

5. Dewitt "Dickson" Graham, Born Feb. 15, 1837, Died Mar. 11, 1867. (He was the son of Col. James and Nancy (Dickson) Graham. Before the war, he studied law, under the tutorship of David Campbell Humphreys and Edward Dorr Tracy. When war broke out, he enlisted in Co. D, 4th (Russell's) Alabama Cavalry, CSA as a Lieutenant. Dick was captured and interned at Camp Douglas, until the end of the war. While a POW, he caught consumption and it was this disease that he died of.

I use to live in Huntsville, in fact I lived several months in the home of a long time family friend, Kate (Blackburn) Sullivan, owner of the Hallmark store at 716 Pratt Avenue. Her mother was the sister of L. D. Walls, Sheriff of Madison County for several years. His wife, the former Miss Harbin was my paternal cousin. I am a descendant of Amelia Catherine Harbin who married William George Preston. One of their descendants Elizabeth Ann Ray, daughter of William Herbert Ray (owner of the Ray Dealership) and wife of former Mayor Glenn Hubbard Hearn is my cousin. Prior to my enlistment in the United States Navy, I lived in the home of another cousin, Irene and Bill Lockard at 716 Holmes Street. Irene was the daughter of Frank Nash, brother to my great-grandfather James Isaac Nash.

I first entered Huntsville, as a small child in 1960 when my family traveled through the area to go to Atlanta, Georgia. My father was station at Fort McPherson. I returned a second time with my paternal grandmother Grace Leona (Nash) Simpson in 1970, and was highly impressed with your fine city, that I swore I would return to live. I kept my promised after graduating from High School in June 1971, and remained there until February 1972, when I enlisted in the Navy. Although I am not a resident now, I have been back to visit your lovely city on several occasions since the time I lived there. I presently reside in my birth state, California. My mailing address is Dennis W. Simpson, PO Box 322, Lancaster CA 93584-0322. Your fine library holds two of my books that I published several years ago. I hope this information answers some of your questions.

Most Sincerely,

Dennis Simpson

The above data pretty well explains the grave markers in the Simpson Cemetery (65-3), plus connections to other arsenal cemeteries. Additional data about the Simpsons is presented below from Dennis Simpson's other book, for anyone interested in details of the family history.