

The **INDEX TO LANDS** compiled by G. W. Jones & Sons, Inc., shows the ownership changes via private deeds through the rest of the 1800s:

Section 15 Township 5 South of Range 1 East Madison County, Alabama																			
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BOOK	PAGE	Kind of land	Acres	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	DATE OF INSTRUMENT	FILED	18				19							
								18	19	20	21	18	19	20	21				
1	572	D		Smith, Hugh	France, William	1825													
1	577	D		Hydock, Wm & by wife	Cole, Robert	1826													
1	584	D of Trust		Cain, Thomas	Moore, Benjamin & Jr	1828													
1	14	D		Cain, Thomas by wife	Borris, William	1830													
1	466	D of Trust		Austin, Elizabeth & Mary	Hill, James & Jr	1830													
1	490	D of Trust		Snoddy, Nathaniel	McIntosh, William & Jr	1831													
1	520	D		Austin, Wm & E by Jr	Oney, John	1834													
1	466	D		Burner, Henry & Cynthia	Oney, John	1835													
1	59	D		Borris, William	Borris, George	1835													
1	211	D		Smith, George by wife et al	Edwards, William	1837													
1	487	D		Edwards, Wm & Martha	Edwards, Wm & Eliza	1837													
1	415	D		Springer, David & et al	Edwards, William	1837													
1	571	D		Edwards, Wm & Martha	Sparkland, Lisette	1837													
1	150	D		Farmer, Peter & by wife	Campbell & Bailey	1837													
1	262	Wg		Felley, James	Cumby, Archibald	1838													
1	127	D		Frankland, Wm & wife et al	Pitney, Margaret	1838													
1	274	D		Horton, Alfred	France, William	1838													
1	277	D		Horton, John	France, Wm	1838													
1	276	D		Horton, Alfred & Dorcy	France, William	1838													
1	353	D		Oranland, George	Rice, David et al	1838													
1	1	Wg		Beckle, F S & Louisa D	Barbey, John & Jr	1838													
1	302	Wg		Pitney, Margaret & Allen	Jones, Thomas	1838													
1	522	D		Horton, Geo & wife by wife et al	Beckle, Joshua H	1838													
1	164	Wg		Long, Thos E & wife	Pitney, Margaret	1838													
1	589	D		Pitney, Margaret	Jacy, Thomas E	1838													
1	12	Wg		Grady, Henry & Mary	Land & Intest Co	1838													
1	170	Wg		Grady, Henry & Mary	Edwards, Wm	1838													
1	149	D		Rice, David by wife et al	Horton, John	1838													
1	381	D		Beckle, Joshua H & Isaline	Grady, John	1838													
1	31	Wg		Horton, Geo & Margaret	American Freshhold S & Co	1838													
1	105	Wg		Horton, Geo & Margaret	Edwards, Joseph	1838													
1	18	Wg et al		Edwards, J W	Horton, J W	1838													
1	541	D		Horton, Geo & by wife	American Freshhold S & Co	1838													
1	146	D		Palmer, Eli & et al	Palmer, William	1838													
1	150	D		Land & Intest Co	Indiana Lumber Company	1838													
1	497	D		Palmer, Elizabeth et al	Wiggins, James	1838													

The **INDEX TO LANDS** reveals that Hughy Smith retained title to the SE/4 of Section 15 until his death, when it passed to his son Stanhope Smith. Stanhope was a physician, who apparently did not want to be a plantation “farmer”. He allowed the land to eventually go to auction, and William B. Edwards purchased it in 1867 – after the slaves had been emancipated during the Civil War, which ended in 1865. (See details of the Smith family