

JOHN SIMPSON AND MARGARET DICKSON

(2.2) John Simpson, (William¹), was the second child of Doctor William and Marguerite Simpson. John was born about 1811; near Ditto's Landing in Madison County, Alabama. At that time it was known as Mississippi Territory. He died January 27, 1876, at his plantation home near Pond Beat, located between Triana and Ditto's Landing, in Madison County, Alabama. John was buried in the Simpson family cemetery, located in Section 18-5S-1W, SE NE, in what is now a restricted area of Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. He was buried beside his wife, and next to several of their children and grandchildren.

After the death of their father, John and his sister, Mary Simpson was living in the household of their stepfather, Hopkins Lacy. He married their widowed mother, Marguerite on July 15, 1817. They were living near Lacy's Spring, Morgan County, Alabama, shortly after the death of their mother about 1820.

The following documents were obtained from the Madison County Courthouse in Huntsville, Alabama, and are recorded in part as follows:

Madison County, Alabama, Probate Records

Book N, page 632: 17 February 1832. John Simpson, co-witness Sally Branson giving her interest and claim to certain land to John Hardie

Book X, page 45: 6 March 1834. John Simpson to Frederick Jones, guardian of his children. George McLeod, on the 24th of December last executed title bond to Jones, the tract of land being a legacy to myself and to my sister the present Mrs. George McLeod, from my father's estate, the late Doctor William Simpson. Wit. John Hardie and J.B. Turner. Proved 16 October 1848, by the oath of John Read who swears to the handwriting of Hardie's signature, and believes said John Hardie has departed this life. Same Book, page 130: 1 February 1849. George McLeod, John Simpson and wife Margaret A. Simpson to Frederick Jones as guardian. Wit. J.H. Thomson, James Wells. Same Book, page 403: 31 January 1835. John Simpson and George McLeod and wife Mary to John F. Hobbs. SE 1/4 Section 8 T5 R1E. Deed [part of the document torn off] filed for record 18 December 1849.

Orphans Court Min. 6, page 258: 29 June 1835. John Simpson was security with John Hardie for William P. Terry who applied for Letters of guardianship on Jane G. Weldon, William A. Weldon, and Nancy S. Weldon, Children of James Weldon. [See also, Orphans Court Minutes 5, page 337. August 26, 1833; Probate Record Book 7, page 197. June 29, 1835.]

Orphans Court Min. 7, page 585: Campbell, Thomas G. died intestate; letters of administration issued to John Morris, with Nathaniel D. Snooky and John Simpson.