

The fieldstone below suggests that perhaps the cemetery was also used to bury some of the slaves owned by the family, since there are many unmarked graves in evidence here.



Redstone Arsenal: Lipscomb Cemetery, June, 2002.

This fieldstone is located near the northwest corner of the cemetery, at the west end of a rectangular depression in the earth, about 4 to 6 inches deep. It is obviously an adult-sized grave.

Considering the possibility of slaves being buried in the Lipscomb family cemetery, the history of the family in the county was examined. Below is the 1840 census record for a Thomas Lipscomb. The names of his neighbors in the census indicate that he lived in the southeastern part of what became the arsenal, near Hughey Smith and Hughey's son-in-law Pleasant Austin and the Lacy family. Yet, the slave portion of census sheet showed that Thomas Lipscomb had no slaves in 1840.