



Smith Slave Cemetery (72-1), Redstone Arsenal, Madison County, Alabama, July 2002.

(View over fence into cemetery from SE corner at gate)

This shaded, quiet cemetery immediately appears as very old when visited in person. It is a couple of hundred yards north of the Smith Cemetery (72-2), which is firmly believed to be the burial place of Hughy Smith, the original landowner of the area. Considering the old plantation practice of putting the owner's cemetery within about 150 – 300 yards of the plantation main house, and then placing the supporting slave village and cemetery within about another 300 – 500 yards, the arrangement here certainly supports that this is the Smith Plantation slave cemetery. There are no grave markers at all to be found here, which further supports the conclusion that this is a slave cemetery.