

THE WOODWARD FAMILY (PARCELS F-277, F-279, F-294 AND F-195)

This section has three parts: (1) The history of Woodward family and the land ownership of family members, (2) The remembrances of Edith Woodward Price, and (3) The remembrances of her brother, Duncan Woodward. The research for this section began with a telephone interview with Edith Price in April of 2005.



Edith
Woodward
Price

When asked about farming activities, Mrs. Price said her brother had been involved in that and would remember more about it. Duncan Woodward provided a man's perspective of the day and times. However, some questions about the property ownership remained unanswered, such as, how Charles Woodward came to own only a very small parcel of land on the southern boundary of Woodward Cemetery.

Seeking more information that would shed light on the Woodward family, who were members of the Pond Beat community at the time the land was sold to the government, the researcher turned to the cemetery research notes of John P. Rankin. The research he has completed on the Woodward Cemetery takes the Woodward family back to the first ownership of land by a Woodward in Madison County and allows the construction of a more complete picture of the family of Edith and Duncan.

A HISTORY OF WOODWARD FAMILY LAND OWNERSHIP

{The material in this section was drawn from the research notes of John P. Rankin, compiled on CD under the title The Cemeteries of Redstone Arsenal. In many places the material was taken verbatim. However, as John's notes and documentation are extensive, the researcher edited in some places, and, in others, has extracted the portions that focused on the Woodwards who lived on arsenal land, omitting information about those who did not. In some places, the author has added comments of her own. His research notes have been used with his express permission.]

The Earliest Burials of Woodwards on RSA (The Woodward Cemetery)

Location: The Woodward Cemetery in the SE ¼ of Sec. 28, T5S, R1W. This is part of RSA Test Area 5, and the cemetery is located in a field about 150 yards south of Building 8875, and a bit west and north of the southernmost part of Pershing Road.

The Army Real Estate Map documenting land owners/parcels at the time of the sale to the government shows that Woodward Cemetery was a small parcel of land bordered on its south side by an equally small parcel of land owned by Charles Woodward (F-279). These two small parcels are surrounded by Parcel F-278 shown on the Army Real Estate Map to be owned by Mauvaleen Grantland.