

The above “Index To Lands” page for T5-R1W by G. W. Jones & Sons shows no transfer through the year 1919 of the land out of the hands of anyone surnamed Turner, even though it does show that Henry B. Turner purchased some of the land in 1866 as “Grantee” from “Grantor(s)” William C. & Peter Binford. The index further shows that Alexander Wall sold some of the land near the cemetery to Thomas O. Burton, per Madison County Deed Book O, page 267, as recorded in 1833. It further shows that Thomas O. Burton transitioned land to M. A. Burton by Trustee, per Deed Book GG, page 448, as recorded in 1867. Eventually, as filed in 1875 after change of ownership several times (as inferred from the index for the SW/4), some of the land passed from the Burton family by Sheriff’s sale or foreclosure. In 1907 Deed Book 95, page 340, recorded that Rufus & Mary Love acquired the land from H. S. & Belle B. Nance. This index to land sales does not show a transition to anyone by the name of Morton through the year 1919. However, a check of the on-line Madison County Records Center marriage index shows that Belle C. **Burton** was licensed to marry H. S. Nance on 6 November 1882. That license is recorded in Madison County Marriage Book 12, on page 321. It therefore appears that the Burton family owned the land until 1907, when it was sold to Rufus and Mary Love.

The Madison County General Index (Reverse) to Real Property, 1809 – 1919 (shown below), for the Burton surname includes the purchase of land from Alexander G. Wall in 1833 by Thomas O. Burton. This purchase would have been for the 57-acre tract that Alexander G. Wall purchased from the government in 1831. The index further shows the transition of the same parcels of land to Minerva A. Burton in 1867. However, it can also be seen that there are other entries for a “Mrs. M. A. Burton” for land acquisitions in Madison (town of) in 1891. Yet, before it can be inferred that there is a connection between the arsenal cemetery landowners and the John W. Burton of the town of Madison, it should be noted that there is also an entry for John W. Burton involved in a land transaction with Martha A. Burton, not Minerva A. Burton. Therefore, the entries for “M. A. Burton” appear to involve two different people.