

WOODWARD CEMETERY, 88 - 2

Summary Report

Appropriately near the “end of the road” is the Woodward family cemetery, just a little west and north of the southernmost part of Pershing Road.



Woodward Cemetery, 88-2, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co. AL, April 28, 2003

Actually, the cemetery is in the southeast quarter of Section 28 of Township 5, Range 1W. This is part of Test Area 5, and the cemetery is located in a field about 150 yards south of Building 8875. Even with the activities going

on around it, the wooded cemetery is serene, a very pleasant place to visit. The earliest burials noted by inscriptions on tombstones are for Susan and Eugene C. Woodward.



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As can be seen from the dates of the inscriptions, both died in October of 1885. Eugene was an infant, only 7 months old. He was, however, not a son of Susan, who was too old to have been his mother. Susan was probably the grandmother or great grandmother of Eugene. It may well be that they had a common contagious illness of the time that caused the deaths to be in close time order.

The Woodward family was present in Madison County in early times. There was a notice in an early Alabama newspaper that Charles C. Woodward was postmaster of “Woodwardville” in Madison County in 1842, and both the 1850 and the 1860 census records for Madison County show Eli and Hannah Woodward in the same household. Eli was shown as age 50, born in Tennessee, in the 1850 record, while Hannah was shown as age 74, born in North Carolina. The 1860 census showed Eli as age 60, born in Tennessee, and Hannah was listed as age 87, born in South Carolina around 1773. They were certainly among the pioneers of the area, with Hannah most likely being the mother of Eli. Moreover, according to their ages, Eli could well have been a brother of the 1842 postmaster Charles C. Woodward and of John S. Woodward. John S. Woodward, born in Tennessee in 1813, appears in the 1850 census as the father of a family that included John W. Woodward (born 1853) by the 1860 census, after John S. Woodward had died. John W. Woodward lived on the pre-arsenal lands and eventually owned the area where the family cemetery is located.

Still, the only Madison County government land patents in the Woodward name were taken by Eli and by Wilson Woodward. In May of 1831, Eli Woodward patented 80 acres of the east half of the northeast quarter of Section 12, Township 2 and Range 2E. This land is about 4 miles southeast of the town of New Market, in the Cramer Hollow area near Upper Hurricane Creek. It was in August of 1853 when Wilson Woodward patented 50 acres in the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 23, Township 2 and Range 2E. This land is about 2 miles north of the Madison County Fishing Lake and about 4 miles northeast of the Bell Factory community. It is just less than 3 miles from the land patented by Eli, some 22 years earlier. The private land transaction deed and mortgage index by G. W. Jones Inc. shows no Woodward land acquisitions in the area where the cemetery is located on Redstone Arsenal until 1905. (View the inserted image at 200% zoom.)

SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in Southwestern Division in the County of Madison State of Alabama enumerated by me, on the 8 day of June 1860. Wm. H. Griffin Ass't Marshal
 Post Office Madison Station Page 76

1	2	3	Description.			Years of Enslavement.		10	11	12	13
			Age	Sex	Color	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of such person, such and female, or 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate.				
		Wesley M. Sandigo	15	m		Saloon			Alabama		
		Rebbo Willyford	19	m		Carpenter			Georgia		
113	114	Susan McDonald	40	f		None	7,400		Alabama		
		Francis J.	19	m		Saloon			"		
		Mary C.	16	f					"		
		Elliot H.	11	m					"		
		Emily A.	18	f					"		
		Clinton C.	13	m					"		
		John "	7	m					"		
		Charles C.	4	m					"		
114	115	John Mitchell	30	m		Ferryman			Georgia		
		Margant "	40	f					"		
		Marcus Albert	15	m					"		
		Nyala Smart	19	m					"		
		Elyza J.	10	f					"		
		Hugh Mitchell	8	m					"		
		John "	2	m					"		
115	116	Sancy K. Halam	31	f		Farmer	17,600 10,550		Virginia		
		Luzza "	20	f					Ida		
		Virginia "	15	f					"		
		Julia A.	16	f					"		
116	117	Nathaniel Evans	31	m		Deceased	1500		"		
		Sarah J.	29	f					"		
		Stephen M.	11	m					"		
		James M.	4	m					"		
		John "	18	m					"		
117	118	Margaret Lynch	45	f		None	1500		W. Carolina		
		Wm. H. Simmons	30	m					Alabama		
118	119	William Ballas	32	m		Butcher			Texas		
		Sarah "	30	f					"		
		James "	15	m					Georgia		
		Catherine "	5	f					"		
		Mary A.	3	f					Alabama		
		William "	1	m					"		
119	120	George Williamson	21	m		Butcher			Georgia		
		Mary J.	25	f					"		
		Elyza J.	9	f					"		
		Ellen P.	1	f					"		
		Nelly R.	1	f					"		

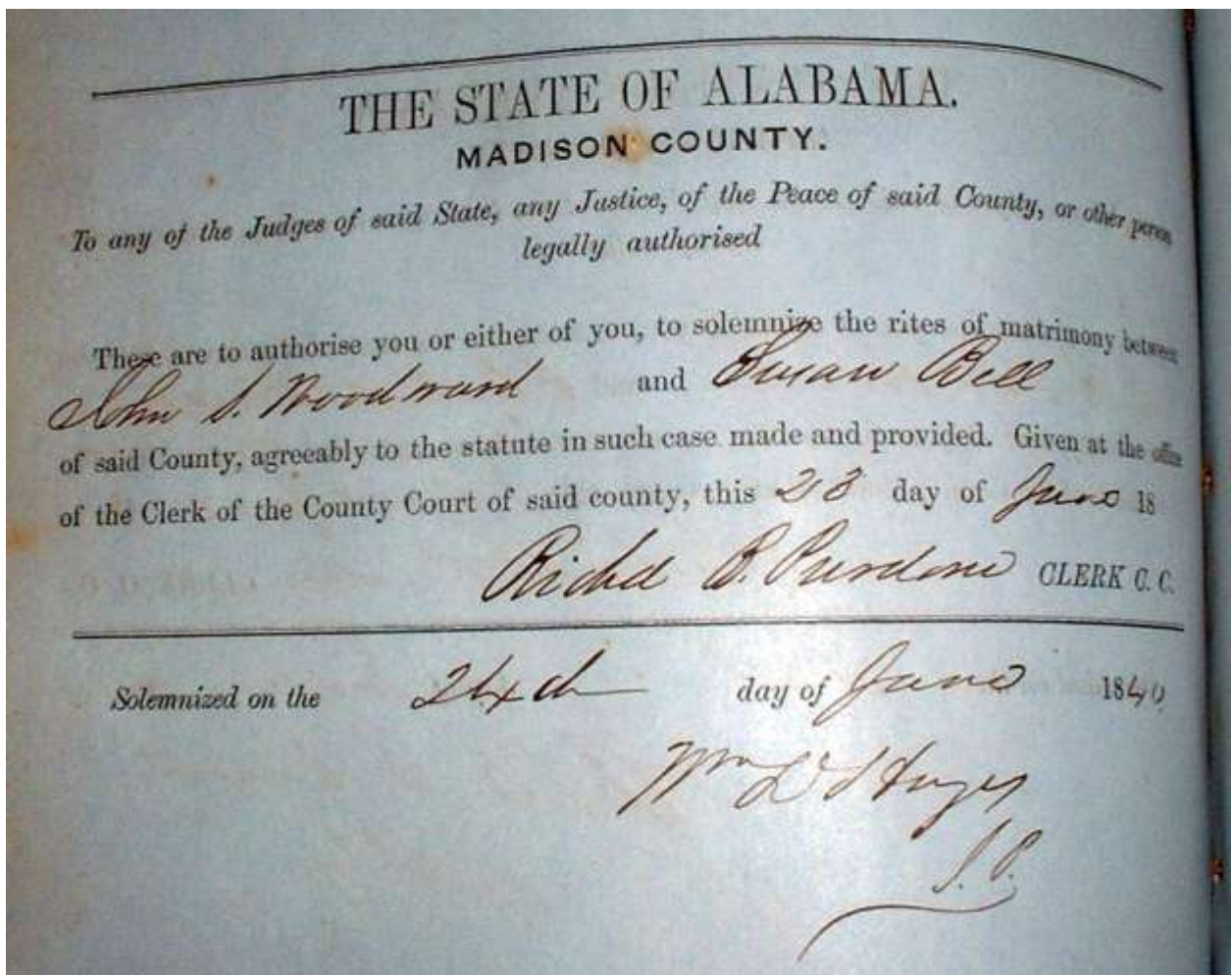
The 1850 census of Madison County also shows a Woodward family in the area. The family was headed by John S. Woodward, shown with wife Susanah (Susan) and children that included those shown later in the 1860 census – at least, those who were born by the time of the 1850 enumeration.

26		Calvin M "	17 M			Ditto
27		Louisa L "	16 F			Ditto
28		George M "	7 M			Ditto
29		Asubiah R "	4 F			Ditto
30		Robert L "	3/2 M			Ditto
31	322 322	Joel Joiner	28 M	Farmer		Georgia
32		Susan "	30 F			Alabama
33		Charles "	9 M			Ditto
34	323 323	John S Woodward	37 M	Farmer		Tennessee
35		Susanah "	31 F			Alabama
36		Francis L "	10 M			Ditto
37		Mary L "	8 F			Ditto
38		Albert R "	6 M			Ditto
39		Equity A "	4 F			Ditto
40		Calista C	2 M			Ditto
41	324 324	Preston Caphaw	39 M	Doctor	1800	Alabama
42		Amanda C "	27 F			Ditto

1850 Madison Co. AL census page 451-A, 36 District: John S. & Susanah WOODWARD

The neighbors of the Woodward family in 1850 included Joel Joiner (from whom the many Joiner black families probably took their surnames after emancipation) and doctor Preston Caphaw (which is confirmed by the next census page to be "Capshaw", from which name was derived the Capshaw community and road, northwest of the town of Madison). John S. Woodward married Susan Bell in June of 1840, per the marriage records of the county. That is a pretty good indication that he had left the state of his birth (Tennessee, per the 1850 census record) and moved into Madison County of Alabama by 1840. Further proof that John Woodward was living in Alabama before 1840 is offered by the age and birthplace of the oldest child shown in the household in 1850. Francis L. Woodward was shown as

being born in Alabama, but his age was given as 10 in 1850, meaning that he was born sometime in 1840 in this state.



There was no suitable match found in the 1840 census of Alabama or Tennessee for a John Woodward (or under the variant spelling of “Woodard”) born in Tennessee (or even born in Alabama) about 1813. Accordingly, there is no way to pursue the history of his line further back into time without some other type of record. However, his children’s history can be examined in the years after 1850. The 1860 census record for John’s widow Susan Woodward has been presented above. No census record was found for any of the Susan Woodward family in the 1870 census, anywhere in the United States. Of course, that is not unusual, as the reconstruction period after the Civil War in the South led to many census records being incomplete or missing. However, in the 1880 census of Madison County

Alabama, Susan is found as head of household again, with sons Clinton, John, and Charles shown at ages that match the 20 years from the 1860 record. Yancy Horton is living nearby, and the census sheet shows that it was for Township 5, Range 1W, which is the general location of the Woodward Cemetery. The census records were inconclusive for exploring Susan's Bell family origin. However, her sons Clinton and John Woodward both married Bell girls, and there were only a couple of possibilities for the right Bells in the 1880 census records. Her son Charles C. Woodward on 1/11/1882 married Bettie Butcher, a cousin of a neighbor in the 1870 census.

Since the image above is difficult to read due to a weak original, a transcribed textual version excerpted from the "FAMILY SEARCH" Family History Resource File CD-ROM set produced by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints for the 1880 census is inserted below, along with other pertinent research information.

EXCERPTED FAMILIES, 1880 MADISON COUNTY CENSUS

Census Place: Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 135D

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Jackson Q. JIMAR	Self	M	M	W	30	AL
Wuis JIMAR	Wife	F	M	W	28	AL
Ida JIMAR	Dau	F	S	W	9	AL
Clarance JIMAR	Son	M	S	W	6	AL
Anna JIMAR	Dau	F	S	W	1	AL

Census Place: Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 135D

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
John W. MORTON	Self	M	M	W	42	AL
Margaret MORTON	Wife	F	M	W	31	AL
Nina MORTON	Dau	F	S	W	8	AL
Pearl MORTON	Dau	F	S	W	6	AL
Robert MORTON	Son	M	S	W	5	AL
Virginia MORTON	Dau	F	S	W	3	AL
Caroline FIELDS	Other	F	S	MU	20	AL

Census Place: Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 135D

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
John SHEFFIELD	Self	M	M	MU	27	AL
Amanda SHEFFIELD	Wife	F	M	MU	39	AL
Yancy HORTON	SSon	M	S	MU	19	AL
Virginia HORTON	SDau	F	S	MU	15	AL
Celia HORTON	SDau	F	S	MU	13	AL
Everett HORTON	SSon	M	S	MU	12	AL
Paris HORTON	Son	M	S	MU	4	AL
Ida SHEFFIELD	Dau	F	S	MU	9M	AL
James GILBRETH	Nephew	M	S	MU	15	AL
King GOODLOE	Other	M	M	B	55	AL

Census Place: Township 5, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 135D

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Susan WOODWARD	Self	F	W	W	61	AL
<i>(Nee BELL; widow of John S. Woodward)</i>						
Clinton WOODWARD	Son	M	S	W	30	AL
<i>(On 10/21/1881 married Carrie BELL)</i>						
John W. WOODWARD	Son	M	S	W	27	AL
<i>(On 11/22/1882 married Sallie BELL)</i>						
Charles WOODWARD	Son	M	S	W	25	AL
<i>(On 1/11/1882 married Bettie Butcher, cousin of a neighbor)</i>						

Census Place: Township 5, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 135D

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Lottie BELL	Self	F	W	B	50	AL
Lizzie BELL	Dau	F	S	B	19	AL
Wheeler BELL	Son	M	S	B	17	AL
Lottie BELL	Dau	F	S	B	5	AL
Zora BELL	Dau	F	S	B	1	AL

Census Place: Township 5, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 135D

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
William JIMAR	Self	M	M	W	35	AL
Louisa JIMAR	Wife	F	M	W	31	AL
Lillie JIMAR	Dau	F	S	W	2	AL
Susan OWENS	Mother	L	F	W	67	AL
Bettie BUTCHER	Cousin	F	S	W	31	AL
<i>(On 1/11/1882 married Charles C. Woodward two households above in the census)</i>						
Charlotte MATHIS	Other	F	M	B	30	AL
Vergil MATHIS	Other	M	M	B	35	AL
Austin OWENS	Other	M	W	B	80	AL
Annie OWENS	Other	F	S	B	12	AL

Census Place: Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 135D

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
John TRAVIS	Self	M	M	W	38	MS
<i>(Signed as co-bondsman for John W. Woodward when JWW married Sallie Bell)</i>						
Mary TRAVIS	Wife	F	M	W	36	AL
<i>(Nee Woodward; child of John S. & Susan Woodward; a sister of John W. Woodward)</i>						
Helen TRAVIS	Dau	F	S	W	10	AL
Bula TRAVIS	Dau	F	S	W	5	AL

Census Place: Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 136A

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Peter JIMAR	Self	M	M	B	50	TN
Caroline JIMAR	Wife	F	M	B	46	AL
Lily JIMAR	Dau	F	S	B	15	AL
Mary JIMAR	Dau	F	S	B	12	AL
Thomas JIMAR	Son	M	S	B	10	AL
Albert JIMAR	Son	M	S	B	12	AL
Lanson JIMAR	Son	M	S	B	8	AL
Liddie JIMAR	Dau	F	S	B	5	AL
Everett JIMAR	Son	M	S	B	2	AL

(EXCERPTED FAMILIES – known to be living in the southeastern portion of Madison County, Alabama, around New Hope in 1880)

Census Place: Beat 6, Madison, Alabama -- 1880

Source: FHL Film 1254022 National Archives Film T9-0022 Page 326D

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
S. W. LOGAN	Self	M	M	W	22	AL
Mattie LOGAN	Wife	F	M	W	20	AL
M. S. LOGAN	Dau	F	S	W	1	AL
E. HUMPHERY	Other	F	S	MU	9	AL

Census Place: Beat 6, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254022 National Archives Film T9-0022 Page 327A

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
A. C. GRAYSON	Self	M	M	W	31	AL
M. L. GRAYSON	Wife	F	M	W	26	AL
M. L. GRAYSON	Dau	F	S	W	2	AL
A. L. GRAYSON	Dau	F	S	W	1	AL
Bessy SEEMS	Other	F	S	B	10	MS
Peter JONES	Other	M	M	B	35	AL
F. E. GRAYSON	Other	F	S	W	20	AL

Census Place:Beat 6, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254022 National Archives Film T9-0022 Page 327B

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
A. L. LOGAN	Self	M	M	W	58	AL
M. S. LOGAN	Wife	F	M	W	48	AL
Sallie BELL	Dau	F	S	W	17	AL

(This could be the Sallie Bell who married John W. Woodward, 11/22/1882 in Madison County, Alabama. It is not known how she could be the daughter of a Mr. LOGAN. However, if the census taker made a mistake and showed the relationship to her mother, rather than to the head of the household, then she may have gotten the Bell surname from an earlier marriage of her mother. Yet, the Madison County Marriage Records show that Abner L. Logan married M. S. Campbell on 12/9/1850 – BEFORE Sallie was born. Maybe Sallie was an adopted orphan by the name of Bell. This census entry is for the only Sallie or Sarah Bell anywhere near the right age, born in 1863 per the 1900 census, to be John W. Woodward's wife.)

Jennie CAMPBELL	Other	F	M	B	37	AL
Sophia LOGAN	Other	F	S	B	13	AL
Bettie LOGAN	Other	F	S	B	12	AL
Ann LOGAN	Other	F	S	B	10	AL
Dick LOGAN	Other	M	S	B	7	AL

Census Place:E.D. 227, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254022 National Archives Film T9-0022 Page 347B

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Dickson COBB	Self	M	M	W	34	AL
Elisabetta BOBB	Wife	F	M	W	32	AL
William COBB	Son	M	S	W	10	AL
James COBB	Son	M	S	W	9	AL
Isaac COBB	Son	M	S	W	5	AL
Dora COBB	Dau	F	S	W	3	AL

Census Place:Township 6, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254022 National Archives Film T9-0022 Page 350A

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Mary DICKSON	Self	F	W	W	39	AL
Mattie DICKSON	Dau	F	S	W	18	AL
Josie DICKSON	Dau	F	S	W	16	AL
E. E. DICKSON	Dau	F	S	W	14	AL
V. L. DICKSON	Dau	F	S	W	12	AL
M. S. DICKSON	Dau	F	S	W	10	AL
John C. DICKSON	Son	M	S	W	8	AL

Census Place:Township 6, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254022 National Archives Film T9-0022 Page 350A

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
J. M. HOBBS	Self	M	M	W	26	AL
M. M. HOBBS	Wife	F	M	W	19	AL
L. D. HOBBS	Dau	F	S	W	10M	AL
C. L. DAVID	SisterL	F	S	W	17	AL

Census Place:Township 6, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254022 National Archives Film T9-0022 Page 350A

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
David GARDINER	Self	M	M	W	70	SC
A. C. GARDINER	Wife	F	M	W	58	SC
T. P. STOYNER	Dau	F	W	W	29	AL
L. B. STOYNER	Dau	F	S	W	8	AL
J. A. STOYNER	Son	M	S	W	5	AL

Census Place:Township 6, Beat 6, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254022 National Archives Film T9-0022 Page 350A

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
W. E. LEMLEY	Self	M	M	W	30	AL
Sarah LEMLEY	Wife	F	M	W	32	AL
E. K. LEMLEY	Son	M	S	W	10	AL
A. F. LEMLEY	Son	M	S	W	8	AL
O. A. LEMLEY	Dau	F	S	W	4	AL

Census Place:Township 6, Beat 6, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254022 National Archives Film T9-0022 Page 350A

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
D. C. GARDINER	Self	M	M	W	25	AL
Alice M. GARDINER	Wife	F	M	W	20	AL
C. F. GARDINER	Son	M	S	W	1	AL
Carrie BELL	Cousin	F	S	W	16	AL

(This could be the Carrie Bell who married Clinton C. Woodward, 10/21/1881 in Madison County, Alabama – the only one found to fit at all.)

Hannah BELL	Other	F	W	B	60	TN
Moses WALL	Other	M	S	B	19	AL

Census Place:Township 6, Beat 6, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254022 National Archives Film T9-0022 Page 350B

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
A. GARDINER	Self	M	M	B	22	AL
Mary GARDINER	Wife	F	M	B	23	AL
George GARDINER	Son	M	S	B	3	AL
Pilot GARDINER	Son	M	S	B	1	AL

Census Place: Township 6, Beat 6, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254022 National Archives Film T9-0022 Page 352A

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
J. R. BELL	Self	M	M	W	31	AL
N. R. BELL	Wife	F	M	W	32	AL
S. E. BELL	Dau	F	S	W	4	TN
E. O. BELL	Son	M	S	W	2	AL
R. A. BELL	Dau	F	S	W	2M	AL

Census Place: Township 6, Beat 6, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254022 National Archives Film T9-0022 Page 352A

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
J. D. GARDINER	Self	M	M	W	37	AL
M. J. GARDINER	Wife	F	M	W	34	AL
W. E. GARDINER	Son	M	S	W	9	AL
R. N. GARDINER	Dau	F	S	W	5	AL
M. A. GARDINER	Dau	F	S	W	3	AL
W. T. GARDINER	Son	M	S	W	7M	AL
R. H. GARDINER	Mother	F	W	W	63	AL
D. M. GARDINER	Son	M	S	W	21	AL

The 1890 census was accidentally burned, so it is not in existence to be examined, but the 1900 census has John W. Woodward with his wife Sallie and their 9 living children. According to the record, Sallie had given birth to 11 children, but 2 had died by the time of the census enumeration. John and Sallie had been married for 17 years, and their family included twin sons Charles and John at age 11.

27		Bladdy	Son	12 M	April 1875	5	5		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
28		Quincy	Daughter	13 F	Aug 1879	1	5		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
29	407 1/2	Pratt Greenway	Wife	10 M	Jan 1877	23	7		Missouri	Missouri	Georgia
30		Flora	Wife	10 F	Sept 1871	28	7	2 2	Georgia	Alabama	Alabama
31		Minnie	Daughter	10 F	Jan 1898	8	8		Alabama	Missouri	Georgia
32		Edith	Daughter	10 F	July 1897	2	5		Alabama	Missouri	Georgia
33	407 1/2	Barth Garrey	Wife	10 F	Sept 1881	48	10	4 3	Alabama	Georgia	Georgia
34		Lui	Son	10 M	Mar 1893	17	5		Alabama	Georgia	Alabama
35	407 1/2	Woodward John	Wife	10 M	Sept 1864	46	17		Alabama	Missouri	Alabama
36		Sallie	Wife	10 F	Mar 1863	37	17	11 9	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
37		Murray P	Son	10 M	Nov 1874	15	5		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
38		Edison C	Daughter	10 F	July 1895	12	5		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
39		Charles	Son	10 M	Mar 1897	11	5		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
40		John	Son	10 M	Mar 1897	11	8		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
41		Kearni	Daughter	10 F	Jan 1891	9	8		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
42		Anna	Daughter	10 F	Aug 1890	6	5		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
43		Mellie	Daughter	10 F	April 1876	5	5		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
44		Paul	Son	10 F	Dec 1896	3	5		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
45		See	Son	10 M	Nov 1875	1	5		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
46	407 1/2	Butcher Robert	Wife	10 M	May 1844	86	8		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
47		Hannie	Wife	10 F	Aug 1874	25	8	2 2	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
48		Valber	Daughter	10 F	Jan 1896	5	8		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
49		Sue	Daughter	10 F	May 1896	4	5		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
50	407 1/2	Morris Hilleman	Wife	10 M	Jan 1874	26	8		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama

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Even though John's son Charles Woodward was not found (anywhere) in the census records of 1910 and 1920, it is suspected that he is the one who appears in the 1930 census of Madison County AL. At that time, Charles was enumerated with his wife Laura and his daughter Vivian in the Whitesburg Precinct 6, "off Green Grove Road". This location places him at the ancestral homesite on pre-arsenal land. Charles is given in 1930 as a farmer, age 43, married at age 24, born in Alabama of parents who were both born in Alabama. Laura D. Woodward is given as age 35, married at age 17, born in Missouri of parents who were both born in Missouri. Their daughter Vivian was listed as age 12.

to research that went into the book from contacts with the Woodward family members:

Notes of telecon of August 15, 2005

With

Evelyn Darwin, Widow of Tyler Darwin

Mrs. Evelyn Darwin related that she and her husband Tyler Darwin personally moved the old Cooper – Lea / Lee – Harris home from Redstone Arsenal in about 1977 to Madison, Alabama. Tyler Darwin is deceased, but he was an expert cabinetmaker and woodworker in general, according to Evelyn. He rented house-moving equipment from the Kennedy Moving Company, and he moved the house from the arsenal himself in two stages. First the bricks were moved, then the remainder of the house was relocated. The house as they got it was constructed of wood planks, not brick. However, the basement was of brick construction. According to Evelyn, the house is supposed to be haunted, with several stories told of seeing a woman (female ghost) on the stairs at various times. She said that Tyler had grown up around the old house in its original location. When asked if he had ever mentioned the existence of more than one tombstone in the nearby cemetery, she said that she was pretty sure that there were no others during their lifetime.

Evelyn and Tyler had decided to move from Huntsville “into the county” in order to get their son out of the city school system and raise him in a more relaxed setting. Their son was about 12 years old when they moved the house, which had 5 fireplaces – two upstairs and three downstairs. They chose the site in Madison to provide the view overlooking Huntsville, so they bought 4 acres there and put the house on it. Stories of the house and its move were published in the Redstone Arsenal newspaper and in the Huntsville newspapers at various times. She credited U. S. Senator John Sparkman and Huntsville Mayor Joe Davis (personal friends of hers) with helping clear away the “red tape” to get the house move accomplished.

Evelyn said that she had some old photos of the house before the move, but most of her historic materials had been loaned to one of her son’s schoolteachers for a special report, and she never got them back. She also said that the local Darwin families are descended from the famous Charles Darwin, who proposed the theory of evolution, and she stated that he was a religious man who had sons in Christian ministry.

*Evelyn further stated that Tyler Darwin’s mother was Edna **Woodward**, of the Woodward family on the pre-arsenal lands. Edna is buried in Maple Hill Cemetery, but the family still considers the **Woodward Cemetery** on the arsenal as “theirs”. She intends to revisit it soon, if her son will escort her there. Tyler’s father (Edna’s husband) was Jeff Darwin,*

and he died in the 1918 great flu epidemic. Tyler died in his 80s, and his mother lived to be 101. Maple Hill Cemetery records (per Old Huntsville Magazine's web page) shows that Edna died January 28, 1989.

Evelyn also mentioned that Huntsville Attorney Fred Simpson interviewed her husband Tyler Darwin extensively for an entire day to learn details of the Woodward girl's murder in Huntsville during the cotton mill days. Mr. Simpson documented the murder details in his book and brought her a complimentary copy after its publication.

*John P. Rankin
103 Madison Avenue
Madison, AL 35758*

Addendum: *Percy Keel says that a Mr. Foster lived in the house after the Darwins. Madison City Attorney Ann Marie Lacy and her husband are the present occupants / owners.*

The 1910 census included the record below for the family of John W. Woodward, after sons Charles and John were no longer living in the household:



Woodward Cemetery, 88-2, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co. AL, April 28, 2003

Son Clyde was the additional child in the 1910 census, given as age 9. Yancy Horton, a known black resident of the pre-arsenal land was enumerated as head of the next household in 1910.

By the time of the 1920 enumeration, John W. Woodward had died, and Sallie as a widow is shown as living in a Meridianville household headed by her widowed daughter Edna (Woodward) Darwin.

STATE Alabama COUNTY Madison TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY Meridianville Precinct NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE X

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
FOURTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1920—POPULATION

E.D. 138 page 8-B ENUMERATED BY ME ON THE 15 DAY OF

PLACE OF BIRTH	NATIVE AND MOTHER TONGUE	FATHER	
		Place of birth	Mother tongue
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Smith, Burton M.	Son	Alabama	Alabama
Mary Bell	Daughter	Alabama	Alabama
Furnell, Johnson	Head	Alabama	Alabama
Sally	Wife	Tennessee	Tennessee
Annice B.	Daughter	Alabama	Alabama
Stevens, William L.	Head	Alabama	Alabama
Lucy Edna	Wife	Alabama	Alabama
Norwin, Leona	Head	Alabama	Alabama
Emmie	Daughter	Alabama	Alabama
Catherine	Daughter	Alabama	Alabama
Emma	Daughter	Alabama	Alabama
John	Son	Alabama	Alabama
John T.	Son	Alabama	Alabama
Marion	Son	Alabama	Alabama
Woodward, Sallie	Mother	Alabama	Alabama
Anderson, Edna	Head	Alabama	Alabama
Charles	Wife	Alabama	Alabama
Edward	Son	Alabama	Alabama
Carter, Corral	Head	Alabama	Alabama
Nancy	Son	Alabama	Alabama
Madison	Son	Alabama	Alabama
Adith	Daughter	Alabama	Alabama
Ernie	Daughter	Alabama	Alabama
Kelley, John	Head	Alabama	Alabama

While all of the census records show that John W. Woodward / Woodard was married to “Sallie”, the probate records after his death consistently referred to his widow as “Emma”. (See inserted probate records below.) It may be that Sallie’s full name was Sarah Emma Bell Woodward, but that is not clearly shown one single record – it must be deduced.

STATE OF ALABAMA,
 MADISON COUNTY,
 TO HONORABLE THOMAS W JONES, JUDGE OF PROBATE HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA,
 We the undersigned commissioners appointed to set apart the homestead as follows:
 We have decided to set apart the dwelling and appurtenances, thereof, and thirty acres, (30A) of ~~land~~, lying across, the front or south end of farm, as follows:
 beginning at S E Corner and running 60 rds, north along line, thence N 80 rods, toward W line, thence S 60 rds, to S line, thence E 80 rds, to point of beginning leaving a right of way 1 rd in width, along W line and containing 30 acres, this is based upon the belief, that the farm is 81 rds, in width running S and N should this not be true, then 30 acres is set aside running across the front or south side, leaving a right of way 1 rd wide, along the west line, This
 15th day of June, 1917.

Respectfully submitted
 J B Fisk,
 H A Bobo,
 F M White

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STATE OF ALABAMA,
MADISON COUNTY.

I J G Woodard, administrator of the estate of G W Woodard, deceased being duly sworn takes oath that the foregoing made by me is a full inventory of all the goods and Chattels, money books, papers and evidenced and debt of the decedent at the time of his death, except the specific personal property, exempt from administration under section 4199 of code, to his widow, and minor children, that has come to my knowledge and possession

J G Woodard,

Sworn to and subscribed before me

This June 1, 1917.

Thos W Jones, Judge of Probate.

Filed June 1, 1917

Thos W Jones, Judge of Probate

PROBATE COURT

STATE OF ALABAMA,
MADISON COUNTY

In the matter of the Estate of J W Woodard, deceased, To J B Fisk, W H Farrell and W F Evans. At a Probate Court held in and for said County- on the 1st day of June, 1917, you were appointed appraisers in for the personal property, of J W Woodard, deceased, this is, therefore, to authorize and require you to appraise the said estate, and reduce said appraisement to writing and return to said court, duly sworn and subscribed by you, within two months from this date.

Thos W Jones, Judge of Probate.

PROBATE COURT

STATE OF ALABAMA,
MADISON COUNTY

In the matter of the estate of J W Woodard, deceased, To th Hon, Thos W Jones, Judge of Probate. Following is our appraisement of the personal estate of the above stated deceased.

cultivator, 60.00, manure spreader, 75.00, new wagon, 50.00, old wagon, 10.00, new buggy and harness, 60.00, old buggy and harness, 5.00, one brown horse 7 yrs old, 125.00, one brown filley 8 years old, 100.00, one dark brown horse, 50.00, one bay Jennie mule, 110.00, one sorrel Jennie mule, 110.00, seven hogs, 101.00, one brindle heifer, 30.00, one Jersey heifer, 20.00, one Jersey Cow, 40.00, one Jersey cow and calf, 50.00, one cotton and corn planter, 5.00, one mower, 15.00, one hay rake, 5.00, one set blacksmith tools, 30.00, one post hole digger, 1.00, 8 bu cotton seed, 31.00, one drag harness, 1075.00, Two double shovels, 3.00, two turning plows, 7.00, one corn sheller, 5.00, one corn scoop, 75, 60 rd of filed fence 36 h in mesh 6 in, 24.00, one baston harrow, 2.00, one disc harrow, 10.00, one pea dropper, 1.00, 5 rd 47 in filed fence in 6 mesh 2.00.

June 15, We J B Fisk, W H Farrell, and W F Evans, has set aside 143 bu Corn and 139 that for the widows, supports. We also claim that real estate is worth more than \$2,000.00

STATE OF ALABAMA,
MADISON COUNTY

We J B Fisk, W H Farrell, W F Evans, duly appointed to appraise the personal estate of J W Woodard, deceased, being duly sworn do depose and say that the foregoing appraisement is true, correct and impartial and unprejudiced appraisement made by us, of all the several articles of goods and chattels, specified in the inventory of the personal estate of said deceased, or that have come to our sight or knowledge that we have personally examined each article and appraised the same, according to our best skill and judgment as it is true value, and have placed such value in figures and cents opposite each article.

J B Fisk,
W H Farrell,
W F Evans, appraisers
J A Galloway, J P

Sworn to and subscribed before me this June, 16th, 1917

Filed June 16th, 1917

Thos W Jones, Judge of Probate

This is to certify that I have this day nominated and appointed my father
Huntsville, May 9th, 1917
P T Sitz to be my guardian. This June, 9th, 1917

Before me a C McCown, Justice of the Peace Turney Sitz appeared and signs her name to the above, appointment of guardian,

Turney Sitz
This 11day of June, 1917.
A C McCown, J P

Witness
W A Speck

Filed June 12, 1917

Thos W Jones, Judge of Probate

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 Probate Court, Book 48
 p. 58-59-58 (1917)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE-BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
FIFTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1930
POPULATION SCHEDULE

Enumeration District No. 4178
Sheet No. 13

State of Alabama County of Madison Precinct No. 1

Enumeration District No. 4178 Sheet No. 13

NAME	AGE	SEX	MARRIAGE	RACE	PLACE OF BIRTH			EDUCATION			SCHOOL ATTENDANCE			REMARKS
					Foreign	Domestic	None	None	Some	High	None	Some	High	
11-1000	10	M	Married	White	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None	None	None	None	None	None	
11-1001	8	F	Married	White	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None	None	None	None	None	None	
11-1002	6	F	Married	White	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None	None	None	None	None	None	
11-1003	4	F	Married	White	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None	None	None	None	None	None	
11-1004	2	F	Married	White	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None	None	None	None	None	None	
11-1005	10	M	Married	White	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None	None	None	None	None	None	
11-1006	8	F	Married	White	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None	None	None	None	None	None	
11-1007	6	F	Married	White	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None	None	None	None	None	None	
11-1008	4	F	Married	White	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None	None	None	None	None	None	
11-1009	2	F	Married	White	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None	None	None	None	None	None	
11-1010	10	M	Married	White	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None	None	None	None	None	None	
11-1011	8	F	Married	White	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None	None	None	None	None	None	
11-1012	6	F	Married	White	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None	None	None	None	None	None	
11-1013	4	F	Married	White	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None	None	None	None	None	None	
11-1014	2	F	Married	White	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None	None	None	None	None	None	
11-1015	10	M	Married	White	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None	None	None	None	None	None	
11-1016	8	F	Married	White	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None	None	None	None	None	None	
11-1017	6	F	Married	White	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None	None	None	None	None	None	
11-1018	4	F	Married	White	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None	None	None	None	None	None	
11-1019	2	F	Married	White	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None	None	None	None	None	None	
11-1020	10	M	Married	White	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None	None	None	None	None	None	
11-1021	8	F	Married	White	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None	None	None	None	None	None	
11-1022	6	F	Married	White	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None	None	None	None	None	None	
11-1023	4	F	Married	White	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None	None	None	None	None	None	
11-1024	2	F	Married	White	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	None	None	None	None	None	None	

Also in 1930, Lee W. Woodward (a son of John W. & Sallie) born in 1898 per the 1900 record was enumerated as living in the Lincoln Village (cottonmill) area. Lee later became the owner of the land around the Woodward Cemetery, when his siblings converted their interest in the property to him in 1935.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 FIFTY-SEVENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES 1950
 POPULATION SCHEDULE

Enumeration District No. 44-17
 Recorder's District No. 2
 Sheet No. 7637

Household No. 11 Street No. 11 Street Name Madison Precinct No. 11

Family Name Woodward Date of Birth 1911 Sex M Race W Marital Status Married Occupation Police Officer

PERSON'S NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD	SEX	AGE	MARRIAGE	MARRIAGE DATE	MARRIAGE PLACE	PLACE OF BIRTH			MOTHER'S PLACE OF BIRTH	MOTHER'S DATE OF BIRTH	MOTHER'S SEX	MOTHER'S RACE	MOTHER'S MARITAL STATUS	MOTHER'S OCCUPATION
							STATE	COUNTY	CITY						
Lee Woodward	Head	M	39	Married	1911	Albany	Albany	Albany	Albany	1871	M	W	Married	Police Officer	
...	

The transition of the land ownership from his siblings to Lee Woodward is given in the deed images provided below:

EDNA DARWIN, ET ALS.
TO DEED
LEE W WOODWARD

MAD. Co. AL
Deed Book 158
Page 472-3 (1935)

State of Alabama
Madison County

This Indenture made and entered into this the 7 day of November, 1935, by and between Edna Darwin, a widow, Annie May Kinnebrugh and her husband Edgar Kinnebrugh, Nellie Eakin and her husband Oliver Eakin, Clyde Woodward, an unmarried man, Charles C Woodward and wife Laura Woodward, and John H Woodward and his wife Alice Woodward, parties of the first part, and Lee W Woodward, party of the second part, all of the County and State aforesaid, Witnesseth:

That the said Edna Darwin, Annie May Kinnebrugh and her husband Edgar Kinnebrugh, Nellie Eakin and husband Oliver Eakin, Clyde Woodward, Charles C Woodward and wife Laura Woodward, and John H Woodward and his wife Alice Woodward, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar, to them cash in hand paid by the said Lee W Woodward and for the further purpose of correcting the error in the description in that certain conveyance dated 18 January, 1926 of record in the office of the Probate Judge of Madison County, Alabama, in Deed Book 123, page 151, have this day given, granted, bargained, sold, conveyed and by these presents do give, grant, bargain, sell, convey and confirm unto the said Lee W Woodward all our right, title and interest in and to that certain tract or parcel of land, lying and being in the County of Madison, State of Alabama, known and described as follows, to wit::

All of the Southwest quarter of Section 28, Township 5, Range 1 West except 6.03 acres in the northeast quarter of said Southwest quarter section; 6.61 acres in the southwest corner of the west half of the southeast quarter of Section 28; ten acres in the northwest part and 18.50 acres off the south side of the northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 33, Township 5 Range 1 West, more particularly described as beginning at the center of the West boundary of said section 28, Township 5, Range 1 west, thence 3 degrees north of east (bearing magnetic point) along quarter section line 40.75 chains to the center of Section 28, thence along north and south quarter section line 3 deg. east of south 6.69 chains to a cedar marked for corner; thence north $88\frac{1}{2}$ degrees west 1.21 chains to a stake; thence south 18 deg and 15 min west 13.39 chains to a pile of stones; thence south 78 deg east 7.00 chains to a pile of stones; thence south $25\frac{1}{2}$ deg East 8.70 chains to a pile of stones a little

west of a peach tree; thence south 13 deg east 11.25 chains to the north boundary of Section 33, township 5 Range 1 West, continued in Section 33 1.89 chains (in all 13.14 chains) to a pile of stones; thence south 59 deg east 3.34 chains to a stake thence south 52 deg east 4.07 chains to a cedar corner at a large tree; thence north 86 deg east 7.50 chains to the southeast corner of tract conveyed to Ruthy Chapman, colored, 5.83 chains to the Hume line and north and south half quarter section line of the northeast quarter of Section 33; thence 3 degrees east of south along same 9.25 chains to the center of said quarter section; thence along the quarter quarter section line 3 degrees south of west 20.37 chains to the north and south quarter section line of said section 33; thence 3 deg west of north 20.00 chains to the south boundary of Section 28; thence along same 3 deg south of west 40.75 chains to the southeast corner of Section 28; thence 3 deg west of North 40.00 chains to the place of beginning, containing 191.60 acres, more or less.

Also all that part of the southeast part of fractional section 33, same township and range, more particularly described as beginning at the center of said section, thence east 20.00 chains to stake on the quarter section line, thence south 10.00 chains to a stake; thence west 10.00 chains to a stake; thence south 10.00 chains to a stake; thence west 10.00 chains to a stake on the north and south quarter section line; thence north 20.00 chains to the beginning and containing 30.00 acres more or less. Also all that part of the southwest part of said fractional section 33 more particularly described as beginning at the center of the east boundary of the southwest fractional part, thence south 10.00 chains; thence west 10.00 chains; thence south 10.00 chains to a stake on the Township line; thence west 10.00 chains thence north 20.00 chains; thence east 20.00 chains to the beginning, and containing 30.00 acres, more or less, and also a roadway connecting the former homestead of Sallie Woodward with the southwest quarter of Section 28, Township five, Range 1 West, said roadway being thirty feet wide and running west along the north side of a forty acre tract now owned by I Schiffman & Company 13.32 chains to the section line, thence north with the section line to the southwest corner of the southwest quarter of said section 28, and containing a total area in all the lands herein described of 251.60 acres, more or less.

To Have And To Hold the tract or parcel of land above described, together with all and singular the rights, privileges, tenements, appurtenances and improvements thereunto belonging in any wise appertaining unto the said Lee & Woodward, and unto his heirs and assigns forever.

In Witness Whereof the said Edna Darwin, a widow, Annie May Kinnebrugh and her husband Edgar Kinnebrugh, Nellie Eakin and her husband Oliver Eakin, Clyde Woodward, an unmarried man, Charles C Woodward and wife Laura Woodward, and John H Woodward and wife Alice Woodward hereunto sign their names and affix their seals on the day and year above written.

Edna Darwin	(SEAL)	Clyde Woodward	(SEAL)
Annie May Kinnebrugh	(SEAL)	Charles C Woodward	(SEAL)
Edgar Kinnebrugh	(SEAL)	Laura Woodward	(SEAL)
Nellie Eakins	(SEAL)	John H Woodward	(SEAL)
Oliver Eakins	(SEAL)	Alice Woodward	(SEAL)

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State of Alabama
Madison County

I, Henrietta R Schiffman a Notary Public in and for said County in said State hereby certify that Edna Darwin a widow, Annie May Kinnebrugh and husband Edgar Kinnebrugh, Nellie Eakin and husband Oliver Eakin, Clyde Woodward, an unmarried man, Charles C Woodward and wife Laura Woodward and John H Woodward and wife Alice Woodward, whose names are signed to the foregoing conveyance, and who are known to me acknowledged before me on this day that being informed of the contents of the conveyance they executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

And I do further certify that on the 7 day of November 1935, came before me the within named Annie May Kinnebrugh, known to me to be the wife of the within named Edgar Kinnebrugh, Nellie Eakin known to me to be the wife of the within named Oliver Eakin, Laura Woodward known to me to be the wife of the within named Charles C Woodward, and Alice Woodward known to me to be the wife of the within named John H Woodward, who being examined separate and apart from their respective husbands, touching their signatures to the within conveyance acknowledged that they signed the same of their own free will and accord, and without fear, constraints or threats on the part of their respective husbands.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand this the 7th day of November 1935.

Henrietta R Schiffman
Notary Public

The land index by G. W. Jones Inc. as provided earlier on page 3 of this report shows that by 1912, James Chapman had also acquired a portion of the land around the cemetery from John W. Woodward and his wife Sallie. Less than a year later, John W. Woodward was deceased, as noted from the census records that were explained earlier and from the specific date on his tombstone.



Woodward Cemetery, 88-2, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co. AL, April 28, 2003

There are no inscribed tombstones in the Woodward Cemetery with a date more recent than that for John W. Woodward. Apparently, his was the last burial in the little family cemetery, so his children must have all survived from 1913 until the government took the land to create the arsenal in the 1940s. Today the cemetery is kept mowed and fenced and in general good shape by the Army's groundskeeping contractor. It stands as a peaceful, if silent, witness to the impact that a determined family of Woodwards had in keeping the land productive and raising their children in a safe environment. Some of their descendants remain in the Huntsville area and may on occasion visit the cemetery of their ancestors.

Prepared by John P. Rankin, January 21, 2005; revised August 16, 2005