

If this had been a slave cemetery, then **the slaves would have been owned** (before the Civil War ended in 1865) by **Charity Cooper Lee, James W. Fennell, Charles G. Bowen, and/or William H. Clopton**, according to the records of land ownership before 1865. The latter two were owners of the land in Section 17, but there was no census record (with slaves or otherwise) found for Charles Bowen in 1830 or 1840 Madison County. He sold the land in 1844 to William H. Clopton, who did have 5 slaves counted in the 1840 census, but there was no listing for Mr. Clopton in the 1850 slave census. Of course, the Clopton name in Huntsville is widely known in association with Ann Bradshaw Clopton, who in the early 1900s grew to worldwide fame for her paintings on spider webs. Ann was the wife of J. Blount Clopton. The 1840 record for William Clopton is shown below: