

Madison County Court begun on and
 in the Town of Huntsville on the
 second Monday in January 1815
 Present Le Roy Pope, Abner Tatum
 Thomas Bibb and John Withers
 gentlemen Justices of the Inverum
 Ordered by the court that Wm
 Leslie, John Love, James Han
 James Handcock and William
 Johnson be appointed ^{or any three} of ~~them~~
 appraise the Estate of Joseph Hand
cock Deceased -

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 [Wm/ Joseph Handcock est.]

Paid for in Court
 It is ordered by the Court that Letters of Admⁿ
 be granted Louis Brown on the Est of William
Handcock Dec^d, and it is further order that
 the sd adm^r have have to sele all the
 Crop of Said Dec^d at Private Sale
 and further leave be dispose of all the
 Stock & Household furniture & Plantation
Tools of Said Dec^d at Public Sale

This 1815 record simply deals with the estates of Joseph Handcock and of William Hancock, both deceased. Notable Madison County pioneers LeRoy Pope (“Father of Huntsville”), Thomas Bibb (2nd Governor of Alabama), and John Withers (father-in-law of Clement Comer Clay, who was the 8th Governor of Alabama), were involved in the court action as “gentlemen Justices of the Inverum” (Interim) for the Territory. While this record gives no indication of the location of any land associated with the estates, other records do: