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Summary Report



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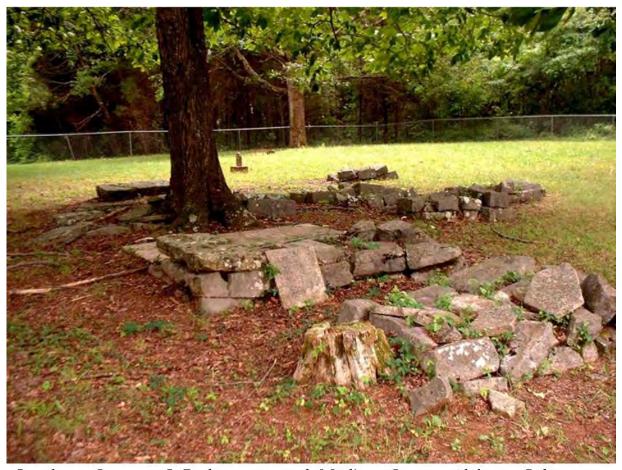


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[Nothing has been found of the Parkhills in Madison County except for two marriage records by men of that surname – but not "J. E." – in the 1860s. There were no Parkhills found in the county in the census records for 1860, 1870, 1910, or 1920. There is also no record of a Parkhill burial in Maple Hill Cemetery.]



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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.

The will of William Landman also names daughter Mary Ann, who married first in 1826 to John P. Turner, a son (or brother?) of Sugars Turner. Sugars Turner was one of the most prolific land purchasers in Madison County, and the records on him will fill several books. Sugars was typically a "security" named in the deeds and other court records for Simon and John Turner, so I suspect that he was their father. Mary Ann married second to John E. Snodgrass, in 1843.

The last of the three daughters specifically mentioned in the will was Frances M. Landman, the daughter of William who married Abram H. Sibley (Sivley) in 1835. A daughter of Frances, Eliza J. Sivley, is shown in the 1850 census as living in the household of John Snodgrass and his wife Mary Ann (Landman), as mentioned above. Mary Ann Landman Turner Snodgrass was a maternal aunt of Eliza. The 1850 census has no entries in Madison County Alabama for either Robert or Frances (Landman) Sibley / Sivley, so it is reasonable to assume that they had both deceased, leaving Eliza with her aunt.

Another daughter of William and Frances was named Harriet. She was not mentioned specifically by name in the will, and she married Hughey Smith in 1824 -- no doubt as a 2nd or 3rd wife in Hughey's old age. As such, Harriet had no need of an inheritance from her father, as she was "very well off" (and well "connected" with county officials) after her marriage. Hughey died around 1850, leaving no living widow, but he was one of the most interesting pioneers that I have researched on the arsenal. His land contains a cemetery where Hughey is most certainly buried (no inscribed tombstones, but it does have significant rock-covered graves), along with no doubt some of the Grantland family that later came into possession of the land. This is the same Grantland family that produced Grantland Rice (a grandson of Henry W. Grantland, who got Hughey's land). Grantland Rice was America's pre-eminent sportscaster and sportswriter during the 1940s and 1950s. He coined the term "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" for the Notre Dame football team's star backfield. Since that time, the "Number 1 College Football Team" in America was annually awarded the Grantland Rice Trophy at the end of each season.

William and Frances had a number of other children (and grandchildren), who married into other equally prominent families of pre-arsenal lands, including the Hughes and the Timmons family. The Timmons Cemetery on the arsenal is truly unique in the area and impressive. There are many more exciting details about connections of the Landman family to other arsenal families, but it would take a large book to write them all. One of the more intriguing is that in at least one census, Sara Landman Whitworth's ancestors lived adjacent to the Lipscomb family on pre-arsenal lands. This same Lipscomb family included John T. Lipscomb at age 20 in the 1850 census. This John T. Lipscomb was an early educator in Madison. He is buried in the Madison City Cemetery and had ties through his wife to the pioneer Cartwright family of old Madison.

Sara's great grandparents were James and Julia (Hatton) Landman. The Hattons were also a very prominent family on the land that is now part of the arsenal. There is a

lot history of that family in this area, but I'm still compiling it into the report that I will eventually file with the Army office that requested my support.

In addition to the Hatton family connection, the Landmans lived beside some of the most influential of Madison County's early settlers. Already mentioned were the Laniers, Beadles, Turners, and Smiths, but perhaps the most influential family that lived "next door" to the Landmans was the Jordan family. Bartholomew Jordan and his sons settled much of the arsenal land, and "Batt" (Bartholomew) Jordan deeded the land for the Methodist Episcopal Church that became known as "Jordan's Chapel" on May 31, 1826. This church had members named William Bibb and James Bibb, members of the family of the Dillard - Bibb Cemetery on Mill Road in Madison. A Dillard also was living close to the Landmans on pre-arsenal lands in early census records. The Rev. William Lanier was likewise a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church (after first being ordained as a Baptist minister), and he had a daughter who married a son of Batt Jordan.

In a similar vein, the 1850 census shows (on page 443) James Landman as heading household number 186, with his wife Julia Hatton Landman. Family number 179 is headed by Samuel Trotman (buried in the Farley - Crutcher Cemetery in Madison), while family number 180 is headed by James H. Pride, the great lawyer and landowner of Madison's early days. Moreover, family number 190 is headed by Mary Shelby (McCrabb) Lanier, widow of a senior Burwell Clinton Lanier (1789 - 1820). Her 1850 household includes her three sons, Isaac Alexander Lanier (1816 - 1894), William H. Lanier (1818 - 1895), and Burwell Clinton Lanier (1820 - 1895), who later moved to the town of Madison to establish the Lanier families of this town. In fact, Burwell C. Lanier's brother Isaac Alexander came to live out his final days with Burwell in Madison, but both are buried in their family cemetery on the arsenal, beside their mother and father.

The James and Julia Hatton Landman mentioned above as Sara's great grandparents had a son James, who was born in February of 1835, per the 1900 census record. However, he shows as age 13 (not 15) in the 1850 census in his parent's household. I suspect that the 1850 record is correct, as it suggests a birthyear of 1836 or 1837 for him, and James' parents took out a marriage license on June 1, 1835, per Madison County Marriage Book 4, page 255.

The James Landman born in 1836 or 1837 married Fannie B. (or M.) Kelly on November 22, 1861, according to Madison County Marriage Book 4-B, page 490. However, again the records show a little difficulty, in that the 1900 census gives Fannie B. Landman's age as 48, stating that she was born in July of 1851. If so, then she was married at age 10. While that is not impossible (I know of an extremely wealthy plantation owner in Natchez MS who married a 9 year old girl about this same period of time), I suspect that either Fannie lied about her age in 1900 or the census-taker simply asked a neighbor for such information while the Landmans were not at home.

In any event, this James and Fannie Landman had a son named Charles T. Landman, shown as age 7 (born in September of 1892) in the 1900 census. His siblings were given

as James H. Jr. (age 30, but still single and living with his parents), Howard (age 22), Harry C. (age 12), and Frank (age 10). Charles T. Landman was the father of Sara Landman Whitworth, according to the data in the 1930 census. That census shows that Sara is the daughter of Charles T. and Sallie Mae Landman. Charles was listed in 1930 as age 37, married in 1924. Sallie Mae was listed as age 30, and it was recorded as the first marriage for each of them.

That concludes my summary of a quick look at Sara's ancestry and connection to the Landman Cemetery on the arsenal. At least I now know that she is indeed connected to the Landman Cemetery and to several others on the arsenal. What is even more interesting to me is the number of connections to other families that settled eventually in the town of Madison. Sara seemed to be destined to leave Huntsville and come here, and I'm glad that she did. She is a superb lady that I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know, and anyone can plainly see her Virginia family roots in her personality. I think it's called "the good breeding of a truly refined Southern lady".

I am sending this message to both of you in the hopes that you will print it and get a copy to Sara, since I don't have an e-mail address for her. Of course, if you do have such an e-mail address, then by all means just forward the message. If I have mixed up the records, perhaps Sara will let me know, but I figured it was too complicated to relate these findings over the telephone. Please contact her and let me know if there is anything further that I can do to expand the record of her family "roots"....

John [Rankin]			

The last will and testament of William Landman is inserted below for historical interests, along with other records that reveal the Landman interconnections with the prominent families of the area in the 1800s. For ease of reading the materials, it will generally be helpful to zoom the view to 200%.

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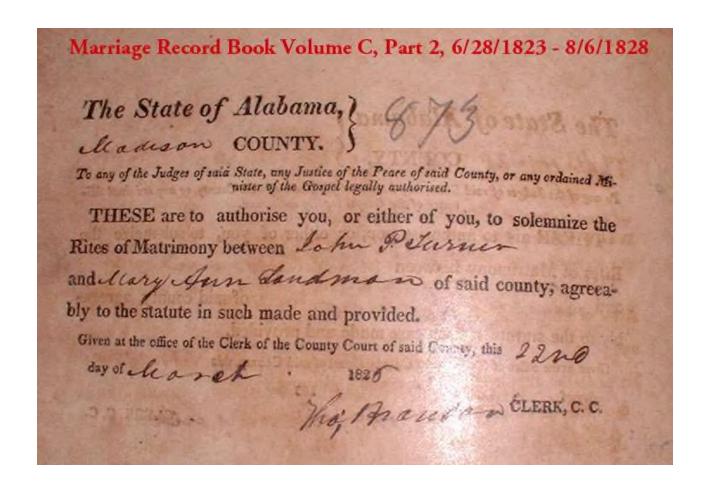
Madison County, Alabama, Last Will & Testament of William Landman, January 24, 1829. [Probate Record Book 4, Page 407]

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Madison County, Alabama, Land Sales, LANDMAN to others.

PETITION TO SELL LAND AND SLAVES (of William Landman, deceased -1829)

STATE OF ALABAMA MADISON COUNTY

PROBATE COURT OF SAID COURT.

The Petition of James Landman, Executor of William Landman dec'd respectfully represents unto Your Honor that all the claims against the estate of the said decedent have been paid.

Your petitioner further represents that the heirs of said decedent are his seven children, to-wit:

D Your petitioner, James Landman, who is a resident of said County and State.

2) William Landman who was a resident of said County and

State, now deceased.

3) Samuel Landman who resides in the County of Lauderdale in said State.

Betsy Landman, who has intermarried with George Simmons and who resides in Lauderdale County in said State.

Francis Landman who has intermarried with Abram H.Sibley, and who resided in said County and State now deceased.

6) Perlina Landman who has intermarried with Joshua H. Beadle,

and who resides in said County and State.
7) George Landman who was a resident of said County and State now deceased.

Your petitioner further states, that the lands of said decedent, consists of the following described parcels, viz: From U.S. God. Dec 10, 1813

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Your petitioner further states that the slaves belonging to said decedent, consist of the following nine in number viz: Jordan, Lucy, Caledonia and her two children Mary and Little Sally Harriett, Egbert, Little Jordan and Wesley.

Your petitioner further states, that the said decedent divided said landsand slaves jointly to his said devisees, but did not ascertain in his will, the respective shares of his said devisees in any such manner as that the same can now be designathed, IN THE MATTER OF THE

IN THE ORPHANS COURT

ESTATE OF

OF

WILLIAM LANDMAN, DECEASED

MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA

File No. 918

Will: Wife Frances

Daughters, Frances, Mary Ann and Lina

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Bond by Frances Landman, the widow for \$10,000.00 with Bondsmen , Wm Baker, James Landman, Richard Elliott and Jason L Jordan

Feb 23, 1829

(Orphans Court Record 4 page 293)

Commissioners appointed to divide the slaves; March 6, 1844 S S Ewing, Isham J Fennell, Jas W Allen, Archibald McDonnell and Wm Matkins

(Orphans Court Record 9 mag 347)

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Slaves sold by Commissioners March 8, 1845 To Francis Sibley - Lucy & child Mariah and Amanda \$825.00 To Geo Landman Heirs - Tom and Caroline Value 905500 To Samuel Landman - Jemima, Ages and Jack Value 1100.00 To James Landman - Joshua & Peter Value 857.00 To Pelina G. Beadle - Dick & Winney Value 1050.00 To Wm Landman - Ben & Jim Value 1025.00 To Mary Ann P. Snodgrass - Henry, Jim & Fanny 1200.00 To Elizabeth Simmons - Jacob & Ann No amount Value (Probate Record 12 page 34)

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Page 2 Petition to sell land and slaves

or be set apart and allotted to them, and that while it is not in conflict with the provisions of said will to sell said lands, or any of them for the purpose of distribution, yet said will gives and slaves no power for any sale thereof for such purpose.

Your petitioner therefore states that the interest of all persons concerned in said lands and slaves will be best promoted by a sale thereof and a distribution of the proceeds among said heirs according to their several rights.

Wherefore your Petitioner prays your Honor to authorize him to sell said lands and slaves for the purpose of making a division of said estate, among said heirs, according to the statute in such cases made and that such proceedings orders and decrees may be had and made in the premises as may be sufficient to effectuate such sale, for said purpose according to law.

(This paper is the only paper found in the envelope in the files here in Madison County, Alabama. The other records were taken from the Critical Court Record and Probate Court Record Books)

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[Exception specifies location of the Landman I Cemetery / 34 - 1]

The lack of inscribed tombstones in the Landman Cemetery belies its significance to the pioneer days of the arsenal lands. The Landman family was intertwined with many of the prominent landowners of earliest settlement of the area, and many of their descendants live in the region to this day.

Prepared by John P. Rankin, August 28, 2005