Nancy Tyree Graham is the key to understanding the Dickson – Rankin Cemetery. She was, as Dennis Simpson stated, a Dickson before she married James Graham. The word "Relict" on her tombstone was the old term for "widow" and is often found on the older markers. [The word "consort" was used for women who died <u>before</u> their husbands.]

THE STATE OF ALABAMA. MADISON COUNTY.
h any of the Judges of said State, any Justice of the Peace of said County, or other person legally authorised:
These are to authorise you or either of you, to solemnize the rites of matrimony between June of Much and Auncy J. District desid county, agreeably to the statute in such case made and provided. Given at the Office of the Clerk of the County Court of said county, this 29 day of Murch 1856 Rich B. Curdon CLERK C. C.
Solemnized on the day of 18

There are several Ahnentafels found on Ancestry.com's web pages to trace the history of the families represented in this cemetery. However, the most thorough treatment of their history found to date is Dennis William Simpson's book about his ancestor, Madison County pioneer Doctor William Simpson. Pertinent pages of that book have been photographed and are included in the CD files given to the Army offices. In fact, several additional resource folders of historical data files have been provided in digital form on CDs for the history of the families of this cemetery.

Researchers will find that the history of the Laniers is strongly intertwined with the Dickson and Graham history, so review of the various Lanier cemetery Summary Reports for Redstone arsenal is also recommended. In particular, William Dickson was the father of Mary D. Lanier of pioneer arsenal land days, and Joseph Dickson was the father of Ann D. Lanier. There are several extensive Ahnentafels for the Dickson family history