

Madison County marriage records don't contain any data that conclusively points to the person named Mary Lightford buried in this cemetery. However, there are several possibilities for connections. For example, there is a record in Marriage Book Volume 5, page 391, that has the 13 Sept. 1867 license of Bartley Lightfoot to marry Mary E. Sisley, both of whom are noted as "colored". Likewise, there is another entry in the index for a Milton Lightfoot licensed (7 March 1883) to marry Mary L. **B**radford in Volume 12, page 546. Again, both are noted as "colored", and both Lightfoot and Bradford are surnames known to have resided on lands that became arsenal property. (The Mary **B**. Lightfoot of the 1910 land sale shown below is probably this one, who would have been a widow to be "unmarried" at the time.) Either of these marriages could have produced a daughter named Mary who could be born in 1883. Of course, this avenue of conjecture assumes that "Lightford" was actually "Lightfoot", which was a common name in the area at the time.