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Section 14 Township 4 South of Range 7 Madison County, Alabama.

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SEC. NO.	RANGE	TOWNSHIP	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	DATE OF INSTRUMENT	SEC. NO.	N. E. 1/4				S. E. 1/4			
							11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1	408	2	Gross, Gross & Wary	Stamps, Elijah & Zulus	1821									
2	407	2	Gross, Gross & Wary	Stamps, Benjamin	1821									
2	70	2	Stamps, Joshua & et al.	Stamps, Benjamin	1824									
4	204	2	Stamps, Benjamin & J.	Holding, Richard	1829									
4	303	2	Stamps, Benjamin & J.	Holding, Richard	1828									
2	314	2	Jones, David J. & et al.	Holding, Richard	1840									
2	308	2	Jones, Barclay & et al.	Holding, Richard	1824									
14	469	2	Holding, Richard	Holding, William W.	1828									
14	313	2	Holding, William W.	Springer, John J.	1825									
14	311	2	Springer, John J. & et al.	Carter, Thomas	1823									
14	312	2	Holding, William W.	Carter, Thomas	1823									
14	306	2	Watson, Martha C. & et al.	Watworth, Ann & et al.	1827									
14	308	2	Carter, Mary & et al.	Carter, Mary & et al.	1827									
14	141	2	Carter, Mary & et al.	Watworth, Ann	1828									
14	142	2	Watson, Martha C. & et al.	Carter, Mary	1827									
14	143	2	Watworth, Ann & et al.	Watson, Martha C.	1829									
14	142	2	Carter, Thomas & et al.	Watson, Martha C. & et al.	1829									
14	508	2	Carter, Mary & et al.	Watson, Martha C.	1828									
104	500	2	Watworth, Ann & et al.	Watford, Willie	1811									
114	512	2	Watford, Willie	Watson James & et al.	1817									

While it seems that only white people owned the land of the cemetery until at least 1912, the character of the cemetery appears to fit an early black and/or slave cemetery. Considering the size of the cemetery, it could easily hold around a thousand graves, if full. It would only make sense for a cemetery to be that large if it were used for burials of those with many slaves and then for a community with a large black population after emancipation. That logic strongly suggests that this was the cemetery used by the slaves of possibly Benjamin Bledsoe, but almost certainly those of Gross Scruggs and Richard Holding. It has already been shown that Gross Scruggs had over 40 slaves around the time that he owned this parcel of land. Below is shown the 1840 census record for the Richard Holding household, which included 98 slaves: