

Nothing much was known of Lucy when the Ingersoll book was written, judging from the lack of additional data. Lucy's death date (incorrectly shown in the book as “before 1840”) was probably an estimate from some remote relatives who were asked if they knew it when Louise Ingersoll gathered data.

Likewise, the Lanier Ahnentafels posted in the Ancestry World Tree on Ancestry.com in early 2005 showed no particular data about Lucy Lanier. She obviously had no descendants of her line, so perhaps nobody ever had a good reason to research her history. However, at least now it is known where the Lucy Lanier who died in Madison County in 1844 fit into the Lanier line-up. Surprisingly, she was not closely related to the other Lanier families of the pre-arsenal history. While Lucy connects (per page 22 of the Ingersoll book, excerpted above) through her father William and her grandfather Thomas to the line of Robert Lanier & Priscilla Washington, the rest of the Lanier families who settled in Madison County on arsenal lands were descended from Sampson Lanier & Elizabeth Washington. Sampson Lanier was a brother of Robert, and Priscilla was a sister of Elizabeth Washington. However, what turned out to be most pertinent was that Lucy's father William Lanier married Rebecca **ROBINSON**. Rebecca (mother of Lucy Lanier) could not have been a daughter of Daniel Robinson (father of Malinda Robinson Hundley), since Daniel had only one daughter, per Malinda's obituary. However, perhaps Rebecca was a sister of Daniel, and therefore an aunt to Malinda. That would make Lucy Lanier and Malinda Robinson first cousins, and certainly would explain why Lucy would leave her land and slaves to Malinda's children (and not to children of John Hundley by an earlier wife), since Lucy herself had no immediate family as survivors.

As an interesting footnote to the associated Hundley family story, it should be recognized that John Henderson Hundley was very likely closely related to Horace Lawson Hunley (a variant spelling of Hundley). Both men were born in Virginia into families with a relatively rare surname. H. L. Hunley was credited with inventing and building the world's first submarine to sink an enemy ship, the CSS Hunley, that sank the USS *Houstanic* in Charleston Harbor during the night of February 17, 1864.

John Henderson Hundley was not only a plantation owner, but he also became a preacher and a physician before his death in 1881. His neighbors included a governor of the state of Alabama (Thomas Bibb) and Steptoe Pickett, who had two daughters that married into the families of governors – Felicia Pickett married Gov. Reuben Chapman and Anna Corbin Pickett