



**MATKIN CEMETERY (37-3), Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co. AL, December 16, 2002.**

The Matkin Cemetery on Redstone Arsenal may well be filled with graves of various members of the family and even some of the slaves of the early period. With no markers to tell the story, only conjecture can be used. The missing obelisk may never have been purchased and installed on the base near the middle of the cemetery. The obelisk that has no inscription was probably intended for William Matkin himself or some other close family member, but the newspaper article only indicates that William Blunt Matkin, who died in 1849 (same year as Margaret, wife of a William Matkin who appeared in the census as late as 1870) is buried there, in addition to those for whom markers are found now.

In any event, the Matkin families left a legacy in the area, both through their own direct descendants and through the families of the freed slaves that were brought to work their lands. In the Huntsville area telephone directory for the year 2002, there are 4 Matkin entries plus 1 Matkin, 1 Madkin, 1 Madkins, and 1 Madkims. By marriage, the family was interwoven into the