

Lanier, and **Arabella Lanier**. Arabella and Isaac H. Lanier were twins, born August 31, 1792. It was soon after their birth that their mother died, and Isaac moved his family to Anson County, NC, where Isaac's brothers William and Thomas lived before they came to Madison County, AL.

After Arabella's death, Isaac married in 1796 in Duplin County NC to Miss **Mary Dickson** (a daughter of William Dickson), by whom he had 4 children: **William Dickson Lanier**, **Clement G. Lanier**, **Mary Ann Lanier** (who married Eldred Rawlings in Madison County; see [Rawlins-Lanier Cemetery, 37-4](#)), and **Clarissa Lanier**. By 1808, Isaac inherited some land in Tennessee from his deceased unmarried brother Clement. He purchased much more land in the area and moved his family the Tennessee in late 1809 or early 1810, while his brothers William and Thomas apparently moved to Alabama.

Isaac was a tobacco farmer and in the mercantile business in Dover, the county seat of Stewart County, TN, near Fort Donaldson. Family stories relate that Isaac put his son Burwell Clinton Lanier in charge of the extensive lands and slaves that he acquired in Tennessee. This land was bounded on one side by the Tennessee River and on another by the Cumberland River, where these rivers are separated by distances of 12 to 20 miles. Isaac left management of the store in Dover in charge of his son Isaac Hill Lanier. The family resided in that area for about 10 years, then Isaac (the father) moved to Madison County of Alabama, after disposing of the lands and mercantile businesses in Tennessee. It is stated in the family data that his son Burwell C. Lanier married Miss Mary Shelby McCrabb in 1814 and moved to the town of Jackson, in Madison County TN, even before Isaac sold the tobacco plantation. Burwell moved from Jackson TN to Madison County AL before 1820, where he died in that year, soon after his arrival in northern Alabama.