

The last page (above) of the record of the slaves of Temperance Fennell in her estate includes the Final Settlement of the estate of a close neighbor, Ann Lanier. (See the Lanier Cemetery reports, especially the Jordan – Lanier Cemetery, 51-1, Summary Report for more details on the Laniers.) Ann Lanier had a daughter who married a son of Bartholomew Jordan. That son would, of course, have been a nephew of Temperance Jordan Fennell.

While Temperance and other early Fennell plantation owners lived on the land that became Redstone Arsenal, it is not believed that they were buried in the cemetery at Mills Road and Martin Road. They are almost certainly buried in the little cemetery that served Jordan's Chapel, which is located today on the east side of the grounds of Morris Elementary School. The cemetery site is at the property line separating Morris Elementary from the Huntsville Botanical Gardens, on the south side of Bob Wallace Avenue. No inscribed markers remain there today. (A complete account of the basis for defining this location for the Jordan's Chapel Cemetery is to be found in that cemetery report. Since the location is no longer within the bounds of Redstone Arsenal, it has no location numeric code to relate to arsenal areas. However, it is included in the Summary Reports delivered to the Army offices, since the people buried there held land that became large portions of Redstone Arsenal, even for its present boundaries.

The cemetery at Mills Road and Martin Road is generally believed to have been used exclusively by black families through the years. However, a check of the old land records for its location (SE/4, S32-T4-R1W) shows the pioneer ownership of the parcel. Any of its owners could have begun the cemetery as such by burying family members there, and then when black families came into possession of the land, they naturally continued to use the cemetery for interments.