

NOTE: John Timmons was 55 years old when he died in 1845 (his wife, Catherine had died in 1840 at age 32). Madison County Probate Records (Volume 12, page 30), show that John left his son, William Hardy Simpson, born August 22, 1839, his entire estate. William was six years old. John's will provided "a support" for Margaret Finch "during her natural lifetime" and that she "have charge of my son." To Hughey Finch and his wife, John left "a support," and to any other lawful heirs, he left \$1.00. The will stated that if his son (William H. Timmons) were to die, the property was to be equally divided between Houston H. Lea (Lee), John Simpson, and Henry W. Wall, executors. John Simpson, guardian of William Timmons, took care of him and taught him the trade of blacksmith. He named his own son (William Timmons Simpson) after his ward.



Madison County in 1875. The Timmons Plantation was outlined in red by John Rankin. Map drawn by James H. Mayhew, Strolridge and Company, Cincinnati, Ohio.