

Not known at the time of first encounter, the name Clark was from Lucy's 2nd husband, so it took a bit more effort to learn that her maiden name was Lanier. Lucy's was the only individual tombstone in the little cemetery, which is located on one of the most secure and tightly controlled test areas on the arsenal. From the dates on the obelisk, it was immediately obvious that there would be trouble with research into the life of a woman who didn't survive into the 1850 census (because women were not named in censuses before 1850 unless they were heads of households), so it was put on a "back burner" while other, more rapidly productive efforts were pursued.

Eventually, the entries in the old Government Tract Book for the original land records for Madison County were checked regarding the parcel where the cemetery is located, and it was found that John Ives was the first owner of the land where Lucy Clark's obelisk is found. Thereupon, in the marriage records, it was found that Lucy Lanier married John Ives per license issued December 25, 1823 (Madison County Marriage Book Volume 3, page 269, and its predecessor book, Volume C of the marriage records of the county).