

Susan had “run off to Tennessee with another man and resides there”. The 1850 census shows Nancy Graham Beadle with her mother and a sister living in the household headed by Abe. Abraham died in 1858 after 9 years of this marriage, and Nancy inherited his plantation and considerable wealth. She married John Jordan (of another pre-arsenal family) in 1860 and later became involved in litigation over land with the Matkins associated with the Matkin Cemetery (37-3). As would be expected, there is extensive history available in the old land and court records for the Grahams, the Beadles, the Jordans, and the Matkins. Most of those records are also on the CD-ROM provided to the arsenal offices.

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