

The excerpted e-mail message below reflects the information (and its utility) gathered to date about this old cemetery. The message below was written on Saturday, December 4, 2004.

Percy / Jeanne --

During the Madison Station Historical Society's Christmas dinner Thursday evening, I talked with Sara Whitworth about her family. She was a Landman before marriage and was raised in Huntsville. However, she said that she did not know that there is a Landman Cemetery on the arsenal. I did not press her for details about her family tree, but after I got home, I continued to wonder if she was possibly connected to the Landman Cemetery on the arsenal. By doing some quick on-line census and marriage record checks Friday night and this morning, I have been able to find her lineage back to the William & Frances Landman who are buried in the arsenal's Landman Cemetery.

William and Frances were both from Virginia, and they purchased the land where the cemetery is located (S21-T4S-R1W) from its original owner, Vincent Glass, in 1815. They are Sara's great - great grandparents. I have attached a photograph of Frances' tablet tombstone. William is most certainly buried beside Frances, but there is no inscription on his stone. Frances was **Frances Louise Moore** of Virginia before she married William Landman, according to Dot Johnson's book **THE CEMETERIES OF MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA**, Volume 1 (1971), page 278.

William Landman was born in 1780 and died in early 1829, leaving a will that specifically names only his wife and three of his daughters. The will was witnessed by William Lanier, James W. Allen, and Richard Elliot / Ellett, who were all neighbors and fellow members of Jordan's Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church (2nd or 3rd oldest in north Alabama). James W. Allen was a Methodist Episcopal minister who married a daughter of Rev. William Lanier (a Rev. War patriot -- buried on the arsenal in the Lanier Cemetery very near the Landman Cemetery). The Lanier family is the same as the line of Laniers that eventually settled in Madison, of which Mary Margaret Lanier Long is a member.

The will of William Landman was probated in Madison County on February 10, 1829, specifically stating that William's wife Frances was a widow at that time. The will acknowledges that there were other (unnamed) children, but one that was specifically mentioned is "Lina" (Paulina). She had the tablet tombstone inscribed for her mother Frances. Paulina married Joshua A. Beadle, who was part of a wealthy and historic family on the pre-arsenal lands. The Beadle family included Abraham Beadle, who owned a plantation and at age 78 married Nancy Graham, who was age 17 at the time. (Nancy planned well -- Abraham died two years later, and she got the plantation and expanded it.) The Graham and related Dickson families of the arsenal lands are associated with the Dickson - Rankin Cemetery on the arsenal. The Rankin part of that is connected to my own ancestry.