

The land records for the Lipscombs further show that Richard bought the land where the cemetery is located (Section 24, Township 4, Range 2 West) in 1846. He also bought land in the section that contains Green Grove Cemetery (61-1) from Benjamin Bledsoe in 1838 and 1840. Green Grove Cemetery is in the northwestern corner of the arsenal, west of the northern end of Anderson Road. Benjamin Bledsoe was one of the 19 men who purchased lands on the first day of legal sale (2 Feb. 1818) around what eventually became the town of Madison Station / Madison. The land sales by the Lipscomb families show that John T. Lipscomb, as administrator of Richard's estate, sold the land containing the cemetery to George Ward and others in 1870. As mentioned before, John himself is buried in the Madison City Cemetery (see tombstone photo and caption below). It may well be that his mother is buried there near him, as is his wife. While his mother Sarah Lipscomb has no tombstone in the City Cemetery, that is not unusual, since many graves there have no tombstones today. In the "hard times" in the South after the Civil War, few people had money to spend on tombstones, even if they had previously had great wealth. Such may have been the case with the Lipscomb family, of whom only John has left his mark in accomplishments in public education in the town of Madison.