## UNNAMED CEMETERY, 62 – 4

### **Summary Report**



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Apparent fieldstone on south side of Hale Road, south of Lipscomb Cemetery. This stone is lying in an area that has no rocks naturally appearing in the soil surface area. However, there is no evidence of a grave depression in the immediate vicinity, but old maps indicate an unnamed cemetery at the location.

After the above caption was created, the Hancock Cemetery (62-2) was visited. It is a separate cemetery, lying in Test Area 3, about 300 yards west of this site.



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In the background to the right (west) of the stone is a clump of trees on a small knoll with rocks indicating a very likely grave or two. Those rocks are in the photo entitled Fieldstone\_2 of this folder.



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Fieldstone on top of tree-covered knoll, which appears to be a small cemetery area. More stones are indicated just beneath the surface, as if a grave may have been covered with rocks here.

This site is quite small for a cemetery, but it is the only apparent burial area near where several maps indicate an old cemetery to be located. The large stones or boulders probably were brought to the site to cover graves, but no obvious grave depressions were noticed when visited in 2002.

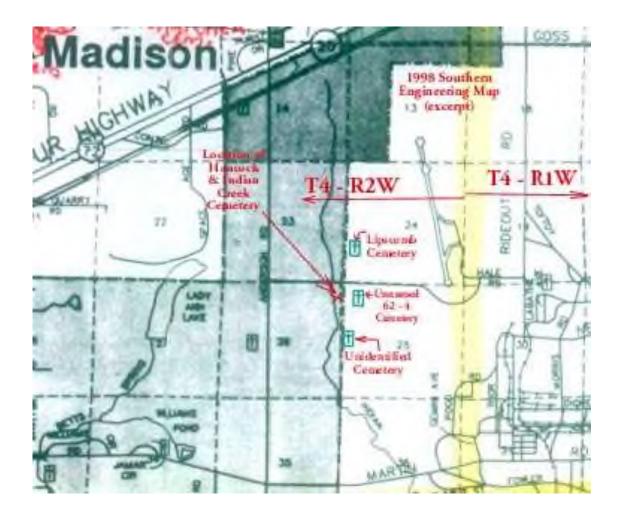


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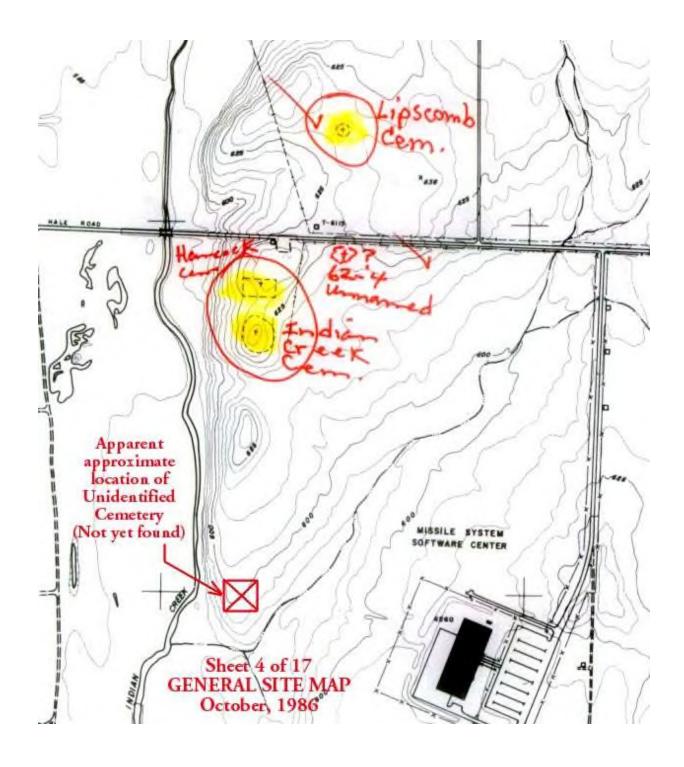
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Rock-strewn area at top of a tree-covered knoll, indicating a possible old cemetery site. This site is just west of the Redstone Airfield, on the south side of Hale Road.

If the site is a cemetery, then it is expected that not more than half a dozen graves could be underneath the small grove of trees. Of course, there could well be more graves in the field, but there was no indication of other graves to be seen in 2002. The basis for examining this site as a cemetery is strictly from evidence on some older maps. However, the 1998 Southern Engineering map also shows the site as a cemetery:



While the Southern Engineering Map shows the "Unnamed 62-4 Cemetery, it failed to show either the Hancock (62-2) or the Indian Creek Cemetery (62-3). Cemetery 62-4 is no doubt the one shown on the Southern Engineering map because it is positioned slightly to the east of the Lipscomb Cemetery, south of Hale Road. Both Hancock and Indian Creek Cemeteries are west of the Lipscomb Cemetery. However, the Southern Engineering map introduces another cemetery mystery. There is another cemetery symbol south-southwest of the Unnamed 62-4 Cemetery, shown as being on the line between the NW/4 and the SW/4 of Section 25, but also located on the extreme western edge of Section 25. One other clue to its location is that it is shown as being just to the east of a bend in the creek, where Indian Creek turns back to the southwest after traveling south of the Unnamed 62-4 Cemetery. The 1987 Base Information Maps, Sheet 4 of 17 shows the area clearly, but even it omits some of the cemetery locations:



The location of the Unidentified Cemetery is sketched on the map excerpt based upon the bend in the creek. It should be located a few hundred yards behind the Missile System Softward Center, Building 6260. No search for this cemetery has yet been undertaken. Of course, it is possible that the Southern Engineering Map positioned the cemetery symbol for the Hancock & Indian Creek Cemeteries in the wrong place, especially when one

considers that they put the symbol for the Green Grove Cemetery underneath Interstate Highway 565. (See the northwest corner of the arsenal boundary, in Section 14. The Green Grove Cemetery is actually in the southwest corner of Section 14, at least a quarter mile south of the interstate highway.)

Even if the maps are in error for both cemeteries that were not marked on the Base Information Maps, it is likely that there is a basis for at least one of them to be as shown in Section 25. The one nearest to Hale Road at least is known to have land surface features that are common to cemetery sites. The southernmost site may also have similar (or even more marked) surface features, but since the area has not yet been searched, that cannot be confirmed at this time. For now, the focus will remain on the site identified as the Unnamed Cemetery 62-4. With no known name for it on old maps, land records provide the best approach to learn of its possible history. The book OLD LAND RECORDS OF MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA, by Margaret Matthews Cowart, gives the names of the first purchasers of the land from the U. S. Government, after it became available for legal sales in February of 1818. For the Northwest Quarter of Section 25 in Township 4 South, Range 2 West, that purchaser was Elijah H. Boardman. Elijah also bought other parcels, so there is no particular reason to assume that he would have lived on this quarter section, as opposed to any other. In fact, many landowners resided in Huntsville and farmed the lands remotely, using slaves with foremen in those days.

Elijah's neighboring landowners included John Boardman, Eldred Rawlins, Isaac Inman, James Manning, and Nathaniel Terry. Eldred Rawlins, James Manning, and Isaac Inman all are associated with other cemeteries on the arsenal, but the name "Nathaniel Terry" may give clues to Elijah's life and motivations. The Terry connection will be discussed after examination of the OLD LAND RECORDS insert below, followed by close inspection of the INDEX TO LANDS inserted immediately afterward:

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Note that on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> lines of the **INDEX TO LANDS** by G. W. Jones & Sons, Inc., there is a reference to <u>American Asylum, Hartford</u>. This is an unusual name for old Madison County land records, so the history of that institution's name was researched on the World Wide Web. It turned out that there was in fact such an institution, chartered initially in Hartford, Connecticut. Why Elijah Boardman deeded land to a Connecticut institution and then Richard Lipscomb would purchase land from that institution is an intriguing question. However, the nature of the institution holds some insights that possibly reflect back on Elijah Boardman and his neighboring landowner Nathaniel Terry. The history of the institution is inserted below, as downloaded from the website of the Full Text Documents Library of the

## A Brief History Of The American Asylum, At Hartford, For The Education And Instruction Of The Deaf And Dumb

DATE: 1893

In the year 1807 Alice, the youngest daughter of Mason F. Cogswell, M.D., of Hartford, Conn., a man eminent in his profession and in philanthropic works, became deaf through scarlet fever. Anxious for the education of this beloved child, Dr. Cogswell appealed to the General Association of the Congregational Clergymen of Connecticut to aid him in ascertaining the number of persons in the State afflicted in like manner, and at a meeting of the association, held at Sharon, in June, 1812, it was reported by a committee previously appointed for the purpose, that there were *eighty-four* deaf and dumb persons within the limits of the State. If a like proportion of deaf-dumbness existed in other States there were probably *four hundred* such persons in New England, and in all the United States about *two thousand*. Surely enough of these must be of school age to sustain a good school on this side of the Atlantic.

2Bringing these facts to the attention of his wealthy and influential friends, Dr. Cogswell succeeded in interesting them in the project of establishing a school for their education.

"Ward Woodbridge, Esq., Daniel Wadsworth, Esq., Henry Hudson, Esq., Hon. Nathaniel Terry, John Caldwell, Esq., Daniel Buck, Esq., Joseph Battell, Esq. (of Norfolk), Rev. Nathan Strong, D.D., and Rev. Thos. H. Gallaudet." After prayer by Dr. Strong invoking the Divine blessing upon their deliberations, and after a full discussion of the practicability of sending some suitable person to Europe to study the art of instructing the deaf and dumb, Dr. Cogswell and Mr. Woodbridge were appointed a committee to ascertain the name of some suitable person, who would consent to go, and to obtain subscriptions to defray his expenses. In one day Mr. Woodbridge, who was one of the leading business men of Hartford, raised sufficient funds for the purpose. The Rev. Thos. H. Gallaudet, a graduate of Yale College and of Andover Theological Seminary, was solicited to make the journey and fit himself to take up the new enterprise. On the 15th of April, 1815, he signified to the committee his willingness to do so, and on the 25th day of May he sailed for Europe. It is not necessary in this brief history to recount the story so often told of the obstacles encountered by Mr. Gallaudet in England and Scotland in his

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endeavor to acquire the method of instruction in use there, and of the open-armed hospitality extended to him by the Abbe De l'Epee at Paris, where every facility was afforded him to accomplish the purpose for which he had crossed the Atlantic. Having secured as his assistant Laurent Clerc, who had been a brilliant pupil and, later, a teacher in the Royal Institution for the Deaf and Dumb at Paris, Mr. Gallaudet returned to New York August 10, 1816. These two spent the following eight months in visiting prominent places throughout the country to obtain subscriptions and to interest the general public in the cause of deaf-mute education, the accomplished deaf-mute exciting universal wonder and admiration.

4While Mr. Gallaudet was abroad, friends at home were active in forwarding the project. At the session of the General Assembly of Connecticut, held at Hartford, in May, 1816, an act of incorporation was passed in accordance with the petition of sixty-three citizens of Hartford, who, with their associates, were by it "formed into, constituted, and made a body politic and corporate by the name of the Connecticut Asylum for the Education and Instruction of Deaf and Dumb Persons, with the rights and powers usually granted to incorporations for educational purposes."

5Under this charter the school was opened at Hartford, April 15, 1817, with seven pupils, increasing within a year to thirty-three, the first permanent school for the education of deaf-mutes in America.

The inclusion of Rev. Gallaudet in this history indicates that a **Nathaniel** Terry had an interface with Dr. Thomas H. Gallaudet, namesake of Gallaudet University in Washington DC, a world-renowned institution for the deaf. This connection of Madison County to Gallaudet may possibly be comparable to the story of Hellen Keller in Tuscumbia. Apparently, a senior Nathaniel Terry of Connecticut helped to fund Rev. Gallaudet's travel to Europe to study how the Europeans taught their "deaf and dumb" disabled persons, and to begin the process of acquiring funding for an equivalent American institution. It should also be noted that another Madison County name, Nathan Strong was mentioned among those who met to fund Rev. Gallaudet's travels in this regard. It may be (but not proven) that our Madison County Nathan Strong was closely related to the Connecticut man of the same name, as may have been the case with the Nathaniel Terrys. The history of Gallaudet University is not presented here, but it is easily found on the internet. However, further history of the American Asylum – Hartford is presented below:

6 In other countries, schools of this class had been sustained entirely by private charity, and had had only transient means of support. The founders of the school at Hartford, while availing themselves of private charity to put it in operation, and demonstrate the need of it, and its ability to meet that need, at once set to work to put it on a reliable basis of support. In October, 1816, the Legislature of Connecticut was appealed to for aid and made an appropriation of five thousand dollars. In 1819, the Congress of the United States, under a motion made by Henry Clay, gave to the school twenty-three thousand acres of public land, and with the proceeds of the sale of this land grounds were secured, suitable buildings erected, and a permanent fund provided. In 1819, Massachusetts provided by legislative appropriation for the education of twenty indigent pupils here. In 1825, New Hampshire and Vermont adopted the same policy of educating their deaf-mute children here at the expense of the State. Other States soon followed this good example. Thus, through the efforts of the founders of this school the humane, just, and wise policy of educating deaf-mutes at the public expense was firmly established in this country, and has been adopted by almost every State in the Union. In some of the Western States means for the education of deaf-mutes are secured by Constitutional provision. This has put the schools for deaf-mutes in the United States on a better basis, financially, than those in any other part of the world.

AN ACT TO ALTER THE NAME OF THE ASYLUM.

- 88 At a General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, holden at Hartford in said State, on the first Wednesday of May, Anno Domini 1819:
- Upon the petition of the "Connecticut Asylum for the Education and Instruction of Deaf and Dumb Persons," showing to this assembly, that the said institution, although styled the Connecticut Asylum, was originally founded for the relief of the Deaf and Dumb wherever situated, and that no preference has ever been given to applicants for admission on account of their local residence. And that, in consideration that the Congress of the United States have very liberally granted, for the use of the Asylum, a township of land, and in consideration also of the contributions of charitable individuals in the other States in the Union, the members of the corporation are desirous of changing its corporate name so that in future it be called "The American Asylum at Hartford, for the Education and Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb."

90 Resolved by this Assembly, That the name and style of said corporation be and the same is hereby changed, and that hereafter it be known and called by the name and style of "The American Asylum at Hartford, for the Education and Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb," anything in the original act of incorporation to the contrary notwithstanding.

Without further definitive research, one can only surmise the motivations of Elijah Boardman in selling his land in 1844 to the American Asylum of Hartford, Connecticut. He probably had a child born "deaf and dumb" into his own family, and perhaps neighboring landowner Nathaniel Terry convinced him to send the child to the American Asylum. The cost of sending a child away to Hartford for the entire course of education would perhaps be comparable today to sending one to Harvard for many years, with associated charges for room and board. Such expenses in order to offer a "good life" to a child born "deaf and dumb" would certainly provide adequate justification for Elijah Boardman and his wife Lucretia to sell their land to the institution in return for the funds necessary to pay for the education and living expenses of the child. Elijah and Lucretia may have even gone with the child to Hartford. In any event, neither Elijah nor Lucretia were found anywhere in the United States in the 1850 census. The 1844 deed of sale to the American Asylum by Elijah and Lucretia is shown below:

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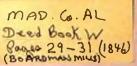
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It could also be that Nathaniel Terry and Nathan Strong convinced several of their Madison County neighbors to contribute to the Asylum as simply a worthy cause. In any event, in 1844 American Asylum of Hartford became the owner of "Boardman Mills", including the NW/4 of Section 25, until it was all sold to Richard Lipscomb in 1846. Even then, Richard took out a mortgage on the land with American Asylum, indicating a continued interest in supporting the institution – or, perhaps it was merely a convenient "buyback" mortgage for seller financing. Richard's estate transferred the land to Sarah Lipscomb (his widow) in 1856, well after his death in 1847 (date per his tombstone in the Lipscomb Cemetery, 61-2). The transactions between the Lipscomb family and the American Asylum of Hartford are show below:

SETH TERRY, COMR.

TO-----DRED.

RICHARD LIPSCOMB.



THIS INDENTURE, made this loth day of May A. D. 1846, between Seth Torry, of the town and County of Hartford, and State of Connecticut, acting in my capacity of Commissioner of the fund of the American Assylum, at Hartford for the education of the deaf and dumb, and as Trustee for said Assylum of the one part, and Richard Lips comb. of the County of Madison, in the State of Alabama of the other part,

WITHRSSETH, that the said Seth Terry in his said capacity for and in considerat ion of the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars to me in hand paid, for the use and benefit of said Assylum, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have this day given grant ed, bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed, released, conveyed, and confirmed, and by thee presents, do give, grant bargain, soll, alien, enfeoff, release, convey, and confirm unto the said party of the other part, all that Certain Tract or Parcel of land lying and being in the said County and State last named, known as Boardmans Mills, that is to say, the North West Quarter of Section Twenty Four, Township Four of Range Two West, containing One hundred and fifty nine acres and 17/ 100 of andacre; The North West Quarter of Section Twenty Five, In Township Twenty Sour of Range Two West. con taining Ond Hundred and fifty nine acres, and 10/ 100 of an acre; The South West Quarter of Section Twenty Four, in Township Four Range Two West, containing, One hun dred and fifty nine acres, and 17/100 of an acre; The South East Quarter of Section Twenty Four, in Township Four of Range Two West, containing One hundred and fifty nine acres, and 17/100 of an acre; The South East Quarter of Section Twenty Three, in -ownship Four, of Range Two, West, containing One hundred and sixty one acres, and 67/100 of an acre; The North Bast Quarter of Section Twenty six, in Township Four of Range Two West, containing One hundred and sixth one acres, and 49/100 of an acres The wouth part of the North East Quarterof Saction Twenty three, of Township Four. Co. Range Two West, and bounded as follows; Towit, beginning at the Quarter Section

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TO HAVE ANI TO MOID, the above described tract or parcel of land with the tene ments and appertenances these ants belonging or in any the appertaining unto the said party of the other part, his heirs and assigns forever: And the said Seth Terry, atting in his daid capacity, doth hereby covenant for and in behalf of the said Assylum in consideration of the premises, to warrant and forever defend the title to the above described and hereby granted premises ungo the said party of the other part his heirs and assigns from and against him the said Seth Terry, and the said Assylum, their successors, and all and are y person or persons claiming or helding under them or either of them, and also against the lawful title, claim or demand of empty person and of all receives whomsever.

IN TRATICAL WHENDER, the said Seth Terry, acting in his said capacity, has here unto setscribed his name and affixed his scaland also the commo seal of said Corporation, called the American Assylum, at Harrford, for the education and instruction of the dash and day and year first above written.

The word "nine" in 20 lineserated Seth Terry, Commr. of . (Senl) before signing.
The fund of American Assylum at Martford, for the education and instruction of the dear and dumb. (Seal)

State of Connecticut.

At a meeting of the Directors of the American Assylum, at Martford for the education and instruction of the deaf and dumb duly named and held at their Office, is Martford on the 18th day of May 1846.

Beth Terry Commissioner of the fund of this Corporation, laid before the board and beed of Bale, in fee simple, with warrantyof title of "Sourdmans Mills" lying in Madi son County, Alabama, executed by him as Sommissioner, in behalf of this institution for the consideration of Right Thousand Dollars, to Richard Lipscomb, of said Madiess County dated May 16th. La. D. 1846., and asknowledged before Brantus Skith Regr. Commissioner of Leede for said State of Alabama.

Voted that said to and the same is hereby approved and confirmed.

The above is a true copy of Atteste, Barrillai Hudson, Clerk.

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COUNTY OF HARTIOND, S. S.

Hartford, May 16th, A. D. 1846. BEFORE MR. Brastus Smith of eard Hartford Commissioner, to take the admosted ement of Deeds for the State of Alabama, this day personally appeared, the within named Soth Terry, and admostedged that he has signed, scaled and delivered the within Deed to the Within named Richard Lipscont. the said Terry as well for himself as Commissioners. and also as the act of said Corporation, called the American Assylum, as his and their free act and deed.

Given under my hand and seal of Office, at Hartford, this sixteenth day of May, One thousand eight hundred and forty six.

(Seal) Erastus Smith, Commissioner of Deeds & C. for State of Alabama.

The foregoing Deed was delivered into the Office of the Clerk of the County Court of Madison County in the State of Alabama, for registration on the sixth day of June Eighteen hundred and forty six, and was duly registered on the twenty fourth day of June, 1846.

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RICHARD LIPS COMB AND WIFE.

THIS INDENTURE, made and entered into this 6th

RICHARD LIPSCOME AND WIFE.

O day of June A. D. 1846, between Richard Lipscome
and Sarah Lipscome his wife, of the County of Management of the first part,
of the American Asylum at Hartford, for the use and benefit of said Asylum of the County and City of Hartford, in the State of Connecticut, of the second part, Witnessen That whereas the said Richard Lipscomb, by his bond with Richard Holden, his Security That whereas the said Richard Lipscomb, by his bond with Richard Holden, his Security, dult executed under their hands and seals, bearing even date with these presents, in the penal sum of Fourteen Thousand Dollars, which said Penal Bond with the condition thereto is in the words and figures following, towit: KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That we, Richard Lipscomb, of Madison County, and State of Alabama, as principal, and Richard Holden, of the same County and State, as security, are held and obliged unto Set Terry, of the City and County of Hartford, and State of Connecticut, Commissioners of fund of the American Asylum at Hartford, for the use and benefit of said Asylum, in the penal sum of FOURTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS, to the payment of which sum, on demand to the said Commissioner, or his successor in Office, we the said Richard Lipscomb, and Richard Holden, jointly and severally, bind ourselves, our executors and administrators firmly by these presents, signed with our hands, and sealed with our seals, this sixth dayof June A. D. 1846, provided however, and the above obligation is on condition. That the June A. D. 1846, provided however, and the above obligation is on condition, That the said Richard Lipscomb, sha ll pay to said Seth Terry, Commissioner or his successor in Office, the sum of Eight Thousand Bollars, in manner and form following towit;

Two Thousand Pollars, on the first day of January, A. D. 1847.

Two Thousand Dollars on the first day of January A. D. 1848.

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One Thousand Dollars, on the first day of January, A. D. 1851.

One Thousand Dollars, on the first day of January, A. D. 1852.

With the interest annually on the said last mentioned five payments, all which payments of interest to be computed from the first day of January 1847, at the rate of seven per cent, per annum, and all said payments of principle and interest, to be made at the Merchants Bank in the City of New York, then the above abligation to be void and of mo effect, otherwise the same to remain good and valid.

Signed, sealed and delivered (Seal) Signed, Richard Lipscomb. in presence of, Elijah Hansbrough. 0 0 (Seal) Richard Holden.

All which will more fully appear by the said original bond, and condition thereto.

NOW THIS INDENTURE, WITNESSETH: That the said Richard Lipscomb, and Sarah his wife, in consideration of said sums of money, with the interest that may accrue thereon, owist to the said Seth Terry, Commissioner as aforesaid, and for the better securing the payment thereof to the said Seth Terry Commissioner as aforesaid, or to his successors in said Office, according to the condition in and along the description of the said Office, according to the condition in said Bond; And also in consideration of the sum of One Dollar to him the said Richard Lipscomb, in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, at and before the sesling and delivery of these presents, they the said Richard Lipscomb and delivery of these presents, they the said Richard Lipscomb and Sarah his wife, have granted, bargained, sold, released, and confirmed, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, release and confirm, unto the said Seth Terry Commissioner, of the fund of the American Asylum, at Hartford, for the use and benefit of said Asylum, and his successors in said Office, all these certain tracts, or parcels of land, lying and being in the County of Madison, in the State of

of Alabama, and known a s the North West Quarter of Beation Twenty Four, in Township of Four, of Range Two West, containing One Hundred and fifty nine 17/100 acres; The Morth Four, of Range Two West containing One West Quarter of Section Twenty Five, in Township Four, of Range Two West containing One West Quarter of Section Twenty Four, Rundred and fifty nine 10/100 acres; The South West Quarter of Section Twenty Four, in Township Four, of Range Two West, containing One Hundred and fifty nine 17/100 acres; The South Rast Quarter of Section Twenty Four, in Township Four, of Range Two West, containing One Hundred and Sixty One Twenty Six, in Township Four, of Range Two West, containing One Hundred and Sixty One Twenty Six, in Township Four, of Range Two West, containing One Hundred and Sixty One ing 161 67/100 acres; The S. E. 1/4 of Section 23, in Township Four, Range Two East, containing 161 67/100 acres; The South part of the North Rast Quarter of Section Twenty Three ing 161 67/100 acres; The South part of the North Rast Quarter of Section Twenty Three ing 161 67/100 acres; The South part of the North Rast Quarter of Section Twenty Three ing 161 67/100 acres; The South part of the North Rast Quarter of Section Twenty Three ing 161 67/100 acres; The South part of the North Rast Quarter of Section Twenty Three ing 161 67/100 acres; The South on the Section; Thence West, for Quarter Section corner, on the Mastern boundary of the Section line, Thence West, for Quarter Section Corner, on the Mastern boundary of the Section line, Thence West, for Quarter Section; Thence South on the section; Thence North twenty three ty chains, and seventy slinks to a stake; Thence East forty chains and fifty links to chains, and twenty sight links to a stake; Thence East forty chains and fifty links to chains, and twenty sight links to a stake; Thence East forty chains and fifty links to chains, and twenty sight links to a stake; Thence East forty chains and fifty links to chains, and twenty sight links to a stake; Thence East for

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TO HAVE AND TO MOLD, the before described and hereby granted land
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ment, either of the principle or interest mentioned in said condition of said Bond.

Then these presents shall cease, determine, and be null and void.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS JD SEALS, the day and year first hereinbefore written.

MAD. Co. AL Deed Book W

Richard Lipscomb. (Seal)

Sarah Lipscomb. (Seal)

THE STATE OF ALABAMA. gages 52-3 (1946)

MADISON COUNTY, S.S. PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, Elijah Hansbrough, an acting Justice of the Peace, for said County of Madison, and State of Alabama, Richard Lipse omb, and Sarah Lipscomb, his wife. And the said Richard Lipscomb acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the foregoing Deed of Mortgage, to the said Seth Terry, Commissioner, & C., on the day of the thereof for the purposes therein contained. And the said Sarah Lipscomb, being by me examined, teeparate and apart from her said hus band, acknowledged that she signed, sealed and delivered the same, on the day of the date thereof, to the said Seth Terry, Commr., & C. for the purposes therin contained, freely, and voluntarily, without any fear, threats or compulsion of her said husband.

Given under my hand and seal, this 6yh day of June A. D. 1846.

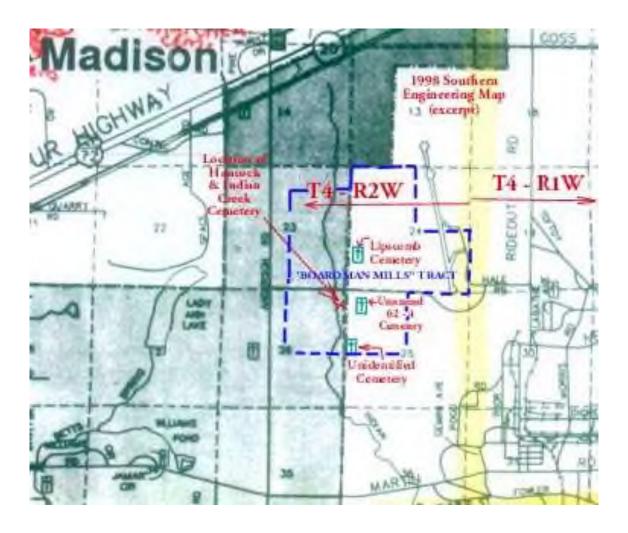
Elijah Hansbrough, J. P.

Justice of the Peace. (Seal)

The foregoing Deed of Mortgage was delivered into the Office of the Clerk of the County Court, of Madison County in the State of Alabama, for registration on the eleventh day of August, Righteen Hundred and forty six, and was duly registered on the said Eleventh day of August, 1846, in Deed Book, W. pages 52 and 53.

John W. Otey, Olk., C.C.

Note that Lipscomb neighbor Richard Holding ("Holden") provided financial security for the transactions. It may be that there was some blood or marriage relationship between the two families, since such a heavy financial burden of the times would not be undertaken lightly, even among affluent plantation owners. However, it is known that Richard Holding's wife was a Martin by birth, not a Lipscomb, per the inscription on her tombstone. The Boardman Mills tract, as bought by the Lipscombs and described in the foregoing deeds, is outlined on the map segment inserted below:



In 1869, Sarah Lipscomb transferred title of the NW/4 of Section 25 to Caroline Lipscomb. According to the 1860 census, Caroline was the first wife of Sarah's son John Lipscomb. Since the marriage records of Madison County do not contain listings for John Lipscomb, it is unknown when he

married Caroline, or what her maiden surname was. However, it is known that he married at some time afterward to Orra / Oregon / Orrie Cartwright, who was a daughter of Martha / Mary Cartwright and a granddaughter of John Cartwright. (Orra was 23 years younger than John Lipscomb.) John Cartwright was an early pioneer of the land that became arsenal property, and he is also associated with early history of the land around the town of Madison.



Old section, Madison City Cemetery, Dec. 2001. Westmoreland - Lipscomb - Cartwright area beside Mill Rd.

John T. Lipscomb was born in Virginia, the son of Richard Lipscomb, who is buried on Redstone Arsenal in the Lipscomb Cemetery, SW/4, S24-T4S-R2W. Apparently, the family moved from Virginia to Madison County, AL, in 1830-1, from birthplaces and ages of the children.

Orra C. Lipscomb was Oregon ("Orrie") Cartwright, dau. of Hezekiah Bradley Cartwright and his 2nd wife, Martha Vaughan Bailey. Hezekiah married the widow Bailey after his first wife (Martha Gray) died in 1850 of typhoid fever. Martha A. V. B. Cartwright is buried nearby. Hezekiah is buried in the Cartwright Cemetery on Palmer Road, where his parents John & Mary Cartwright owned land and are believed to be buried.

The 1860 census shows the Lipscomb families of Sarah and John (with Caroline) living in the area around the town of Madison, which could well still be on their pre-arsenal property southeast of that town.

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According to the **INDEX TO LANDS**, Caroline sold the NW/4 of Section 25 to Orville M. Hundley. Orville is also shown as a nearby "Head of Household" in the 1860 census page above. Moreover, he is further discussed in the Summary Report for the Clark Cemetery, 65-2. After Orville, the land came under the ownership of Jacob and John Hertzler (1870s). The Hertzlers were pioneers of the town of Madison also. One of the old mansions along Front Street in Madison is the old Hertzler house.

After the Hertzlers, the land was owned by Thomas J. & Robert A. McClelland (1881), then passing to Octavia Wiggins in 1885. Octavia was the wife of Richard Wiggins, as shown by the marriage index record below, downloaded from the Madison County Records Center website.

Wiggins, Richard A.	Bass, Octavia A.	Vol. 5 p. 290	14 Jan 1867	

Richard Wiggins was a son of James Wiggins, who had a plantation on what is now the east side of Wall Triana Highway and south of Martin Road. The old Wiggins family cemetery is there, behind what was once the Chrysler complex, now owned by Siemens. Octavia Wiggins sold the land to W. T. Duncan and Jackson Rand in 1886. The census records for them do not show either of them as living on the pre-arsenal land. W. T. Duncan lived in the Maysville area, and Jackson Rand lived in Huntsville, but he was listed as a "Farmer" by occupation.

### TWELFTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED ST. 1900 Census E.D. 101, Sheet 8 - B SCHEDULE No. 1.—POPULATION. County Madison (Jackson Rand's occupation listed as "Farmer") Township or other division of county. Name of Institution, Hundsville Name of incorporated city, town, or village, within the above-named division. Enumerated by me on the .... 9 Chas Il allen day of June, 1900, LOCATION. NAME PERSONAL DESCRIPTION. RELATION. NATIVITY. First of later of male person and persons of male person recommend. If here is the Street, give the first or Toronto, if of brouge birth, give the Course way. 1 BATE OF THE STATE Pleas of Street of Parriers -----Carothen Estill & W # 044/894 5 5 Zunna Zumary 88 Ella R Nr # Oct 1896 3 8 Zumesen 55 W 24 Sept-18981 5 Zumern al.L. alaka 185545 M 1860 40 8 67 m px ups 1866 34 My 1 Jours down N 71 Feb 1880 2024 1 m # mor1899 82 5 Makama foura m m duc 1860 39 1 12 Kutucky 1 7 apr 1861 39 24 12 4 3 alaba Tenne m # May 1892 8 5 Kentucky Ohio alak m M Sept-1896 3 S alak or m aks 183968 74 4 W 1 Nov 1834 65 7 46 7 4 alalama aughter # doc 186435 yrd Allinais 22 alel alstano Chadwick Fann baughty # Oct 186732 8 Pettitone a H Brandes W M aug 183465 MC 3 Ohio Ohio 17 7 m 184764 M 2 Tunun Frelan 71 IT M irue 184952 N 26 Alaba alahama 78 7 # plas 1888454 26 5 78 Carlock N M June 1879 20 8 alabama Mining alaboura 74 Dan shear & way 188918 8 Alabama 78 1 M July 1884/15 8 alabama municipa 76 alabama 77 Daught 17 7 Dec 188910 8 alata 78 m # Septimos 64 ml alabam a 79 B M June 157871 8 80 aleba alaka 81 18 M July 1847 52 M/ 82 n # max 186446 44/9 1 04 apr 15712974 5 Alabama Tumuru alabama 17 W ang 1893 South Courting Ten North Cardin North Carol

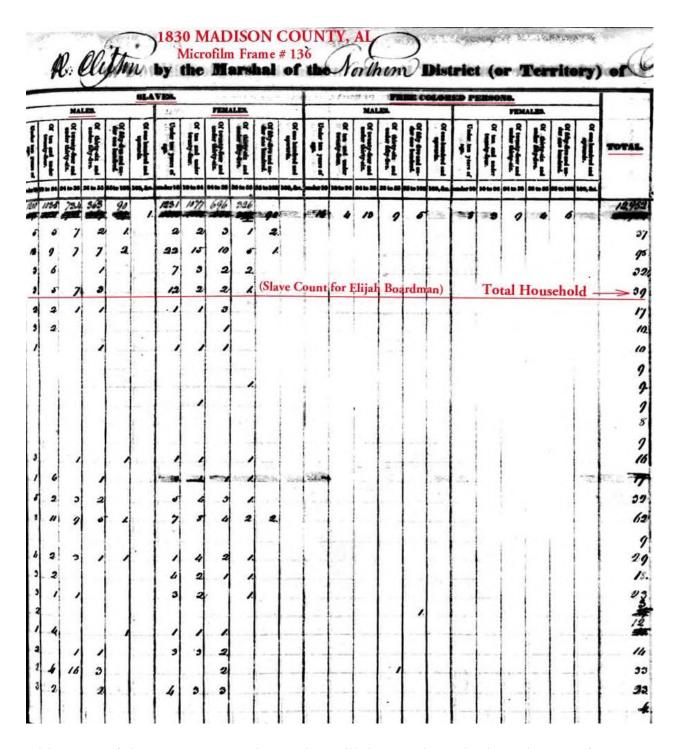
In 1891 Ann C. Rowe became the owner of the NW/4 of Section 25. She was listed as a cousin of N. M. Rowe in the 1880 census:

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Ann's age is given as 30 (born in 1850, in Alabama of parents born in Virginia), and there is no indication that she could be married in the 1880 record. However, she is not found under that name in the 1870 or 1900 censuses, so nothing else is known of her. Still, she was obviously one of the Rowe family that lived between the southern end of today's international airport and the town of Triana. The Rowe family cemetery is on the banks of Bradford Creek's Barren Branch where it crosses under Wall – Triana Highway.

The point of these land ownership records through the 1800s is that all of the owners of the NW/4 of Section 25 were white families. It was never owned by black families in the 1800s, so if the little unmarked cemetery is as old as it appears, then only white family members of some of these owners should be buried there – unless perhaps Richard Lipscomb or one of the other early owners has some slaves buried in that spot. It is possible, for example, that Elijah Boardman could have allowed some of his slaves to be buried on his land in the NW/4 of Section 25. The census records for his family (including the slaves) are shown below, enumerated near Isaac Inman:

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This page of the 1830 census shows that Elijah Boardman had 35 slaves. If any of them are buried on his old land holdings, then they are more likely to be in the Hancock Cemetery and/or the unknown cemetery in the southern portion of the NW/4 of Section 25.

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(This page of the 1840 census shows that Elijah Boardman had 6 slaves.)

Elijah Boardman's dwindling slave population may be another example of several other instances where slaves were either freed or sold off before the Civil War. Elijah's 1840 household had 4 female slaves, who were probably household servants. The one male slave was probably a husband to one of the household servants, and he may have been utilized as a butler in the Boardman house. It is highly doubtful that Elijah would have continued farming with so few slaves, and he seems to have sold all of his land before 1850, perhaps retiring into Huntsville or going to Hartford, Connecticut. Wherever he went, he was not found, nor was Lucretia, in the 1850 U. S. census records.

Of course, Elijah is not the only owner who could have buried people in the cemetery at the north of the NW/4 of Section 25. The Lipscomb family owned the land after Elijah and through the time of the Civil War. The Richard Lipscomb estate was shown in the 1850 census with 34 slaves.

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In the 1860 census, Richard's widow Sarah is shown as owning 16 slaves. Her son Theophilus was shown as owning 3, as was daughter Margaret and also daughter Sarah "Jr.". Her son John T. Lipscomb was listed as the owner of either 5 or 8 – the record is not clearly written. That gave a total for the Lipscomb family of 29 (or 32?) slaves just before the Civil War led to their freedom.

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During the time between the 1850 and the 1860 censuses, it appears that some of the slaves either died or were sold or escaped, from the difference between the slave counts. IF the slaves died, then they could have been buried in the little site in the NW/4 of Section 25. However, that is doubtful, since these apparent graves have large rocks or boulders to cover the graves, and that practice has not been seen in other known slave cemeteries. Moreover, the Lipscomb Cemetery, 61-2, has plenty of room around the Lipscomb graves to hold their slaves as well. That would be more in keeping with a not common practice of the time – using a single cemetery to inter both the plantation owner's family members and the slaves. Of course, the slaves were typically put in a separate section, with the owner's family graves typically well marked and central to their cemetery, while slaves had no markers. That pattern pretty well fits the Lipscomb Cemetery, so it is considered more likely that the Unnamed 62-4 Cemetery was used for the white family members of the Boardman family. Perhaps even the "deaf and dumb" child of Elijah was buried there.

Without any firm proofs found to date, only conjecture and deductions from small clues can point to any conclusions. However, if a name were to be selected for the cemetery in the absence of proof to the contrary, it would seem most appropriate to commemorate the name of Elijah Boardman here. While it is possible that Elijah himself is buried here, it is not likely. However, it is likely that one or more of the members of his family are there, so without any other monument in the county to commemorate the life of this pioneer who helped America to provide education for the deaf (and "dumb"), it would be good to call the site the "Boardman Cemetery, 62-4".

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