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Subject: Re: Guest Book

Dear Ms Berry and Ms Smith:

Thank you for your response to the information that I sent to you. If you are able to help me with additional information on the burial spot for my ancestors William Simpson and Marguerite (McAlpine) Simpson Lacy I would be very thankful. I know she was not buried beside her second husband Hopkins Lacy, at Bartee Cemetery, in Morgan County. I believe he had her buried beside his friend, and her first husband, Dr. William Simpson. According to J.C. Fox in his genealogical research of the family, he stated they were buried at Hobbs Island. I understand when the Tennessee River floods it covers the Island, and it might have swept away any markers that were there.

Six family cemeteries of interest are located on or near the old Triana Pike, now within the boundaries of Redstone Arsenal and can be visited by prior arrangement only. The cemeteries are all situated in the test area of Redstone Arsenal which is secured because of the classified work. Arrangement would need to be made two weeks in advance of any visit, and an escort would be required while in the area.

The cemeteries of my family are: 1. Simpson. It is fenced with an iron picket fence and entry gate. In the center of the cemetery is a large marker of granite, with the following names listed top to bottom in this order: John Simpson, Margaret a. Simpson, Marion E. Simpson, Arthur M. Simpson, Emma Simpson Stubbs, H. Clay Simpson, Juriah Simpson and Henry C. Simpson. No other inscription, except "SIMPSON" in large letters at the top of the marker, appears on the stone. Additionally, three smaller headstones are inscribed as follows: Emma Simpson Stubbs, Born March 23, 1862 Died March 4, 1893; Juriah Simpson, Born July 8, 1852 Died Sep. 14, 1863 Aged 11 years, 2 months, 6 days Suffer little children to come unto me for such is the Kingdom of Heaven; Margaret A. Simpson Wife of John Simpson, Born Aug. 9, 1816 Died Aug. 31, 1874. Three foot markers bear the initials' J.S., M.A.S. and M.L.J.P. The first two are of John Simpson and Margaret A. Simpson the other is that of Mary Lou Jones Proctor. Additionally there is a small stone: Mary Lou Jones, Daughter of A.G. & Z.M. Proctor, Aug. 27, 1888, Sep. 10, 1888. "Z.M" Zuma Margaret Proctor was the daughter of John and Margaret Ann (Dickson) Simpson. There are probably two other children buried at this cemetery, but there are no markers to mark their graves. They are Ida Simpson, 1881-1882; and Henry Simpson Proctor, Born Dec. 16, 1896 Died Dec. 20, 1898. There was a veterans marker in memory of William Simpson placed in the cemetery by me on Grandparents Day 1988. Dr. Simpson served as a Private in the 7th Mississippi Militia during the War of 1812. The marker has his year of birth wrong, it is not 1760, but should be 1780, and he died 1816, at Liberty, Madison County, Alabama then Mississippi Territory.

John Simpson was born 1811, near Ditto's Landing, Mississippi Territory, died Jan. 27, 1876, at his plantation home near Pond Beat, Madison Co., Alabama. He married 18 Nov 1840, Margaret Ann Dickson, probably at her father James Dickson's home, near Pond Beat, Alabama. She was the daughter of James Dickson and Keziah Wood. Margaret's grandfathers both served in the Virginia Militia during the American Revolutionary.

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