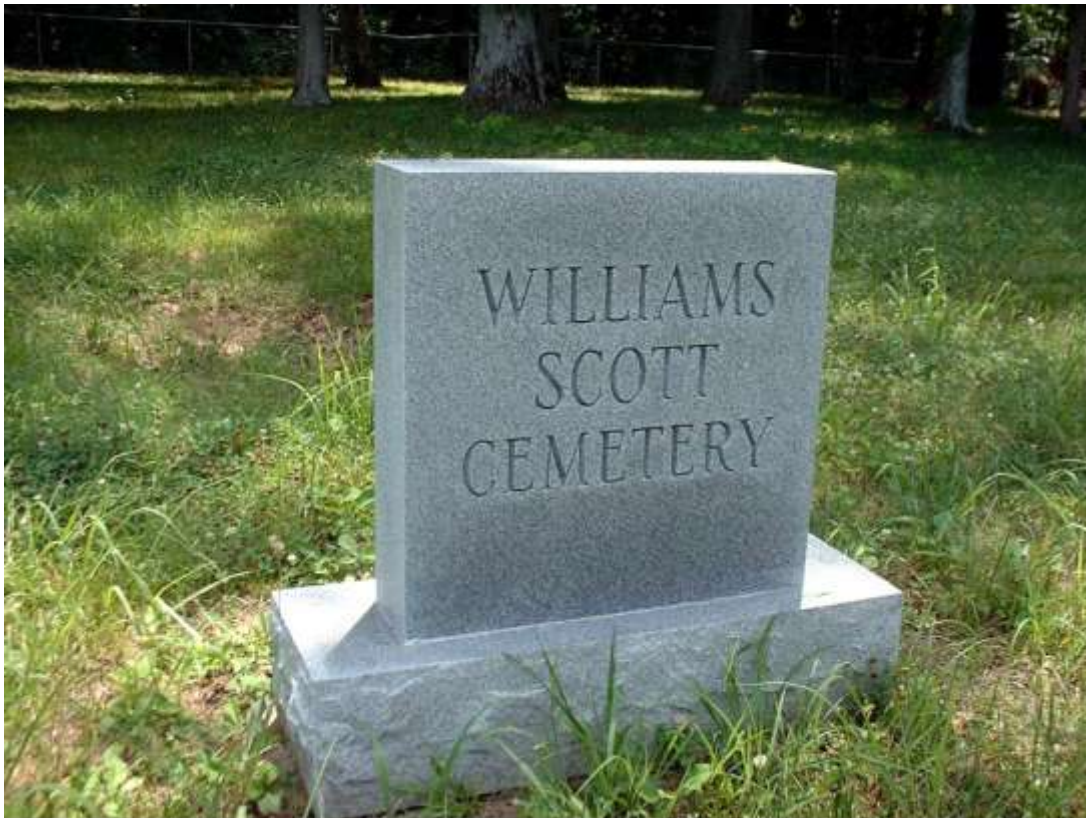


WILLIAMS – SCOTT CEMETERY, 37 – 1

Summary Report



Williams - Scott Cemetery, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co., AL, June, 2002.

This is another arsenal cemetery with no individual tombstones. The first impression upon a visit is that it must be another slave cemetery. However, a check of historical data indicates otherwise. While older reports do relate burials of non-slaves, that does of itself does not exclude slave burials as well in the cemetery. The problem is the consistent assumption that lack of tombstones indicates a slave cemetery, as opposed to the disappearance of previously known and documented tombstones from various cemeteries. Such is the case here.



Williams - Scott Cemetery, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co., AL, June, 2002.

This cemetery has no grave markers. The monument in the cemetery is engraved with the name of the cemetery and no individuals. The overall dimensions of the cemetery are about 100 ft X about 80 ft. It has several sunken areas, but they are all rounded, so are likely to be rootball holes of felled trees.

The cemetery is located in the NW/4 of S22-T4S-R1W. It is about 200 yards east of Patton Road, at the east end of Aerobee Road in the SE corner of an athletic field near the Fitness Center. Dorothy Scott Johnson's book, CEMETERIES OF MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA, VOL. I, 1971, included one grave marker. That marker was for ELIZABETH D. SCOTT, with an inscription that read: "In memory of Elizabeth D. Scott, consort of Thomas A. Scott, died March 3rd, 1839 in the 54th year of her age." Mrs. Johnson also noted that there were "...numerous unmarked graves in this very old plot."



Williams - Scott Cemetery, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co., AL, June, 2002.

(View from of the northwest corner of the cemetery perimeter)



Williams - Scott Cemetery, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co., AL, June, 2002.

(View of the western fence perimeter and entrance gate)

With the only clue to burials being that for Elizabeth Scott, “Consort {wife who died before her husband} of Thomas A. Scott”, as reported in Mrs. Johnson’s 1971 book, the census record was checked for Thomas A. Scott. The 1840 census was first checked, since it was closest in time to her burial and since only heads of households were listed by name in the 1830 census (as well as all other censuses before 1850). However, Thomas Scott (or any variant of his name) was not found in the 1840 census. Therefore, the 1830 census was checked for his name. The 1830 findings are shown below:

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| William B. Annis | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Samuel Ward | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Charles Cravitt | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| John C. Grant | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Matham S. Winn | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aspen M. Cravitt | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| John Ward | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Abraham Beadle | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Thomas A. Scott | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Samuel Grand | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| John Graham | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| John Beckinger | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| John H. Johnson | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| William Gray | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jess Jordan | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Simpsona Fennell | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| John Blonden | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nancy Parish | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| James Yarnak | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| David M. Brand | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Martha Kabinas | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Carroll J. J. J. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 645-415 327 | | | | | 346 | | | | | 145-147 62 | | | | | 645-443 345 212 431 217 147 | | | | | 43 | | 74 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

1830 Madison County AL census pg 133: Winn, Beadle, Scott, Graham, Gray, Jordan, Fennell, Parham

There was only one entry in the 1830 census for a Thomas A. Scott (or any variation thereof). This census, like the 1840 census, shows numbers in "age bracket" columns by gender. The males are listed first, then after the heavier, dark line at the right of the 13th column, the females are listed. Only free, white persons were given in these columns. The census form had more columns (not shown here, to the right) for free, non-white people, meaning Indians, free mulattoes, and free black people. The age bracket columns were listed in the order of Males: 0 – 5, 5 – 10, 10 – 15, 15 – 20, 20 – 30, 30 – 40, 40 – 50, 50 – 60, etc; Females: 0 – 5, 5 – 10, 10 – 15, 15 – 20, 20 – 30, 30 – 40, 40 – 50, etc. Accordingly, the above data shows that the household of Thomas A. Scott had 1 male aged 20 – 30, 1 male aged 40 – 50, 1 female aged 0 – 5, and 1 female aged 40 – 50. Since Dot Johnson’s notation stated that the tombstone of Elizabeth Scott revealed her death date as 1839, at age 54, Elizabeth would have been born in 1785, making her 45 in 1830 when the census was taken. Therefore, she was the female aged 40 – 50. It

likewise would seem that Thomas himself would be the male aged 40 – 50, with probably a son aged 20 – 30 and either a daughter or granddaughter aged 0 - 5 still at home. As shown by the extended page below, the family owned no slaves.

H. Clifton by the Marshal of the Northern (District (or Territory) of Ala

| SLAVES | | | | | | | | | | FREE COLORED PERSONS | | | | | | | | | | TOTAL | Total |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------|-------|
| MALES | | | | | FEMALES | | | | | MALES | | | | | FEMALES | | | | | | |
| Under 10 years of age | 10 to 24 | 25 to 49 | 50 to 99 | 100, &c. | Under 10 years of age | 10 to 24 | 25 to 49 | 50 to 99 | 100, &c. | Under 10 years of age | 10 to 24 | 25 to 49 | 50 to 99 | 100, &c. | Under 10 years of age | 10 to 24 | 25 to 49 | 50 to 99 | 100, &c. | | |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 13 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 11878 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 13 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 5 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 13 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 37 | 15 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 13 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 39 | 15 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 13 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 10 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 13 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 34 | 4 |
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| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 13 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 20 | 6 |
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| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 13 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 5 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 13 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 18 | 15 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 13 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 12 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 13 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 4 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 13 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 13 |
| (No Slaves) | | | | | | | | | | Thomas A. Scott | | | | | | | | | | 4 | 4 |
| | | | | | | | | | | (Total Household) | | | | | | | | | | 10 | 10 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 13 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 9 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 13 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 17 | 17 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 13 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 11 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 13 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 33 | 33 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 13 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 11 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 13 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 6 |
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| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 13 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 5 |
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The 1820 census for Madison County was lost and is not in existence today, so it cannot be checked. Likewise, there is no 1810 census, as the area was not a state at that time. There was a January 1809 territorial census, but there is no entry in it for a Thomas Scott. As a last resort, the 1850 census was also checked, and there was a Thomas A. Scott listed that seems to approximately “fit”:

SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in 3d District **in the County of** Madison **State** 87
of Alabama **enumerated by me, on the** 4th **day of** November **1850.** W. H. Harris, Ass't Marshal. 43

| Dwelling-house in order of visitation. | Family numbered in the order of visitation. | The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family. | DESCRIPTION. | | | Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age. | Value of Real Estate owned. | PLACE OF BIRTH. Naming the State, Territory, or Country. | Marr'd within the year. Ascertained within the year. Persons over 20 yrs of age who cannot read & write. | Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict. | | |
|--|---|---|--------------|------|--------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|--|--|----|----|
| | | | Age. | Sex. | White, black, or Indian. | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| | | <u>Ana E. Thomas</u> | 1 | F | | | | <u>Alabama</u> | | | | |
| 88 | 85 | <u>Michael H. Farley</u> | 28 | M | | <u>Farmer</u> | | <u>Alabama</u> | | | | |
| 89 | 89 | <u>Thomas A. Scott</u> | 57 | M | | <u>Press Maker</u> | | <u>S. Carolina</u> | | | | |
| 90 | 90 | <u>William B. Williams</u> | 32 | M | | <u>Farmer</u> | | <u>S. Carolina</u> | | | | |
| | | <u>Martha A. "</u> | 23 | F | | | | <u>Alabama</u> | | | | |
| | | <u>Daria M. "</u> | 4 | M | | | | <u>Alabama</u> | | | | |
| 91 | 91 | <u>Lewis S. Sams</u> | 30 | M | | <u>Farmer</u> | | <u>Georgia</u> | | | | |
| | | <u>Sarah "</u> | 35 | F | | | | <u>Georgia</u> | | | | |
| | | <u>Allen M. "</u> | 17 | M | | | | <u>Alabama</u> | | | | |
| | | <u>Sarah "</u> | 13 | F | | | | <u>Alabama</u> | | | | |
| | | <u>Elizah "</u> | 10 | M | | | | <u>Iditto</u> | | | | |
| | | <u>Mary Ann</u> | 5 | F | | | | <u>Iditto</u> | | | | |
| 92 | 92 | <u>John H. Colift</u> | 29 | M | | <u>Farmer</u> | 100 | <u>Alabama</u> | | | | |
| | | <u>Mary Colift</u> | 30 | F | | | | <u>Tennessee</u> | | | | |
| | | <u>Francis M. "</u> | 6 | M | | | | <u>Alabama</u> | | | | |
| | | <u>Nancy E. "</u> | 4 | F | | | | <u>Iditto</u> | | | | |
| | | <u>Martha "</u> | 3 | F | | | | <u>Iditto</u> | | | | |
| | | <u>Mary L. "</u> | 1/2 | F | | | | <u>Iditto</u> | | | | |

The above Thomas A. Scott was listed as age 57 in 1850. That would make him age 37 in the 1830 census, but that record showed Thomas A. Scott as aged 40 – 50. Still, the discrepancy is small, so it is likely that the 1850 and the 1830 listings are for the same man. He must have been missed by the census takers in the 1840 exercise. The Thomas Scott of 1850 is not living in the area near the cemetery, as his is listed among known residents of the area that is now the northern fringe of the town of Madison.

| TOWNSHIP 4 South | | RANGE 1 West | | HUNTSVILLE MERIDIAN | | | |
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| DESCRIPTION OF THE TRACT | | AREA | | UNITED STATES TITLE | Date of Sale | Number of | Date of |
| PART OF SECTION | Section | Acres | 100ths | TO WHOM SOLD OR GRANTED | Location or Grant | Certificate or Warrant | Military Act |

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| Page 42 continued | | | | | | | |
| NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ | 16 | 39.92 $\frac{1}{2}$ | | James Clemens | | 4 Oct 1834 | |
| NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ | " | 39.92 $\frac{1}{2}$ | | " " | | " " " | |
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| *Last 8 entries in Vol. C, pp 318-320 | | | | | | | |
| North East $\frac{1}{4}$ | 17 | 644.00 | | Thomas Caines/Carnes, Asse | | 3 Nov 1815 | 1171 |
| North West $\frac{1}{4}$ | " | 161.00 | | Spencer Ball & Isaac Wallingsford | | 21 Nov 1814 | 1013 |
| South East $\frac{1}{4}$ | " | 161.00 | | William Weedon | | 15 Sep 1830 | 2863 |
| South West $\frac{1}{4}$ | " | 161.00 | | James Manning, Asse | | 25 Jun 1831 | 865 |
| | 18 | 386.16 | | East of Boundary Line | | | |
| | | 284.14 | | West of Boundary Line | | | |
| Frac E of Bdy Line | " | 386.16 | | James Manning, Asse | | 18 Sep 1809 | 381 |
| Frac W of Bdy Line | " | 284.14 | | James Manning, Asse | | 2 Feb 1818 | 857 |
| Page 43 | 19 | 27.24 | | East of Indian Boundary Line | | | |
| | | 611.61 | | West of Indian Boundary Line | | | |
| Frac E of B Line | " | 27.24 | | James Manning, Asse | | 13 Jan 1818 | 856 |
| Frac W of B Line | " | 611.61 | | Heirs of Frederick W. James & James Manning, Asse | | 2 Feb 1818 | 44 |
| | 20 | 544.44 | | East of Indian Boundary Line | | | |
| | | 99.45 | | West of Indian Boundary Line | | | |
| NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ | " | 40.00 | | blank | | blank | blank |
| | | | | David Dickey | | 4 Jul 1814 | 107 |
| SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ | " | 40.00 | | Hugh Graham | | 22 May 1833 | 6219 |
| W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ | " | 80.00 | | John G. Jordan | | 27 Jun 1835 | 8325 |
| NW frac | " | 80.00 | | William Allison | | 2 Apr 1832 | 4833 |
| NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ | " | 40.00 | | Thomas Allen Scott | | 5 Oct 1832 | 5478 |
| NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ | " | 40.00 | | James J. Donegan | | 18 Apr 1855 | 24160 |
| | | | | John Cunningham | | 4 Jul 1814 | 107 |
| | | | | overwritten with: assigned to John Humphries 6 Aug 1811 | | | |
| SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ | " | 40.00 | | Hugh Graham | | 25 May 1878 | blank |
| SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ | " | 40.00 | | George Mason | | 17 Feb 1834 | 7090 |
| SW frac | " | 144.44 | | John Rope Bolling Eldridge | | 7 Apr 1832 | 4836 |
| Frac W of Bdy | " | 99.45 | | State | | 23 May 1828 | |
| | | | | *River Impts W.T. Bolling | | 23 Jul 1830 | |
| North East $\frac{1}{4}$ | 21 | 640.00 | | Vincent Glass, Asse | | 17 Apr 1810 | 498 |
| North West $\frac{1}{4}$ | " | 160.00 | | William Landmoird | | 10 Dec 1813 | 782 |
| South East $\frac{1}{4}$ | " | 160.00 | | W. C. Dunn | | 29 Aug 1809 | (no cert.) |
| South West $\frac{1}{4}$ | " | 160.00 | | John McCutchen | | 24 Apr 1811 | 503 |
| Page 44 | 22 | 642.80 | | Archibald McDonnell, Asse | | 29 Aug 1809 | 86 |
| North East $\frac{1}{4}$ | " | 160.70 | | Richard Elliott, Asse | | 29 Aug 1809 | 635 |
| North West $\frac{1}{4}$ | " | 160.70 | | John Couch | | 29 Aug 1809 | 173 |
| South East $\frac{1}{4}$ | " | 160.70 | | John Baker, Asse | | 19 May 1810 | 958 |
| South West $\frac{1}{4}$ | " | 160.70 | | | | | |
| North East $\frac{1}{4}$ | 23 | 642.80 | | Joseph Acklin | | 29 Aug 1809 | 696 |
| North West $\frac{1}{4}$ | " | 160.70 | | W. Pope, Jr., Asse | | 29 Aug 1809 | 686 |

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

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| FUND | STATE TITLE | WHEN CONVEYED | Number of State Transfer or Conveyance | WHERE RECORDED | MEMORANDUM |
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OLD LAND RECORDS OF MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA, by Margaret Matthews Cowart

The transitions of ownership for the NW/4 of Section 22 show that in 1867 Archibald McDonnell sold the land to Dallas J. Jones (see the Summary Report for the Jones Cemetery, 37-5). Other owners of land in the NW/4 included Robert C. Harrison, Isaac Alexander Lanier, and Isham J. Fennell, for times before the Civil War. However, it should also be noted that **Thomas Allen Scott** purchased 40 acres in October of 1832 as the NE/4 of the SE/4 of Section **20**, Township 4, Range 1 West. This land is just over a mile west of the cemetery in the NW/4 of Section 22. It is today found to the west and the south of the western end of Gray Road, very near the Landman Cemeteries.

The Landman Cemeteries were apparently used exclusively for the Landman family, or one would expect that perhaps Thomas Scott would have buried his wife Elizabeth there, in the nearest cemetery, since he did not bury her on his own land. However, there is another likely explanation of the reason that Elizabeth Scott was buried in the Williams – Scott Cemetery over a mile further away. Note that the 2nd line of entries in the **INDEX TO LANDS** above for Section 22 was for Robert and Ann C. Lanford to a Methodist Episcopal Church in the NW/4. How Robert Lanford came to own any land in the NW/4 of Section 22 is not shown, apparently being one of the deeds lost to the poor recording practices of the early days. In any event, research done while investigating the location of the Jordan’s Chapel Cemetery (and therefore the associated Jordan’s Chapel site) revealed that the original location of the Methodist Episcopal Church that became known as Jordan’s Chapel was in fact on land owned by Robert Lanford. This land was in the NW/4 of Section 22, Township 4, Range 1 West. (For exhaustive additional detail about Jordan’s Chapel and its cemetery, see the Jordan’s Chapel Cemetery files on the CD-ROM supplied to the Army’s Environmental Management offices or the copy of same supplied to the Huntsville – Madison County Public Library’s Heritage Room.)

Since the **INDEX TO LANDS** showed no entry for a Williams family to have owned land in Section 22, just as there was no ownership by Thomas A. Scott there, it brings into question why families of these names would have used a cemetery other than on their own lands. With the establishment of nearby community cemeteries not yet accomplished in this area in the early 1800s, the only other reason known for “remote” burials off of a landowner’s property was to use a church cemetery. There is no known blood or marriage relationship between any Scott or Williams family to the known family names that owned the land of the NW/4 of Section 22, so it

seems pretty safe to conclude that the cemetery known today as the Williams – Scott Cemetery was in fact the first cemetery associated with the Methodist Episcopal Church that later moved and became Jordan’s Chapel.

The only marriage records from the on-line index published for the 1800s on the website of the Madison County Records Center that could suggest a possible link of families named Scott or Williams to the early owners of the land around the cemetery are:

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| Scott, James | Beadle, Nancy | Vol. 2 p. 308 | 02 Jul 1819 |
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(Abraham Beadle was not one of the owners of the land in Section 22, but he did live nearby, as shown in the 1830 census record given earlier, where Abraham was next door to Thomas A. Scott. It is also known that Abraham Beadle and his kinsmen of that surname lived near the Matkin Cemetery.) The only Williams connection to the surnames of early owners of land around the Williams – Scott Cemetery was for a Williams bride to a Fennell groom in 1839:

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Fennell, Wyley | Williams, Mahulda | Vol. 4 p. 507 | 28 Oct 1839 |
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In fact, the only association of the William name with the cemetery comes from a notation by Dot Johnson in her book about the cemeteries of Madison County (Volume I), where on page 281 she describes this cemetery. At that point, she explained that a “...TVA map refers to this well cared for, fenced graveyard as the Williams Cemetery, however, the only stone was that of Mrs. Scott. There appeared to be numerous unmarked graves in this very old plot.” In other words, there were no stones inscribed for Williams or any surname other than Scott when Dot investigated the cemetery in the late 1960s or early 1970. The TVA map may have noted the name of the cemetery as the “Williams Cemetery” simply due to a current owner’s name, perhaps in the early 1900s. Of course, there may well have been tombstones with the Williams name at some time in this cemetery, since apparently stones have disappeared from the site through time.

While the Methodist Episcopal Church was meeting on the Lanford land in Section 22 in the early 1820s, it had no other known name. Therefore, there is nothing other than the “**Methodist Episcopal Church Cemetery**” or the “**Lanford – MEC Cemetery**” that could be suggested to more properly replace the Williams – Scott name for the cemetery. After meeting for a period of about 6 years on the Lanford land, the church moved to a “more suitable” site on Bartholomew Jordan’s land. The parcel that “Batt” Jordan deeded to the church, which thereafter became known as Jordan’s Chapel, was located in Sections 4 and 9 of Township 4, Range 1 West. The little cemetery that became the Chapel’s burial place and gravesite of Bartholomew Jordan himself, is today believed to be located on the eastern edge of the grounds of Morris Elementary School, just at the fence to the Botanical Gardens property on the south side of Bob Wallace Avenue. The site of the Chapel itself is thought to be on the north side of Bob Wallace Avenue, about 200 to 300 yards north of the cemetery site. However, before the church relocated to this area in the late 1820s, it would have likely established a cemetery for the 6 years at its original location in Section 22, the Robert Lanford site. When the church left the site, the cemetery probably became a “de facto” community cemetery and continued in use. It is considered very likely that what is called the Williams – Scott Cemetery was originally the Methodist Episcopal Church Cemetery, and not a single family cemetery at all.

Prepared by John P. Rankin, September 6, 2005

(Digital photos of the deeds for the Lanford and the Jordan lands to the Methodist Episcopal Church are shown below for reference.)





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
consideration of the sum of one dollar to them in hand paid at and upon the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have given, granted, bargained, sold, released, confirmed and conveyed and by these presents do give grant bargain, sell, release, confirm and convey unto the said William Lanier Robert Lanford, James Bibb, William Bibb, Loyd apday James Pollard, Patt Jordan James Sharp and William Blake and their successors (Trustees in Trust for the uses and purposes herein after mentioned) all the right title, interest claim and demand and whatever, which he the said Robert Lanford and Ann to his Wife, have to a certain Lot or piece of ground, situated, lying and being in the County as aforesaid being part of the Land whereon the said Robert Lanford and his Wife now resides and estimated at one Acre more or less and is bounded as follows, to wit, beginning at a corner Rock, North thence running 70 yards West to a corner Rock thence 70 yards South to a corner Red Oak thence East 70 yards to a White Oak corner thence 70 yards North the beginning with all and singular the houses, woods, Waters ways priviledges and appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining, to have to hold all and singular the above mentioned and described Lot or piece of ground situated as aforesaid together with all and singular the houses Woods, Waters, Ways and priviledges thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto them the said Trustees and their successors in office forever in Trust, they shall erect and build or cause to be erected and built thereon a house or place of Worship for the use of the Members of the Methodist Episcopal Church according to the Rules and discipline of said Church which from time to time may be agreed upon and adopted by the Members and preachers of the said Church at their general conferences in the United States of America, and in future trust and confidence that they shall at all times, forever hereafter permit such members and preachers belonging to the said Church as shall from time be duly authorized by the general conferences of the members and preachers of the said Methodist Episcopal Church or by the yearly conferences, authorized by the said general conferences and none others to preach and expound Gods holy word therein and in further Trust and confidence that as often as any one or more of the Trustees herein before mentioned, shall die then and in such case it shall be the duty of the stations Minister or preacher who shall have the pastoral charge of the members of the said Church to call a meeting of the remaining Trustees

and when so met the said Minister or preacher shall proceed to nominate one or more persons to fill the place or places of him or them whose office or offices has (or have) been vacated as aforesaid: the said Robert Lanford and his Wife Ann b Lanford do by these presents warrant and forever defend, all and singular the before mentioned and describes Lot or piece of ground with the appurtenances thereto belonging to them the said William James Robert Lanford, James Bibt, William Bibt, Loyd Elday James Pollard, Bott Jordan James Sharp and William Blake and their successors chosen and appointed as aforesaid from the claim or claims of him the said Robert Lanford, and Ann b, his wife their heirs and assigns; and from the claim or claims of all persons whatever; In Testimony whereof the said Robert Lanford and Ann b, his Wife have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year aforesaid

signed sealed and delivered
in presents of us

Robert Lanford 
Ann b Lanford 

State of Alabama, Personally appeared before me Thomas Brandon
Madison County, Clerk of the County Court for said County
Robert Lanford whose name is subscribed to the foregoing deed of conveyance and acknowledged the signing sealing and delivery of the same to the Trustees aforesaid for the purposes therein named on the day of its date; also on the same day I exhibited said deed to Ann b Lanford Wife of the said Robert Lanford, whose name is likewise subscribed thereto who on a private examination separate and apart from her husband and acknowledged that she signed sealed and delivered the same to the said Trustees for the purposes therein expressed on the day of its date, freely voluntarily without fear threats or compulsion of her said husband; Given under my hand and seal at office in said County the 2nd day of March 1821

Thos Brandon 
Thos Brandon 

The foregoing deed of conveyance was delivered into this office to be recorded the 2th day of December 1820 which was duly done the 28th day of March 1821

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~~State of Alabama, Circuit Court of Madison County do hereby certify that on the first Monday after the fourth Monday in April 1826 a deed of trust on certain personal property execution the same tenth day of July 1825 by these books to Andrew the trustee for the benefit of Anthony B. Hester was this day pronounced in open court and the same which thereof for the purposes therein expressed being only submitted to the said Court. And the same was read and Anthony B. Hester the subscribing party thereto was sworn to be eligible for registration. A true copy from the records of the Court Clerk be~~

~~The foregoing deed of trust was returned into this office to be recorded the 5th day of July 1826 which is duly done the same day and so forth~~
 Thomas B. Jordan

Batt Jordan

This Indenture made 30th day of May 1826 between
 The said Batt Jordan of the County of Jackson State of Alabama of the one part, and Nett Sanford W Blake Henry Jordan Nicholas Hester W Ellison W Pitt and Geo Thompson of the County and State of Georgia of the other part, for the use and purposes hereinafter mentioned. Witnesseth that the said Batt Jordan for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar to him in hand paid, the receipt of which is acknowledged here this day by him and also shown and conveyed to by these presents as hereinafter set out and away unto the said Nett Sanford W Blake Henry Jordan Nicholas Hester W Ellison W Pitt and Geo Thompson and their successors in trust forever a certain lot or parcel of ground lying & being in the County of Jackson as follows to wit a tract of land which the said Batt Jordan now owns and stands in his name or title and is bounded as follows to wit beginning at a rock on the line of Ellison Jordan running due south 73 yards by a white oak on point the meeting corner which is made for soft land to a corner rock thence west 73 yards to another corner rock which is made due west to another corner rock thence north 73 yards to another corner stone corner by a red oak which was a side line thence east to the beginning to have and to hold the same certain lot or parcel of land with the tenements and appurtenances thereto belonging to in and to the said Nett Sanford W Blake Henry Jordan Nicholas Hester W Ellison W Pitt and Geo Thompson and their successors in fee simple in full and they shall and lawfully may use the same and shall on the said land a house of worship for the use of the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and also the said and description of said Church - and the said Batt Jordan for himself his heirs and administrators do warrant and guarantee unto the said Nett Sanford W Blake Henry Jordan Nicholas Hester W Ellison W Pitt and Geo Thompson and their successors in fee simple the said and date above written Batt Jordan (signed) before me

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315 State of Alabama Personally appeared before me Thomas Bronson clerk of
Madison County in the County Court of said County Batt Jordan whose name
is subscribed to the foregoing deed of conveyance and acknowledged the signing
sealing and delivery of the same for the purposes therein expressed on
the day of its date. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
seal this 1st day of August 1826. Thomas Bronson (Seal)

The foregoing deed of conveyance was delivered into this office to be
recorded the 1st day of August 1826 which is duly done the same day
and date. Thomas Bronson (Seal)

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