

comes from the famous **Fennell** family, owners of large plantations who came to Madison County from Virginia by way of North Carolina. The history of the Fennell family is closely linked to that of the Jordan family, also of Virginia, North Carolina, and early Madison County. Bartholomew Jordan was the namesake for Jordan's Chapel, an early Methodist Episcopal Church on arsenal lands. It is believed that Jordan's Chapel was either the 2nd or 3rd Methodist Church in Alabama. The chapel was first established around 1820 on the lands of Robert Langford, near where the Matkin Cemetery (37-3) is located today. After a couple of years, it moved to land donated by Bartholomew Jordan near the northern edge of arsenal lands. To understand the history of the Fennell family, the history of the Jordan family of early Madison County must also be studied. (The reader is referred to the file / report on Jordan's Chapel.) The history of these families was linked before they came to Madison County, as shown in the North Carolina church deed below:

Jordan Data found on Ancestry.com Family Message Boards, 11-2-02:

Submitter: jim dunning

Subject: [Concord Church Deed](#)

Message: Hello Nannette, While researching my Isham Fennell family in Greenville Co., Va and Northampton Co., NC, I came across the deed for the Concord Methodist Episcopal Church. The Concord Church and Cemetery is located along the Northampton county road which parallels the NC-VA state line . Concord Church is the oldest active church in the county. It served many families in the area of Greenville and Northampton. The Long Family now living in Greenville Co on land originally patented to John Fennell in 1760 are current members of the church. I am sure that you will see some familiar names in the deed.

Deed for the Concord Methodist Episcopalian Church

of Northampton County, North Carolina

SMITH to **JORDAN** & OTHERS -This indenture made this 6th day of November in the year of our Lord 1794 between Joel Smith of Northampton County in the state of North Carolina of the one part and Jesse **Jordan**, John Luke, Charles Harrison, Robert Finner, Batt **Jordan**, ISHAM FENNELL, and Thomas Dupree, part in the said County, part in Greenville in Virginia of the other part witnesseth that in consideration of Five shillings current money of North Carolina by the said Jesse **Jordan**, John Luke, Charles Harrison, Robert Finner, Batt **Jordan**, ISHAM FENNELL and Thomas Dupree to the said Joel Smith truly paid be-fore the sealing and delivering hereof the receipt whereof the said