

included on the CD-ROM provided to the Army offices for expanded historical data on the family. Selected files are included in the pages that follow to give a brief overview of the available information that has been collected on the Dickson, Graham, and Rankin families for which the cemetery is known.

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Comments:

Information on Early Settlers of your county. I am a descendant of Dr. William Simpson, first white surgeon in Madison County, Alabama from Londonderry, Ireland, settled near Ditto's Landing in 1807. He and his wife Marguerite (McAlpine) Simpson were suppose to have been buried at Hobbs Island, but there is no tombstone marking their graves. There son, John Simpson is buried with several members of his family at Redstone Arsenal, including my great-grandfather Arthur Marcus Simpson, one of ten children of John and Margaret Ann (Dickson) Simpson.

Margaret Dickson was a daughter of James and Keziah (Wood) Dickson. James Dickson was one of the 241 signers of the petition requesting the government to allow them to stay on Indian land in 1819. Dr. Simpson's daughter Mary Simpson married the Hon. George W. McLeod, Justice of the Peace and Postmaster of Ditto's Landing. One of their daughters, Margaret McLeod married the Hon. David Campbell Humphreys, later US Justice of the Supreme Court for the District of Colombia, and famous for his stand against Alabama joining the Confederacy during the Civil War. After Dr. Simpson died in the springtime of 1816, his widow married the Hon. Hopkins Lacy, former member of the Tennessee House of Representatives and attorney who represented both Andrew Jackson and John Coffee in several legal matters. Their daughter Martha Jane Cocke Lacy married Dr. Albert Russell, member of the same family who founded the Russell Erskine Hotel.

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