



Holding family markers moved to old section Madison City Cem in 1984
Photograph by John P. Rankin.

Land Ownership at the Time of Sale to the Government. At the time the Government took the land, in particular parcel B-52, it was owned by James Holding. The Madison County census records of 1900 list a number of people with the name Holding who lived in this northwest area of what is now the arsenal. The fact that they are enumerated on the same census page indicates they were neighbors. These Holdings were classified as Black. Males born prior to 1860 who were shown as heads of household were Henderson Holding (born in 1851), Levi Holding (born in 1845), and Richard Holding (born in 1855). A sister-in-law (born in 1840) lived there. Mahalia Holding (born in 1840) was listed as a head of household. The census shows the many children and grandchildren of these people.