

seems pretty safe to conclude that the cemetery known today as the Williams – Scott Cemetery was in fact the first cemetery associated with the Methodist Episcopal Church that later moved and became Jordan’s Chapel.

The only marriage records from the on-line index published for the 1800s on the website of the Madison County Records Center that could suggest a possible link of families named Scott or Williams to the early owners of the land around the cemetery are:

Scott, James	Beadle, Nancy	Vol. 2 p. 308	02 Jul 1819
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(Abraham Beadle was not one of the owners of the land in Section 22, but he did live nearby, as shown in the 1830 census record given earlier, where Abraham was next door to Thomas A. Scott. It is also known that Abraham Beadle and his kinsmen of that surname lived near the Matkin Cemetery.) The only Williams connection to the surnames of early owners of land around the Williams – Scott Cemetery was for a Williams bride to a Fennell groom in 1839:

Fennell, Wyley	Williams, Mahulda	Vol. 4 p. 507	28 Oct 1839
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In fact, the only association of the William name with the cemetery comes from a notation by Dot Johnson in her book about the cemeteries of Madison County (Volume I), where on page 281 she describes this cemetery. At that point, she explained that a “...TVA map refers to this well cared for, fenced graveyard as the Williams Cemetery, however, the only stone was that of Mrs. Scott. There appeared to be numerous unmarked graves in this very old plot.” In other words, there were no stones inscribed for Williams or any surname other than Scott when Dot investigated the cemetery in the late 1960s or early 1970. The TVA map may have noted the name of the cemetery as the “Williams Cemetery” simply due to a current owner’s name, perhaps in the early 1900s. Of course, there may well have been tombstones with the Williams name at some time in this cemetery, since apparently stones have disappeared from the site through time.