## JORDAN CEMETERY, 45-1

## Summary Report



JORDAN CEMETERY, 45-1, Redstone Arsenal, Madison County, AL 12-16-02.

This cemetery is located on the southwest side of Mariner Road, just east of Dodd Road. In fact, it is near the northern end of Mariner Road, less than a quarter mile from Mariner's junction with Dodd. There is a gate at that junction, Gate C-14. However, the gate is kept locked to control access to this hazardous test area operated by Marshall Space Flight Center. Access can be gained via the control point at the guardhouse a mile south of C-14 on

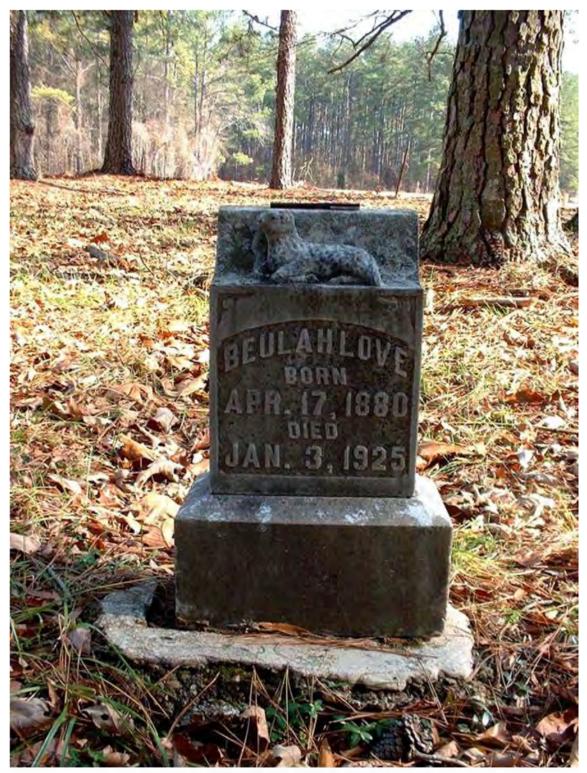
Dodd Road. Upon issuance of a gate pass, one can drive into the controlled area (assuming there is no hazardous testing in progress in the area) and back north to the cemetery, which is located in the NW/4 of S5-T5-R1W.

The cemetery has an old wire fence around its perimeter. It is not enclosed by a modern chain link fence of the type found around most cemeteries on the arsenal, perhaps because this area is NASA-controlled. There are about 50 graves in evidence at the cemetery, but it has room to contain between 80 and 100 graves, if filled. There is only one inscribed marker as of December 16, 2002. However, there are 4 small concrete markers in the shape of a cross and several fieldstones plus a few metal flower holders in the cemetery.

The inscribed marker is for Beulah Love, with birth date given as April 17, 1880 and death date as January 3, 1925.



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There are several other obvious graves, and some fieldstones and rock borders to mark the burial plots. However, there were no other inscribed tombstones found in the cemetery. The overviews of the features of the cemetery are provided below:



JORDAN CEMETERY, 45-1, Redstone Arsenal, Madison County, AL 12-16-02. View from SW corner toward Mariner Road; double rock-covered grave in foreground.

A close-up photo of this area of the cemetery is shown below:



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The photo below shows some unusual markers. It is not clear whether they were meant to be tombstones without inscriptions or whether they could have at one time been supports for table tombs.



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With Beulah Love's marker being the only inscribed tombstone in the cemetery, there were two approaches to research. One involved determining just who Beulah Love might have been. The other centers around land records. Both avenues were pursued successfully.

Beulah Love was first found by researching the marriage records for grooms with the surname of Love, assuming that she was married to get that name. From this search, a marriage record was found for **Beulah Smith** to wed a **Moses Love** in Madison County:

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The first page of the Love marriage record index shows pre-Civil War marriages of the white residents. The only one that was known to live in the area that is now arsenal land was Joel R. Love, who married Harriet McLeod in 1849. George McLeod was a sheriff and Justice of the Peace in early Madison County days, and he owned land around the holdings of Hughy Smith and the Timmons family in the southeastern portions of what became arsenal property. However, Joel Love was not found in the Madison County census records until 1870, after the Civil War and the emancipation of his slaves. The 1850 slave census of the county shows that 16 slaves were owned by Joel R. Love. The 1860 Madison County slave census shows that 31 slaves were owned by Joel R. Love. In 1870, Joel lived in Huntsville, in Ward No. 1, and his household included what may have been a niece. She was listed as Jane Hill, age 29, noted as "idiotic" on the extreme right side of the page, which was truncated to allow for a more readable image here. The household of Joel Love also included a family of Love-surnamed blacks who had probably been his slaves in earlier times.

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1870 Madison County (AL) census page 37 of Huntsville Ward No. 1

The marriage of Beulah Smith to Moses Love shows on the second page of the index provided earlier. The index and the actual certificate both say that the marriage was formalized and recorded in 1914. All of these pages of marriage record indexes contain marriages of some of Beulah's in-laws, as will be seen later, but at least the name of Beulah's husband was learned in this manner, and that allowed them to be found in the census records:

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This 1900 census record shows Moses Love "Jr." at age 21 married for 1 year to "Beula". There is no question that this is the correct couple, but their marriage was apparently not actually recorded at the courthouse until 1914, several years after their "common-law" marriage. Their household included a child, Mary A., living with them in Whitesburg Precinct / Beat 6. That area included Green Grove and Pond Beat communities. Beula had borne 2 children, but only 1 was living, per the data recorded above.

It should be noted that a nearby household was headed by Henry J. Love. At first glance, it would be logical to assume that Henry was the father of Moses, but the "Jr." on Moses' name indicates that there may be a Moses Sr. While Henry is the right age (49) to be Jr.'s father, it is believed that Henry was an uncle to Moses Jr., but census records to prove that would have to pre-date the Civil War, covering 1850 and 1860 to have the names of family members other than the head of household. Accordingly, that avenue of investigation would not be productive for slaves, who were not named in those censuses. As a remote possibility of finding free blacks named Love before the Civil War, the 1860 census was checked for black Love families, but none were found.

Since the 1890 census records were accidentally burned in the Federal warehouse in Maryland in the early 1900s, they cannot be checked for earlier entries of Moses Jr. in a household headed by a Moses Sr. However, Moses Jr. was born before 1880, per the 1900 census age shown as 21 for him. Therefore, the 1880 census was checked:

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This page of the 1880 record shows both Moses Sr. and Jr. in one household. According to this data, Moses Sr. was born about 1834 in Virginia of parents both born in Virginia. (The "Virginia" data has been truncated in order to have a readable-sized image here. The complete page is to be found on the CD-ROM for this cemetery that was supplied to the Army Environmental Management offices.) Martha, the wife of Moses Sr. and the mother of Moses Jr., cannot be researched further, due to there being no record of their marriage in the Madison County indexes. Of course, their marriage was probably not recorded anyhow, due to their union probably being effected on a slave-owning plantation before the Civil War. That supposition is supported by the age of their child Rufus, shown as 19 in 1880, meaning that he was born to the couple around 1861, before the Emancipation Proclamation was issued or enforced.

The 1870 census gives more details of this family:

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records, as are several of his brothers, which will be shown later. At this point, it should be noted that the 1880 census showed the family of Moses Love Sr. in Township 4, Range 1 West. However, the 1870 census shows them living in Township 5, Range 1 West, which is where the Jordan 45-1 Cemetery is located. The 1900 census page that showed Moses Jr. and Henry J. Love stated that it was for the Whitesburg Precinct / Beat 6, which is in Township 5, Range 1 West. It appears that the family moved north from the Green Grove area to the area now roughly bounded on the west by Rideout Road and on the south by Martin Road. In other words, Moses Love moved his family from the Pond Beat area to land that is now north of Martin Road by 1880. Yet, in 1900, when neither Moses Sr. nor his wife Martha can be found in the census records (probably due to death), their sons are living back in the Pond Beat area of Township 5, Range 1 West.

Since checks of the 1860 and earlier census records would be futile for slaves, only the later years were researched to see what became of this family. The 1900 census record for Rufus is shown below:

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The above record gives the age of Moses Jr. as 40 in 1910. He should be age 31, since the earlier records indicate that he was born in 1879. When the census enumerator came by his house in 1910, he may have been in distant fields or on a trip to town, and then the information about him may have been approximated by guesses offered by his "hired woman" or the "hired boy" in the household. If so, then it would indicate that Moses had aged prematurely, for them to assume that he was 9 years older than his actual age. Note that the "hired woman" was a widow, just as Moses Jr. was shown as widowed. She had borne 6 children, of whom only 1 was still living in 1910. This census page also included the listing of the household of Peter Love, another brother of Moses Jr. The relationship to Ethel Love, the 18-year-old female head of household along the same "Burton Road", is unknown.

The 1920 census has Rufus, Mary J., and Adolfus Love heading households near one another on the same page. They are still living in the Whitesburg Precinct, or in the Pond Beat area. The details of the "lost" information from the truncated right end of the census page was downloaded, and it can be viewed on the files contained on the CD-ROM provided to the Army. All heads of household were always listed with the occupation of "farmer". Moses Jr. was not located in this census year by using the Ancestry.com search methods, but he was found in the 1930 census, as inserted immediately after the 1920 image below:

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Moses Love Jr. was shown in the 1930 census at about the right age, but he listed his father as born in South Carolina, rather than Virginia. Likewise, Moses listed his mother as born in Alabama, but earlier records said that Martha Love was born in Virginia. Still, such changes in the birthplaces of parents are not at all unusual from one census to the next, unfortunately for researchers. Nearby are households headed by Frederick Love (age 19) and Walter Love (age 18). Of special interest is the second line on this image of the census page. It has Mary Lightford, at age 48. A tombstone in the Fennil / Fennell Cemetery (56-1) is inscribed with "Mary Lightford, 1883 – 1932". The age and location fits pretty well for this to be that person. The Thomas Lightford at age 28 heading the household adjacent to Frederick

Love would likely be a child of Mary and Claudie Lightford. If so, they may all be buried together in the Fennil / Fennell Cemetery.

There are many records of land transactions involving the Love family on the land that became arsenal property. They are photographed and put on the CD-ROM provided to the Army offices. Some of the more interesting points about the family are that Moses Love (Jr.) was a trustee of the Center Grove Methodist Episcopal Church in 1943 and swore in 1941 about Adie Jacobs' ownership of Nancy T. Graham's old land, stating that he had not moved for 60 years.

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State of Alabama Madison County

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ARTHUR JACOPS, ET AL TRUSTES CENTER GROVE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHUPCH 70

Know All Men By These Presents, That the undersigned I Schiffman & Company, Incorporated, Know All sen by indee presents, inst the undersigned i consideration of One Hundred (\$100.00) s corporation, as party of the first part, for and in consideration of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars to it cash in hand paid this day by Arthur Jacobs, Frank Jacobs, Mose Love, Walter Jacobs, Aaron Burns, Percy Joiner, and David Barley, as Trustees of Center Grove Methodist Episcopal Church, as parties of the second part, receipt of which is acknowledged, does hereby remise, release, quit claim and convey to said parties of the second part, all of its right, title, interest, claim and demand in and to the following described lands in Madison County, Alabama, to-wit:

all that triangular lot of land lying southwest of the public road in the Southwest corner of the Southeast quarter of Section 17, township 3 Range 1 West of Huntzville Meridian. in Madison County, Alabama, containing about One (1) acre, more or less.

To Have And To Hold the tract or parcel of land above described, together with all and singular the rights, privileges, tenements, appurtenances and improvements therewate beloning or in any wise apportaining unto said parties of the second part, and unto their successors and assigns forever.

In sitness Whereof, I. Schiffman & Company, Incorporated, a Corporation as aforesaid, has caused these presents to be duly executed by and through its President, and duly attested by its Secretary and Treasurer, and its corporate seal to be affixed for and as the act of said Corporation, the 5 day of March, 1943.

Attest: (SEAL) L.B. Goldsmith, Jr. Secretary and Treasurer.

I Schiffman & Company, Incorporated, a Corporation. By L.B. Goldsmith, Its Fresident

State of Almama Madison County

I, WM W Davis, a Notary Fublic in and for said County in said State, hereby certify that L B Goldamith, whose name as President of I Schiffman & Company, Incorporated, a corporation, Incorporated, a corporation, are signed to the foregoing conveyance, and who are known to as such officers, and with full authority executed the same voluntarily for and as the act of and corporation.

Given under my hand this the 5th day of March, 1943.

Wm W Davis (SEAL) Notary Public.

State of Alabama Medison County

I hereby certify that the within and foregoing instrument of writing was filed for record in this office on the 25 day of March, 1943 at 11:00 o'clock A X and was duly recorded.

Thos W Jones, Judge of Probate.

State of Alabama, Madison County

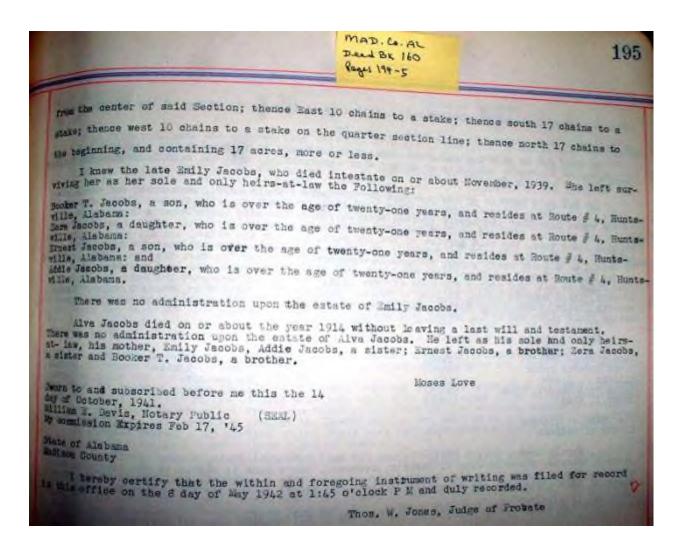
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After all of the research into Love family association with the land of the arsenal, it leaves the question open as to why the cemetery has been known as the **Jordan Cemetery**. A check of older land records puts some light upon that question, beginning in 1818 with Nancy Auld's purchase (as "devisee" of Isaac Jackson, deceased – who likewise figured in the land dealing associated with the Jones Cemetery, 37-5) from the government of the NW/4 of S5-T5-R1W, where the cemetery is located:

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The INDEX shows that Auld transferred title to the land in 1836 to B. C. Lanier (and his brothers, Isaac and William). Part of that land was transferred to Robert Wilson in 1856 as a result of bankruptcy of Burwell Clinton Lanier. Laura Lanier sold some of the land to Carrie and Kate McCalley in 1896, and Ada E. Lanier transferred more of the NW/4 to Milton H. Lanier in 1908. Milton H. Lanier sold land in the NW/4 of Section 5 to Moses Love in 1914, the year that Moses recorded his marriage. There were apparently two Milton H. Laniers in the area during the same years. This land transaction is believed to be with the black Milton H. Lanier, as opposed to the white Milton H. Lanier who was an attorney in Huntsville.

It was never quite clear in the INDEX TO LANDS as to how the Jordan family came into possession of any part of Section 5. The name never was listed among the Grantees, receiving the land. However, Llewellyn & Ella Jordan are shown as Grantors for some of the land in the NW/4. In 1913 they executed a "Timber Deed", selling rights to cut timbers on the land. In 1918 there are entries to show that they mortgaged and then sold some of the land in the NW/4. Since they obviously held ownership for a time, it would seem that they must have used the cemetery to bury some family members at some time. The cemetery then was also shared with the adjacent landowners, the Love family. Thereby, it was known as the Jordan Cemetery, because it most likely was on the parcel owned by the Jordans. Unfortunately, the Llewellyn & Ella Jordan family was not found in the census records of Madison County for the years 1900, 1910, 1920, or 1930. At least the Love association with the cemetery is confirmed by the presence of the little tombstone for Beulah Love, wife of Moses Love, Jr. Beyond that, it is only conjecture and guesswork that suggests that more of their family and perhaps some of the Jordan family are buried there, until other records may be found.

Prepared by John P. Rankin, August 27, 2005