yet Hopkins Lacy a former Member of the House of Representatives from Tennessee has very little information written about him. He was an soldier in the American Revolution from Virginia and North Carolina. He was an officer in the Tennessee Militia appointed by Gov. Blount. He served as Attorney General for Washington District and was a Trustee of Nancy Academy in Sevierville, Tennessee. He was also a legal representative for both John Coffee and his brother-in-law Andrew Jackson who became President of the United States. Hopkins arrival into Madison County was about 1812 and he became an associate of Dr. William Simpson. Together they purchased land with William Robinson and Thomas Austin and created the Town of Liberty situated due west of Ditto's Landing. In 1820 Hopkins Lacy operated a ferry that ran from Liberty to what was known as Leeman's Ferry northwest of Lacy's Spring, which was settled by the Lacy family in 1823. John Lacy another brother was the first white settler in that area that was once was a Indian campsite. The town was first spelled Lacy Springs until some pre-civil war Postmaster changed it to today's spelling Lacey's Spring.

The only Lacy family genealogical data found on the internet (Ancestry World Tree) for the Theophilus Lacy family shows pretty close agreement with Dennis Simpson's accounts:

## Edelen, McAfee, Gulick and Associated Families

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Ahnentafel, Generation No. 1

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1. [Theophilus Lacy](#) was born 1804, and died 1874. He was the son of 2. [John William](#)

Lacy and 3. Mary Henderson.

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Ahnentafel, Generation No. 2

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2. John William Lacy was born 1766 in Virginia, and died 13 NOV 1826 in Morgan Co., Alabama. He was buried in Bartee Cemetery, Morgan Co., Alabama. He was the son of 4. Theophilus Lacy and 5. Martha Cocke.
3. Mary Henderson was born 16 JAN 1785 in Rockingham Co., North Carolina, and died 4 JUL 1850 in Morgan Co., Alabama. She was buried in Bartee Cemetery, Morgan Co., Alabama. She was the daughter of 6. Thomas Henderson and 7. Jane Martin.

Child of Mary Henderson and John William Lacy is:

1. i. Theophilus Lacy was born 1804, and died 1874.

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Ahnentafel, Generation No. 3

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4. Theophilus Lacy was born 4 NOV 1736 in New Kent Co., Virginia, and died ABT 1777. He was the son of 8. Henry Lacy and 9. Angelica Unknown.
5. Martha Cocke was born ABT 1742 in Amelia, Virginia, and died ABT 1777. She was the daughter of 10. Abraham Cocke and 11. Mary Batte.

Children of Martha Cocke and Theophilus Lacy are:

- i. Hopkins Lacy was born 1763, and died 9 FEB 1831.
- ii. Theophilus Lacy was born 1764 in Virginia, and died 31 AUG 1831 in Morgan Co., Alabama.
2. iii. John William Lacy was born 1766 in Virginia, and died 13 NOV 1826 in Morgan Co., Alabama. He married Mary Henderson 1803, daughter of Thomas Henderson and Jane Martin. She was born 16 JAN 1785 in Rockingham Co., North Carolina, and died 4 JUL 1850 in Morgan Co., Alabama.
- iv. Batte Cocke Lacy. He married Elizabeth Overton.



v. [Betsy Lacy](#).

vi. [William Cocke Lacy](#). He married [Martha Cocke](#) 11 MAR 1809 in Pittsylvania Co., Virginia, daughter of Stephen Cocke and Amey Jones. She was born 8 MAR 1772 in Amelia Co., Virginia, and died 16 FEB 1854.

vii. [Polly Lacy](#).

6. [Thomas Henderson](#).

7. [Jane Martin](#).

Child of Jane Martin and Thomas Henderson is:

3. i. [Mary Henderson](#) was born 16 JAN 1785 in Rockingham Co., North Carolina, and died 4 JUL 1850 in Morgan Co., Alabama. She married [John William Lacy](#) 1803, son of Theophilus Lacy and Martha Cocke. He was born 1766 in Virginia, and died 13 NOV 1826 in Morgan Co., Alabama.

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Ahnentafel, Generation No. 4

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8. [Henry Lacy](#).

9. [Angelica Unknown](#).

Child of Angelica Unknown and Henry Lacy is:

4. i. [Theophilus Lacy](#) was born 4 NOV 1736 in New Kent Co., Virginia, and died ABT 1777. He married [Martha Cocke](#) 28 NOV 1759 in Amelia Co., Virginia, daughter of Abraham Cocke and Mary Batte. She was born ABT 1742 in Amelia, Virginia, and died ABT 1777.

10. [Abraham Cocke](#) was born ABT 1690 in Henrico Co., Virginia, and died 10 MAY 1760 in Amelia Co., Virginia. He was the son of **20.** [Stephen Cocke](#) and **21.** [Martha Batte](#).

11. [Mary Batte](#) was born 1710 in Prince George, Virginia, and died 4 NOV 1780 in Amelia Co., Virginia. She was the daughter of **22.** [William Batte](#) and **23.** [Mary Stratton](#).

Children of Mary Batte and Abraham Cocke are:

i. [Abraham Cocke](#) was born 30 SEP 1730 in Bristol Parish, Prince George

- Co., Virginia, and died 27 DEC 1782 in Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg Co., Virginia. He married [Agnes May](#) 11 APR 1767 in Lunenburg Co., Virginia, daughter of John May and Agnes Smith. She was born 16 SEP 1747.
- ii. [Peter Cocke](#) was born 1732 in Of Amelia, Virginia, and died 1803. He married [Fannie Bailey](#) 3 OCT. He married [Sallie Gordon](#) 16 JUN 1762 in Westmoreland Co., Virginia. He married [Mary Whitehead](#) 4 MAY 1769 in Brunswick Co., Virginia, daughter of Richard Whitehead.
  - iii. [Mary Cocke](#) was born ABT 1736 in Of Amelia, Virginia, and died OCT 1792. She married [Richard Ellis](#) 9 NOV 1754 in Amelia Co., Virginia, son of John Ellis and Elizabeth (Ware?). He was born in Amelia Co., Virginia, and died BET OCT AND NOV 1792 in White Cliffs, Natchez, Adams Co., Mississippi.
  - iv. [Agnes Cocke](#) was born 1737 in Of Amelia, Virginia, and died 1800. She married [Charles Hamlin, Jr.](#) 28 DEC 1757, son of Charles Hamlin, Sr. and Martha Mallory. He was born 1734, and died 1786.
  - v. [Stephen Cocke](#) was born 31 MAR 1740 in Amelia Co., Virginia, and died JAN 1793 in Nottoway Co., Virginia. He married [Amey Jones](#) 4 DEC 1764 in Amelia Co., Virginia, daughter of Richard Jones and Amy Batte. She was born 26 JAN 1746/47 in Of Amelia Co., Virginia, and died 1 JUN 1824.
  - vi. [Elizabeth Cocke](#) was born ABT 1741 in Of Amelia, Virginia, and died 1 OCT 1815. She married [John Cross](#) 26 SEP 1765 in Amelia Co., Virginia, son of John Cross and Jane Smith. He died BET 1790 AND 1791. She married [William Sydnor](#) 27 JAN 1795. He was born 27 APR 1752.
  - vii. [John Cocke](#) was born ABT 1741 in Of Amelia, Virginia, and died in Nottoway Co., Virginia.
  5. viii. [Martha Cocke](#) was born ABT 1742 in Amelia, Virginia, and died ABT 1777. She married [Theophilus Lacy](#) 28 NOV 1759 in Amelia Co., Virginia, son of Henry Lacy and Angelica Unknown. He was born 4 NOV 1736 in New Kent Co., Virginia, and died ABT 1777.
  - ix. [Thomas Cocke](#) was born ABT 1746 in Amelia Co., Virginia, and died 1839 in Died at house of Sterling Cocke, Mooresburg, Hawkins Co., Tennessee. He married [Unknown](#). He married [Unknown](#). He married [Unknown Simpson](#). He married [Margaret Jones](#) 23 FEB 1779. She was born 3 FEB 1759.
  - x. [William Cocke](#) was born 6 SEP 1747 in Amelia, Virginia, and died 22



AUG 1828 in Columbus, Lowndes Co., Mississippi. He married [Keziah Sims](#). She was born 1768, and died 1820. He married [Mary Maclin](#) 24 MAR 1772 in Brunswick Co., Virginia, daughter of William Maclin and Sarah Clack. She was born 16 JAN 1757 in Brunswicks Co., Virginia, and died AFT 1810 in Mulberry Grove, Tennessee.

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Ahnentafel, Generation No. 5

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20. [Stephen Cocke](#) was born BET 1666 AND 1668 in Of Richmond, Henrico, Virginia, and died 1717 in Prince George Co., Virginia. He was buried 1717 in Malvern Hills, Henrico Co., Virginia. He was the son of **40. [Thomas Cocke](#)** and **41. [Unknown](#)**.
21. [Martha Batte](#) was born ABT 1668 in Of, Henrico Co., Virginia. She was the daughter of **42. [Thomas Batte](#)**.

Children of Martha Batte and Stephen Cocke are:

10. i. [Abraham Cocke](#) was born ABT 1690 in Henrico Co., Virginia, and died 10 MAY 1760 in Amelia Co., Virginia. He married [Mary Batte](#) ABT 1729 in Charles City Co., Virginia, daughter of William Batte and Mary Stratton. She was born 1710 in Prince George, Virginia, and died 4 NOV 1780 in Amelia Co., Virginia.
- ii. [Agnes Cocke](#) was born 1706 in Henrico, Virginia, and died BET 1773 AND 1774 in Amelia Co., Virginia. She married [Richard Smith](#). He died BET 1759 AND 1760.
- iii. [Batte Cocke](#) was born 1708 in Henrico, Virginia.
- iv. [Charles Cocke](#) was born 1712 in Henrico, Virginia.
22. [William Batte](#) was born 1684 in Charles City, Virginia, and died 1755 in Prince George Co., Virginia. He was the son of **44. [Henry Batte](#)** and **45. [Mary Lounds](#)**.
23. [Mary Stratton](#) was born ABT 1684 in St. John's, Henrico, Virginia. She was the daughter of **46. [Edward Stratton, Jr.](#)** and **47. [Martha Shippey](#)**.

Children of Mary Stratton and William Batte are:

- i. [Henry Batte](#) was born 1700 in Prince George Co., Virginia, and died 1770 in Chesterfield, Virginia.

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  - ii. [Mary Batte](#) was born 1710 in Prince George, Virginia, and died 4 NOV 1780 in Amelia Co., Virginia. She married [Abraham Cocke](#) ABT 1729 in Charles City Co., Virginia, son of Stephen Cocke and Martha Batte. He was born ABT 1690 in Henrico Co., Virginia, and died 10 MAY 1760 in Amelia Co., Virginia.
  - iii. [William Batte , Jr.](#) was born 1710 in Virginia, and died 1762 in Prince George Co., Virginia.
  - iv. [John Batte](#) was born ABT 1713 in Virginia, and died 8 OCT 1792.
  - v. [Anne Batte](#) was born ABT 1715 in Virginia, and died 6 OCT 1729 in Virginia.
  - vi. [Thomas Batte](#) was born 3 JUL 1721 in Virginia.
  - vii. [Robert Batte](#) was born 16 OCT 1727 in Virginia.

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Ahnentafel, Generation No. 6

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40. [Thomas Cocke](#) was born 1638 in Bremo, Henrico Co., Virginia, and died AFT 10 DEC 1696 in .., Henrico Co., Virginia. He was the son of **80.** [Richard Cocke](#) and **81.** [Temperance Bailey](#).
41. [Unknown](#).

Children of Unknown and Thomas Cocke are:

- i. [Thomas Cocke](#) was born 1664, and died 1707. He married [Frances Unknown](#). He married [Mary Brazier](#) ABT 1687 in Isle of Wight County (Nansemond County), daughter of John Brazure and Mary Pitt.
20.
  - ii. [Stephen Cocke](#) was born BET 1666 AND 1668 in Of Richmond, Henrico, Virginia, and died 1717 in Prince George Co., Virginia. He married [Sarah Marston](#) OCT 1688 in Henrico, Virginia. He married [Martha Batte](#) 26 MAY 1694 in Of, Henrico Co., Virginia, daughter of Thomas Batte. She was born ABT 1668 in Of, Henrico Co., Virginia.
  - iii. [John Cocke](#).
  - iv. [James Cocke](#) was born 1667, and died 1721. He married [Elizabeth Pleasants](#) 11 JAN 1690/91, daughter of John Pleasants and Jane Tucker. She was born ABT 1676, and died 1751.
  - v. [William Cocke](#) was born ABT 1670, and died 1717. He married [Unknown](#). He married [Sarah Perrin](#) 2 DEC 1695, daughter of Richard



Perrin and Katherine Royall.

- vi. [Temperance Cocke](#) was born ABT 1668. She married [Samuel Harwood](#) 14 JUN 1694 in Charles City Co., Virginia, son of Joseph Harwood.
- vii. [Agnes Cocke](#) was born 1672. She married [Joseph Harwood](#) ABT 1692 in Charles City, son of Joseph Harwood.

42. [Thomas Batte](#).

Child of Thomas Batte is:

- 21. i. [Martha Batte](#) was born ABT 1668 in Of, Henrico Co., Virginia. She married [Abraham Jones](#), son of Peter Jones and Martha Wood. She married [John Bannister](#). She married [Stephen Cocke](#) 26 MAY 1694 in Of, Henrico Co., Virginia, son of Thomas Cocke and Unknown. He was born BET 1666 AND 1668 in Of Richmond, Henrico, Virginia, and died 1717 in Prince George Co., Virginia.
- 44. [Henry Batte](#) was born 13 AUG 1628 in Yorkshire, England, and died 1702 in Prince George Co., Virginia. He was the son of **88. [John Batte](#)** and **89. [Martha Katharine Mallory](#)**.
- 45. [Mary Lounds](#) was born BET 1650 AND 1655 in Yorkshire, England, and died in Prince George Co., Virginia. She was the daughter of **90. [Henry Lounds](#)** and **91. [Ann Unknown](#)**.

Children of Mary Lounds and Henry Batte are:

- 22. i. [William Batte](#) was born 1684 in Charles City, Virginia, and died 1755 in Prince George Co., Virginia. He married [Mary Stratton](#) MAY 1704 in St. John's, Henrico, Virginia, daughter of Edward Stratton , Jr. and Martha Shippey. She was born ABT 1684 in St. John's, Henrico, Virginia.
- ii. [Elizabeth Batte](#) was born 1682 in Charles City, Virginia, and died AFT 1764.
- iii. [Anne Batte](#) was born 1686 in Charles City, Virginia, and died AFT 1749 in Virginia.
- iv. [Mary Batte](#) was born ABT 1688 in Prince George Co., Virginia, and died 1769.
- v. [Rachel Batte](#) was born 1690 in Prince George Co., Virginia.
- vi. [Sarah Batte](#) was born 1692 in Prince George Co., Virginia.

- vii. [Henry Batte](#) was born 1700 in Prince George Co., Virginia, and died 1770 in Chesterfield, Virginia. He married [Elizabeth Chamberlayne](#) 1727 in Virginia, daughter of Thomas Chamberlayne and Elizabeth Stratton. She was born ABT 1712 in Virginia.
- 46. [Edward Stratton , Jr.](#) was born 1655 in Bermuda Hundred, Henrico Co., Virginia, and died 1698 in Henrico Parish, Virginia. He was the son of **92. [Edward Stratton](#)** and **93. [Elizabeth Thurston](#)**.
- 47. [Martha Shippey](#) was born 1659 in Henrico, Virginia, and died 1721 in Virginia. She was the daughter of **94. [Thomas Shippey](#)** and **95. [Martha Unknown](#)**.

Children of Martha Shippey and Edward Stratton , Jr. are:

- i. [Martha Stratton](#) was born 1675 in HenricoCo., Virginia, and died 1770 in Cumberland, Virginia.
- ii. [Edward Stratton III](#) was born 1681 in Bermuda Hundred, Chesterfield, Henrico Co., Virginia, and died MAR 1730/31 in Henrico, Virginia.
- 23. iii. [Mary Stratton](#) was born ABT 1684 in St. John's, Henrico, Virginia. She married [William Batte](#) MAY 1704 in St. John's, Henrico, Virginia, son of Henry Batte and Mary Lounds. He was born 1684 in Charles City, Virginia, and died 1755 in Prince George Co., Virginia.
- iv. [Sarah Stratton](#) was born 1694 in Of Bristol Parish, Prince George, Virginia, and died ABT 1725 in Of Bristol Parish, Prince George, Virginia.
- v. [Prudence Stratton](#) was born 27 AUG 1698 in Bermuda Hundred, Henrico Co., Virginia.

While the above Ahnentafel does not show any of the descendants of the Theophilus Lacy who owned land around the arsenal cemetery, it does show his ancestors and Hopkins Lacy as his uncle. Additional data about the relationships (business and personal) between the Lacy family members and the Howell family members who are buried in the Lacy Cemetery (75-1) can be seen in additional communication from Dennis Simpson below and in the records which follow:

**I am not sure if you know this or not, but west of present day Ditto's Landing Marina across the Highway stood the town of Liberty. It was founded by Dr. William Simpson, Hon. Hopkins Lacy, Thomas Austin, William Robinson. Dr. Simpson died in 1816, William Robinson and Thomas Austin both died in 1819 and Hopkins Lacy purchased their interest. Lacy died 1831. Thomas Austin's widow married Joseph G. Jacobs, who I believe was the white father of Frank Jacobs.**

Hopkins Lacy married Dr. Simpson's widow Marguerite (McAlpine) Simpson, she died giving birth to their only child, Martha Jane Cocke Lacy in 1818. Martha married Dr. Albert Russell. Relative of the owner of the Russell-Erskine Hotel in Huntsville. After their mother Marguerite's death about 1820, Hopkins Lacy raised his two step children: Mary and John Simpson. Mary married Hon. George. W. McLeod. Martha (Lacy) Russell and her husband are buried at Maple Hill Cemetery. Mary (Simpson) McLeod is buried in the Old Mardisville Cemetery, in Talladega County, Alabama. Her husband George McLeod's burial place is not known. Anyway, getting back to the town of Liberty. Apparently, it was a thriving city, but after Triana developed it along with Whitesburg died silent deaths. Not much is written about Liberty or Whitesburg, Alabama. All the glory seems to be with Huntsville. But it was Whitesburg/Ditto's Landing that was the very first white settlement in Madison County, Alabama. Hopkins Lacy is buried at Bartee Cemetery, in Lacey Spring, Alabama. He was a member of the Tennessee House of Representatives.

{ April 21, 2005, communication from Dennis Simpson to John P. Rankin. }

Hopkins Lacy is not the only Lacy family member buried in the Bartee Cemetery. In fact, John William Lacy, father of Theophilus of Madison County, is buried there, along with Theophilus' uncle Theophilus:



Lacey Springs Cemetery ③  
Also known as Bartee Cemetery

Location: From Hartselle, take Hwy 36 East to Lacey Springs, past Lacey Springs post office to nest road to left, behind Lacey Springs Methodist Church. Cemetery is on left of road. T6S R1W S1. Copied Sep 22, 1981.

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<u>LACY, John</u>		<u>Nov 13, 1826</u>
<u>Born in Virginia, lived many years</u>		<u>aged about 60 yrs</u>
<u>in N. C. and removed to Alabama</u>		
<u>in 1823</u> FS-J.L.		
FS-John Lacy		
<u>Ensign 2 N.C. Militia</u>		
<u>Rev. War</u>		
<u>LACY, Mary, dau of Thos &amp; Jane Henderson</u>	<u>Jan 16, 1785</u>	<u>Jul 4, 1850</u>
<u>and wife of John Lacy, born in</u>		
<u>Rockingham Co, No. Car.</u> FS-M.L.		
<u>LACY, Theophilus</u>		<u>Aug 31, 1831</u>
<u>Atto. at Law. A native of VA and</u>		<u>aged about 67 yrs</u>
<u>late of No. Ca. where he lived many</u>		
<u>years and removed to Alabama in 1825</u>		
FS-T.L.		
<u>LACY, Hopkins</u>		<u>Feb 9, 1831</u>
<u>Born in Virginia, died in Alabama</u>		<u>aged 68 yrs</u>
<u>LACY, Hopkins, son of John Lacy</u>	<u>Jan 1797</u>	<u>Mar __, __</u>
<u>(stone broken)</u>		<u>aged about 55</u>
WILSON, Lula M.	Jul 21, 1890	Dec 14, 1956)
WILSON, Thomas R.	Feb 22, 1899	May 23, 1958) SS
<u>LACY, Martha Ann, dau of Tho. H.</u>	<u>Jun 24, 1835</u>	<u>Sep 19, 1841</u>
<u>and Mary E. Lacy</u>		
VAUGHN, James Robert FS-J.R.V.	Aug 2, 1902	Oct 31, 1962
VAUGHN, William Buford FS-W.B.V.	Jun 7, 1899	Oct 16, 1959
VAUGHN, James Buford	Feb 19, 1861	Sep 30, 1942
VAUGHN, Ella Bell Chunn	Oct 5, 1873	Feb 14, 1962
VAUGHN, Walter Ridgely	May 28, 1913	Oct 20, 1913
CHUNN, Idella Mae (FHM) - age 100	Oct 7, 1880	Jul 14, 1981
MOORE, Mary Ann FS-M.A.M.	1839	1910
DAVIDSON, Malinda J. - Mother FS-M.J.D.	Nov 22, 1817	Jun 7, 1894
TERRY, Jennie	Jul 26, 1879	Oct 31, 1906
wife of J. G. Terry		
MEEKS, Mathey	1909	1960)
MEEKS, Annie Mae	1910	1949) SS
FENNELL, Herbert E. FS-H.E.F.	1892	1963
FENNELL, James Walter FS-J.W.F.	1876	1959
FENNELL, Mary Ella FS-M.E.F.	1881	1956
FENNELL, Florence Zelma FS-F.Z.F.	Sep 16, 1878	Aug 23, 1955
FENNELL, Thomas A. FS-T.A.F.	1874	1953
(stone broken)		



Returning to the decedents buried in the Lacy Cemetery, there are two box crypts remaining (in a sad state of disrepair) for daughters of Alfred Howell.



**Lacy Cemetery, 75-1, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co. AL, May 1, 2003**  
**On left is collapsed box crypt of Alberta Ann Howell.**  
**On right is standing (sides fallen) box crypt of Prudence Kasandrea Howell.**





Lacy Cemetery, 75-1, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co. AL, May 1, 2003  
Portion of tablet of box crypt for Alberta Ann HOWELL, Daughter of Alfred & Sarah G. Howell;  
Remainder of tablet not found. Book "CEMETERIES OF MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA" (1971)  
by Dorothy Scott Johnson provides inscription as: "In Memory of Alberta Ann Howell,  
daughter of Alfred and Sarah G. Howell, born ...ember 3rd, 1828, died May 31, 1837".





Lacy Cemetery, 75-1, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co. AL, May 1, 2003  
Tablet of box crypt for Prudence Kasandrea Howell.  
"IN MEMORY of PRUDENCE KASANDREA HOWELL, Daughter of Alfred & Sarah G. Howell;  
Born July 2nd, 1830; Died December 8th, 1840"

Alfred Howell had numerous land dealings and other transactions with the Lacy and other pioneer families of the pre-arsenal days and locations. Some selected examples are shown below, while many more such images are contained in the research folders of files on the CD-ROMs provided to the Army offices for each cemetery.



John Timmons & wife  
To Deed  
Alfred Howell

MAD. Co. AL  
Deed Book Q  
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This Indenture made this the first day of September one thousand eight hundred and thirty six between John Timmons and Catharine Q Timmons his wife of the County of Madison in the State of Alabama of the one part and Alfred Howell of the County and State aforesaid of the other part. Witnesseth that the said John Timmons and Catharine Q his wife for and in consideration of the sum of Two Hundred and twenty dollars to them in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have this day bargained, sold, aliened, enfeofed, and conveyed and by these presents do bargain, sell, alien, enfeof and convey to the said Alfred Howell all that certain Tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Madison and state of Alabama known as the South East part of fraction

al section fourteen New survey Township five Range one west and bounded as follows (to wit) Beginning at the south East corner of sd section thence West on Section line 16 chains 77 links to a stake thence North 20 Degrees West 4 chains 75 links to a stake thence North 56 degrees East 21 chains 27 links to a stake thence south 35 degrees East 7 chains 60 links to Eastern boundary of said section thence on section line south 16 Degrees West 10 chains 20 links to

the place of beginning & containing twenty two Acres. To have and to hold, the above described Tract or parcel of land with the tenements and appertences thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, unto the said Alfred Howell his heirs and assigns forever, and the said John Timmons and Catharine Q his wife for themselves their heirs executors and administrators, do warrant and will forever defend the title to the above described and hereby granted premises unto the said Alfred Howell his heirs and assigns from and against themselves and all and every person or persons claiming or holding under the said John Timmons and Catharine Q his wife and also against the lawful title claim or demand of all and every person or persons whomsoever, claiming or holding by, from or under the Government of the United States. In Testimony whereof, the said John Timmons and Catharine Q his wife have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year above written.

signed, sealed and delivered, in the  
presence of James W Hill J P  
J B Turner J P

Jno Timmons (seal)

Catharine Q Timmons (seal)

State of Alabama  
Madison County

Personally appeared before us James W Hill and John B Turner acting Justices of the peace in and for said County and state aforesaid John Timmons whose name is subscribed to the foregoing deed of conveyance and acknowledged the signing sealing and delivery of the same to Alfred Howell for the purposes therein contained on the day of its date. Also on this day the first of September One Thousand eight hundred and thirty six we exhibited said Deed to Catharine Q Timmons

wife of said John Timmons whose name is likewise subscribed thereto who on a private examination separate and apart from her said husband acknowledged that she signed sealed and delivered the same to Alfred Howell for the purposes therein contained on the day of its date freely voluntarily without any fear



This deed shows Alfred Howell buying 22 acres of land around the cemetery from John Timmons in 1836.

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Deed Book M  
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Timmons & McLeod of State of Alabama } This Indenture made this fifth  
Yo<sup>3</sup> Deed } Madison County } day of May one thousand eight  
Alfred Howell } hundred and twenty eight } Between John Timmons  
and Daniel McLeod commissioners appointed by the Honorable Court  
of Chancery of Madison County State of Alabama to make Titles to purchaser  
of Lots in the Town of Liberty adjoining Ditto's Landing and who hold Bonds for  
the same the town laid off and sold by W<sup>m</sup> Simpson Tho<sup>s</sup> Austin W<sup>m</sup> Robison  
and Hopkins Lacy - In virtue of the power in us vested by the decree of the said  
Court, we do hereby convey to Alfred Howell the following Lots designated and  
known in the original plan of said Town by the Numbers 79. 80. 87 and by the  
numerical arrangement of subsequent plat, 48. 47. 49. Each Lot containing forty  
nine square poles and measuring seven poles on each square - And said three Lots uni-  
-ted at one central corner, with Lot N<sup>o</sup> 88 of the original plat by the numerical ar-  
-rangement of the subsequent Lot N<sup>o</sup> 50. reference being had to said plats the  
same will <sup>more</sup> fully appear - Said Lots being situate on the South end of said Town.

(Continued below)



66  
 and on the West side of the Road leading from Ditto's Landing to Huntsville  
 To have and to hold the above described Lots with tenements and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto the said Alfred Howell his heirs and assigns forever - In testimony whereof we the said commissioners have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals the day and year above written  
 signed sealed and delivered  
 in the presence of  
 J. Cook  
 J. Hardie  
 J. Timmons  
 Daniel McLeod

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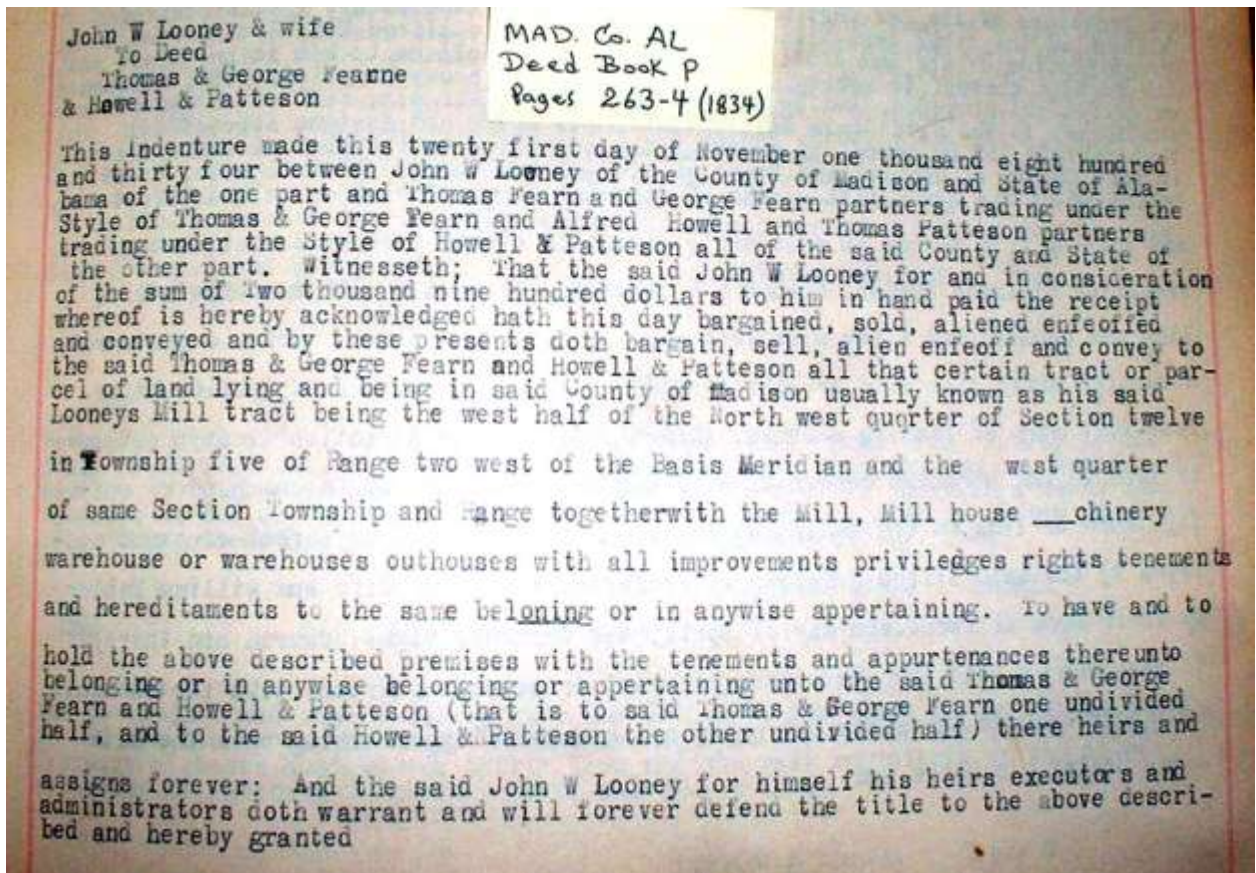
State of Alabama, Personally appeared before me Thomas Brandon  
 Madison County Clerk of the County Court of said County, J. Cook  
 one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing Deed of conveyance and  
 being first duly sworn deposeth and saith that he heard J. Timmons  
 and Daniel McLeod, whose names are likewise subscribed to said Deed  
 of conveyance, say that by virtue of certain powers vested in them as  
 commissioners for that purpose, they signed sealed and delivered the  
 same to the within named Alfred Howell for the purposes therein  
 expressed on the day of its date - And that he this deponent sub-  
 scribed his name as a witness thereto in the presence of the said  
 J. Timmons, and Daniel McLeod, and in the presence of the other  
 subscribing witnesses - Given under my hand and seal at Office in  
 Huntsville this 15th day of November 1828. Tho<sup>s</sup> Brandon Clerk

The foregoing Deed of Conveyance was delivered into this Office to be  
 Recorded the 15th day of November 1828 and is duly done this 5th day of the  
 same month and year  
 Tho<sup>s</sup> Brandon Clerk

The above deed shows Alfred Howell's purchase of town lots in Liberty (immediately west of Ditto's Landing) from pioneers Timmons and McLeod, who were nearby landowners to the Lacy family on pre-arsenal lands. The town of Liberty was apparently never populated, as it was a speculative venture that fizzled due to the growing importance of the town of Triana for shipping cotton from Huntsville. The prominence of Triana



was established by Thomas Fearn and his brother, who dredged the Spring Branch from Huntsville to its confluence with Indian Creek at Looney's Mill. This established the Indian Creek Navigation Canal, which enabled paddlewheel steamboats to pick up cotton at Looney's Landing, as the site became known. While it was the Fearn's enterprise that killed the planned town of Liberty, they also entered into land transactions with Alfred Howell, who likewise was involved in the acquisition of the Looney tract for the Navigation Company.





premises unto the said Thomas & George Fearn and Howell & Patteson their heirs and assigns from and against him the said John W Looney and all and every person or persons claiming or holding under him and all and every person or persons whomsoever claiming or holding by from or under the Government of the United States. In testimony whereof the said John W Looney hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year above written.  
Signed sealed & delivered  
in presence of

John W Looney (seal)

Before me Richard B Purdom Clerk of the County Court of Madison County in the State of Alabama this day personally appeared John W Looney and acknowledged that he had signed sealed and delivered the foregoing Deed to the aforesaid Thomas Fearn George Fearn Alfred Howell and Thomas Patteson on the day of its date. Given under my hand and seal at Huntsville this twenty first day of November eighteen hundred and thirty four.

Rich B Purdom (seal)

Before me Richard B Purdom Clerk of the County Court of Madison County in the State of Alabama this day personally appeared Nancy Looney wife of John W Looney who being by me examined separate and apart from her said husband acknowledged that she relinquished her right of Dower in the lands tenements &c in the foregoing Deed described to the aforesaid Thomas Fearn and George Fearn partners trading under the name firm and Style of Thomas & George Fearn and Alfred Howell and Thomas Patteson partners trading under the name Style and firm of Howell & Patteson and that she had done so freely voluntarily without any fear threat or compulsion of her said Husband. Given under my hand and seal at office in Huntsville this twenty third day of January eighteen hundred and thirty five.

Rich B Purdom Clerk C C

The foregoing Deed was delivered into the office of the Clerk of the County Court of Madison County in the State of Alabama for registration on the twenty third day of January eighteen hundred and thirty five and was duly registered on the twelfth day of February eighteen hundred and thirty five.

Rich B Purdom Clerk C C

Other than the land transactions and census records of 1830 and 1840, very little is known of Alfred Howell and his family from local data. What is known from the census data is that in 1830 his family was recorded as being comprised of one male age 30 – 40 (Alfred himself), two females age 0 – 5, one female age 10 – 15, and one female age 30 – 40 (Alfred's wife Sarah G. Howell). They lived in Township 5 in 1830, which only indicates that they were in the general area around the cemetery, but definitely living in the southern portion of the county.

The 1840 census shows the Howell family still in the southern portion of the county, but a list of their neighbors on the census page indicates that they

were living in Huntsville, which is indeed in the southern portion of the county, but just barely. The Howell's neighbors included William and Charles Patton, Albert Russell, Richard Purdom, William J. Mastin, John Read, and Robert Fearn. The Howell family in 1840 was enumerated as consisting of one male age 5 – 10, one male age 15 – 20, one male age 40 – 50 (Alfred), one female age 0 – 5, two females age 5 – 10, and one female age 40 – 50 (Sarah G. Howell).

When neither Alfred nor Sarah Howell were found in the 1850 Madison County census, a search was made of the entire state census records. When that also proved fruitless, a search was made of the entire United States census records. The only family that fit at all was for an Alfred Howell in Grimes County, Texas. He was given as age 52, born in Tennessee. He had no wife in his household at that time, indicating that Sarah G. Howell had died by 1850, either in Alabama or in Texas or along the way as the family moved.

The children of the Texas Howell household in 1850 were listed as: A. E. (male), age 18, born in Alabama; S. W. (female), age 16, born in Alabama; S. F. (female), age 13, born in Alabama; and James (male), age 21, born in Tennessee. James' wife was included in the household headed by Alfred Howell. This data indicates that the Howell family must have lived in Alabama in the early 1830s, then moved to Tennessee for a short time (where James was born) before returning to Madison County, Alabama. Of course, Sarah G. Howell could have been visiting her parents or someone else in Tennessee when James was born there, but we know that the Howell family was living in Madison County (Alabama) in 1830 and 1840. Unfortunately, the 1820 census data for Madison County was lost in antiquity, so there is no census record of the family in the county then. The early tax lists could reveal whether or not the family came to Madison County in the 1820s, but that has not yet been checked.

Internet data was checked for the Alfred Howells in America during the period, and only one was found, listed by 4 different authors at varying levels of detail. The more pertinent data from the on-line Ancestry.com sources are inserted below:



**Wilhoit, Hybarger, Buck, Harshbarger, Armstrong, Cox, Zollinger, Doty**

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Ahnentafel, Generation No. 1

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Ahnentafel, Generation No. 2

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2. [William HOWELL](#) was born in North Carolina, and died 1828. He was the son of 4. [Edward HOWELL](#) and 5. [Frances STROUD](#).
3. [UNKNOWN](#).

Children of UNKNOWN and William HOWELL are:

- i. [Delilah HOWELL](#) was born 12 MAR 1794 in Tennessee, and died 22 NOV 1860 in Rusk, Texas. She married [Andrew STILL](#) in Perry, Tennessee. She married [Jacob STROM](#) 28 FEB 1811 in Jefferson, Tennessee.
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Ahnentafel, Generation No. 3

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4. [Edward HOWELL](#). He was the son of 8. [John HOWELL](#).
5. [Frances STROUD](#). She was the daughter of 10. [William STROUD](#) and 11. [Elizabeth ESTRIDGE](#).

Child of Frances STROUD and Edward HOWELL is:

2. i. [William HOWELL](#) was born in North Carolina, and died 1828. He married [UNKNOWN](#).

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Ahnentafel, Generation No. 4

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8. [John HOWELL](#) was born 1725, and died 1792.

Child of John HOWELL is:

4. i. [Edward HOWELL](#). He married [Frances STROUD](#), daughter of William STROUD and Elizabeth ESTRIDGE.
10. [William STROUD](#).
11. [Elizabeth ESTRIDGE](#).

Child of Elizabeth ESTRIDGE and William STROUD is:

5. i. [Frances STROUD](#). She married [Edward HOWELL](#), son of John HOWELL.

Another Ahnentafel for Alfred Howell was also found, per below:

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Ahnentafel, Generation No. 2

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2. [William HOWELL](#) was born 1770 in Yadkin, Orange, North Carolina, and died 1828 in Jefferson, Tennessee. He was the son of 4. [Edward HOWELL](#) and 5. [Frances STROUD](#).
3. [Ann Elizabeth UNKNOWN](#) was born 1773 in Orange, North Carolina, and died 1828 in Jefferson, Tennessee.

Children of Ann Elizabeth UNKNOWN and William HOWELL are:

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Ahnentafel, Generation No. 3

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4. [Edward HOWELL](#) was born 1750 in Orange, North Carolina, and died 1796 in Summner, Tennessee. He was the son of 8. [John HOWELL , Jr](#) and 9. [UNKNOWN](#).
5. [Frances STROUD](#) was born 1761 in St. Thomas, Orange, North Carolina. She was the daughter of 10. [William STROUD](#) and 11. [Elizabeth ESTRIDGE](#).

Child of Frances STROUD and Edward HOWELL is:

2. i. [William HOWELL](#) was born 1770 in Yadkin, Orange, North Carolina, and died 1828 in Jefferson, Tennessee. He married [Ann Elizabeth UNKNOWN](#). She was born 1773 in Orange, North Carolina, and died 1828 in Jefferson, Tennessee.
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8. [John HOWELL , Jr](#) was born 1725 in Orange, North Carolina, and died 1792 in Orange, North Carolina. He was the son of 16. [John HOWELL , Sr](#) and 17. [Mary TATUM](#).
9. [UNKNOWN](#).

Children of UNKNOWN and John HOWELL , Jr are:

4. i. [Edward HOWELL](#) was born 1750 in Orange, North Carolina, and died 1796 in Summner, Tennessee. He married [Frances STROUD](#), daughter of William STROUD and Elizabeth ESTRIDGE. She was born 1761 in St. Thomas, Orange, North Carolina.
- ii. [Benjamin HOWELL](#) was born 10 MAR 1753 in Orange, North Carolina.
- iii. [Henry HOWELL](#) was born 1755 in Orange, North Carolina.
- iv. [Jane HOWELL](#) was born 1759 in Orange, North Carolina.
- v. [Phillip HOWELL](#) was born 1760 in Orange, North Carolina.



vi. [William HOWELL](#) was born 1761 in Orange, North Carolina.

vii. [John HOWELL III](#) was born 1763 in Orange, North Carolina.

10. [William STROUD](#).

11. [Elizabeth ESTRIDGE](#).

Child of Elizabeth ESTRIDGE and William STROUD is:

5. i. [Frances STROUD](#) was born 1761 in St. Thomas, Orange, North Carolina. She married [Edward HOWELL](#), son of John HOWELL , Jr and UNKNOWN. He was born 1750 in Orange, North Carolina, and died 1796 in Summner, Tennessee.

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Ahnentafel, Generation No. 5

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16. [John HOWELL , Sr](#) was born 1680, and died in Surry, Virginia.

17. [Mary TATUM](#) was born 1680 in Charles City, Virginia. She was the daughter of **34. [Nathaniel TATUM](#)**.

Child of Mary TATUM and John HOWELL , Sr is:

8. i. [John HOWELL , Jr](#) was born 1725 in Orange, North Carolina, and died 1792 in Orange, North Carolina. He married [UNKNOWN](#).

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Ahnentafel, Generation No. 6

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34. [Nathaniel TATUM](#).

Child of Nathaniel TATUM is:

17. i. [Mary TATUM](#) was born 1680 in Charles City, Virginia. She married [John HOWELL , Sr](#). He was born 1680, and died in Surry, Virginia.

These Ahnentafels show that Alfred Howell married into the Wall family before he married the wife (Sarah G.) that bore him the two daughters who are buried in the Lacy Cemetery, on land which was initially owned by

Alexander Grey Wall. The descendency list for Alfred Howell and his wife Sarah G. (maiden surname unknown) is given below:

## England Family Branches

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- 1 [Alfred HOWELL](#) b: 1798 d: WFT Est 1855-1890
  - + [Sarah G](#) b: WFT Est 1789-1814 d: WFT Est 1839-1901
    - 2 [Alberta Ann HOWELL](#) b: 1828 d: 1837
    - 2 [Prudence Kandandrea HOWELL](#) b: 1830 d: 1840
    - 2 [Sally HOWELL](#) b: WFT Est 1821-1849 d: AFT 1880
      - + [UNKNOWN](#) b: WFT Est 1817-1846 d: WFT Est 1871-1931
        - 3 [Alfred UNKNOWN](#) b: WFT Est 1844-1879 d: WFT Est 1866-1960
          - + [Kate TUCKER](#) b: WFT Est 1845-1886 d: WFT Est 1866-1968
        - 3 [George UNKNOWN](#) b: WFT Est 1844-1879 d: WFT Est 1857-1960
        - 3 [Ida UNKNOWN](#) b: WFT Est 1844-1879 d: WFT Est 1862-1963
          - + [Elisha LACY](#) b: WFT Est 1837-1877 d: WFT Est 1862-1958
        - 3 [Sue UNKNOWN](#) b: WFT Est 1844-1879 d: WFT Est 1862-1963
          - + [Unk TUCKER](#) b: WFT Est 1837-1877 d: WFT Est 1862-1958
        - 3 [Elizabeth UNKNOWN](#) b: WFT Est 1844-1879 d: WFT Est 1856-1963
        - 3 [Lou UNKNOWN](#) b: WFT Est 1844-1879 d: WFT Est 1856-1963
        - 3 [Groce UNKNOWN](#) b: ABT 1868 d: WFT Est 1869-1962
        - 3 [Lee UNKNOWN](#) b: AFT 1868 d: WFT Est 1869-1962
        - 3 [Hattie UNKNOWN](#) b: WFT Est 1844-1879 d: WFT Est 1856-1963
        - 3 [Lo UNKNOWN](#) b: WFT Est 1844-1879 d: WFT Est 1856-1963
        - 3 [Earnest UNKNOW](#) b: WFT Est 1844-1879 d: BET 1875 AND 1880
        - 3 [UNK](#) b: WFT Est 1844-1879 d: WFT Est 1857-1960
- 2 [Susan HOWELL](#) b: OCT 1836 d: WFT Est 1864-1930
  - + [John OGG](#) b: APR 1832 d: WFT Est 1864-1923
    - 3 [Edward C OGG](#) b: APR 1854 d: AFT 1910
      - + [Ella BETHANY](#) b: WFT Est 1850-1869 d: WFT Est 1871-1954
    - 3 [Alfred Thomas OGG](#) b: 11 JUN 1855 d: OCT 1944
      - + [Lucretia Love LEE](#) b: 18 JUN 1859 d: 25 FEB 1935
        - 4 [Mabel OGG](#) b: JAN 1880 d: WFT Est 1881-1974
        - 4 [Gertrude A OGG](#) b: AUG 1881 d: WFT Est 1882-1975
        - 4 [Addie Lee OGG](#) b: 24 FEB 1884 d: WFT Est 1885-1978
        - 4 [Carl Bertic OGG](#) b: 20 FEB 1886 d: WFT Est 1887-1976
        - 4 [Maud Lane OGG](#) b: 31 AUG 1891 d: 14 SEP 1987
          - + [Judge Hillard CLACK](#) b: WFT Est 1866-1893 d: WFT Est 1917-1980
        - 4 [Oscar Rudolph OGG](#) b: 28 OCT 1893 d: WFT Est 1894-1983
        - 4 [Thomas Judge OGG](#) b: 31 DEC 1895 d: WFT Est 1896-1985
        - 4 [Johnnie E OGG](#) b: 12 JAN 1898 d: WFT Est 1899-1988
        - 4 [Rupert OGG](#) b: Private
        - 4 [Ethyl OGG](#) b: Private
- 3 [John OGG , Jr](#) b: JUL 1856 d: WFT Est 1893-1947



+ [Lea](#) b: WFT Est 1849-1871 d: WFT Est 1893-1959  
3 [Mary OGG](#) b: 1858 d: WFT Est 1859-1952  
3 [Sarah OGG](#) b: 1860 d: WFT Est 1861-1954  
2 [James HOWELL](#) b: WFT Est 1819-1848 d: WFT Est 1825-1927  
2 [Alfred E HOWELL](#) b: ABT 1832 d: WFT Est 1858-1923  
+ [Elizabeth R OGG](#) b: WFT Est 1815-1839 d: WFT Est 1857-1928  
+ [Eliza GOHEEN](#) b: WFT Est 1796-1834 d: WFT Est 1856-1922

The data from on-line sources generally supports that the Alfred Howell family in Grimes County, Texas, in the 1850 census is indeed the same as the family from Madison County, Alabama. The most salient aspect of this data is the identification of Mary Elizabeth Wall as being the first wife of Alfred Howell. Considering that she was a daughter of Alexander Grey Wall (initial owner of the land when the government allowed it to be purchased), it is pretty sure that she is buried in the cemetery also.

In fact, it is likely that Alexander Grey Wall himself is buried there, as he is not listed among those buried in Huntsville's Maple Hill Cemetery. Since Alexander G. Wall was a War of 1812 soldier, it would be appropriate to have a marker erected at the cemetery in his memory, if further proof of burial there can be found. For now, it is a mere deduction that he must be buried there, since he died in Madison County in 1836, and in those days people were generally buried on their own land. At that time, community and church cemeteries were not in widespread use, especially in the undeveloped portions of the county.

However, there is a problem with the data from the above on-line sources, in that Mary Elizabeth Wall was given as being born in 1821 in the book about Doctor William Simpson, as carefully written by detailed researcher and descendant Dennis William Simpson. His book further states that Mary Elizabeth Wall married Kennon Harris Steger in Madison County on December 12, 1838. Even a divorce, rather than death, to remove her as wife from Alfred Howell so that Sarah G. Howell could become the mother of Alberta Ann and Prudence K. Howell doesn't fit in order for Mary to marry Mr. Steger as a second marriage.

Alberta Ann Howell was born in 1828 and died in 1837, according to the inscription on her box crypt. Her sister Prudence K. was born in 1830 and died in 1840, according to her box crypt inscription. Both inscriptions plainly state that these girls were daughters of Alfred & **Sarah G.** Howell.

Accordingly, Sarah would have had to marry Alfred before 1828, the birth year of Alberta Ann Howell. If Sarah G. was Alfred's second wife, after Mary Elizabeth Wall, then Mary had to both marry and divorce Alfred before 1828, when Mary was only 7 years old, since she is reported to have been born in 1821. Obviously, there is a discrepancy between the sources, and it is unknown which is correct.

Still, a marriage connection of the Wall family with Alfred Howell does nicely explain the reasons that Howell graves are found in the Lacy Cemetery. In fact, this cemetery probably should be called the **Wall Cemetery**, as it almost certainly would have been initially the burial ground for Wall family members. The Lacy family apparently used the pre-existing cemetery for only one burial and then moved from the immediate area into the town of Huntsville, where the remainder of the family is buried in Maple Hill Cemetery. Likewise, the Howell family has only two known graves in the cemetery, and then they moved to Texas, so the cemetery is more likely truly representative of the earlier Wall family's deceased. In fact, the cemetery may well also be the final resting place for Sugars Turner, since he was a brother of Alexander G. Wall's wife, he lived in the immediate area (per early census records), and he is not listed as being buried in Maple Hill Cemetery in Huntsville.

The last of the inscribed tombstones in the Lacy Cemetery is for Jane S. Davies, 1784 - 1848:



**Lacy Cemetery 75-1, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co. AL, May 1, 2003**  
At left is box crypt for Mary W. Lacy (d. 1836); at right is box crypt of Prudence Kasandrea Howell, with remnants of Alberta Ann Howell's collapsed box crypt to immediate left of the Howell crypt. About 3 or 4 feet in front of Prudence Howell's crypt is tip of buried tombstone of Jane S. Davies.





**Lacy Cemetery, 75-1, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co. AL, May 1, 2003  
Box crypt of Prudence Kasandrea Howell in background;  
stone for Jane S. Davies mysteriously buried.**





**Lacy Cemetery 75-1, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co. AL, May 1, 2003  
JANE S. DAVIES, 8/29/1784 - 12/3/1848 (all but tip of stone buried)**

There are two issues regarding this tombstone. One involves why the stone was buried so that only its topmost tip remained above ground. The other issue centers on the identity of Jane S. Davies and her relationship to the Howells, the Walls, the Turners, or the Lacys.

Dorothy Scott Johnson in her book **CEMETERIES OF MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA**, Volume 1, states that she was told that a tornado had hit the cemetery on December 19 of 1967. She was further advised that the tornado had "... destroyed many of the stones, including some box tombs." Mrs. Johnson postulated that perhaps the tornado had driven the tombstone of Jane Davies deep into the ground, since it was found to be buried when she visited the cemetery in the late 1960s.

While tornadoes indeed do many very strange things, it would be truly miraculous for one to drive such a tombstone vertically into the ground to such a depth, without breaking or cracking it. Furthermore, tornado forces normally lift items **upward**. They do not generally produce downward forces on objects. Even if the tornado toppled a tree onto the stone, the expected result would be that the stone would simply be broken, and perhaps pieces of it would be blown away. That is definitely not the case here. The tombstone is precisely vertical, not leaning in any direction, and it had obviously not settled into a hole from any burrowing animals, as the earth was firmly packed around it and underneath it. It is not even credible that the stone simply settled into the grave when the coffin collapsed years after the burial, as it would then definitely have had a pronounced lean. The soil around the stone is firm, and there is absolutely no perceived lean in any direction. Additionally, there is no indication whatsoever of a grave depression to associate with a coffin collapse.

Moreover, the tombstone was not buried by a flood, as the terrain is on a slightly sloped high point in the area, and there were no indications of any flooding. For example, the box tomb for Prudence Howell that is within about 3 or 4 feet of the buried tombstone would be much more likely to show flood effects (debris entrapments) than a simple vertical stone, but there are no such indications. Still more unusual is the fact that the box tomb of Prudence Howell is positioned partially over the grave of Jane Davies, if Jane is in fact buried behind her headstone, to the west. That is doubly strange, since Jane's death date is 1848, whereas Prudence's death date is 1840. These dates would require that Jane's legs and feet were emplaced underneath Prudence's crypt, 8 years after Prudence was buried.



No reasonable explanations or supportable theories have yet been postulated about this grave arrangement, unless Jane is buried to the east of her headstone, which may be the case. However, that still leaves the question of why the stone itself is buried.

The question of the identity and relationships of Jane Davies presents another mystery that has not yet been solved. There were no records found to fit a Jane S. Davies or Davis or Daveys in Madison County of that time. This is true for Davies being either a maiden or a married surname. The closest “near match” encountered was in the land records for Samuel and Jane Davis, as shown in the land transaction index below:

General Index to Real Property— DEEDS, MORTGAGES, JUDGMENTS, LIS PENDENS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS AFFECTING REAL ESTATE No. 1—DIRECT—1810-1919											
SURNAME	MAKER			TO WHOM MADE	KIND OF INSTRUMENT	Where and When Recorded				Location or other Brief Description	
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do		Jane	Samuel	Theophilous Pennington	Deed	D	D	6	1817	22 1	2-E
do		Jane	Samuel	John Davis	Deed	D	D	4	1817	22 1	2-E
do	al Elnathan		Rebecca	Andrew Siveley	Deed	D	E	165	1818	13 4	1-W
do		Joanna	Robert	John Ford	Deed	D	H	89	1821	4 3	1-E
do			Richard	Samuel Holloway	Deed	D	H	397	1823	28 1	1-W
do	Andrew K	Martha		Richard I Jones	Deed	D	K	140	1826		Lot 49 Hvl
do			Saml	James N Davis	Deed	D	N	392	1831	29 1	2-E
do			Robt	Wm Davis	Deed	D	O	378	1833	2 1	2-E
do	Emily		Tinsley	William Patton	Deed	D	P	313	1835	5 3	2-W
do	Anna		William	Lewis Meals	Deed	D	P	604	1836	21 1	2-E
do	Geo			Cumberland Presbyterian Ch	Deed	D	R	72	1838	21 3	1-W
do	Andrew F	Martha Gdn	Robt	Dabney M Wharton	Deed	D	R	50	1838	10 3	1-E
do	Elizabeth M	by Gdn	Thos L		Deed	D	R	50	1838	10 3	1-E
do		Louisa A		do do	Deed	D	R	50	1838	10 3	1-E
do		Martha	Wm H	do do	Deed	D	R	50	1838	10 3	1-E
do		Mary A		do do	Deed	D	R	220	1839	21 3	1-W
do	George	Margaret		Chas H Patton	Deed	D	R	309	1839	14 2	2-W
do		Matthew	Sarah	Nancy Lane	Deed	D	R	226	1839	3 2	2-W
do			Sarah	Joseph D Barbee	Deed	D	R	226	1839	3 2	2-W

This index record shows a Jane Davis with Samuel Davis selling land in 1817 in the northeastern part of Madison County. Samuel appears without Jane in a land transaction in 1831, still in the northeastern portion of the



county. However, the Jane in the cemetery was still living in 1831, and if Samuel Davis had been her husband, then she should have been listed in the 1831 transaction.

Likewise, there were no probate or marriage records found for Jane or Samuel Davis, nor was there anything at all for Jane or Samuel Davies. Even the earliest census and tax records were not helpful toward identifying Jane. It seems that she and her tombstone must remain an enigma for the time being. In that capacity, Jane shares anonymity of sorts with the several unmarked graves in the cemetery. A couple of photographs of some of the unmarked, but obvious, graves are given below. There is nothing more known at this time that can be done to identify the occupants of these graves, so they will be respected as peaceful pioneers who rest eternally in this highly protected area.



**Lacy Cemetery, 75-1, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co. AL, May 1, 2003  
Child-sized grave east of box crypts, along south side of drainage area.**



(Note: The taped “stick” is a simple garden hoe handle with the blade removed from its mounting hook. The hook serves to probe under the surface a few inches and helps to find and turn tombstones that have fallen face down. The hoe handle further offers some protection and separation from snakes and other “critters” that may reside underneath fallen tombstones when exploring old cemeteries. It likewise provides a visual clue as to size of objects in photographs.)



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Grave depressions associated with these fieldstones were apparent to the eye, if not to the camera.  
These graves were located toward the eastern side of the cemetery, along the southern edge of the drainage area through the north end of the cemetery.





**Lacy Cemetery, 75-1, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co. AL, May 1, 2003**  
**Note box crypt under trees on south side of drainage ditch through cemetery.**  
Four uninscribed stones marking graves were found in this cemetery which can hold around 250 to 300 graves if full. However, only about 20 obvious grave depressions were located. These were mostly near the north end of the cemetery.

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