



McDonnell Cemetery, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co., AL, June, 2002.

To the right is the access road, lightly gravelled, from Hipar Road. The access road goes about 175 yards from Hipar Road to the cemetery. Gate is at left of this view from within the cemetery. The cemetery is noted in Dorothy Scott Johnson's book CEMETERIES OF MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA, VOL. I (1971) as a colored (former slave?) cemetery. She did not inventory it. It's location is NE/4, S22-T4S-R1W. It may hold around 500 graves.

Dorothy Scott Johnson would have had no way to inventory this cemetery, since it has no tombstones at all. It appears to be a very old cemetery, considering all of the deeply sunken grave depressions. There is no evidence of any recent burials. Therefore, it could well be an old slave cemetery. The Army has erected and maintained a good chain link fence around the cemetery and affixed a sign with the name, probably based upon old records from when the Army got the land to create the arsenal.