

One interesting side note is that when the Madison County Circuit Court Papers index was checked at the courthouse archives room in the Huntsville – Madison County Public Library, there was an entry for **ELLIE JACOBS**. In packet number 732 was found the case record of Ellie Jacobs filing suit against the Alabama Power Company on March 8, 1919. The basis of the suit was that Ellie was driving his horse and buggy down West Clinton Street, just west of the Huntsville City Limits, when an “electric street railway” came along and startled the mare. The horse bolted, running into a fence and becoming “...injured, rendering its value lower”. Moreover, the buggy was damaged, and Ellie *himself* was injured. As plaintiff, Ellie was asking \$1000 compensation on each of the three points. The finding was that the mare was “...not a gentle mare”, and there was “...no malicious intent to cause injury.” The timing was right for this Ellie of the case to be the one for which the tombstone was erected in the Jordan – Jacobs Cemetery, meaning that the grave would be for a male rather than for a female. Certainly the location of the case event fits for one who may have lived on the pre-arsenal property. This was the first evidence found to indicate the likelihood of the name Ellie being for a male of the Jacobs family.

Subsequent checks of census records for other years plus additional files turned up Elle himself. The 1900 Soundex was examined for all Jacobs families of Madison County. It showed only one child named Elle / Ellie in the various Jacobs families of the county. That was **Ellie Jacobs**, born March of 1884 (per the Soundex and census record) in Alabama, as **the son of Isaac Jacobs, age 53 (b. January 1847 in AL)**, and his wife Bettie / Bittie, who was born in June of 1859 in AL.