

Data from Dennis Simpson of California indicates that an uncle of Madison County's Theophilus Lacy also was "the first banker in Huntsville" (see "communication of May 18, 2004" several pages below). The "first bank" in Huntsville was chartered in 1809, when Theophilus was only about 3 or 4 years old, so the early banker was no doubt the never-married Theophilus Lacy of Morgan County, an uncle of the Madison County Theophilus.

To recapitulate, the Theophilus Lacy associated with the arsenal cemetery was a farmer who lived in Huntsville rather than on the land that he owned around the cemetery. (At least, he lived in Huntsville after his first wife was buried on the pre-arsenal land. He may well have lived on the land around the cemetery while his wife Mary W. Harris Lacy was alive.) He was a son of John William Lacy, who along with his brothers Hopkins Lacy and another Theophilus Lacy moved to northern Alabama between 1807 and 1821. The older three Lacy brothers were all born in Virginia but moved to North Carolina and Tennessee before coming to northern Alabama. There were several sons named "Theophilus" in each generation of this family in America, so it is easy to see how confusion is created in the public records.

Accounts of the Lacy family settlement in northern Alabama are published in several sources. The one shown below is from an article written by Dennis Simpson about Dr. William Simpson, whose widow married Hopkins Lacy. Hopkins was first of the Lacy brothers to come to Madison County, but later residing in Morgan County, at the "Lacey's Spring" community. He was a close friend of Dr. William Simpson.