

UNKNOWN CEMETERY, 52 – 1

Summary Report



Unknown Cemetery, 52-1, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co. AL, April 26, 2003

View along north side from northeast corner at gate.

Large size of trees indicates advanced age of cemetery, which could possibly be the slave cemetery of the William Lanier family. The Lanier family Cemetery, 51-1, is just across Patton Road to the east of this cemetery. No inscribed tombstones were found here on the date visited.

Actually, the above caption is not correct. William Lanier never owned the land where this cemetery is located. He did own an adjacent quarter section for a time.



**Unknown Cemetery, 52-1, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co. AL, April 26, 2003
View to southwest from northeast corner at gate.**

This cemetery is located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 28, Township 4, Range 1 West. It is less than half a mile southwest of the Jordan – Lanier Cemetery (51-1). As historical land record research reveals, it is located between the old sites of a school (Chapman School?) and a “Negro Cumberland Presbyterian Church”, thought to have been the Poplar Hill Colored Cumberland Presbyterian Church, dating from 1874.

The cemetery as it appeared in 2003 is shown in the photographs below. No tombstones were found, indicating a likely black cemetery, but the remains of internal fencing indicated burials in the 1900s.



**Unknown Cemetery, 52-1, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co. AL, April 26, 2003
View along east side of cemetery from northeast corner at gate.**



**Unknown Cemetery, 52-1, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co. AL, April 26, 2003
View to south central portion of cemetery from northeast corner at gate.**



**Unknown Cemetery, 52-1, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co. AL, April 26, 2003
View of gate at northeast corner from within cemetery.**

The jogging trail north of the Sparkman Center runs through the trees at the right in this photo, to the east of the cemetery by about 50 yards.



**Unknown Cemetery, 52-1, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co. AL, April 26, 2003
View to northeast from southwest corner**



**Unknown Cemetery, 52-1, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co. AL, April 26, 2003
Fieldstone along north central edge of cemetery**

There was an obvious grave depression near this fieldstone, but there were otherwise very few grave depressions found in the cemetery at the time visited. If visited during February or early March, more depressions may be visible, as the overgrowing vegetation would be killed and matted by cold weather at such a time.



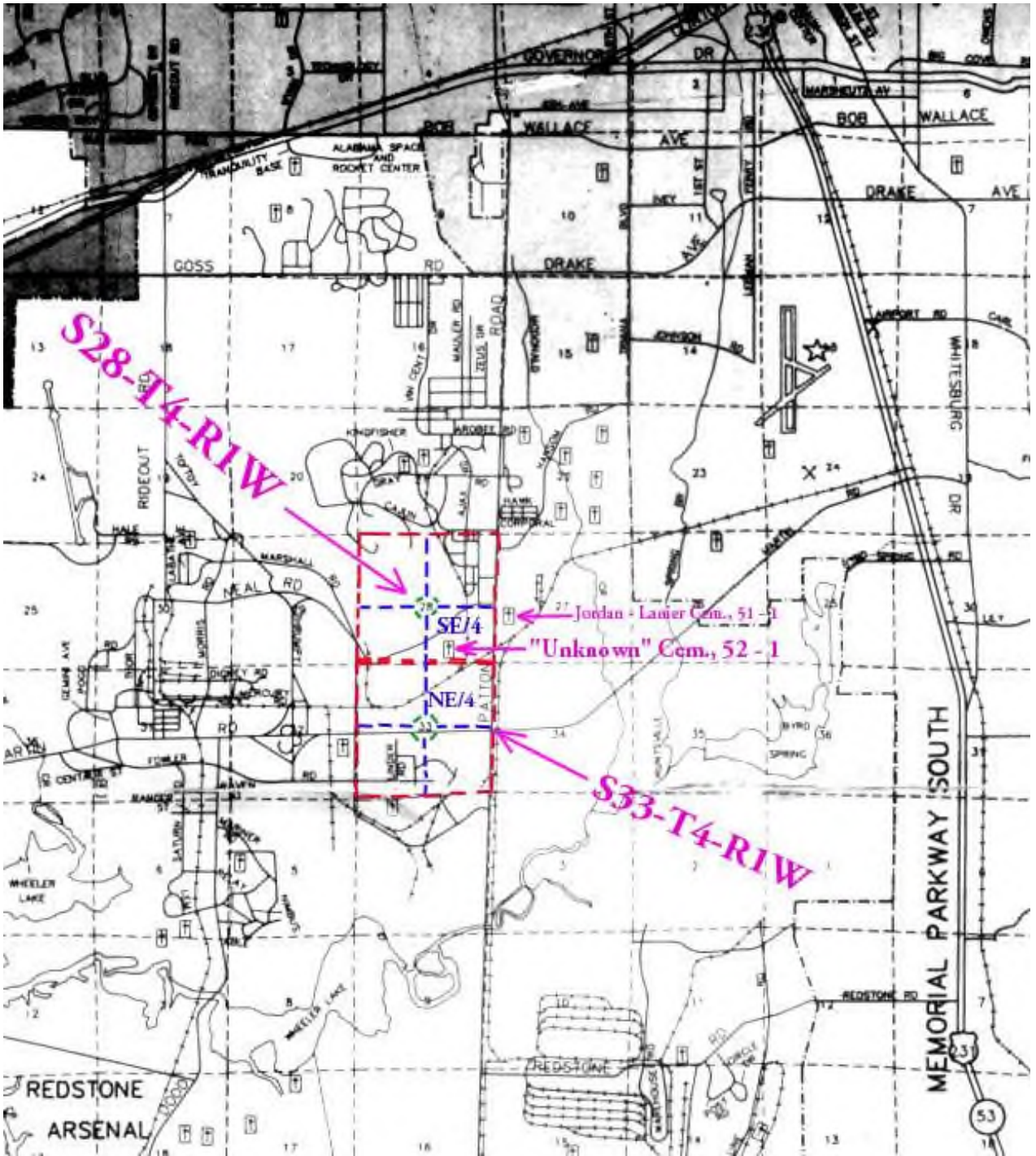
**Unknown Cemetery, 52-1, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co. AL, April 26, 2003
View to northeast from southwest corner**

These coils of fencing are recent. It is not known why they were here.

The map shown below was produced by unknown parties in the year 2001. This map labels a cemetery in the area as the Chapman Cemetery. The basis of that name is not known, but it may be related to the former nearby presence of an old school, probably called the Chapman School, but that is simply conjecture at this point. The point indicated on the map for the Chapman Cemetery is actually in the NW/4 of Section 34, rather than the SE/4 of Section 28, but it may be a positioning error, as the map maker probably intended to show the Unknown 52-1 Cemetery. There is no known cemetery in the location plotted for the Chapman Cemetery.



The 1998 Southern Engineering map excerpt below shows the more precise location of the Unknown Cemetery, 52-1. The map excerpt has been outlined to show Sections 28 and 33 of Township 4, Range 1 West, for subsequent land record study.



(1998 Southern Engineering Map excerpt, Madison County, AL)

The “Old Land Records” page below shows that Thomas Freeman, the first official surveyor of government land here, bought the cemetery land in 1809.

TOWNSHIP 4 South		RANGE 1 West		HUNTSVILLE MERIDIAN			
DESCRIPTION OF THE TRACT		AREA		UNITED STATES TITLE	Date of Sale	Number of	
PART OF SECTION	Section	Acres	100ths	TO WHOM SOLD OR GRANTED	Location or Grant	Certificates or Warrant	Date of Military Act

Page 46	28	623.90		East of Indian Boundary Line			
		13.08		West of Indian Boundary Line			
Frac E of B Line "	"	623.90		Thomas Freeman	30 Aug 1809	345	
				*On January 27, 1942 Patent No. 1112986, to cure defective record of a previously issued patent based on Huntsville Credit System, Final Certificate No. 345 (Prior) issued to Thomas Freeman for the fractional Section 28, T4S, R1W, Huntsville Meridian, Alabama, containing 623.90 acres." (Letter Secretary of State Dated April 2, 1942)			
				*Pat. No. 1112986 by US Gov't to Thomas Freeman on Jan 27, 1942			
Frac W of B Line "	"	13.08		Francis Anderson, Asse	2 Feb 1818	547	
	29	128.12		East of Indian Boundary Line			
		514.46		West of Indian Boundary Line			
Frac A	"	40.00		blank			
Frac B	"	34.50		George Mason	17 Feb 1834	7091	
Frac C	"	53.62		Benjamin Dew Armon	3 Oct 1832	5361	
N½ of NW¼	"	41.06		State	23 May 1828		
				*River Impts W.T. Bolling	23 Jul 1830		
				Geo. Mason	26 Jul 1830		
				*Does not show Geo. Mason			
				*Memorandum: Also by US to State in Muscle Shoals Grant List #1, app. June 16, 1926.			
S½ of NW¼	"	41.06		State	23 May 1828		
				*River Impts blank			
				George Mason	26 Jul 1830	*Memo	
S Frac part	"	432.34		George Mason, Asse	4 Jul 1831	1445	
NE¼ of NE¼	"	blank		Alexander Jordan	29 Aug 1900	12476	
	30	641.27					
North East ¼	"	160.31½		George Mason, Asse	2 Feb 1818	185	
North West ¼	"	160.31½		George Mason, Asse	2 Feb 1818	186	
E½ of SE¼	"	80.16		State	23 May 1828		
				*River Impts E.H. Thompson	1 Jul 1830	*Memo	
W½ of SE¼	"	80.16		State	23 May 1828		
				*River Impts E.H. Thompson	1 Jul 1830	*Memo	
South West ¼	"	160.31½		Robert A. Thompson, Asse	2 Feb 1818	79	
Page 47	31	642.07					
North East ¼	"	160.51½		Asa Thompson, Asse	2 Feb 1818	67	
North West ¼	"	160.51½		William Weeden, Asse	2 Feb 1818	83	
E½ of SE¼	"	80.26		State	23 May 1828		
				*River Impts Polly Thompson	27 Jul 1830		
				*Same-overwritten- Polly Thompson 29 Sep 1837 Vol. 3, p 266			
W½ of SE¼	"	80.26		State	23 May 1828		
				*River Impts Polly Thompson	27 Jul 1830	*Memo	
				*Same info as entry above			
South West ¼	"	160.51½		Asa Thompson, Asse	2 Feb 1818	66	
E½ of NE¼	32	649.57					
		81.19½		State	23 May 1828		
W½ of NE¼	"	81.19½		State	23 May 1828		
				*River Impts Polly Thompson	13 Aug 1830	*Memo	
				State	23 May 1828		
				*River Impts John Brahan	5 Jan 1830	*Memo	
				Same-overwritten: John F. Miller 2 Oct 1837 Vol 6, p 377			

Information in script appears on the copy from the office of the Secretary of State of Alabama.

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FUND	STATE TITLE	WHEN CONVEYED	Number of State Transfer or Conveyance	WHERE RECORDED	MEMORANDUM
	TO WHOM CONVEYED			VOL. PAGE	

According to the **INDEX TO LANDS** below, Thomas Freeman sold his interest in this land in 1816 to Francis Anderson, who had in 1818 bought the other 13 acres of land in Section 28 that was west of the old Indian Boundary Line.

INDEX TO LANDS									
Section 28		Township 4		South of Range		T. 28 N.		Madison County, Alabama.	
NO.	TYPE	DATE	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	DATE OF INSTRUMENT	ACRES	1816	1817	1818
1	D	1816	Freeman, Thomas by Atty	Anderson, Francis	1816				
2	D	1818	Freeman, Thomas by Atty	Anderson, Francis	1818				
3	D	1820	Rawlins, Edward	Wager, William	1820				
4	D	1821	Wood, John & Sarah	Brandon, Thos & Thomas	1821				
5	D	1821	Wager, Wm & William	Lanier, William	1821				
6	D	1821	Alabama, State of	Blountwell, William	1821				
7	D	1821	Lane, George & Martha	Hills, Archibald & Jr	1821				
8	D	1821	Freeman, Thomas & Mary	Lane, George	1821				
9	D	1821	Lane, George	Davis, Zebulon & Jr	1821				
10	D	1821	Lane, George & Martha	Brown, Wm & T Jr	1821				
11	D	1821	Lane, Geo & Martha	Matkin, William	1821				
12	D	1821	Wagner, Wm & John	Jordan, Henry C	1821				
13	D	1821	Jordan, Henry Co & J	Jordan, Wm & Co at al	1821				
14	D	1821	Jordan, J & A & C by Wm	Franklin, A & W & Co	1821				
15	D	1821	Matkin, Wm & Margaret	Hill, Wm C	1821				
16	D	1821	Hill, Wm & Co	Matkin, Margaret A	1821				
17	D	1821	Matkin, William	Hill, Wm C	1821				
18	D	1821	Wray, John	Jordan, Wm & Jr	1821				
19	D	1821	Brandon, John & at al	Franklin, J J	1821				
20	D	1821	Wray, J J by Wm	Freeman, Wm	1821				
21	D	1821	Brandon, John	Freeman, Wm	1821				
22	D	1821	Hill, Wm & A & C by Wm	Wray, John J	1821				
23	D	1821	Franklin, Thomas by Wm	Franklin, Wm	1821				
24	D	1821	Franklin, Thos by Wm	Ledy, Wm	1821				
25	D	1821	Ledy, Wm	Cal Co, John Church	1821				
26	D	1821	Matkin, Margaret A	Poplar Hill	1821				
27	D	1821	Ledy, Wm & A & C	Walter, Wray & Jr	1821				
28	D	1821	Matkin, Margaret A	Walter, Wm	1821				
29	D	1821	Waltman, Sarah	Waltman, William	1821				
30	D	1821	Walter, Wray & Jr	Allen, George	1821				
31	D	1821	Allen, Geo & A & C	Franklin, J J	1821				
32	D	1821	Jordan, Lucy	Williams & Lyle	1821				
33	D	1821	Waltman, J J & Sarah	Wagner, Wm	1821				
34	D	1821	Matkin, Margaret A	Franklin, John J	1821				
35	D	1821	Matkin, Margaret A	Franklin, John J	1821				
36	D	1821	Matkin, Margaret A & at al	Matkin, Wm	1821				

The record above shows that ownership of the land of Section 28 continued to transition from Francis Anderson to Eldred Rawlins (who married a Lanier relative of Rev. William Lanier of the nearby Jordan – Lanier Cemetery) and Jones Wood. From them it transitioned to William and Thomas Brandon, and thence to George Lane by about 1850. In 1853 George Lane sold portions of the land to William Matkin, and other parcels to Zebulon P. Davis and William Brown. William and Margaret Matkins

had a daughter named Emma who married William M. High. They sold the land to her and vice-versa, until Margaret Matkins was the sole owner. However, she mortgaged it to Isham J. Fennell, and it was foreclosed, then redeemed and returned to the Matkin family, according to old land title abstracts. Archibald McDonnell was involved in various transactions with the Matkin land as trustee of the estate.

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Section 8 Township 4 South of Range 1 West Madison County, Alabama.
O. H. JONES & SONS

NO.	PAGE	REV. C.	SEC.	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	DATE OF INSTRUMENT	DATE FILED	N. E. 1/4		N. W. 1/4		S. E. 1/4		S. W. 1/4	
								1/4	2/4	1/4	2/4	1/4	2/4	1/4	2/4
100	409			McDonnell, A. & W. J. et al	McDonnell, J. J. et al	1902						Y	Y		
101	412			Fennell, Wm. J.	Fennell, Wm. J.	1902	Y						Y		
102	413			Fennell, Wm. J.	Fennell, Wm. J.	1902						Y	Y		
103	414			McDonnell, Henry et al et al	McDonnell, J. J. et al	1902						Y	Y		
104	415			Fennell, W. J. et al	Fennell, Wm. J.	1902			Y						
105	416			Fennell, W. J. et al	Fennell, Wm. J.	1902			Y						
106	417			Fennell, W. J. et al	Fennell, J. J. et al	1902						Y	Y		
107	418			High, W. J. et al	Pollock, Wm. J.	1902						Y	Y		
108	419			Fennell, Wm. J. et al	McDonnell, Wm. J.	1902						Y	Y		
109	420			Fennell, W. J. et al	McDonnell, J. J. et al	1902						Y	Y		
110	421			McDonnell, J. J. et al	McDonnell, J. J. et al	1902						Y	Y		
111	422			McDonnell, J. J. et al	McDonnell, J. J. et al	1902						Y	Y		
112	423			McDonnell, J. J. et al	McDonnell, J. J. et al	1902						Y	Y		
113	424			McDonnell, J. J. et al	McDonnell, J. J. et al	1902						Y	Y		
114	425			McDonnell, J. J. et al	McDonnell, J. J. et al	1902						Y	Y		
115	426			McDonnell, J. J. et al	McDonnell, J. J. et al	1902						Y	Y		
116	427			McDonnell, J. J. et al	McDonnell, J. J. et al	1902						Y	Y		
117	428			McDonnell, J. J. et al	McDonnell, J. J. et al	1902						Y	Y		
118	429			McDonnell, J. J. et al	McDonnell, J. J. et al	1902						Y	Y		
119	430			McDonnell, J. J. et al	McDonnell, J. J. et al	1902						Y	Y		
120	431			McDonnell, J. J. et al	McDonnell, J. J. et al	1902						Y	Y		
121	432			McDonnell, J. J. et al	McDonnell, J. J. et al	1902						Y	Y		
122	433			McDonnell, J. J. et al	McDonnell, J. J. et al	1902						Y	Y		
123	434			McDonnell, J. J. et al	McDonnell, J. J. et al	1902						Y	Y		
124	435			McDonnell, J. J. et al	McDonnell, J. J. et al	1902						Y	Y		
125	436			McDonnell, J. J. et al	McDonnell, J. J. et al	1902						Y	Y		
126	437			McDonnell, J. J. et al	McDonnell, J. J. et al	1902						Y	Y		
127	438			McDonnell, J. J. et al	McDonnell, J. J. et al	1902						Y	Y		
128	439			McDonnell, J. J. et al	McDonnell, J. J. et al	1902						Y	Y		
129	440			McDonnell, J. J. et al	McDonnell, J. J. et al	1902						Y	Y		
130	441			McDonnell, J. J. et al	McDonnell, J. J. et al	1902						Y	Y		
131	442			McDonnell, J. J. et al	McDonnell, J. J. et al	1902						Y	Y		
132	443			McDonnell, J. J. et al	McDonnell, J. J. et al	1902						Y	Y		
133	444			McDonnell, J. J. et al	McDonnell, J. J. et al	1902						Y	Y		
134	445			McDonnell, J. J. et al	McDonnell, J. J. et al	1902						Y	Y		
135	446			McDonnell, J. J. et al	McDonnell, J. J. et al	1902						Y	Y		
136	447			McDonnell, J. J. et al	McDonnell, J. J. et al	1902						Y	Y		
137	448			McDonnell, J. J. et al	McDonnell, J. J. et al	1902						Y	Y		
138	449			McDonnell, J. J. et al	McDonnell, J. J. et al	1902						Y	Y		
139	450			McDonnell, J. J. et al	McDonnell, J. J. et al	1902						Y	Y		
140	451			McDonnell, J. J. et al	McDonnell, J. J. et al	1902						Y	Y		

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Section 33 Township 4 South of Range 1 West Medison County, Alabama.
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NOSE	PAGE	Date of Sale	SUT No.	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	DATE OF INSTRUMENT	DATE FILED	T. 4 N.				T. 4 S.					
								NE 1/4	SE 1/4	NW 1/4	SW 1/4	NE 1/4	SE 1/4	NW 1/4	SW 1/4		
109	424	2		Schiffman, J & Company	Hugh, Henry S	1913											
114	105	2		Froman, Chas et al	Windle, J B	1914											
118	15	2		Allen, Annie	Dotto, A C - Gracie	1914											
124	75	2-12		Hugh, E - & Mrs Ida J	Dunn, A M R	1914											
130	56	2		Allen, P	Allen, Annie	1914											
130	409	2-12		Hugh, Henry - & Ida J	First Free Church No 1	1914											
114	476	2		Jones, John	Dotto, Albert	1914											
114	419	2		Jones, J - by Reg et al	Jones, John	1914											
114	419	2		Trotter, Herbert by Reg J	Jones, John	1914											
118	144	2		Dotto, A C - Gracie	Kurzer, J B	1914											
144	409	2-12		Dotto, A C -	Schiffman, Bertha	1914											
144	409	2-12		Hugh, E - & Mrs Ida J	McConnell, William	1914											
144	501	2-12		Weinger, J Frank & Lucy	Kenneth, J W	1914											
148	540	2-12		Linder, William & wife	Wester, Willie M et al	1918											
149	540	2-12		Sprague, Robert & et al	Wester, Mary E et al	1918											
149	531	2-12		Jordan, Elizabeth & wife	Republic Cemetery Co	1918											
150	19	2-12		Smith, L & Virginia	Wester, J Will	1918											
115	324	2		Dotto, A C - Gracie	Weinger, J Frank & Lucy	1918											
110	104	2		Lester, Stella	Linder, William & et al	1918											
110	151	2		Jordan, Elizabeth & wife	Fletcher, George E	1918											
149	509	2-12		Republic Cemetery Co	Jordan, L & wife E	1918											
116	467	2		Anderson, John	Coxley, James B	1918											
121	24	2		Anderson, Annie Jan et al	Anderson, John	1918											
141	59	2-12		Coxley, J A - Virginia	Anderson, John	1918											
172	144	2-12		Dotto, A C - Gracie	Dotto, Annie	1918											
119	280	2		Sprague, Robert	Barton, Everett	1918											
119	291	2		Coxley, J A - Virginia	Dotto, A C	1918											
172	594	2-12		Barton, Everett & Francis	Sprague, Robert & et al	1918											
172	594	2-12		Sprague, Robert & et al	Fletcher, Annie	1918											

During Matkin ownership of the land, a half acre of it was sold to trustees of the “Colored Cumberland Presbyterian Church” in 1874 in the Southwest Corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section 33. Another acre was sold for the purpose of a school (Chapman School?) in 1902. The quarter of Section 28 for school location was not specified in the **INDEX TO LANDS**, but it was found to be in the NE/4 in other documents. That places the cemetery about halfway between the school in the NE/4 of Section 28 and the church in the SE/4 of Section 33 (examine the 1998 map excerpt). Such a location suggests that the cemetery may well have been the burying ground for the Negro church, as well as the community around the school.

The census records were examined to see if some Chapman families lived near the cemetery in order for it to be named the Chapman Cemetery at some time. The only Chapman families on arsenal lands were found in the 1930 census: James S. and Frank Chapman as heads of households. However, they were enumerated along the Pond Beat Road, near the Green Grove Road. That location is much further south, in the Pond Beat and Green Grove communities. If they had lived in the area of the Unknown Cemetery 52-1, the census record would have indicated that they were along the Triana Pike or in the Mullins Flats community.

The image shows a page from the 1930 US Census, titled "POPULATION SCHEDULE". It is a large, multi-column table listing individuals in a household. The columns include:

- NAME (First, Middle, Last)
- SEX (Male, Female)
- AGE (in years)
- RACE (White, Black, Other)
- MARITAL STATUS (Married, Single, Widowed, Divorced)
- EDUCATION (School years completed)
- INDUSTRY/OCCUPATION
- RELIGION
- ETHNICITY (e.g., Italian, Irish, German)
- PROPERTY VALUE
- RENT VALUE
- PROPERTY VALUE LESS RENT
- PROPERTY VALUE LESS RENT AND TAXES
- PROPERTY VALUE LESS RENT AND TAXES AND LIABILITIES
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 The table is filled with handwritten entries for each individual. On the left side, there are handwritten notations such as "1930" and "1931" in red ink, possibly indicating specific census years or corrections. The top of the page contains administrative information, including the state name "Alabama" and the census year "1930".

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE-BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
 FORTY-SEVENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1920
 POPULATION SCHEDULE

Enumerated in 1920 by *John A. ...*

NAME	SEX	AGE	MARRIAGE	SINGLE	MARRIED	DIVORCED	WIDOWED	RACE		ETHNIC ORIGIN	EDUCATION	INDUSTRY	OCCUPATION	PROPERTY	VEHICLE	MILITARY SERVICE	REMARKS
								WHITE	BLACK								
3770	John	Male	30					White	White		High School	Farmer					
3771	John	Male	28					White	White		High School	Farmer					
3772	John	Male	26					White	White		High School	Farmer					
3773	John	Male	24					White	White		High School	Farmer					
3774	John	Male	22					White	White		High School	Farmer					
3775	John	Male	20					White	White		High School	Farmer					
3776	John	Male	18					White	White		High School	Farmer					
3777	John	Male	16					White	White		High School	Farmer					
3778	John	Male	14					White	White		High School	Farmer					
3779	John	Male	12					White	White		High School	Farmer					
3780	John	Male	10					White	White		High School	Farmer					
3781	John	Male	8					White	White		High School	Farmer					
3782	John	Male	6					White	White		High School	Farmer					
3783	John	Male	4					White	White		High School	Farmer					
3784	John	Male	2					White	White		High School	Farmer					
3785	John	Male	0					White	White		High School	Farmer					

Selected pages of the old Madison County Land Title Abstracts are reproduced herein for reference to see the ownership transitions and the many exclusions from deeds of the land for the school and for the church. The cemetery itself was never mentioned in the exclusions, and it was not a part of the church deed or the school deed, as the cemetery size exceeds the size of those properties. Therefore, it was not simply a church cemetery, but it had to have also been a community cemetery. It was perhaps always treated informally, with permission to bury the dead just understood by residents of the community around the school and the church, without ever pursuing formal documentation of ownership. If it ever had a name during its use, the cemetery was probably called the **Poplar Hill Cemetery** or the **Poplar Hill Church Cemetery**, even though it served a community broader than the church.

pd 1939

J. T. Bates	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ex l a in NE cor of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	150	28	4	1	W
	20 a evenly off W side of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	20	28	4	1	W
	NE $\frac{1}{4}$	<u>160</u>	33	4	1	W
		<u>339</u>				

Selections from Madison County AL Title Abstracts

STATE OF ALABAMA
MADISON COUNTY

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a complete abstract of title of lands described in the caption of this abstract, from 1866 to date, being a full, complete and accurate exhibit of every instrument of record conveying or affecting the title to said land, as shown by the records on file in said county, during the time covered by this abstract.

We further certify that this abstract includes all court proceedings, notices, lis pendens, judgments, decrees, and transcripts of every character whatsoever affecting the title to said land, as shown by said records, and that the State and County taxes have been paid for the year 1939 and for five years prior to 1939.

Dated at Huntsville, Alabama, this 6th day of March, 1940.

G. W. JONES & SONS

BY _____
Abstractor

Selections from Madison County AL Title Abstracts

FANNIE A. LAWLER, widow,

Quitclaim deed

No

Aug. 30, 1923

Aug. 30, 1923

Randall W. Lynsky, N.P.

Single

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Aug. 31, 1923

STATE OF ALABAMA

Deed

128

541

Yes

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Yes

1.00

Yes

. . . do hereby remise, release, quitclaim and convey to the said State of Alabama all my right, title, interest, claim and demand in and to the following described real estate in school District No 47 Madison County and State of Alabama, to wit;

All that part of the southeast quarter of section 28, township 4, range 1 west described as beginning at a stake 19.02 chains west and 4.03 chains south from the northeast corner of said quarter section (which point is the northwest corner of the old school lot); thence north 40 degrees west 1.05 chains; thence south 50 degrees west 4.74 chains; thence south 40 degrees east 4.21 chains to the west margin of the Triana Pike; thence with same north 50 degrees east 1.58 chains to the southeast corner of the school lot; thence north 40 degrees west 3.16 chains to the beginning and containing one 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 unto the said State of Alabama and unto its successors and assigns forever but without in any way warranting or intending to warrant the title to the same.

Selections from Madison County AL Title Abstracts

J. T. RATES & WIFE

MATTIE E. RATES

THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Warranty deed

No

Aug. 23, 1923

Aug. 23, 1923

J. A. Walker, NP and Ex Off JP

Married

Yes

J. A. Walker, NP & Ex Off JP

Aug. 31, 1923

Deed 128 541

Yes

Yes

Yes

100.00

Yes

. . . and in further consideration of the contributions made by the other persons for the purpose of securing the extension of aid by the State of Alabama in the erection, repair or equipment of a rural school on the lands hereinafter described have granted, bargained and sold and by these presents do hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the State of Alabama the following described real estate situated in School District No 47, Madison County and State of Alabama, to wit:

All that part of the southeast quarter of section twenty eight (28) township 4, range 1 west described as beginning at a stake 19.02 chains west and 4.03 chains south from the northeast corner of said quarter section (which point is the northwest corner of the old school lot), thence north 40 degrees west 1.05 chains; thence south 50 degrees west 4.74 chains; thence south 40 degrees east 4.21 chains to the west margin of the Triana Pike; thence with same north 50 degrees east 1.58 chains to the southeast corner of the school lot; thence north 40 degrees west 3.16 chains to the beginning and containing one acre more or less. Plot property described above Section 28, Township 4, Range 1 West.

To have and to hold the aforementioned premises to the said State of Alabama forever in fee simple. And we do hereby covenant and agree with the State of Alabama that we are seized in fee of said premises; . . .

(This conveyance shown for reference only)

Selections from Madison County AL Title Abstracts

J. T. BATES & WIFE
MATTIE E. BATES

FANNIE A. LAWLER

Mortgage

Jan. 2, 1920

Jan. 2, 1920

W. B. Davis, N.P.

Jan. 2, 1920

Mtg 172 144

30,000.00

Jan 1, 1921

. . . . and for the purpose of so doing and for and in consideration of the said sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars to me cash in hand paid this day by the said Fannie A. Lawler, the receipt of which is acknowledged, we the said J. T. Bates and Mattie E. Bates, his wife, do hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey to the said Fannie A. Lawler, all those certain tracts or parcels of land situate in Madison County, Alabama, and described as

The southeast 1/4 of Section 28; twenty acres in the south-east corner of the south-west 1/4 of section 28, and the north-east 1/4 of section 33, all in Township 4, Range 1 West, less one acre heretofore conveyed by Elizabeth G. Matkins to A. McDonnell, Trustee, (and land not included in this abstract).

To have and to hold the tracts or parcels of land above described together with all and singular, the rights, privileges, tenements, appurtenances and improvements unto the said Fannie A. Lawler and unto her heirs and assigns forever. And I, the said J. T. Bates, do hereby covenant with and represent to the said Fannie A. Lawler her heirs and assigns, that I am lawfully seized in fee of the property

Selections from Madison County AL Title Abstracts

JAMES H. COWLEY & WIFE	Warranty deed		
	No		
	Jan. 2, 1920		
VIRGINIA S. COWLEY	Jan. 2, 1920		
	W. P. Esslinger, N.P.		
	Married		
	Yes		
	W. P. Esslinger, N.P.		
	Jan. 10, 1920		
J. T. BATES	Deed	119	299
	Yes		
			Yes
			Yes
	35,000.00		Yes

. . . . do hereby give, grant, bargain, sell, and convey unto the said J. T. Bates, the following described real estate, situated lying and being in Madison County, Alabama, to wit:

The Southeast quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Twenty Eight (28); Twenty (20) acres in the Southeast corner of the Southwest quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section twenty eight (28) and the Northeast quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Thirty three (33) of Township Four (4) Range one (1) West, subject to a conveyance of one (1) acre conveyed by Elizabeth Madkins to A. McDonald, Trustee, containing three hundred and forty (340) acres more or less and being the same property conveyed to the said James H. Cowley by deed of John A. Anderson., bearing date January 2nd, 1919 of record in the office of the Judge of Probate of said County in Deed Book 116, page 487.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, the above described real estate with the rights tenements, and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining unto the said J. T. Bates, his heirs, and assigns, forever . . .

Selections from Madison County AL Title Abstracts

JAS. H. COWLEY & WIFE

Mortgage

VIRGINIA S. COWLEY

Jan. 2, 1919

Jan. 2, 1919

Alice Lanier, N.P.

JOHN A. ANDERSON

Jan. 30, 1919

Mtg 161 29

22,000.00 10 notes 1 on

Jan. 1, 1922, '22, '23, '24, '25, '26, '27, '28
'29, 1930 each.

. . . . and for the purpose of so doing, and for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to me cash in hand paid, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said James H. Cowley, and Virginia S. Cowley, his wife, do hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said John A. Anderson, all of those tracts or parcels of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Madison and State of Alabama, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

The Southeast quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Twenty-eight (28); Twenty acres (20) in the Southeast corner of the Southwest quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Twenty eight and the northeast quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Thirty Three (33) of Township (4) four, Range one (1) West, subject to a conveyance of one (1) acre conveyed by Elizabeth Madkins to A. McDonald, Trustee, - containing Three Hundred and forty (340) acres, more or less.

To have and to hold the said tracts or parcels of land above described, together with all and singular the rights, privileges, tenements, appurtenances and improvements unto the said John A. Anderson and unto his heirs and assigns, forever.

"This debt is secured by this mortgage is paid. Jan 2, 1920
"John A. Anderson"

Selections from Madison County AL Title Abstracts

JOHN A. ANDERSON, unmarried,

warranty deed
No

Jan. 2, 1919

Jan. 2, 1919

Alice Lanier, W.P.

Single

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Jan. 3, 1919

JAMES H. COWLEY

Deed

116

487

Yes

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Yes

Yes

27,000.00

\$5,000.00 cash, bal by mtg.

. . . and by these presents does, give, grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said James H. Cowley, party of the second part, the following described tracts or parcels of land, situate, lying, and being in the County of Madison, State of Alabama, and more particularly designated and described as follows, to wit:

The Southeast quarter (S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Twenty Eight (28); Twenty (20) acres in the southeast corner of the South West quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of section twenty eight (28) and the Northeast quarter (N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Thirty Three (33) of township Four (4), range one (1) west, subject to a conveyance of one (1) acre, conveyed by Elizabeth Madkins to A. McDonald, Trustee, containing Three Hundred and Forty acres (340) more or less.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the tracts or parcels of land above described, together with all and singular the rights, privileges, tenements, appurtenances and improvements unto the said James H. Cowley, party of the second part, and unto his assigns forever.

Grantor to pay taxes due October, 1918 and grantee assumes taxes thereafter.

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P. S. CABANISS, REGISTER

Register's deed

No

Jan. 1, 1919

Jan. 1, 1919

Thos. W. Jones, Judge Pro.

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Jan. 1, 1919

JOHN A. ANDERSON

Deed

121

36

Yes

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Yes

35,980.00

Yes

Know all men by these presents, That Whereas, in accordance with a decree of sale rendered at the July term, 1918, of said County, in the cause of John A. Anderson, Complainant, against Jimmie Anderson, Gnd, et als. Defendants.

I, P. S. Cabaniss, as Register of said Court sold the following described real estate, viz:

The South East Quarter of section 28, Twenty acres in the South east corner of the South West quarter of Section 28, the North-east quarter of Section 33, in Township 4, Range One West, subject to a conveyance of one acre conveyed by Elizabeth Madkins to A. McDonnell, Trustee, (and lands not included in this abstract)

Which real estate was sold at public sale between the hours of 11 o'clock AM and 4 o'clock PM on the 20th day of November A.D. 1918, at the Court House Door of Madison County, Alabama, to John A. Anderson, for the sum of Thirty-five Thousand, nine hundred Eighty (\$35980.00) Dollars, after first having given notice of the day, place and terms of said sale, and a description of the real estate for three successive weeks in the Huntsville Mercury, a newspaper published in said County, and also by posting up for thirty days at the Court House door of said County a notice of said sale.

And whereas, the sum of Thirty-five Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty

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at and for the sum of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars.

And John A. Anderson became the highest, best and last bidder for that part of said land described as follows: the

Southeast quarter of Section 28, 20 acres in the Southeast corner of the Southwest quarter of Section 28, the Northeast quarter of Section 33, the Southwest quarter of Section 33, all in Township 4, Range 1 West, except one half acre in the Southwest corner of the Southwest quarter of Section 33, conveyed by Margaret A. Madkins to the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, colored, and subject to a conveyance of one acre conveyed by Elizabeth Madkins to A. McDonnell, Trustee, containing in the aggregate 500 acres more or less. (And other lands)

at and for the sum of Thirty-five Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty (\$35980.00) Dollars.

Which said sums aggregating Thirty six Thousand and Eighty (\$36080.00) Dollars, was not greatly disproportionate to the value of said land. And the said Complainant, the said John A. Anderson and the said Defendants through their Guardian the said Jimmie Anderson, having requested that the purchaser or purchasers be permitted to pay fifteen per cent of the purchase price in cash at the time of the sale and the balance on January 1st., 1919, and secure a conveyance and possession on January 1st, 1919, and said terms having been announced at said sale;

NOW THEREFORE the Register begs leave to report that the said lands were sold as hereinabove set out to the respective highest bidders as aforesaid, and the said R. L. Lytle has paid to the Register the sum of Fifteen (\$15.00) Dollars.

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ELIZABETH G. MATKIN & HUSBAND	Warranty deed		
	Yes		
	Aug. 31, 1910		
K. B. MATKIN	Aug. 31, 1910		
	Ola Taylor, N.P.		
	Married		
	Yes		
	Ola Taylor, N.P.		
	Aug. 31, 1910		
JOHN A. ANDERSON	Deed	102	230
	Yes		
CLINTON D. ANDERSON		Yes	
		Yes	
	12,000.00		Yes

Witnesseth, That for and in consideration of the sum of Twelve Thousand (\$12,000.00) dollars - One thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars of which is paid in cash, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and the execution of a note by the said parties of the second part, payable to the said Elizabeth G. Matkin in the sum of Eleven thousand (\$11,000.00) dollars, on or before the first day of January, 1911, the delivery of which note is hereby acknowledged, to secure the payment of which said Eleven thousand (\$11,000.00) dollars note, the vendors lien upon the land hereinafter conveyed, I hereby expressly reserved and retained, the said Elizabeth G. Matkin and W. B. Matkin her husband, have this day given, granted, bargained, sold and conveyed, and by these presents do give, grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said John A. Anderson and Clinton D. Anderson the following described tracts or parcels of land lying in Madison County, Alabama, namely:-

The south east quarter of section 28, twenty acres in the south east corner of the southwest quarter of section 28, the north east quarter of section 33, all in township 4, Range 1 West, subject to a conveyance of one acre conveyed by Elizabeth G Matkin to A. McDonnell, trustee, (and lands not included in this abstract)

To have and to hold, the above described tracts or parcels of land, with all and singular the tenements and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining unto the said John A. Anderson and Clin-

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E. G. MATKIN & HUSBAND

W. B. MATKIN

Mortgage

March 19, 1910

March 19, 1910

Henrietta R. Schiffman, N.P.

I. SCHIFFMAN & CO.

Mar. 22, 1910

Mtg 106 279

648.00 Aug 1, 1910

. . . do hereby give, grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said I. Schiffman & Co. the following described lands, situated in the County of Madison, State of Alabama, viz:

SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and twenty acres in the SE corner of the SW quarter of section 28 and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 33, in township 4, Range 1 West, except one acre in said section 28, conveyed by W B Matkin to A McDonald et als, Trustees of date July 12th, 1902 and recorded in deed book 90 page 255 (and land not included in this abstract)

To have and to hold said real estate, with the rights, tenements, and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining unto the said I. Schiffman & Co., heirs and assigns, forever;

"Satisfied & Paid in full, this 31st day of Aug, 1910.
"I. Schiffman & Co."

Selections from Madison County AL Title Abstracts

ELIZABETH O. MATKIN & HUS.
W. B. MATKIN

Mortgage

March 31, 1909

March 31, 1909

Henrietta R. Schiffman, N.P.

I. SCHIFFMAN & CO

March 31, 1909

Mtg

96

566

1,000.00

1 yr after date

. . . and by these presents do give, grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said I. Schiffman & Co. the following described tracts or parcels of land lying and being in the County of Madison, State of Alabama, to-wit;

S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ and twenty acres in the SE corner of the S.W. quarter of section 28, and the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 33 and the S.W. quarter of section 33 all in township 4, range 1 west, except the following described tracts of land heretofore conveyed by Margaret A. Matkin to the trustees of the M.E. Church colored, containing one half acre in the S.W. corner of the of the S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of said section 33 and more particularly described in the deed of Margaret A. Matkin of date December 17th, 1877, and recorded in deed book UUU page 308, also one acre in said section 28, conveyed by W. B. Matkin to A. McDonnell, et als trustees of date July 12th, 1902 and recorded in deed book 90 page 255.

The have and to hold the above described tracts or parcels of land with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining to said I Schiffman & Co. their assigns forever. Provided nevertheless

"Satisfied & paid in full this 31st day of Dec. 1910.
"I. Schiffman & Co."

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ELIZABETH G. MATKINS & HUS

Mortgage

W. B. MATKINS

Oct. 29, 1904

Oct. 29, 1904

J. Robert Jones, N.P.

ISAAC SCHIFFMAN

Oct. 29, 1904

Mtg 84 628

3600.00 1 yr after date

. . . and by these presents do give, grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said Isaac Schiffman, the following described tracts or parcels of land lying and being in the County of Madison, State of Alabama, to-wit:

SR $\frac{1}{4}$ and twenty acres in the SE corner of the SW quarter of Section 28, and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of sec 33, and the SW quarter of section 33, all in Township 4, Range 1 West, except the following described tracts of land heretofore convey by Margaret A Matkins to the Trustees of the M.E. church colored containing one-half acre in the SW corner of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said section 33, and more particularly described in the deed of said Margaret A. Matkins of Date December 17, 1877, and recorded in deed Book UUU, page 308. Also one acre in said Section 28, conveyed by W B Matkins to A McDonald et als Trustees of date July 12, 1902 and recorded in deed Book 90, page 255.

To have and to hold the above described tracts or parcels of land with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining to said Isaac Schiffman his heirs and assigns forever.

Provided, nevertheless

"Satisfied & paid in full, this 31st day of Dec. 1910.

"Bettie Schiffman, Executrix
per R. L. Schiffman"

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ELIZABETH G. MATKINS & HUSBAND

Warranty deed

No

July 12, 1902

W. B. MATKIN

July 12, 1902

J. R. Boyd, N.P.

Married

Yes

J. R. Boyd, N.P.

July 12, 1902

ARCHIE McDONNELL, SAM A. LATHAM

Deed

90

255

Yes

and A. P. BARCLAY, SCHOOL

Yes

10.00

Yes

Yes

TRUSTERS of T. 4, R 1 WEST

. . . and by these presents do give, grant bargain, sell and convey unto the said parties of the second part as such Trustees the following described tract or parcel of land, lying and being in Madison County, Alabama, viz;

Commencing at a point in the center of the Triana Pike where it leaves the section line between sections twenty-seven and twenty-eight, Township Four, Range one west; thence with the center of said pike Southwesterly four hundred and twenty eight (428) yards to the lot hereby conveyed, thence North West in a line perpendicular to said pike seventy (70) yards, thence South West in a line parallel with said pike seventy (70) yards thence South East parallel with first line seventy (70) yards to the center of said pike. thence North East with the center of said pike seventy (70) yards to the place of beginning, containing one acre, being in Section Twenty eight, township four, Range one West.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above described tract or parcel of land together with all and singular the tenements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said Archie McDonnell, S. A. Latham, A. P. Barclay as such Trustees, and their successors for school purposes forever

On the margin of the above described record appears the following:

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"The acre of land described in the within deed is hereby released & discharged from the provisions of certain mortgages executed by said W B & E G Matkin to J H McAnelly & Bro on the 14th day of March 1901 & July 18th, 1899 recorded in Book 64, p 506 & in book 71, page 532, & from all mortgages by said w B & E G Matkin to said J H McAnelly & Bro. this release to be void if school is not kept up on said lot, but should be allowed to lapse for the space of two years . This August 4th, 1902.

"J. H. McAnelly & Bro."

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ADA B. JONES & HUSBAND	Quitclaim deed		
	No		
	July 14, 1899		
J. A. R. JONES	July 14, 1899		
	Thomas O. Gill, N.P. Ex Off JP		
	Married		
	No		
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	July 17, 1899		
ELIZABETH O. MADKINS	Deed	85	301
	Yes		
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			Yes
	800.00		Yes
	W. M. Gorman		
	R. Y. Gill		

. . . do remise, release, quit-claim and convey to the said Elizabeth G. Madkins, all of our right, title, interest and claim in or to the following described real estate to-wit: Lying and being in the County of Madison, state of Alabama, that is to say,

The South East quarter and twenty acres on the South East corner of the South West quarter of Section twenty eight, the North East quarter of Section thirty three, and the South west quarter of Section thirty three, all in township four, Range one West, containing five hundred acres more or less, and being the same land conveyed by Margaret A. Matkins to Isham J. Pennell by mortgage of record in the probate Court of said County, in mortgage book 28 page 317.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD to the said Elizabeth G. Matkins her heirs and assigns forever.

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HENRY McDONNELL, ADMR.
 ISHAM J. FENNELL
 HENRY McDONNELL & WIFE
 ADA F. McDONNELL
 M. L. FENNELL

Deed
 No
 Oct. 24, 1894
 See below
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 " "
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 " "
 Nov. 10, 1894

ELISABETH G. MATKINS

Deed 75 206
 Yes --
 Yes
 2250.00 Yes

. . . in consideration of the sum of Twenty Two Hundred and fifty (\$2250) dollars being the balance due on the debt secured by the mortgage of Margaret A. Matkins to Isham J. Fennell which mortgage was foreclosed on April 24, 1893, to us in hand paid by Elisabeth G Matkin, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, we, Henry McDonnell Individually and as administrator of the estate of Isham J. Fennell, deceased, Ada F. McDonnell wife of said Henry and Mattie L. Fennell (Ada F. McDonnell and Mattie L. Fennell being the only heirs at law of said Isham J. Fennell deceased) do remise, release, grant and convey to the said Elisabeth G. Matkin all our right, title, interest and claim in or to the following described real estate lying in the county of Madison, State of Alabama, to-wit:

The South East quarter and twenty acres in the southeast corner of of the southwest quarter of Section 28 and the northeast quarter of Section 33 and the southwest quarter of Section 33 all in township four Range one West, containing Five Hundred acres more or less.

To Have and To Hold to the said Elisabeth G. Matkins her heirs and assigns but without warranty from us.

ACKNOWLEDGED:

By Henry McDonnell, individually and as said admr. and by Ada F. McDonnell, Oct. 24, 1894 before J R Wynn, J.P., Madison Co., Ala.

By Mattie L. Fennell, Nov. 6, 1894 before N. D. Lunning, J.P. (Seal) Buncombe County, North Carolina.

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A. McDONNELL & WIFE

LILLIAN McDONNELL

HENRY McDONNELL, ADMINISTRATOR

OF ESTATE OF ISHAM J. PENNELL

DECEASED.

Deed

No

April 24, 1893

April 24, 1893

J. R. Wynn, J.P.

Married

Yes

J. R. Wynn, J.P.

April 24, 1893

Deed

YYY

402

Yes

Yes

No

2,828.50

Yes

Know all men by these presents that for and in consideration of the sum of two thousand eight hundred and twenty eight & 50/100 dollars to me in hand paid by Henry McDonnell, Admr of the estate of Isham J. Pennell deed the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged we have this day given, granted, bargained and sold and by these presents do give, grant sell convey and confirm unto the said Henry McDonnell as such administrator the following described tracts or parcels of land situate lying and being in said state and county to wit:

The South East quarter and 20 acres in South East corner of South west quarter of Section twenty eight, also the North East quarter of Section thirty three and the South West quarter of Section thirty three, all in Township four Range one west, containing five hundred acres more or less.

To Have and To hold the above described tract or parcel of land with the rights, tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging unto him the said Henry McDonnell as such administrators his successors or assigns forever but without warranty of title from me.

In witness whereof we hereunto set our hands and affix our seals this

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HENRY McDONNELL, ADMR. I. J.	Foreclosure deed		
	No		
	April 24, 1893		
FENNELL, DECD, mortgagee	April 24, 1893		
	J. R. Wynn, J.P.		
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	April 19, 1893		
ARCHIBALD McDONNELL	Deed	YYY	400
		Yes	
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			Yes
	2,823.50		Yes

Whereas, Margaret A. Matkin and Archibald McDonnell trustee of said County & State executed to Isham J Fennell deceased on the 29th day of February, 1888, a certain mortgage recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate for said County and State in book 34, page 445 for the purpose of securing a debt of the said Margaret A. Matkin therein particularly set out conveying to the said Isham J Fennell dece a certain tract or parcel of land hereinafter particularly described, and whereas by said mortgage, power and authority were vested in said mortgage to sell said realty therein described in default of the payment of said debt at maturity, and whereas default was made in the payment of said debt at maturity and whereas under and by virtue of said power of sale by said mortgage so vested in said Isham J Fennell deceased, I as administrator of the said Isham J Fennell deceased did sell the realty hereinafter described at public outcry for cash in front of the Court house door of said county within legal hours on the 24th day of April, 1893, having given thirty days notice of the time, place and terms of sale by publication in the Weekly Argus a newspaper published in the city of Huntsville in said State & County in accordance with the requirements of the said mortgage, and

Whereas at said sale Archie McDonnell of said state and County became the purchaser of the property so conveyed in said mortgage at & for the sum of two thousand eight hundred and twenty three & 50/100 dollars, that being the last, best and highest bid therefor and whereas

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the said Archie McDonnell has complied with the terms of sale,

Now therefore know all men by these presents that I, Henry McDonnell as said administrator of Isham J. Fennell, deceased, for and in consideration of the premises and for the further consideration of ten dollars to me in hand paid by the said Archie McDonnell the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged under and by virtue of the power and authority in me vested by said mortgage have this day given, granted, bargained and sold and by these presents do give, grant, bargain and sell and convey and confirm unto the said Archie McDonnell the following described tracts or parcels of land situate lying & being in said state and County to wit:

The South East quarter and twenty acres on the South East corner of the Southwest quarter of section twenty eight, also the North East quarter of section thirty three and the South west quarter of Section thirty three, all in Township four, Range one West, containing five hundred acres more or less.

To Have and To Hold the above described realty together with all and singular the rights, tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto him the said Archie McDonnell his heirs and assigns forever as fully and completely as I as administrator of said deceased mortgagee can or ought to convey the title to the same.

In witness whereof

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MARGARET A. MATKINS

warranty deed
See below

Sept. 5, 1890

Sept. 5, 1890

Thomas O. Gill, NP Ex Off JP

Not shown

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April 20, 1893

Deed

YYY

399

ADA S. JONES

Yes

Yes

Yes

See below

. . . . for and in consideration of the love and affection I have for my daughter party of the 2d part, one thousand dollars she is to pay on a mortgage held by Isham Pennell and one hundred and twenty dollars she is to pay me annually during my life time for my support, I have this day bargained, sold and conveyed and by presents do bargain, sell and convey to my daughter party of the 2d part, a certain tract or parcel of land with all the tenements and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise thereto appertaining and lying in the sforesaid County and particularly described as follows, viz:

The SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec 28 and 20 acres off the SE corner of the SW quarter of same section and seventy acres off the N end of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 33 all in Township 4 Range 1 West containing in all 250 acres more or less.

To Have and to Hold the same & I hereby bind myself my heirs and assigns to warrant and defend the title of same to said 2nd party, her heirs & assigns forever

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MARGARET A. MATKINS

A. McDONNELL, TRUSTEE

WILLIAM B. MATKINS

Warranty deed

No

March 9, 1890

Aug. 9, 1890; Aug 11, 1890

Alfred Moore, N.P.

Not shown

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Aug. 11, 1890

Deed

TTT

343

Yes

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No

See below

. . . that for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which I bear to my son, William B. Matkins and for the further consideration that my said son agrees & binds himself by the acceptance of this deed to pay the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, with interest from the date hereof in liquidation of a mortgage given by me to Isham J Fennell on the realty hereinafter described, which said mortgage is recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate of said state and county in Deed Book M.B. No. 28 & also in Book TTT page 445 & for the further consideration of ten dollars to me in hand paid by my said son, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, I Margaret A. Matkins of said state and County, have this day given, granted, bargained and sold, and by these presents do give, grant, bargain, sell, convey and confirm unto the said William B. Matkins the following described real estate situate, lying & being in said State & county towit:

The South west quarter of Section thirty three, Township four Range one West, except one half acre in the South West corner of same heretofore conveyed by me to certain negroes for church purposes; also a right of way along and upon a certain strip of land 20 feet wide along the west side of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ S 33 and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ S 28 T 4, R 1 W and running north along half section line to the Trisna Road together with free ingress, egress and regress for the said William B. Matkins his heirs and assigns, his and their tenants and under tenants at all times and forever hereafter.

To Have and to Hold the above described premises

NOTE:- A. McDonnell signed and acknowledged this conveyance but his name does not appear in the body of instrument.

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MARGARET A. MATKINS
A. McDONNELL, TRUSTEE

Mortgage
Feb. 29, 1888

See below

" "

ISHAM J. FENNELL

Aug. 8, 1890

445 34 445

2500.00

12 mths from date

. . . in consideration of the premises and of the further sum of five dollars cash in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have this day granted, bargained, sold, aliened, revised, released, conveyed and confirming and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, alien, remise, release, convey and confirm unto the said Isham J Fennell the following described lands lying and being in the County of Madison and State of Alabama, that is to say:

The South East quarter and twenty acres on the South west corner of the South west quarter of Section twenty eight, the North East quarter of Section thirty three and the South west quarter of Section thirty three, all in township four, Range one west, containing five Hundred acres, more or less.

To have & to hold the said land unto the said Isham J. Fennell and his heirs forever, together with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

The above conveyance is however upon this following condition. If the said Margaret A Matkine shall well and truly pay the said note and

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WM. M. HIGH & WIFE

EMMA C. HIGH

MARGARET A. MATKINS

Deed

No

Dec. 31, 1866

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Married

No

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Dec. 31, 1866

Deed

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Yes

Yes

Yes

See below

Yes

Know all men by these presents, that we, William M. High and wife, Emma C. High for and in consideration of love and affection for Margaret A. Matkins, mother of the said Emma C. High, and for the further consideration of the sum of ten dollars to us in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby give, grant, bargain, sell, alien and convey unto the said Margaret A. Matkins the following described lands viz:

The South East quarter and twenty acres on the South east corner of the South West quarter of Section Twenty Eight, and the North East quarter of Section thirty three all in Township four, Range one West, in said County.

To have and to Hold the same to her and her heirs forever.

In Witness Whereof

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WM. MATKINS & WIFE

MARGARETT MATKINS

EMMA C. HIGH

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This Indenture made and entered into his 31st day of December, 1866, by and between William Matkins of the first part, Emma C. High of the second part & William A High of the third part, Witnesseth: That whereas, the party of the first part has bargained and sold to the party of the second part, with the consent and approval of the party of the third part, certain lands hereinafter described and conveyed for the sum of Five thousand dollars:

Now therefore for and in consideration of the said sum of Five Thousand dollars to him in hand paid, the receipt whereof, is hereby acknowledged, the said William Matkins gives, grants, bargains, and sells, aliens and conveys to the said Emma C. High,

The South east quarter and twenty acres on the south east corner of the South West quarter of Section twenty eight and the North east quarter of Section thirty three, all in Township four Range one West in said county.

To Have and to Hold the said to her and her heirs forever.

In Witness Whereof

Margerett Matkins' name does not appear in body of conveyance but acknowledgment states she is wife of William Matkins.

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