Louisa Shelby McCrabb was the wife of Alexander McCrabb, who died in Montgomery County, TN. Louisa was the daughter of John Shelby (b. 1725 MD, d. 1794 Washington Co. VA) and his wife Louisa Looney (b. 1728, Isle of Mann). Louisa Looney was a sister of Absalom Looney (b. 1729 Ireland, d. 1791 VA). Her father was Robert Looney (b. 1692, d. 1769), who operated "Looney's Mill" in Augusta County, VA. During Louisa Shelby McCrabb's lifetime on the pre-arsenal lands, there was another Absalom Looney and a John W. Looney (cousins of Louisa) who lived on pre-arsenal land. John W. Looney had land and until 1834 operated a "Looney's Mill" just barely over a mile to the west of the Lanier Cemetery, where Louisa is buried. (Looney lands and Lanier lands were adjoining.) This mill was on the west side of the junction of what today is known as Huntsville Spring Branch with Indian Creek, according to the legal land description in the deed of sale. (See below.) The property and the mill (to be destroyed) were purchased by Thomas Fearn and others of the consortium that was formed in Huntsville to create the short-lived Indian Creek Canal. This canal was operated under the name of the Indian Creek Navigation Company to carry cotton from Big Spring in Huntsville to the Tennessee River for shipment downriver to markets in New Orleans.

John W Looney & wife To Deed MAD. Co. AL
Thomas & George Fearne Deed 8K. P & Hawell & Patteson Page 263-4
This Indenture made this <u>twenty first day of November one thousand eight hundred</u> and thirty four between John w Loomey of the County of Ladison and State of Ala- bana of the one part and Thomas Fearn and George Fearn partners trading under the Style of Thomas & George Fearn and Alfred Howell and Thomas Fatteson partners trading under the Style of Howell & Patteson all of the said County and State of the other part. Witnesseth; That the said John W Looney for and in consideration of the sum of Two thousand nine hundred dollars to him in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath this day bargained, sold, aliened enfectied and conveyed and by these presents doth bargain, sell, alien enfectf and convey to the said Thomas & George Fearn and Howell & Patteson all that certain tract or par- cel of land lying and being in said County of Madison usually known as his said Looneys Bill tract being the west half of the Forth west quarter of Section twelve
in Township five of Range two west of the Basis Meridian and the west quarter
of same Section Township and Hange togetherwith the Mill, Mill housechinery
warehouse or warehouses outhouses with all improvements privilegges rights tenements
and hereditaments to the same beloning or in anywise appertaining. To have and to
hold the above described premises with the tenements and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise belonging or appertaining unto the said Thomas & George Fearm and Howell & Fatteson (that is to said Thomas & George Fearm one undivided half, and to the said Howell & Fatteson the other undivided half) there heirs and
assigns forever: And the said John W Looney for himself his heirs executors and administrators doth warrant and will forever defend the title to the above descri- bed and hereby granted