However, there was no marriage license recorded for Lucy Ives or Lucy Lanier to any Clark man. John Ives died about 1831, and Lucy entered into a "prenuptial agreement" with a nearby landowner, James E. Clark, in 1837, as revealed by further checks of the land ownership records in the deed books.

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Lucy Ives, To) Deed or Marriage Contract John H. Hundley, Trustee. Mabama, of the first part, Lucy Ives, widow and relict of John Ives, late of the shove named County & State, deceased, of the second part and John H. Hundley of Mimestone County & State of Alabama of the third - whereas, a marriage is short intended to be held and solemnised by the permission of God by and between the said James E. Clarke and the said Lucy Ives, and whereas the said lucy Ives is possessed of real and personal estate consisting of four hundred acres of land inown as the South west quarter of section eighteen Township five Mange one west of Section eighteen in Township five of Range one West and the west half North rest quarter Section seventeen Township five Range one West, lying in Madison County State of Alabama, also six negro slaves known by the names of Joram, aged twenty-five years,	st r