

The 1821 deed by Robert and Ann C. Lanford to the Methodist Episcopal Church was for the initial location of what became known a few years later as Jordan's Chapel. The name was given when the church abandoned the site in the NW/4 of this land section to move to a site donated by church trustee Bartholomew Jordan, near the current Botanical Gardens on Bob Wallace Avenue in Huntsville. However, for the few years that the church met on the Lanford lands, it was very near the McDonnell Cemetery (as well as the Matkin and the Madkin Cemeteries), so if the church had black members, it is possible that the cemetery was also used as a church cemetery for the time. One of the connections of the McDonnell family to the nearby Matkin family is shown in the marriage license below:

