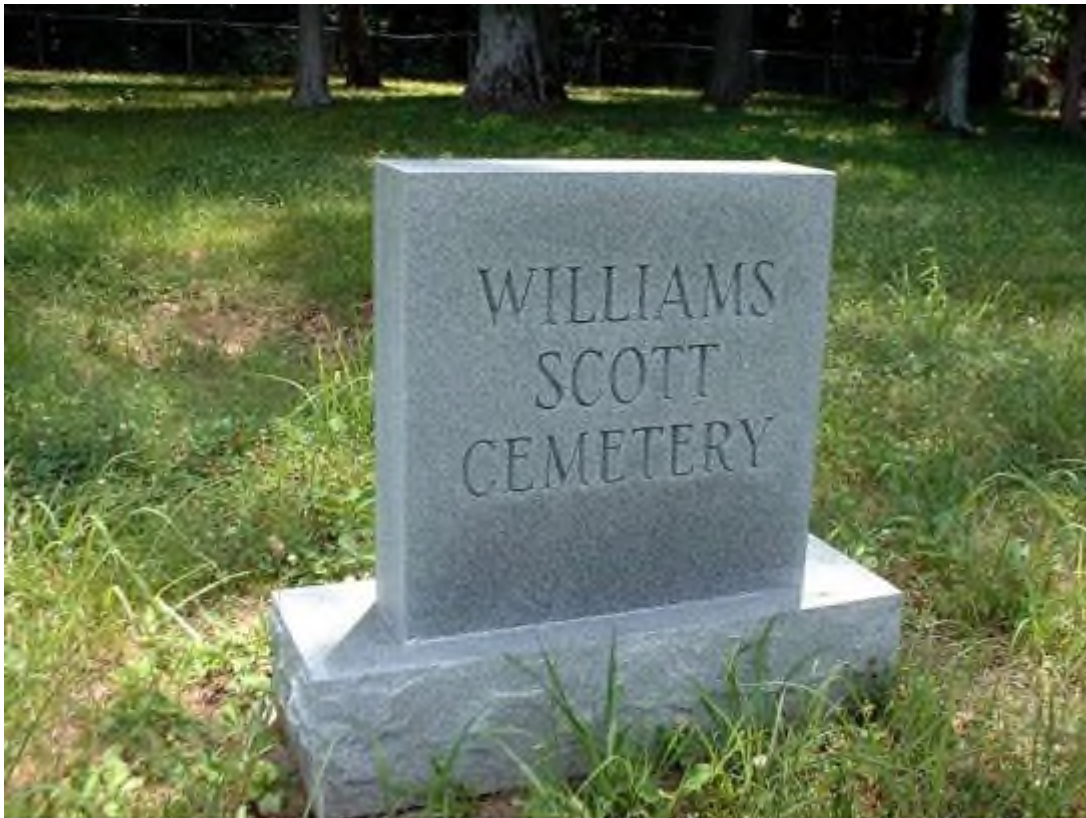


# WILLIAMS – SCOTT CEMETERY, 37 – 1

## Summary Report



**Williams - Scott Cemetery, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co., AL, June, 2002.**

This is another arsenal cemetery with no individual tombstones. The first impression upon a visit is that it must be another slave cemetery. However, a check of historical data indicates otherwise. While older reports do relate burials of non-slaves, that does of itself does not exclude slave burials as well in the cemetery. The problem is the consistent assumption that lack of tombstones indicates a slave cemetery, as opposed to the disappearance of previously known and documented tombstones from various cemeteries. Such is the case here.



**Williams - Scott Cemetery, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co., AL, June, 2002.**

This cemetery has no grave markers. The monument in the cemetery is engraved with the name of the cemetery and no individuals. The overall dimensions of the cemetery are about 100 ft X about 80 ft. It has several sunken areas, but they are all rounded, so are likely to be rootball holes of felled trees.

The cemetery is located in the NW/4 of S22-T4S-R1W. It is about 200 yards east of Patton Road, at the east end of Aerobee Road in the SE corner of an athletic field near the Fitness Center. Dorothy Scott Johnson's book, CEMETERIES OF MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA, VOL. I, 1971, included one grave marker. That marker was for ELIZABETH D. SCOTT, with an inscription that read: "In memory of Elizabeth D. Scott, consort of Thomas A. Scott, died March 3rd, 1839 in the 54th year of her age." Mrs. Johnson also noted that there were "...numerous unmarked graves in this very old plot."





**Williams - Scott Cemetery, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co., AL, June, 2002.**

(View from of the northwest corner of the cemetery perimeter)



**Williams - Scott Cemetery, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co., AL, June, 2002.**

(View of the western fence perimeter and entrance gate)

With the only clue to burials being that for Elizabeth Scott, “Consort {wife who died before her husband} of Thomas A. Scott”, as reported in Mrs. Johnson’s 1971 book, the census record was checked for Thomas A. Scott. The 1840 census was first checked, since it was closest in time to her burial and since only heads of households were listed by name in the 1830 census (as well as all other censuses before 1850). However, Thomas Scott (or any variant of his name) was not found in the 1840 census. Therefore, the 1830 census was checked for his name. The 1830 findings are shown below:





likewise would seem that Thomas himself would be the male aged 40 – 50, with probably a son aged 20 – 30 and either a daughter or granddaughter aged 0 - 5 still at home. As shown by the extended page below, the family owned no slaves.

*H. Clifton* by the Marshal of the Northern (District (or Territory) of *Ala*

SLAVES										FREE COLORED PERSONS										TOTAL	TOTAL
MALES					FEMALES					MALES					FEMALES						
Under 10 years of age	10 to 24	25 to 49	50 to 99	100, & over	Under 10 years of age	10 to 24	25 to 49	50 to 99	100, & over	Under 10 years of age	10 to 24	25 to 49	50 to 99	100, & over	Under 10 years of age	10 to 24	25 to 49	50 to 99	100, & over		
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	13	9	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	11878	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1											6	
5	3				6	3	3	2												37	
7	2				4	3	4	1												39	
1	1	1	1		1	3	1	1												15	
1	1	1	1		1	2														10	
2	1	1			10	2	4													34	
					1															4	
4	3				2	2														20	
																				6	
1					1															4	
																				10	
5					3	3	1	1												5	
1	1				1	1														18	
3	2				4	1		1												12	
																				4	
																				13	
					(No Slaves)															4	
																				10	
3	1				4	2	2													9	
1	4	2				1	1													17	
4	2	5			4	4	3													11	
																				33	
																				11	
																				6	
																				4	
																				5	
																				2	
					1					16	4	13	9	5	5	3	9	4	6	12,236	1

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Thomas A. Scott (Total Household)



The 1820 census for Madison County was lost and is not in existence today, so it cannot be checked. Likewise, there is no 1810 census, as the area was not a state at that time. There was a January 1809 territorial census, but there is no entry in it for a Thomas Scott. As a last resort, the 1850 census was also checked, and there was a Thomas A. Scott listed that seems to approximately “fit”:

**SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in** 3d District **in the County of** Madison **State** 87  
**of** Alabama **enumerated by me, on the** 4<sup>th</sup> **day of** November **1850.** W. H. Harris, Ass't Marshal 43

Dwelling-house in order of visitation.	Family numbered in the order of visitation.	The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	DESCRIPTION.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned.	PLACE OF BIRTH. Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.			
			Age.	Sex.	White, black, or colored.				MARRIED within the year.	Attended school within the year.	Persons over 20 years of age who cannot read & write.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		<u>Ana E. Thomas</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>F</u>				<u>Alabama</u>				
<u>88</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>Michael H. Farley</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>M</u>		<u>Farmer</u>		<u>Alabama</u>				
<u>89</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>Thomas A. Scott</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>M</u>		<u>Press Maker</u>		<u>S Carolina</u>				
<u>90</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>William B. Williams</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>M</u>		<u>Farmer</u>		<u>S Carolina</u>				
		<u>Martha A. "</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>F</u>				<u>Alabama</u>				
		<u>Daria M. "</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>M</u>				<u>Alabama</u>				
<u>91</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>Lewis S. Slaughter</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>M</u>		<u>Farmer</u>		<u>Georgia</u>				
		<u>Sarah "</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>F</u>				<u>Georgia</u>				
		<u>Allen M. "</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>M</u>				<u>Alabama</u>				
		<u>Sarah "</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>F</u>				<u>Alabama</u>				
		<u>Elijah "</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>M</u>				<u>Idaho</u>				
		<u>Mary Ann</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>F</u>				<u>Idaho</u>				
<u>92</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>John H. Colift</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>M</u>		<u>Farmer</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>Alabama</u>				
		<u>Mary Colift</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>F</u>				<u>Tennessee</u>				
		<u>Francis M. "</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>M</u>				<u>Alabama</u>				
		<u>Nancy E. "</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>F</u>				<u>Idaho</u>				
		<u>Martha D. "</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>F</u>				<u>Idaho</u>				
		<u>Mary L. "</u>	<u>1/2</u>	<u>F</u>				<u>Idaho</u>				

The above Thomas A. Scott was listed as age 57 in 1850. That would make him age 37 in the 1830 census, but that record showed Thomas A. Scott as aged 40 – 50. Still, the discrepancy is small, so it is likely that the 1850 and the 1830 listings are for the same man. He must have been missed by the census takers in the 1840 exercise. The Thomas Scott of 1850 is not living in the area near the cemetery, as his is listed among known residents of the area that is now the northern fringe of the town of Madison.

TOWNSHIP 4 South		RANGE 1 West		HUNTSVILLE MERIDIAN			
DESCRIPTION OF THE TRACT		AREA		UNITED STATES TITLE	Date of Sale	Number of	Date of
PART OF SECTION	Section	Acres	100ths	TO WHOM SOLD OR GRANTED	Location or Grant	Certificate or Warrant	Military Act

Page 42 continued					4 Oct 1834		
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	16	39.92 $\frac{1}{2}$		James Clemens	" " "		
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	39.92 $\frac{1}{2}$		" "	" " "		
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	39.92 $\frac{1}{2}$		" "	" " "		
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	39.92 $\frac{1}{2}$		" "	" " "		
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	39.92 $\frac{1}{2}$		" "	" " "		
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	39.92 $\frac{1}{2}$		" "	" " "		
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	39.92 $\frac{1}{2}$		" "	" " "		
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	39.92 $\frac{1}{2}$		" "	" " "		
*Last 8 entries in Vol. C, pp 318-320							
	17	644.00					
North East $\frac{1}{4}$	"	161.00		Thomas Caines/Carnes, Asse	3 Nov 1815		1171
North West $\frac{1}{4}$	"	161.00		Spencer Ball & Isaac Wallingsford	21 Nov 1814		1013
South East $\frac{1}{4}$	"	161.00		William Weedon	15 Sep 1830		2863
South West $\frac{1}{4}$	"	161.00		James Manning, Asse	25 Jun 1831		865
	18	{386.16		East of Boundary Line			
		{284.14		West of Boundary Line			
Frac E of Bdy Line	"	386.16		James Manning, Asse	18 Sep 1809		381
Frac W of Bdy Line	"	284.14		James Manning, Asse	2 Feb 1818		857
Page 43	19	{27.24		East of Indian Boundary Line			
		{611.61		West of Indian Boundary Line			
Frac E of B Line	"	27.24		James Manning, Asse	13 Jan 1818		856
Frac W of B Line	"	611.61		Heirs of Frederick W. James & James Manning, Asse	2 Feb 1818		44
	20	{544.44		East of Indian Boundary Line			
		{99.45		West of Indian Boundary Line			
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	40.00		blank	blank		blank
				David Dickey	4 Jul 1814		107
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	40.00		Hugh Graham	22 May 1833		6219
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	80.00		John G. Jordan	27 Jun 1835		8325
NW frac	"	80.00		William Allison	2 Apr 1832		4833
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	40.00		Thomas Allen Scott	5 Oct 1832		5478
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	40.00		James J. Donegan	18 Apr 1855		24160
				John Cunningham	4 Jul 1814		107
				overwritten with: assigned to John Humphries	6 Aug 1811		569
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	40.00		Hugh Graham	25 May 1878		blank
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	40.00		George Mason	17 Feb 1834		7090
SW frac	"	144.44		John Rope Bolling: Eldridge	7 Apr 1832		4836
Frac W of Bdy	"	99.45		State	23 May 1828		
				*River Impts W.T. Bolling	23 Jul 1830		
	21	640.00					
North East $\frac{1}{4}$	"	160.00		Vincent Glass, Asse	17 Apr 1810		498
North West $\frac{1}{4}$	"	160.00		William Landmoird	10 Dec 1813		782
South East $\frac{1}{4}$	"	160.00		W. C. Dunn	29 Aug 1809	(no cert.)	
South West $\frac{1}{4}$	"	160.00		John McCutchen	24 Apr 1811		503
Page 44	22	642.80					
North East $\frac{1}{4}$	"	160.70		Archibald McDonnell, Asse	29 Aug 1809		86
North West $\frac{1}{4}$	"	160.70		Richard Elliott, Asse	29 Aug 1809		635
South East $\frac{1}{4}$	"	160.70		John Couch	29 Aug 1809		173
South West $\frac{1}{4}$	"	160.70		John Baker, Asse	19 May 1810		958
	23	642.80					
North East $\frac{1}{4}$	"	160.70		Joseph Acklin	29 Aug 1809		696
North West $\frac{1}{4}$	"	160.70		W. Pope, Jr., Asse	29 Aug 1809		686

Information in script appears on the copy from the office of the Secretary of State of Alabama.

FUND	STATE TITLE	WHEN CONVEYED	Number of State Transfer or Conveyance	WHERE RECORDED		MEMORANDUM
				VOL.	PAGE	
	TO WHOM CONVEYED					



The above "old land records" show that Richard Elliot (also often found as "Ellett") was the original purchaser in August of 1809 of the NW/4 of S22-T4-R1W. In 1839 he divested his interest in the land which contains the cemetery in favor of Archibald McDaniel. It is almost certain that Archibald McDaniel is in fact Archibald McDonnell, who appears quite often in the historical land transactions of the immediate area around the cemetery. A few of the McDonnell transactions are shown below in the "INDEX TO LANDS":

INDEX TO LANDS													
Section 22		Township 4		South of Range 1 West		Madison County, Alabama.							
G. W. JONES & SONS													
BOOK	PAGE	Kind of Sale	SUB No.	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	DATE of INSTRUMENT	DATE FILED	N E 1/4		N W 1/4		S E 1/4	
								SE	SW	SE	SW	SE	SW
A	210	D		Cotuh, John & Nancy	Jackson, Isaac	1818							
G	221	D		Lanfard, Robt & Ann C	E & Church	1821			Y				
K	122	D		Jacobs, J	Jones, Albert H & Dallas J	1824							Y
L	241	D of Tr		Syer, Justin	Best, Aaron Sr	1827							
M	222	D of Tr Sat		Baker, William et al	Wood, James	1829							Y
N	225	D of Tr Sat		Baker, Abraham et al	Hatkins, Miles & Jr et al	1829							Y
P	534	D		Lewis, Mary J	Spencer, William	1829							Y
R	220	D		Ellett, Richard & E	McDaniel, Archibald	1829			Y				
S	173	D		Baker, Jn & Ador et al	Hatkins, William	1826							Y
T	405	D		Hatkins, Wm & Margaret A	Davis, George "	1824							Y
V	699	D		Jennett, J & Dead by Leg	McDonnell, Archib	1825							Y
W	224	D		Harrison, Robt C	Lester, Isaac & S C	1826							Y
AA	685	D		Paris, Geo W & Mary B	Reising, Richard	1826							Y
AB	404	D		Paris, George W & Mary B	Tr of Assembly A. Rowan	1826							Y
AC	220	D		Harrison, Robt C	Furrell, John I	1828							Y
AD	621	D		Jones, Albert H & Rebecca	Jones, Dallas J	1827							Y
AE	200	D		Ames, Maria & by Acty	Jones, Dallas J	1827							Y
AF	566	D		McDonnell, Archib & Mary	Jones, Dallas "	1827			Y				Y
AG	216	Mig Sat		Frump, Joseph	Jones, Dallas J	1829							Y
AH	314	D		Jones, D & Rebecca	Frump, Joseph	1829							Y
AI	421	Mig Sat		McClosky, Wm M & Isabella	Hindley, Mary &	1870							Y
AJ	170	D		Holding, Wm M et al	McClosky, Wm M	1870							Y
AK	275	Mig Sat		Frump, Joseph	McDonnell, Archibald	1873							Y
AL	92	Mig		McClosky, Jennie & Isabella	Callery, James & Company	1872							Y
AM	209	D		McClosky, Isabella et al	Callery, James	1872							Y
AN	149	D		Frump, Joseph	Garrie & Levison	1879							Y
AO	204	D		Frump, Joseph	Frump, Agnes	1880							Y
AP	432	D		Callery, James & Byas B	McClosky, Isabella	1881							Y
AQ	387	D		McDonnell, Henry et al	McDonnell, James &	1883			Y				Y
					McDonnell, John K	1883				Y			Y

The transitions of ownership for the NW/4 of Section 22 show that in 1867 Archibald McDonnell sold the land to Dallas J. Jones (see the Summary Report for the Jones Cemetery, 37-5). Other owners of land in the NW/4 included Robert C. Harrison, Isaac Alexander Lanier, and Isham J. Fennell, for times before the Civil War. However, it should also be noted that **Thomas Allen Scott** purchased 40 acres in October of 1832 as the NE/4 of the SE/4 of Section **20**, Township 4, Range 1 West. This land is just over a mile west of the cemetery in the NW/4 of Section 22. It is today found to the west and the south of the western end of Gray Road, very near the Landman Cemeteries.

The Landman Cemeteries were apparently used exclusively for the Landman family, or one would expect that perhaps Thomas Scott would have buried his wife Elizabeth there, in the nearest cemetery, since he did not bury her on his own land. However, there is another likely explanation of the reason that Elizabeth Scott was buried in the Williams – Scott Cemetery over a mile further away. Note that the 2<sup>nd</sup> line of entries in the **INDEX TO LANDS** above for Section 22 was for Robert and Ann C. Lanford to a Methodist Episcopal Church in the NW/4. How Robert Lanford came to own any land in the NW/4 of Section 22 is not shown, apparently being one of the deeds lost to the poor recording practices of the early days. In any event, research done while investigating the location of the Jordan’s Chapel Cemetery (and therefore the associated Jordan’s Chapel site) revealed that the original location of the Methodist Episcopal Church that became known as Jordan’s Chapel was in fact on land owned by Robert Lanford. This land was in the NW/4 of Section 22, Township 4, Range 1 West. (For exhaustive additional detail about Jordan’s Chapel and its cemetery, see the Jordan’s Chapel Cemetery files on the CD-ROM supplied to the Army’s Environmental Management offices or the copy of same supplied to the Huntsville – Madison County Public Library’s Heritage Room.)

Since the **INDEX TO LANDS** showed no entry for a Williams family to have owned land in Section 22, just as there was no ownership by Thomas A. Scott there, it brings into question why families of these names would have used a cemetery other than on their own lands. With the establishment of nearby community cemeteries not yet accomplished in this area in the early 1800s, the only other reason known for “remote” burials off of a landowner’s property was to use a church cemetery. There is no known blood or marriage relationship between any Scott or Williams family to the known family names that owned the land of the NW/4 of Section 22, so it



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:

<a href="#">Scott, James</a>	<a href="#">Beadle, Nancy</a>	<a href="#">Vol. 2 p. 308</a>	<a href="#">02 Jul 1819</a>
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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:

<a href="#">Fennell, Wyley</a>	<a href="#">Williams, Mahulda</a>	<a href="#">Vol. 4 p. 507</a>	<a href="#">28 Oct 1839</a>
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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.

While the Methodist Episcopal Church was meeting on the Lanford land in Section 22 in the early 1820s, it had no other known name. Therefore, there is nothing other than the “**Methodist Episcopal Church Cemetery**” or the “**Lanford – MEC Cemetery**” that could be suggested to more properly replace the Williams – Scott name for the cemetery. After meeting for a period of about 6 years on the Lanford land, the church moved to a “more suitable” site on Bartholomew Jordan’s land. The parcel that “Batt” Jordan deeded to the church, which thereafter became known as Jordan’s Chapel, was located in Sections 4 and 9 of Township 4, Range 1 West. The little cemetery that became the Chapel’s burial place and gravesite of Bartholomew Jordan himself, is today believed to be located on the eastern edge of the grounds of Morris Elementary School, just at the fence to the Botanical Gardens property on the south side of Bob Wallace Avenue. The site of the Chapel itself is thought to be on the north side of Bob Wallace Avenue, about 200 to 300 yards north of the cemetery site. However, before the church relocated to this area in the late 1820s, it would have likely established a cemetery for the 6 years at its original location in Section 22, the Robert Lanford site. When the church left the site, the cemetery probably became a “de facto” community cemetery and continued in use. It is considered very likely that what is called the Williams – Scott Cemetery was originally the Methodist Episcopal Church Cemetery, and not a single family cemetery at all.

Prepared by John P. Rankin, September 6, 2005

(Digital photos of the deeds for the Lanford and the Jordan lands to the Methodist Episcopal Church are shown below for reference.)





consideration of the sum of one dollar to them in hand paid at and upon the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have given, granted, bargained, sold, released, confirmed and conveyed and by these presents do give grant bargain, sell, release, confirm and convey unto the said William Lander Robert Sanford, James Bibb, William Bibb, Loyd apday James Bellard, Call Jordan, James Sharp and William Blake and their successors (Trustees in Trust for the uses and purposes herein after mentioned) all the right title interest claim and demand and whatever, which he the said Robert Sanford and Ann his Wife, have to a certain Lot or piece of ground, situated, lying and being in the County as aforesaid being part of the Land whereon the said Robert Sanford and his Wife now resides and estimated at one Acre more or less and is bounded as follows, to wit, beginning at a corner Rock, North thence running 70 yards West to a corner Rock thence 70 yards South to a corner Red Oak thence East 70 yards to a White Oak corner thence 70 yards North the beginning with all and singular the houses, woods, Waters ways priviledges and appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining, To have to hold all and singular the above mentioned and described Lot or piece of ground situated as aforesaid together with all and singular the houses Woods, Waters, Ways and priviledges thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto them the said Trustees and their successors in office forever in Trust, they shall erect and build or cause to be erected and built thereon a house or place of Worship for the use of the Members of the Methodist Episcopal Church according to the Rules and discipline of said Church which from time to time may be agreed upon and adopted by the Members and preachers of the said Church at their general conferences in the United States of America, and in future trust and confidence that they shall at all times, forever hereafter permit such members and preachers belonging to the said Church as shall from time to time be duly authorized by the general conferences of the members and preachers of the said Methodist Episcopal Church or by the yearly conferences, authorized by the said general conferences and none others to preach and expound Gods holy word therein and in further Trust and confidence that as often as any one or more of the Trustees herein before mentioned, shall die then and in such case it shall be the duty of the standing Minister or preacher who shall have the pastoral charge of the members of the said Church to call a meeting of the remaining Trustees

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and when so met the said Minister or preacher shall proceed to nominate one or more persons to fill the place or places of him or them whose office or offices has (or have) been vacated as aforesaid: the said Robert Lanford and his Wife Ann b Lanford do by these presents warrant and forever defend, all and singular the before mentioned and describes Lot or piece of ground with the appurtenances thereto belonging to them the said William Lanier Robert Lanford, James Pibb, William Pibb, Loyd Elday James Pollard, Bott Jordan James Sharp and William Blake and their successors chosen and appointed as aforesaid from the claim or claims of him the said Robert Lanford, and Ann b, his wife their heirs and assigns; and from the claim or claims of all persons whatever; In Testimony whereof the said Robert Lanford and Ann b, his Wife have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year aforesaid

signed sealed and delivered  
in presents of us

Robert Lanford *Seal*  
Ann b Lanford *Seal*

State of Alabama, Personally appeared before me Thomas Brandon  
Madison County, Clerk of the County Court for said County  
Robert Lanford whose name is subscribed to the foregoing deed of conveyance and acknowledged the signing sealing and delivery of the same to the Trustees aforesaid for the purposes therein named on the day of its date; also on the same day I exhibited said deed to Ann b Lanford Wife of the said Robert Lanford, whose name is likewise subscribed thereto who on a private examination separate and apart from her husband acknowledged that she signed sealed and delivered the same to the said Trustees for the purposes therein expressed on the day of its date, freely voluntarily without fear threats or compulsion of her said husband; Given under my hand and seal at office in said County the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 1821

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Thos Brandon *Seal*  
The foregoing deed of conveyance was delivered into this office to be recorded the 2<sup>7</sup><sup>th</sup> day of December 1820 which was duly done the 2<sup>8</sup><sup>th</sup> day of March 1821  
Thos Brandon *Seal*



314 ~~State of Alabama. Circuit Court of Madison County. At the first  
 term held on the first Monday after the fourth Monday in April  
 1826 and on of course on certain personal property exhibited the  
 tenth day of May 1826 by these stocks to Edward G. Lewis  
 for the benefit of Anthony B. Hester and this day foreman in  
 then court and the execution thereof for the purposes therein express  
 as here only submitted to the said stocks and the  
 and Anthony B. Hester the subsequent part of the same was  
 to be copied for registration. A true copy from the minutes  
 of the Court Clerk be~~

~~The foregoing said of such was returned into this office to be recorded  
 the 30th day of July 1826 which is only done the same day and made  
 Thomas B. Hester~~

**Batt Jordan**

This Indenture made 30th day of May 1826 between  
 Batt Jordan of the County of Madison State of Ala  
 bama of the one part, and Holt Sanford W Blake Henry  
 Jordan Liza Jordan Nicholas Hester W Ellison W Bitt and Le Thompson  
 son of the County and State aforesaid of the other part, for the use and  
 purpose herein after mentioned - Witnesseth that the said Batt Jordan for  
 in consideration of the sum of one dollar to him in hand paid the receipt  
 being acknowledged here this my bargain and sale above and engaged me  
 by these presents to bargain sell and convey unto the said Holt Sanford W Blake  
 Henry Jordan Liza Jordan Nicholas Hester W Ellison W Bitt and Le Thompson  
 and their heirs or assigns in trust forever a certain lot or parcel of  
 ground lying & being in the County State of aforesaid being part of the  
 land which the said Batt Jordan now owns and retains at one acre  
 more or less and is bounded as follows, to wit beginning at a rock on the  
 line of Ellison Jordan running one mile 73 yards to a white oak on point  
 the meeting corner which is made for right line to a corner rock three and a  
 half miles between a corner post oak which are made one line to another corner oak  
 three and 73 yards to another corner stone corner by a red oak which was  
 a side line then east to the beginning to have had to hold the same double  
 lot or parcel of land with the tenements and appurtenances thereto belong  
 or in any wise appertaining unto the said Holt Sanford W Blake Henry Jordan  
 Liza Jordan Nicholas Hester W Ellison W Bitt and Le Thompson  
 and their heirs or assigns forever in full and they shall sell and have  
 or cause to be erected and built on the said land a house of masonry  
 - shop for the use of the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and  
 come to the site and occupation of said church - and the said Batt  
 Jordan for himself his heirs and assigns and administrators executors and  
 assigns unto the said Holt Sanford W Blake Henry Jordan  
 Nicholas Hester W Ellison W Bitt and Le Thompson and their heirs  
 forever - In testimony whereof the said Batt Jordan has hereunto set his  
 hand and seal the day and date above written Batt Jordan  
 by Joseph G. Smith  
 John Ware

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315 State of Alabama Personally appeared before me Thomas Bronson clerk of  
Madison County in the County Court of said County Batt Jordan whose name  
is subscribed to the foregoing deed of conveyance and acknowledged the signing  
sealing and delivery of the same for the purposes therein expressed on  
the day of its date. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and  
seal this 7th day of August 1826. Thomas Bronson (Seal)

The foregoing deed of conveyance was delivered into this office to be  
recorded the 1st day of August 1826 which is duly done the same day  
and date. Thomas Bronson (Seal)

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