

The cemetery is small, encompassing enough area to hold perhaps 80 close-spaced graves, but there is evidence of only a couple of definite grave depressions. There is a recently-installed marker near the gate to denote the cemetery name. No obvious field stones to mark graves were located. The chain link fence around the cemetery was found to be in good condition as of December 16, 2002. The name “Madkin” is considered to be a variant spelling (from phonetics or possibly from a deliberate separate spelling of the names taken by freed slaves after the Civil War to distinguish them from the spelling of the surname of the white former slave owners) of the more established name “Matkin”. (See the Matkin Cemetery 37-3 report for a history of the white family by that name, who may well have been the owners of slaves buried in the nearby Madkin Cemetery.)

Overviews of the Madkin Cemetery are provided below:



Madkin Cemetery, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co. AL, 37-2.