

INDEX TO LANDS

Section 20 Township 2 South of Range 1 Madison County, Alabama.
S. W. JONES & SONS

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4	150	D	Dysons, Benjamin & Mary	Timmons, John	1858													
1	173	Agmt	Cooper, Charity	Lee, Houston B.	1860													
3	173	Agmt	Lee, Houston B.	Cooper, Charity	1860													
1	172	D	Cooper, Charity	Fennell, James & Tr	1860													
4	457	D	Finch, Henry & Sophia	Smith, Hugh et al	1867													
4	484	D	Smith, Hugh et al	Lynch, John W	1867													
1	197	D	Timmons, John by Est	Wright, William et al	1869													
1	200	D	Hesson, James by adm	Wynnon, John	1869													
1	071	D	Griffin, Joseph & C	Griffin, William	1874													
77	312	D	Lee, Charity by Sheriff	Fennell, James & Tr	1867													
11	275	Agmt	Lee, Charity by Mgt	Bradley, Joseph C et al	1869													
100	504	D	Wells, G & C & Belle F	Scruggs, George F	1863													
100	480	D	Wells, G & C & Belle F	Scruggs, George F	1863													
100	481	D	Wells, G & C & Belle F	Scruggs, George F	1863													
100	482	D	Fennell, A & Elizabeth	Scruggs, George F	1863													
17	9	Mtg	Scruggs, Geo F & Sarah H	Schiffman, Solomon	1866													
100	10	D	Wells, G & C & Belle F	Scruggs, George F	1863													
100	103	D	Fennell, F & by Adm et al	Scruggs, Sarah H	1863													
100	208	D	Wester, W H & S	Scruggs, George F	1870													
54	176	Mtg	Scruggs, Geo F & Sarah H	McDonnell, Archibald, Sr	1880													
100	395	D	Scruggs, Geo F & Sarah H	Wester, William W	1890													
56	401	Mtg	Scruggs, Geo F & S	McDonnell, A Jr	1881													
100	114	D	Scruggs, Geo F & Sarah H	Proctor, Albert G	1891													
55	164	Mtg	Scruggs, Geo F & Sarah H	Proctor, Robert E	1898													
77	321	D	Proctor, A G & Wm	Scruggs, Geo F & Sarah	1894													
66	297	D	Scruggs, Geo F & Sarah H	Kenny, W L et al	1890													
67	300	Mtg	Taylor, David E & Wm L	Sanley, James A	1900													
66	114	D	Landon, J E	Taylor, Wm L et al	1890													
69	454	D	Landon, John W & Mary E	Landon, Maria W	1901													
69	484	D	Baker, Wm E et al	Landon, Mattie L et al	1901													
74	391	Mtg	Green, C C & Charity	Mcnelly, J D & Tr et al	1901													
69	456	D	Scruggs, Geo F & S	Proctor, Albert G	1902													
69	465	D	Taylor, Wm L & S et al	Green, Christopher C	1902													
67	454	D	L. L. Landon et al	Taylor, Wm L et al	1902													
67	454	D	Green, C C & Charity	Went, John C	1902													
60	340	D	Green, C C & Belle L	Benderam, William W	1878													

This data shows that Charity Cooper Lee, the widow of James Cooper, lost the land of the NW/4 of Section 20 to James W. Fennell and others by 1867 and 1869, as a result of a Sheriff's sale for her bankruptcy. The bankruptcy was probably a result of the Civil War, but **any slaves buried as such in the cemetery would have been before the Civil War**. Of course, the cemetery would not cease being a cemetery just because the former slaves were emancipated during the war, so it could well have continued in use by black families whose ancestors were there – whether the black families owned the land or not. The **INDEX TO LANDS** reveals that eventually the NW/4 of Section 20 was under the ownership of George F. & Sarah H. Scruggs until at least 1902, when A. G. Proctor (who was married to a Simpson family member) purchased some of the land.