

Elijah Boardman sold his land in Section 25 to Richard Lipscomb in 1846, after he had mortgaged it in 1842 to Seth Terry. Richard Lipscomb already had land in the Southwest Quarter of Section 24. His cemetery is in that quarter of Section 24 (see the Summary Report for the Lipscomb Cemetery, 61 – 2), so it is known that he is **not** buried in the Hancock Cemetery. The Lipscomb family members have large obelisks to mark their graves in their own cemetery.

Richard Lipscomb’s family held the land of the Hancock Cemetery until 1873, when it was sold to Thomas J. McClelland at a sheriff’s sale. According to the tombstone inscriptions, many of the Lipscomb family members died in the 1850s, so the family probably couldn’t maintain control and productivity of their extensive land holdings after the Civil War. The land passed from Lipscomb and McClelland hands to families with surnames of Duncan, Wiggins, and Rowe until the early 1900s when John and Annie Hertzler purchased it. The Wiggins and Rowe family cemeteries are just outside the arsenal boundaries on the west side. The Hertzler family was prominent in the history of the town of Madison, just northwest of the arsenal boundaries, but none of the tombstones in the Madison city cemeteries have Hertzler inscriptions. The web site maintained by OLD HUNTSVILLE MAGAZINE for the listings of burials in Huntsville’s Maple Hill Cemetery has a few Hertzlers, but not John and Annie:

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HERTZLER--UNK----F--84--11/10/1916--W--MADISON--AL--UNK--UNK--SENILITY-  
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HERTZLER--DANIEL----M--49--7/8/1917--W--MADISON--AL--UNK--UNK--AGE 49--  
HERTZLER--F----F--UNK--12/10/1900--W--HUNTSVILLE--AL--UNK--UNK----  
HERTZLER--IDA----F--UNK--3/15/1956--W--HUNTSVILLE--AL--48--33----  
HERTZLER--LUCILLE--ANDERSON--F--52--2/21/1948--W--HUNTSVILLE--AL--108--  
C----  
HERTZLER--MARY--P--F--UNK--9/14/1932--W--ETERSBURG--FL--UNK--UNK----
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This listing includes an “unknown” female who died in 1916 at age 84 in Madison. However, it is not known whether or not this could be Annie Hertzler. Still, it is known that a John Hertzler who died in 1913 was buried in Maple Hill Cemetery in Huntsville, according to the Maple Hill death certificate below: