

GREEN GROVE CEMETERY, 61-1

Summary Report



Green Grove Cemetery, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co. AL., March 11, 2003
Entrance gate, fence damage in background

This cemetery is located in the southwest quarter of Section 14, Township 4 South, Range 2 West. It is about a quarter mile south of Interstate 565 and perhaps one eighth mile west of Anderson Road. Today Anderson Road no longer crosses the arsenal northern boundary to connect to the southern end of Slaughter Road, as it once did before the boundary fence and Highways 20 and I-565 severed the connection. From the northern end of Anderson Road on the arsenal, one can follow the fence line west until finding a south-going security fence line, which can be followed toward the cemetery. The cemetery is on a slope that goes down to a small creek that becomes Betts Spring Branch to the south. It may be easier to access the cemetery during

wet seasons (as was done in March of 2003) by simply going through the woods at about a 30-degree angle south of due west from the northern end of Anderson Road. When the creek is reached, follow it south to where an old pond remains with a culvert converted into a mill spout at the dam. There is an old truck cab on the rise immediately east of the dam. The cemetery is slightly south of due west of the dam, up the western slope and at the line where the wooded area ends in an old field.



Patsy Kinney & granddaughter Sydney, descendants of Harrison Owen, landowner of area in 1830s, at old mill pond in Green Grove Community in northwestern corner of Redstone Arsenal in Madison Co. AL; March 5, 2005. Green Grove Cemetery is about 150 yards beyond pond.

(Harrison Owen owned land in the NW/4 of Section 14.)

The “Green Grove Community is probably misnamed, as the same name applies to another community on the extreme south end of the arsenal, near the river.

The cemetery is quite large, as compared to other cemeteries on the arsenal. It could easily hold between 500 and 1000 graves, but there is evidence of only a few dozen depressions that are obviously graves today. Likewise, there is only one tombstone remaining, if there ever were more. That stone is for **JAMES TURNER**, who died in 1926.



Green Grove Cemetery, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co. AL, March 11, 2003
Old metal post near entrance gate; tombstone to left of top of post, in background

The post may have been an old sign post to hold the name of the cemetery. It does not appear to be substantial enough to have been a gate post, and there was no evidence of an internal fence in this area of within the cemetery.

The only tombstone found in this cemetery is shown below:



Green Grove Cemetery, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co. AL, March 11, 2003
(The only tombstone found in the cemetery.)

While there were several possibilities for James Turner in the Madison County census records, the one shown in the records below for 1900 and 1910 seem to be the most probable match from the indexes, since he lived immediately south of the cemetery, in an area served by the main north – south road that passed by the cemetery on the way to Triana.

E. D. 108, Sheet 16 - B TWELFTH CENSUS OF

State Alabama

County Madison

SCHEDULE No. 1

Township or other division of county Precinct 7 Triana

Name of incorporated city, town, or village, within the above-named division, _____

Enumerated by me on the 21 day of June, 1900,

LOCATION.				NAME of each person whose place of abode on June 1, 1900, was in this family. <small>State surname first, then the given name and middle initial, if any. Exclude every person living on June 1, 1900. Omit children born since June 1, 1900.</small>	RELATION. <small>Relationship of each person to the head of the family.</small>	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION.										Place of birth of each person, give the State, give the District.
IN CITY.	Household Number.	Number of family living on the 1st of June, 1900.	Number of family living on the 1st of June, 1900.			DATE OF BIRTH.		Age at last birthday.	Whether single, married, widowed, or divorced.	Number of years married.	Number of live many children.	Number of those children living.	Place of birth of this Person.			
				Month.	Year.											
				6/16	Head	B	M	July	1854	45	M	8			Alabama	
					Wife	B	F	May	1862	38	M	8	7	4	Alabama	
					Daughter	B	F	Nov	1890	9	S				Alabama	
					Daughter	B	F	Oct	1892	7	S				Alabama	
					Daughter	B	F	Sept	1894	5	S				Alabama	
					Son	B	M	Nov	1899	1/2	S				Alabama	
					Head	B	M	June	1854	45	M	11			Alabama	
					Wife	B	F	July	1862	37	M	11	6	5	Alabama	
					Daughter	B	F	Oct	1885	14	S				Alabama	
					Son	B	M	Sept	1891	8	S				Alabama	
					Daughter	B	F	Dec	1892	7	S				Alabama	
					Daughter	B	F	Nov	1895	4	S				Alabama	
					Son	B	M	Oct	1897	2	S				Alabama	
					Lodger	B	F	Dec	1863	36	M	2	0		Alabama	
					Head	B	F	Mar	1852	48	M	1	1		Alabama	
					Daughter	B	F	Feb	1890	10	S				Alabama	
					Lodger	B	M	Jan	1880	20	S				Alabama	
					Head	M	M	Sept	1837	62	M				S. Carolina	

(1900 census image for James Turner and neighbors.)

79	51 58	Cowan Barry	Head	M	Mar	66	M	32	Alabama	
80		Wife	WF	F	Mar	59	M	32	Alabama	
81	52 59	Blanton Marshall	Head	M	B	35	M	4	Alabama	
82		Wife	WF	F	B	40	M	8	Alabama	
83		Pearl	Daughter	F	B	6	S		Alabama	
84		Novella	Daughter	F	B	3	S		Alabama	
85	53 60	Middleton Adolphus	Stepson	M	B	14	S		Alabama	
86		Breeding James	Head	M	Mar	29	M	1	Alabama	
87		Mary	Wife	WF	F	Mar	28	M	1 2 2	Alabama
88		Charlie	Son	M	Mar	8	S		Alabama	
89		Franz	Daughter	F	Mar	5	S		Alabama	
90		Estelle May	Stepdaughter	F	Mar	5	S		Alabama	
91		Breeding Robert	Son	M	Mar	12	S		Alabama	
92	61	Coyne Ed	Head	M	B	32	M	2	Alabama	
93		Wife	WF	F	B	24	M	2	Alabama	
94	54 62	Turner James	Head	M	Mar	45	M	18	Alabama	
95		Wife	WF	F	Mar	36	M	18	Alabama	
96		Mary	Daughter	F	Mar	18	S		Alabama	
97		Basetta	Daughter	F	Mar	15	S		Alabama	
98		Otto	Son	M	Mar	10	S		Alabama	
99		Sam	Son	M	Mar	5	S		Alabama	
100		Paul	Son	M	Mar	4	S		Alabama	

State Alabama E. D. 128, Sheets 3-B & 4-A DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 COUNTY Madison THIRTEENTH CENSUS
 TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY Triona Precinct #7

FAMILY NO.	NAME	RELATION	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION							Place of Birth of each person given for sex
			Sex	Color	Age	Mar.	Prof.	Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Estate	
55 63	Turner James	Son	M	W	12	S			Alabama	
	Smith Julia	Head	F	B	47	Wd	13	11	Alabama	
	Minny	Daughter	F	B	22	S			Alabama	
	James E.	Son	M	B	20	S			Alabama	
	Flora	Daughter	F	B	18	S			Alabama	
	Carter	Son	M	B	16	S			Alabama	
	Only	Daughter	F	B	12	S			Alabama	
	Edna	Daughter	F	B	5	S			Alabama	
	Riley	Son	M	B	3	S			Alabama	
56 64	Weldon Bertha Lee	Granddaughter	F	B	12	S			Alabama	
	Harrison William H	Grandson	M	B	12	S			Alabama	
	Walter Ida	Head	F	B	43	Wd	7	4	Alabama	
57 65	William	Son	M	B	5	S			Alabama	
	Gopher William	Head	M	Mar	49	M	2 8		Alabama	
	Lana	Wife	WF	F	B	45	M	3 8	0 0	Alabama
	Frank	Son	M	Mar	17	S			Alabama	
58 66	Mary Jane	Daughter	F	Mar	6	S			Alabama	
	Stance Rending	Head	M	B	70	M	2 30		Alabama	
	Marich	Wife	WF	F	B	80	M	2 20	7 1	Alabama

(Composite of portions of two pages from 1910 census.)

It has been reported that the cemetery was used exclusively for African Americans who were too poor to erect tombstones. However, there may be some consideration given to the fact that this area was apparently the center of a small community in the northwestern portion of the arsenal. This statement is based upon the many indications of a settlement on the slope to the east of the small creek and west of Anderson Road. There are numerous stones to indicate old chimney sites and other remnants of housing, as well as the dam across the creek to form a mill pond. It may well be that the earliest phases of the cemetery were used by a white community, before the post-Civil War population shifts in the late 1800s and early 1900s left the area as predominately African American. While there is no proof of that possibility, it should not be entirely ruled out, as there is a lack of data either way.

Further research of the early history of land ownership prior to the Civil War offers significant clues to burials in the cemetery. Margaret Matthews Cowart, in her book **OLD LAND RECORDS OF MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA**, shows that the first owner of the SW/4 of Section 14, T4-R2W, was Gross Scruggs.

OLD LAND RECORDS OF MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA, by Margaret Matthews Cowart

TOWNSHIP		RANGE		HUNTSVILLE MERIDIAN			
4 South		2 West					
DESCRIPTION OF THE TRACT		AREA		UNITED STATES TITLE			
PART OF SECTION	Section	Acres	100ths	TO WHOM SOLD OR GRANTED	Date of Sale Location or Grant	Number of Certificate or Warrant	Date of Military Act

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	South East $\frac{1}{4}$	13	159.78	James Manning	2 Feb 1818	860	
	South West $\frac{1}{4}$		159.78	John Boardman	28 Dec 1827	2116	
	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$		40.26	Unknown <u>David Gray</u>	5 Nov 1833	6634	
	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$		40.26	Unknown <u>William Thompson</u>	2 Feb 1818	515	
$\frac{1}{2}$ of	(SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$)		40.26	Unknown <u>William Thompson</u>	2 Feb 1818	515	
	(SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$)		40.26	Unknown <u>William Thompson</u>	2 Feb 1818	515	
$\frac{1}{2}$ of	(NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$)		40.26	Wm. T. Crenshaw	2 Feb 1818	274	
	(NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$)		40.26	Wm. T. Crenshaw	2 Feb 1818	274	
	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$		40.26	Unknown <u>William T. Crenshaw</u>	2 Feb 1818	274	
	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$		40.26	Unknown blank			
$\frac{1}{2}$ of	(NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$)		40.26	Unknown <u>Daniel Mitchell</u>	2 Feb 1818	484	
	(NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$)		40.26	Unknown <u>Daniel Mitchell</u>	2 Feb 1818	484	
	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$		40.26	Unknown <u>Daniel Mitchell</u>	2 Feb 1818	484	
	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$		40.26	Unknown blank			
	South West $\frac{1}{4}$		161.04	Gross Scruggs, Asse	2 Feb 1818	2586	
	North East $\frac{1}{4}$	15	635.38				
	North West $\frac{1}{4}$		158.84	<u>Benjamin Bledsoe, Asse</u>	2 Feb 1818	261	
	South East $\frac{1}{4}$		158.84	<u>Michael Farley, Asse</u>	2 Feb 1818	531	
	South West $\frac{1}{4}$		158.84	<u>Stith B. Spragins, Asse</u>	2 Feb 1818	1193	
	Page 102 Entire	16	647.58	<u>Rewben Crutcher, Asse</u>	2 Feb 1818	516	
	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$		40.47 $\frac{1}{2}$	*School <u>R. L. Irwin</u>	28 Jun 1859	Vol D, p 114	
	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$		40.47 $\frac{1}{2}$	*School <u>R. L. Irwin</u>	28 Jun 1859	Vol D, p 114	
	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$		40.47 $\frac{1}{2}$	" <u>James H. Pride</u>	5 Jun 1858	Vol D, p 83	
	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$		40.47 $\frac{1}{2}$	" <u>James H. Pride</u>	5 Jun 1858	Vol D, p 83	
	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$		40.47 $\frac{1}{2}$	*School <u>James Clemens</u>	5 Jan 1854?	Vol 6, p 221	
	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$		40.47 $\frac{1}{2}$	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	
	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$		40.47 $\frac{1}{2}$	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	
	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$		40.47 $\frac{1}{2}$	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	
	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$		40.47 $\frac{1}{2}$	*School <u>Wm. M. Gooch</u>	24 Mar 1860	Vol D, p 187	
	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$		40.47 $\frac{1}{2}$	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	
	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$		40.47 $\frac{1}{2}$	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	
	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$		40.47 $\frac{1}{2}$	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	
	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$		40.47 $\frac{1}{2}$	*School <u>James Clemens</u>	5 Jan 1854?	Vol C, p 221	
	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$		40.47 $\frac{1}{2}$	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	
	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$		40.47 $\frac{1}{2}$	" " " "	Mar	" " " "	
	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$		40.47 $\frac{1}{2}$	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	
	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	17	623.48	State	23 May 1828	*Memo	
			77.93 $\frac{1}{2}$	*River Impts <u>Geo. Petty</u>	28 Jul 1830	*Searched indices of Pat Vols 1-8 and failed to find Pat. for Geo. Petty. See Land Patents Vol 9, p 32 1/12/60	
	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$		77.93 $\frac{1}{2}$	State	23 May 1828	*Memo	
	(E $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$)		77.93 $\frac{1}{2}$	River Impts <u>Geo. Petty</u>	28 Jul 1830		
	(W $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$)		77.93 $\frac{1}{2}$	Same as above entry			
	South East $\frac{1}{4}$		155.87	Same as above entry			
	South West $\frac{1}{4}$		155.87	<u>David Monroe, Asse</u>	2 Feb 1818	213	
		18	657.69	<u>David Monroe, Asse</u>	2 Feb 1818	214	
	North East $\frac{1}{4}$		164.42	Henry H. Burt, Asse	1 Jul 1831	1282	
	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$		82.21	State	23 May 1828	*Memo	
				*River Impts <u>J. Cartwright</u>	21 Apr 1830		
				<u>Jas. Bailey</u>	1 Jul 1830/34	Vol 2, p 17	

Information in script appears on the copy from the office of the Secretary of State of Alabama.

*FACING PAGE	FUND	STATE TITLE	WHEN CONVEYED	Number of State Transfer or Conveyance	WHERE RECORDED	MEMORANDUM
		TO WHOM CONVEYED			VOL	PAGE

Gross Scruggs purchased the land from the government on the first day of legal sale, 2 February 1818, per Certificate 2586. Gross Scruggs was known to own many slaves, per the 1830 Madison County census records.

1830 Madison Co. AL
 SCHEDULE of the whole number of Persons within the Division allotted

NAME HEADS OF FAMILIES	FREE WHITE PERSONS, (INCLUDES HEADS OF FAMILIES)																								
	MALES												FEMALES												
	Under 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 25	25 to 30	30 to 35	35 to 40	40 to 45	45 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	80 to 90	90 to 100	Under 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 25	25 to 30	30 to 35	35 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60
Joseph Jernard	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
William C. <u>Almon</u>																									
Robert <u>Key</u>	1		2																						
Abraham <u>Mitchell</u>																									
Mary <u>Raper</u>																									
Josiah <u>Ward</u>																									
Henry <u>Wing</u>	1																								
Young <u>Scruggs</u>		2													2	1	1	2							1
Anna <u>Schlen</u>	1																								
George W. <u>Harper</u>	1																								
George W. <u>Sybil</u>	1																								
John <u>Crain</u>	1	2	1																						
Benjamin <u>Hester</u>			2																						
Martha <u>Willy</u>																									
Michael <u>Werten</u>	2	2																							

Gross Scruggs was shown with a “Free White” household of 10 persons: 2 males age 5 – 10, 1 male age 50 – 60, 2 females age 0 – 5, 1 female age 5 – 10, 1 female age 10 – 15, 2 females age 15 – 20, and 1 female age 40 – 50. The slave count during that census for the Scruggs household is shown on the next page, as inserted below:

R. Clayton by the Marshal of the *Northern* District (or Territory) of *Ala*

SLAVES										FREE COLORED PERSONS										TOTAL	WHITE PERSONS
MALES					FEMALES					MALES					FEMALES						
Under ten years of age	From ten to 14	From 15 to 19	From 20 to 24	From 25 to 100	Under ten years of age	From ten to 14	From 15 to 19	From 20 to 24	From 25 to 100	Under ten years of age	From ten to 14	From 15 to 19	From 20 to 24	From 25 to 100	Under ten years of age	From ten to 14	From 15 to 19	From 20 to 24	From 25 to 100		
1	1				3	2				16	4	13	9	4	4	3	9	4	6	57	1
					1	1														10	
																				9	
																				4	
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																				32	
																				50	

Gross Scruggs household

The Scruggs household included 21 male slaves and 20 female slaves. Adding those numbers to the free white household of 10, the total should be 51, but the total written in this census page is given as 51, unless the “7” is perhaps really a “1” that is slanted and has a smudge at the top. Alternatively, there could also be an error in the tally of slaves, or the enumerator simply made a mathematical error. In any event, in 1831 (soon after the census was taken), Gross Scruggs sold the land of the SW/4 of Section 14 in T4-R2W in two parcels. One parcel was sold to Elijah & Joshua Stamps, while the other was sold to Benjamin Bledsoe. Benjamin Bledsoe was one of the earliest landowners adjoining what would become the town of Madison Station in the 1850s, having purchased his land to the northeast of the “school lands” of Section 16, T4-R2W, on 2 February 1818. In 1834, Elijah & Joshua Stamps sold their parcel of the SW/4 of Section 14 to Benjamin Bledsoe also, leaving him in control of all of the SW/4. However, Benjamin Bledsoe didn’t keep the land very long, because in 1838 he sold his interest to Richard Holding. The Holding family kept the land until 1873, when it passed to the Carter, Trotman, and Whitworth families – all of whom are known white family pioneers of the town of Madison and the area around it. The land transactions are shown below for Section 14:

INDEX TO LANDS

Section 14 Township 4 South of Range 3 Madison County, Alabama.

S. W. JONES & SONS

SEC. NO.	RANGE	TOWNSHIP	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	DATE OF INSTRUMENT	SEC. NO.	N. E. 1/4				S. E. 1/4			
							21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1	408	2	Gross, Frank & Mary	Stamps, Elijah & Zulus	1821									
2	407	2	Gross, Frank & Mary	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 & et al.	1828									
14	142	2	Watson, Martha C. & et al.	Carter, Mary & et al.	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:

(No. 4.)

SCHEDULE of the whole number of persons within the div

NAMES OF HEADS OF FAMILIES.	FREE WHITE PERSONS, INCLUDING HEADS OF FAMILIES.																											
	MALES														FEMALES													
	Under 5	5 under 10	10 under 15	15 under 20	20 under 25	25 under 30	30 under 40	40 under 50	50 under 60	60 under 70	70 under 80	80 under 90	90 under 100	100 and up-wards.	Under 5	5 under 10	10 under 15	15 under 20	20 under 30	30 under 40	40 under 50	50 under 60	60 under 70	70 under 80	80 under 90	90 under 100	100 and up-wards.	
<i>Bungle</i>	152	118	77	49	156	87	53	31	12	4	1			141	114	77	55	115	88	60	23							
<i>Lazarus Sumner</i>		1							1								1	1										
<i>Green L Sumner</i>					1												1	1										
<i>Catharine Bell</i>			1														1	1										
<i>Ann B. Straggins</i>			1	1																								
<i>Wiley Fries</i>				1	1				1																			
<i>William Naley</i>	1					1										1			1									
<i>Baury H. Neal</i>						1																						
<i>John B. Horton</i>		1						1										3	1			1						
<i>Mary Castwright</i>																	1										1	
<i>William Sanford</i>	2					1		1									2			1	1							
<i>Saml J. Jones</i>				1																								
<i>William Moore</i>	2						1																					
<i>James Drives</i>	1					1											2			1								
<i>James Williams</i>	1		2						1										1								1	
<i>Harris Loney</i>				1					1								1		1	1							1	
<i>Edw. L. Rogers</i>			1	1																								
<i>A. G. Jackson</i>	1	2					1										1											
<i>Richard Holding</i>	2							1									2										1	
<i>Nathan Spencer</i>							1																					
<i>Peter Burrow</i>								1																			1	
<i>Lewis Harrard</i>					2				1																			
<i>Robert J. Brandon</i>						1													1		1							
<i>Daniel Whittor</i>	2	1					1											1		1								
<i>William Hollis</i>		2	1					1									2										1	
<i>Woodland Poch</i>					1					1									1								1	
<i>Wm. M. Blung</i>	1		1	1				1				1					2	1									1	
<i>Phelim Hillard</i>		1	1			1		1									1		1								1	
<i>William East</i>					1					1								1	2								1	
<i>Lewis Saunders</i>		1	1					1									1	1	2								1	
<i>Silas G. Starkey</i>						1																					1	
<i>James Harris</i>	1					1											1											
	164	132	87	55	168	93	62	35	13	5	1			154	112	90	95	133	90	65	26							

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Color	SLAVES										TOTAL	NUMBER OF SLAVES IN EACH FAMILY EMPLOYED IN					
	MALES					FEMALES						1	2	3	4	5	
	Under 10	10 to 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	Under 10	10 to 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50							
303	4/2	214	149	17		851	375	347	121	31	3985	70	17	98		5	2
											5	1					
		2	1				2	2			18	6					
1						1	1	1			7	1					
3	2	3	1			1	2	1	1		17	11					
9	9	4	5	1		16	7	10	1	1	67	37					
7	7	4	3			5	4		2		35	23	1				
5	9	2	6			2	4	3	4		42	21					
2	1	1	1	1		2		1	1		14-14	5					
7	8	3	5			8	7	3	3		52	31					
7	6	5				11	8	4			42	30					
10	7	11	5			9	8	8	4	1	70	71	44				
1	4	1					2				13	8					
							1	3			9	3					
12	13	14	4			14	10	9	3		84	48					
											3						
											6	1					
15	28	5	4	1		15	12	13	4	2	104	58	Richard Holding owned				
1		1									3						
											2	1					
											5	3					
5	10	11	7	3		13	11	5	7		78	46					
											7	1					
											8		1				
2	1	1	2			3	1	1	1		16	6					
3											13	3					
											7	4					
											6	2					
											8	2					
											2	1					
1	2	1				1	2		1		12	2					1
318	525	349	173	56		857	467	311	152	35	4734	70	17	100		5	2

Oddly enough, the 1840 record above shows that only 58 persons (including the slaves) of the Richard Holding household were “Engaged in Agriculture”. He must have used many of his slaves as household servants and in other occupations, such as operating a mill or other enterprise. The 1850 slave schedules show that Richard Holding owned 158 slaves, while the 1860 slave schedules show the Holding family owning 221 slaves. The slaves were divided among Richard Sr., Richard Jr., and William Holding in 1860, with William owning 89 of the 221 slaves.

From the perspective of owning many slaves, and knowing that the Holding family was buried in their own family cemetery where the International Airport is now located, it appears that the cemetery in the SW/4 of Section 14 almost certainly is the old slave cemetery of the Holding family, as a minimum. It may have already been established from 1818 for the slaves of earlier owners of the land, but the large majority of those buried in the cemetery are most likely Holding slaves and their descendants. Accordingly, it would seem appropriate to rename this cemetery as the **Scruggs – Holding Slave Cemetery, 61-1**.

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