There was also a possible match on an Abram Clark in South Carolina in 1880, showing his birth year as 1815 and his birthplace as South Carolina. However, he had a completely different family, with a wife and several children, all shown as born in SC, so that one probably stayed there and was never in Alabama. Likewise, there was a near match on Angeline Hundley, born about 1835, living in Limestone County AL in 1870, very near the family of John Henry Hundley with a household that included his father and mother. However, that Angeline Hundley was indicated as being a Hundley by marriage, so she may not have been Fanny's daughter "Anajaline". Furthermore, there were a number of black (former slave) Hundley families enumerated in the area near the white plantation owners, who were still in Township 5 near Mooresville. That indicates that those black Hundley families were freed slaves, and one of them had apparently married a girl named Angeline. Still, on the whole, the preponderance of evidence seems to indicate a strong likelihood that Lucy Lanier Ives Clark's former slaves took the name Clark after emancipation, which they probably would not have done unless they held her in high esteem, which would perhaps be more typical among household slaves than field hands of the Old South. The slaves mentioned in Lucy's will were most likely household slaves, and Lucy was no doubt arranging that they would be transitioned after her death to a relative (Malinda Robinson Hundley) that she knew would care for them properly and not put them in the fields or break up the family. Such care and concern for the good treatment of slaves was fairly typical in the South, but especially in the Madison County area, where many slave owners freed their slaves before the Civil War. Had she lived a bit longer, Lucy Lanier Ives Clark may well have taken that step for her household slaves. Lucy rests peacefully today, amid her fields that now serve to assure that freedom for all may continue through provision of state-of-the-art weaponry for America's armed forces. She would no doubt appreciate the modern use of her old plantation grounds for that purpose.

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