

cannot be determined) has not been moved since long before 1999. Dense vegetation must have covered these markers whenever Max Bennett visited the site.]

The search for information about Elle Jacobs has been interesting. At first, the name “Elle” was thought to be for “Ellen” or “Eleanor”, indicating a female. Accordingly, marriage records of Madison County for a Jacobs male to a female named Ellen or Eleanor were investigated, but no possibilities were found to match the name and time period. Census records for 1930 and 1920 were also checked to no avail for likely matches. The Huntsville City Directories were checked for the time period from 1916 through 1925 for any E. Jacob / Jacobs (who lived 1892 – 1926, per the tombstone), but nothing close was found. No probate records were found for the name, but there were probate records for Burrell Jacobs and Burrell J. Jacobs that were found and checked. (Most of the records that were researched have been digitally photographed and are included on the CD-ROMs provided to the Army offices.)

Madison County Probate Minute Book 15, on page 48, shows that Thomas Jamar was appointed administrator for the estate of Burrell Jacobs on October 20, 1873. Madison County Probate Record Book 33, on page 637, mentions that there are a widow and minor children of Burrell Jacobs and describes his real estate as including the W/2 of the NE/4 of Section 17, the NE/4 of the SW/4 of Section 9, and the NW/4 of the SW/4 of Section 9, all in T5S-R1W, comprising 160 acres. This property is described as an exemption for the widow and minor children, **including the residence**. Therefore, it can be concluded that Burrell Jacobs and his family lived within about two miles (and southwest) of the Jordan – Jacobs Cemetery.

Elle was born many years too late to appear as a child of Burrell’s in the 1860 or 1870 census records, but it was thought that Burrell could well have been the grandfather or even the great grandfather of Elle. One of the likely candidates for being the father of Ellie Jacobs was Burrell Jacobs, Jr. He is listed in the 1880 census of Madison County on page 134A under the name Barret Jacobs, Mulatto, age 28. His wife is shown as Kittie, Mulatto, age 20. The only child in the 1880 household is listed as Kittie also, Mulatto, age 5 months. All are given as born in Alabama, with father and mother also born in Alabama. Subsequent census data showed, however, that Burrell Jr. was **NOT** the father of Elle / Ellie Jacobs.