

The above Index also shows that the lands sold by the Hancock family in Madison County in the 1800s was typically in the either the northern or the eastern portions of the county. However, there were a few exceptions. Some of the real property bought or sold was in Huntsville, some was “indefinite(ly)” described in the records, and a couple of parcels were on land that became arsenal property. In 1904, **Thomas** Hancock sold land in Section 7 of Township 5, Range 1 West, to Aaron Freeholder Land & Mortgage Company. That parcel is immediately south of the Lanier Cemetery (46-3) on the arsenal. The other instance of Hancock land transactions in the area that became the arsenal was in 1918. At that time, M. C. Hancock mortgaged land in Section 28, Township 4, Range 1 West, to J. Frank, Geiger. This land is west of Patton Road, south of Cajun Drive, and north of Martin Road, basically centering on Madkin Mountain and the rock quarry. The difficulty is that M. C. Hancock was also listed in the Index as being involved in several land transactions in the towns of Huntsville and Maysville, so that one transaction is not necessarily an indication that he lived on the arsenal location. A look at the census records in the early 1900s for the Hancock families was the only other avenue to try to gain some insights: