WOODWARD CEMETERY, 88 - 2

Summary Report

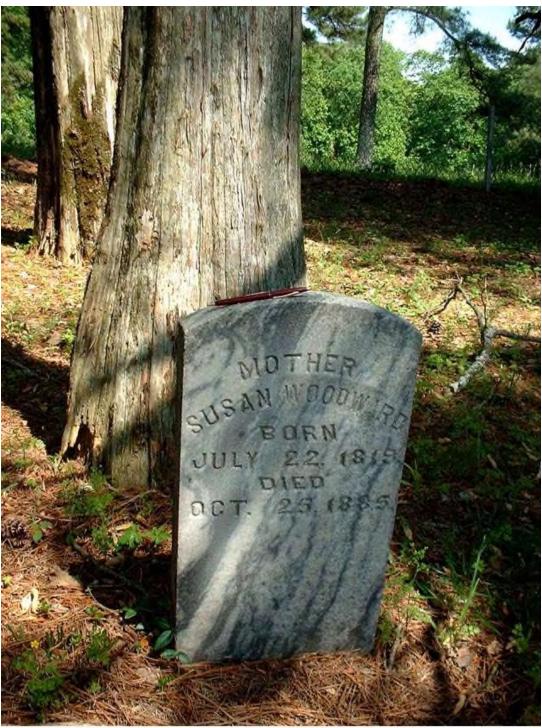
Appropriately near the "end of the road" is the Woodward family cemetery, just a little west and north of the southernmost part of Pershing Road.



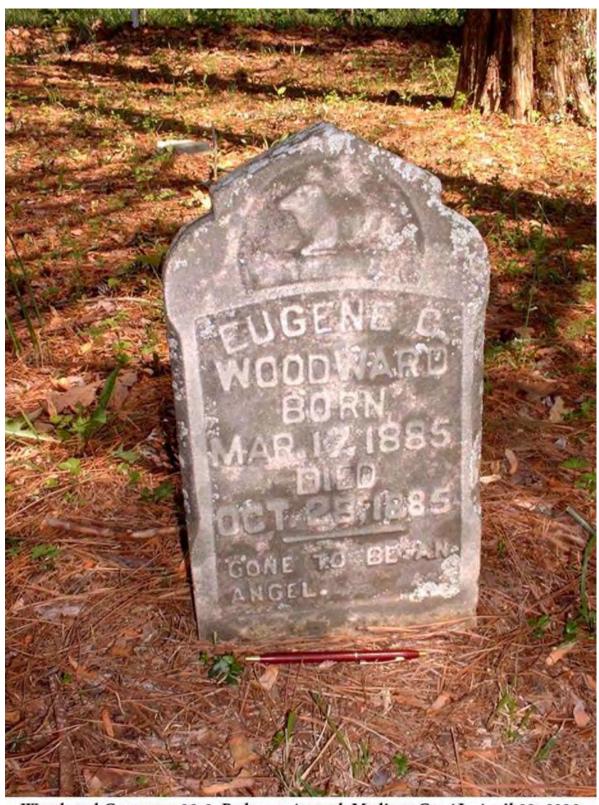
Woodward Cemetery, 88-2, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co. AL, April 28, 2003

Actually, the cemetery is in the southeast quarter of Section 28 of Township 5, Range 1W. This is part of Test Area 5, and the cemetery is located in a field about 150 yards south of Building 8875. Even with the activities going

on around it, the wooded cemetery is serene, a very pleasant place to visit. The earliest burials noted by inscriptions on tombstones are for Susan and Eugene C. Woodward.



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As can be seen from the dates of the inscriptions, both died in October of 1885. Eugene was an infant, only 7 months old. He was, however, not a son of Susan, who was too old to have been his mother. Susan was probably the grandmother or great grandmother of Eugene. It may well be that they had a common contagious illness of the time that caused the deaths to be in close time order.

The Woodward family was present in Madison County in early times. There was a notice in an early Alabama newspaper that Charles C. Woodward was postmaster of "Woodwardville" in Madison County in 1842, and both the 1850 and the 1860 census records for Madison County show Eli and Hannah Woodward in the same household. Eli was shown as age 50, born in Tennessee, in the 1850 record, while Hannah was shown as age 74, born in North Carolina. The 1860 census showed Eli as age 60, born in Tennessee, and Hannah was listed as age 87, born in South Carolina around 1773. They were certainly among the pioneers of the area, with Hannah most likely being the mother of Eli. Moreover, according to their ages, Eli could well have been a brother of the 1842 postmaster Charles C. Woodward and of John S. Woodward. John S. Woodward, born in Tennessee in 1813, appears in the 1850 census as the father of a family that included John W. Woodward (born 1853) by the 1860 census, after John S. Woodward had died. John W. Woodward lived on the pre-arsenal lands and eventually owned the area where the family cemetery is located.

Still, the only Madison County government land patents in the Woodward name were taken by Eli and by Wilson Woodward. In May of 1831, Eli Woodward patented 80 acres of the east half of the northeast quarter of Section 12, Township 2 and Range 2E. This land is about 4 miles southeast of the town of New Market, in the Cramer Hollow area near Upper Hurricane Creek. It was in August if 1853 when Wilson Woodward patented 50 acres in the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 23, Township 2 and Range 2E. This land is about 2 miles north of the Madison County Fishing Lake and about 4 miles northeast of the Bell Factory community. It is just less than 3 miles from the land patented by Eli, some 22 years earlier. The private land transaction deed and mortgage index by G. W. Jones Inc. shows no Woodward land acquisitions in the area where the cemetery is located on Redstone Arsenal until 1905. (View the inserted image at 200% zoom.)

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Since the Woodward family was burying members in the cemetery (that is now on Redstone Arsenal) long before 1905, it is appears that they lived there before they actually owned the land. Perhaps they were sharecroppers, farming the land for others until they could afford to purchase it. The census records show their presence in the area among known landowners in that section, township, and range in 1860, when Susan Woodward appeared as head of a household that contained as children the Woodwards who appear in the records later for the area. Susan's children who controlled the land and are known to have lived in the area later were Charles C., John W., and Clinton C. Woodward. Their neighbors in the 1860 census included Nancy T. Graham, Margaret L. Fynch / Finch, and William H. Timmons – all of whom were known to reside in the area near the cemetery. (View the inserted images at 200% zoom when they are too small to read clearly.)

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The 1850 census of Madison County also shows a Woodward family in the area. The family was headed by John S. Woodward, shown with wife Susanah (Susan) and children that included those shown later in the 1860 census – at least, those who were born by the time of the 1850 enumeration.

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1850 Madison Co. AL census page 451-A, 36 District: John S. & Susanah WOODWARD

The neighbors of the Woodward family in 1850 included Joel Joiner (from whom the many Joiner black families probably took their surnames after emancipation) and doctor Preston Caphaw (which is confirmed by the next census page to be "Capshaw", from which name was derived the Capshaw community and road, northwest of the town of Madison). John S. Woodward married Susan Bell in June of 1840, per the marriage records of the county. That is a pretty good indication that he had left the state of his birth (Tennessee, per the 1850 census record) and moved into Madison County of Alabama by 1840. Further proof that John Woodward was living in Alabama before 1840 is offered by the age and birthplace of the oldest child shown in the household in 1850. Francis L. Woodward was shown as

being born in Alabama, but his age was given as 10 in 1850, meaning that he was born sometime in 1840 in this state.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
To any of the Judges of said State, any Justice, of the Peace of said County, or other percentages of the Judges of said State, any Justice, of the Peace of said County, or other percentages.
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There was no suitable match found in the 1840 census of Alabama or Tennessee for a John Woodward (or under the variant spelling of "Woodard") born in Tennessee (or even born in Alabama) about 1813. Accordingly, there is no way to pursue the history of his line further back into time without some other type of record. However, his children's history can be examined in the years after 1850. The 1860 census record for John's widow Susan Woodward has been presented above. No census record was found for any of the Susan Woodward family in the 1870 census, anywhere in the United States. Of course, that is not unusual, as the reconstruction period after the Civil War in the South led to many census records being incomplete or missing. However, in the 1880 census of Madison County

Alabama, Susan is found as head of household again, with sons Clinton, John, and Charles shown at ages that match the 20 years from the 1860 record. Yancy Horton is living nearby, and the census sheet shows that it was for Township 5, Range 1W, which is the general location of the Woodward Cemetery. The census records were inconclusive for exploring Susan's Bell family origin. However, her sons Clinton and John Woodward both married Bell girls, and there were only a couple of possibilities for the right Bells in the 1880 census records. Her son Charles C. Woodward on 1/11/1882 married Bettie Butcher, a cousin of a neighbor in the 1870 census.

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Since the image above is difficult to read due to a weak original, a transcribed textual version excerpted from the "FAMILY SEARCH" Family History Resource File CD-ROM set produced by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints for the 1880 census is inserted below, along with other pertinent research information.

EXCERPTED FAMILIES, 1880 MADISON COUNTY CENSUS

Census Place: Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 135D

	RelationSex I	Age	Birthplac	е		
Jackson Q. JIMAR	Self M	M	W	30	AL	
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Ida JIMAR	Dau F	S	W	9	AL	
Clarance JIMAR	Son M	S	W	6	AL	
Anna JIMAR	Dau F	S	W	1	AL	

Census Place: Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 135D

	RelationSex N	Race	Age	Birthplace		
John W. MORTON	Self M	M	W	42	AL	
Margaret MORTON	Wife F	M	W	31	AL	
Nina MORTON	Dau F	S	W	8	AL	
Pearl MORTON	Dau F	S	W	6	AL	
Robert MORTON	Son M	S	W	5	AL	
Virginia MORTON	Dau F	S	W	3	AL	
Caroline FIELDS	Other F	S	MU	20	AL	

Census Place: Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 135D

	RelationSex I	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
John SHEFFIELD	Self M	M	MU	27	AL
Amanda SHEFFIELD	Wife F	Μ	MU	39	AL
Yancy HORTON	SSon M	S	MU	19	AL
Virginia HORTON	SDau F	S	MU	15	AL
Celia HORTON	SDau F	S	MU	13	AL
Everett HORTON	SSon M	S	MU	12	AL
Paris HORTON	Son M	S	MU	4	AL
Ida SHEFFIELD	Dau F	S	MU	9M	AL
James GILBRETH	Nephew M	S	MU	15	AL
King GOODLOE	Other M	Μ	В	55	AL

Census Place: Township 5. Madison, Alabama Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 135D RelationSex Marr Race Age Birthplace Susan WOODWARD Self F W W 61 AL (Nee BELL: widow of John S. Woodward) Clinton WOODWARD Son M S W 30 (On 10/21/1881 married Carrie BELL) John W. WOODWARD Son M (On 11/22/1882 married Sallie BELL) Charles WOODWARD Son M S W 25 AL (On 1/11/1882 married Bettie Butcher, cousin of a neighbor) Census Place: Township 5, Madison, Alabama Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 135D RelationSex Marr Race Birthplace Age Lottie BELL 50 Self F W ΑL Lizzie BELL S В Dau F 19 ΑL S В Wheeler BELL Son M 17 ΑL Lottie BELL Dau F S 5 ΑL Zora BELL Dau F S 1 ΑL Census Place: Township 5, Madison, Alabama Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 135D RelationSex Marr Race Age Birthplace William JIMAR Self M М W 35 AL Louisa JIMAR Wife F Μ W 31 AL Lillie JIMAR Dau F S W 2 AL Susan OWENS MotherL F W W 67 AL Cousin F Bettie BUTCHER S W 31 AL (On 1/11/1882 married Charles C. Woodward two house holds above in the census) Charlotte MATHIS Other F В 30 ΑL M 35 Vergil MATHIS Other M M В AL Austin OWENS Other M W В 80 AL Annie OWENS ΑL Other F S В 12 Census Place: Madison, Alabama Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 135D RelationSex Marr Race Age Birthplace John TRAVIS Self M M W 38 MS (Signed as co-bondsman for John W. Woodward when JWW married Sallie Bell) Wife F Mary TRAVIS M W 36 AL (Nee Woodward; child of John S. & Susan Woodward; a sister of John W. Woodward) Helen TRAVIS Dau F S W 10 AL **Bula TRAVIS** Dau F S W 5 ΑL

Census Place: Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 136A

	RelationSex I		_	Age	Birthplace
Peter JIMAR	Self M	M	В	50	TN
Caroline JIMAR	Wife F	M	В	46	AL
Lily JIMAR	Dau F	S	В	15	AL
Mary JIMAR	Dau F	S	В	12	AL
Thomas JIMAR	Son M	S	В	10	AL
Albert JIMAR	Son M	S	В	12	AL
Lanson JIMAR	Son M	S	В	8	AL
Liddie JIMAR	Dau F	S	В	5	AL
Everett JIMAR	Son M	S	В	2	AL

(EXCERPTED FAMILIES – known to be living in the southeastern portion of Madison County, Alabama, around New Hope in 1880)

Census Place: Beat 6, Madison, Alabama -- 1880

Source: FHL Film 1254022 National Archives Film T9-0022 Page 326D

	RelationSex N	Birthplace			
S. W. LOGAN	Self M	M	W	22	AL
Mattie LOGAN	Wife F	Μ	W	20	AL
M. S. LOGAN	Dau F	S	W	1	AL
E. HUMPHERY	Other F	S	MU	9	AL

Census Place:Beat 6, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254022 National Archives Film T9-0022 Page 327A

	RelationSex I	Marr F	Race	Age	Birthplace
A. C. GRAYSON	Self M	M	W	31	AL
M. L. GRAYSON	Wife F	M	W	26	AL
M. L. GRAYSON	Dau F	S	W	2	AL
A. L. GRAYSON	Dau F	S	W	1	AL
Bessy SEEMS	Other F	S	В	10	MS
Peter JONES	Other M	M	В	35	AL
F. E. GRAYSON	Other F	S	W	20	AL

Census Place: Beat 6, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254022 National Archives Film T9-0022 Page 327B

 RelationSex Marr Race
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 A. L. LOGAN
 Self M
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 M. S. LOGAN
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 Sallie BELL
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(This could be the Sallie Bell who married John W. Woodward, 11/22/1882 in Madison County, Alabama. It is not known how she could be the daughter of a Mr. <u>LOGAN</u>. However, if the census taker made a mistake and showed the relationship to her mother, rather than to the head of the household, then she may have gotten the Bell surname from an earlier marriage of her mother. Yet, the Madison County Marriage Records show that Abner L. Logan married M. S. <u>Campbell</u> on 12/9/1850 – BEFORE Sallie was born. Maybe Sallie was an adopted orphan by the name of Bell. <u>This census entry is for the only Sallie or Sarah Bell anywhere near the right age, born in 1863 per the 1900 census, to be John W. Woodward's wife.)</u>

Jennie CAMPBELL Other F M В 37 ΑL Sophia LOGAN Other F S В 13 AL Bettie LOGAN Other F S В 12 ΑL Ann LOGAN Other F S В 10 ΑL Dick LOGAN Other M S В AL

Census Place: E.D. 227, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254022 National Archives Film T9-0022 Page 347B

	RelationSex I	Marr F	Race	Age	Birthplace
Dickson COBB	Self M	M	W	34	AL
Elisabetta BOBB	Wife F	M	W	32	AL
William COBB	Son M	S	W	10	AL
James COBB	Son M	S	W	9	AL
Isaac COBB	Son M	S	W	5	AL
Dora COBB	Dau F	S	W	3	AL

Census Place: Township 6, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254022 National Archives Film T9-0022 Page 350A

	RelationSex N	Marr F	Race	Age	Birthplace
Mary DICKSON	Self F	W	W	39	AL
Mattie DICKSON	Dau F	S	W	18	AL
Josie DICKSON	Dau F	S	W	16	AL
E. E. DICKSON	Dau F	S	W	14	AL
V. L. DICKSON	Dau F	S	W	12	AL
M. S. DICKSON	Dau F	S	W	10	AL
John C. DICKSON	Son M	S	W	8	AL

Census Place: Township 6, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254022 National Archives Film T9-0022 Page 350A

RelationSex Marr Race Age Birthplace J. M. HOBBS Self M М W 26 AL M. M. HOBBS Wife F W 19 AL М L. D. HOBBS Dau F S W 10M AL C. L. DAVID SisterL F S W 17 ΑL

Census Place: Township 6, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254022 National Archives Film T9-0022 Page 350A

RelationSex Marr Race Age Birthplace **David GARDINER** Self M М W 70 SC A. C. GARDINER Wife F Μ W 58 SC T. P. STOYNER Dau F W W 29 ΑL L. B. STOYNER Dau F S W 8 ΑL J. A. STOYNER Son M S 5 W AL

Census Place: Township 6, Beat 6, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254022 National Archives Film T9-0022 Page 350A

RelationSex Marr Race Age **Birthplace** W. E. LEMLEY Self M W М 30 AL Sarah LEMLEY Wife F 32 ΑL M W E. K. LEMLEY Son M S W 10 ΑL A. F. LEMLEY Son M S W 8 ΑL O. A. LEMLEY Dau F S W 4 AL

Census Place: Township 6, Beat 6, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254022 National Archives Film T9-0022 Page 350A

RelationSex Marr Race Age Birthplace D. C. GARDINER Self M М W 25 AL Alice M. GARDINER Wife F 20 Μ W AL C. F. GARDINER Son M S W AL 1 S W Carrie BELL Cousin F 16 AL

(This could be the Carrie Bell who married Clinton C. Woodward, 10/21/1881

in Madison County, Alabama – the only one found to fit at all.)
Hannah BELL Other F W B 60 TN
Moses WALL Other M S B 19 AL

Census Place: Township 6, Beat 6, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254022 National Archives Film T9-0022 Page 350B

RelationSex Marr Race **Birthplace** Age A. GARDINER 22 Self M M В ΑL 23 Mary GARDINER Wife F M В ΑL S В George GARDINER Son M 3 ΑL Pilot GARDINER Son M S В 1 AL

Census Place: Township 6, Beat 6, Madison, Alabama Page 352A Source: FHL Film 1254022 National Archives Film T9-0022 RelationSex Marr Race Age Birthplace J. R. BELL Self M М W 31 AL N. R. BELL Wife F W 32 AL Μ TN S. E. BELL Dau F S W 4 2 E. O. BELL Son M S W AL 2M R. A. BELL Dau F S W ΑL Census Place: Township 6, Beat 6, Madison, Alabama Source: FHL Film 1254022 National Archives Film T9-0022 Page 352A RelationSex Marr Race **Birthplace** Age J. D. GARDINER Self M M W AL 37 W AL M. J. GARDINER Wife F M 34 W. E. GARDINER Son M S W 9 AL 5 R. N. GARDINER Dau F S W ΑL S 3 M. A. GARDINER Dau F W AL W. T. GARDINER Son M S W 7M AL W R. H. GARDINER Mother F W 63 ΑL D. M. GARDINER Son M S W AL

The 1890 census was accidentally burned, so it is not in existence to be examined, but the 1900 census has John W. Woodward with his wife Sallie and their 9 living children. According to the record, Sallie had given birth to 11 children, but 2 had died by the time of the census enumeration. John and Sallie had been married for 17 years, and their family included twin sons Charles and John at age 11.

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1930 Madison County AL census, Whitesburg Pct 6, "off Green Grove Road"

Vivian Woodward, the only child of Charles and Laura, was raped and murdered in Huntsville in 1936 at the age of 19. She is buried in Maple Hill Cemetery, as are both of her parents, who divorced after her murder. Both later remarried to others and lived elsewhere. Apparently, in death the family wanted to be together again at last. The second spouses of Charles and Laura are not buried in Maple Hill with them. The story of Vivian's rape and murder, along with the resultant trial and execution of a perpetrator, is documented in detail in a book by Huntsville attorney (former District Attorney / Prosecutor) Fred Simpson. The book is "Murder in the Heart of Dixie", published in 2003. The Woodward story is told in pages 55 – 83. The notes inserted below contain a reference in the last paragraph

to research that went into the book from contacts with the Woodward family members:

Notes of telecon of August 15, 2005

With

Evelyn Darwin, Widow of Tyler Darwin

Mrs. Evelyn Darwin related that she and her husband Tyler Darwin personally moved the old Cooper – Lea / Lee – Harris home from Redstone Arsenal in about 1977 to Madison, Alabama. Tyler Darwin is deceased, but he was an expert cabinetmaker and woodworker in general, according to Evelyn. He rented house-moving equipment from the Kennedy Moving Company, and he moved the house from the arsenal himself in two stages. First the bricks were moved, then the remainder of the house was relocated. The house as they got it was constructed of wood planks, not brick. However, the basement was of brick construction. According to Evelyn, the house is supposed to be haunted, with several stories told of seeing a woman (female ghost) on the stairs at various times. She said that Tyler had grown up around the old house in its original location. When asked if he had ever mentioned the existence of more than one tombstone in the nearby cemetery, she said that she was pretty sure that there were no others during their lifetime.

Evelyn and Tyler had decided to move from Huntsville "into the county" in order to get their son out of the city school system and raise him in a more relaxed setting. Their son was about 12 years old when they moved the house, which had 5 fireplaces – two upstairs and three downstairs. They chose the site in Madison to provide the view overlooking Huntsville, so they bought 4 acres there and put the house on it. Stories of the house and its move were published in the Redstone Arsenal newspaper and in the Huntsville newspapers at various times. She credited U. S. Senator John Sparkman and Huntsville Mayor Joe Davis (personal friends of hers) with helping clear away the "red tape" to get the house move accomplished.

Evelyn said that she had some old photos of the house before the move, but most of her historic materials had been loaned to one of her son's schoolteachers for a special report, and she never got them back. She also said that the local Darwin families are descended from the famous Charles Darwin, who proposed the theory of evolution, and she stated that he was a religious man who had sons in Christian ministry.

Evelyn further stated that Tyler Darwin's mother was Edna **Woodward**, of the Woodward family on the pre-arsenal lands. Edna is buried in Maple Hill Cemetery, but the family still considers the **Woodward Cemetery** on the arsenal as "theirs". She intends to revisit it soon, if her son will escort her there. Tyler's father (Edna's husband) was Jeff Darwin,

and he died in the 1918 great flu epidemic. Tyler died in his 80s, and his mother lived to be 101. Maple Hill Cemetery records (per Old Huntsville Magazine's web page) shows that Edna died January 28, 1989.

Evelyn also mentioned that Huntsville Attorney Fred Simpson interviewed her husband Tyler Darwin extensively for an entire day to learn details of the Woodward girl's murder in Huntsville during the cotton mill days. Mr. Simpson documented the murder details in his book and brought her a complimentary copy after its publication.

John P. Rankin 103 Madison Avenue Madison, AL 35758

Addendum: Percy Keel says that a Mr. Foster lived in the house after the Darwins. Madison City Attorney Ann Marie Lacy and her husband are the present occupants / owners.

The 1910 census included the record below for the family of John W. Woodward, after sons Charles and John were no longer living in the household:

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Woodward Cemetery, 88-2, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co. AL, April 28, 2003

Son Clyde was the additional child in the 1910 census, given as age 9. Yancy Horton, a known black resident of the pre-arsenal land was enumerated as head of the next household in 1910.

By the time of the 1920 enumeration, John W. Woodward had died, and Sallie as a widow is shown as living in a Meridianville household headed by her widowed daughter Edna (Woodward) Darwin.

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While all of the census records show that John W. Woodward / Woodard was married to "Sallie", the probate records after his death consistently referred to his widow as "Emma". (See inserted probate records below.) It may be that Sallie's full name was Sarah Emma Bell Woodward, but that is not clearly shown one single record – it must be deduced.

TOTE OF ALABAMA.

MADISON COUNTY
TO ROBORABLE THOMAS W JOHES, JUDGE OF PROBATE HURTSYILLS, ALABAMA.

To the underzigned commissioners appointed to set spart the homestead as follows: have decided to apt apart the dwelling and appurterances, thereof, and thirty acres. (30a) of the lying acress, the front or south and of farm, as follows: follows:

A S R Corner and running 60 rds, north along line, theree N 80 rods, toward whine, thence S 60 rds, to S line, thence X 80 rds, to point of beginning leaving a right of way last in width, along N line and containing S are in line is based upon the belief, that the farm is SI rds, in width running S and S about this not be true, then S0 acres is agt, ander running across the front or south side, leaving a right of way 1 rd wide, along the west line, This is the day of sune, 1917. Payer 57-5 Respectfully submitted B Flak. H A Bobo. F M White Seorn to and subscribed before me this June, 23, 1917. Thos W Jones, J P C STATE OF ALABAYA.

MIDISON COUNTY. To J B Fisk, HA Bobo, and F W White, appraisers having been heretofore appointed by this Court to set apart and allot to Emma Moodard as wider, of J W
Woodard, deceased, the homestead, exemptions allowed her as such wider, and it
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of said decedent, exceeds in value two thousand dollars, you have been appointed
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You will within ten days after setting part said homestead make return
thereof in writing in this Court.

If the homestead after being reduced to its lowest practicable, area still
exceeds two thousand dollars in value thereby rendering it impracticable, to
allot and set it off you will report that fact to the court.

This June, 25th, 1917

Thos W Jones, Judge of Probate Filed June, 28, 1917 Thos W Jones, Judge of Probate Thos W Jones, Judge of Probate STATE OF ALABUMA. PROBLEM COURT In the matter of the Estate of J W Woodard, Deceased, to Hon Thomas W Jones, Judge of Probate, He, the undersigned appraisars of the matter of J W Woodard deceased, ap ointed by your honor on the 15th day of June, 1917, respectfully report that after being duly seen according to law, in obedience to the Commission herein annexed have this day set apart and alloted to Essaw Soodard, the widow and minor children of said Secesaed the property of said deceant under sec 2072 of the code and additional personal property, under sec 2073, of the code estimating the mans at its appraised value to-wit:
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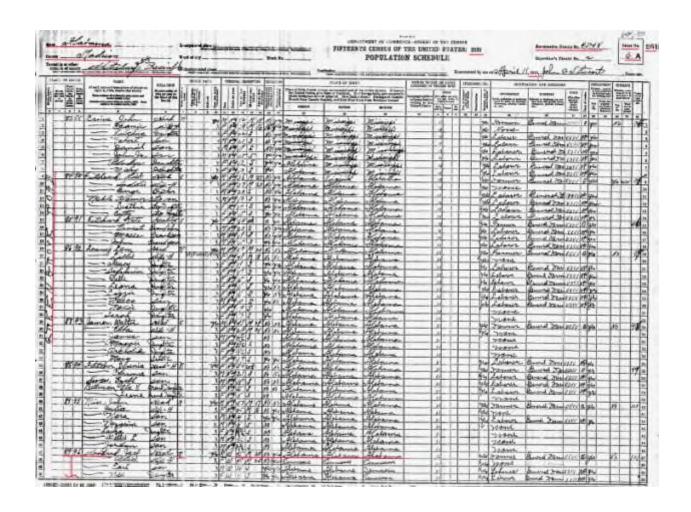
Be also report that the said decedent, occupied by him, at the time of his death, exceeds, in value 22000.00 all of which is respectfully, substitute this 23rd day of June, 1917. J B Fisk
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this June, 28th, 1917
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Piled June 12, 1917 Thos W Jones, Judge of Probate

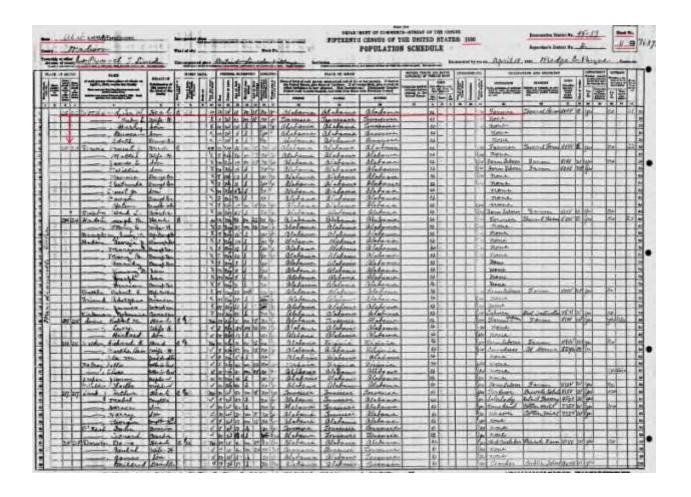
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Also in 1930, Lee W. Woodward (a son of John W. & Sallie) born in 1898 per the 1900 record was enumerated as living in the Lincoln Village (cottonmill) area. Lee later became the owner of the land around the Woodward Cemetery, when his siblings converted their interest in the property to him in 1935.



The transition of the land ownership from his siblings to Lee Woodward is given in the deed images provided below:

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EDNA DARWIN, FT ALS. TO DEF D LEE W WOODWARD

MAD. Co. AL Deed Book 158 (ages 472-3 (1935) Hadison County

State of Alabama

This Indenture made and entered into this the 7 day of November, 1935, by and between Edna Darwin, a widow, Annie May Kinnebrugh and her husband Edgar Kinnebrugh, Nellie Eakin and her husband Oliver Eakin, Clyde Woodward, an unmarried man, Charles C Woodward and wife Laura Woodward, and John H Woodward and his wife Alice Woodward, parties of the firstpart, and Lee W Woodward, party of the second part, all of the County and State aforesaid, Witnesseth:

That the said Edna Darwin, Annie May Kinrebrugh and her husbard Edgar Kinnebrugh, Nellie Eakin and husband Oliver Eakin, Clyde Woodward, Charles C Woodward and wife Laura Woodward, and John H Woodward and his wife Alice Woodward, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar, to them cash in hand paid by the saidLee W Woodward and for the further purpose of correcting the error in the description in that certain conveyance dated 18 January, 1926 of record in the office of the Probate Judge of Madison County, Alabama, in Deed Book 123, page 151, have tis day given, granted, bargained, sold, conveyed and by these presents do give, grant, bargain, sell, convey and confirm unto the said Lee W Woodward all our right, title and interest in and to that certain tract or parcle of land, lying and being in the County of Madison, State of Alabama, known and described as follows, to wit::

All of the Southwest quarter of Section 28, Township 5, Range 1 West except 6.03 acres in the northeast quarter of said Southwest quarter section; 6.61 acres in the southwest corner of the west half of the southeast quarter of Section 28; ten acres in the northwest part and 18.50 acres off the south side of the northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 33, Township 5 Range 1 West, more particularly described as beginning at the center of the West boundary of said section 28, Township 5, Range 1 west, thence 3 degrees north of east (bearing magnetic point) along quarter section line 40.75 chains to the center of Section 28, thence along north and south quarter section line 3 deg. east of south 6.69 chains to a cedar marked for corner; thence north 884 degrees west 1.21 chains to a stake; thence south 18 deg and 15 min west 13.39 chains to a pile of stones; thence south 78 deg east 7.00 chains to a pile of stones; thence south 25% deg East 8.70 chains to a pile of stones a little

rest of a peach tree; thence south 13 deg east 11.25 chains to the porth boundary of Section 35, toenship 5 Names 1 meet, continued in Section33 1.80 chains (in all 13.14 chains) to a pite of atones; thence south 500 deg east 7.50 chains to a stake thence south 520 deg east set 5.07 chains to a dedar corner at a large tree; thence north med deg east 7.50 chains to the southeast corner of tract conveyed to Ruthy Chapman, colored, 5.03 chains to the Names 11me and south and south half quarter section line of the northeast quarter of Section 33; there a start of south along came 0.25 chains to the centur of said quarter section; themes along the quarter quarter section line 3 degrees south of west 50.37 chains to the north and south quarter rection line of said section 35; thence 3 deg east of north 20.00 chains to the path boundary of Section 20; thence along same 3 deg south of west 60.75 chains to the southest corner of Section 20; thence 3 deg south of west 60.75 chains to the southest corner of Section 20; thence 3 deg seat of north 20.00 chains to the southest corner of Section 20; thence 3 deg seat of North 40.00 chains to the place of beginning, cotaining 101.60 sores, more or less.

also all that part of the southeast part of fractional section 35, same township and raise, more particularly described as beginning at the center of said section, thence east 20,00 chains to stake on the quarter section line, thence wouth 10,00 chains to a stake; thence west 10,00 chains to a stake; thence south 10,00 chains to a stake; thence west 10,00 chains to a stake on the north and south quarter section live; thence north 20,00 chains to the beginning and commining 30,00 scree more or less. Also all that part of the southwest part of said fractional section 35 more particularly described as beginning at the center of the sest boundary of the southwest fractional part, thence south 10,00 chains; thence west 10.00 theins; thence south 10.00 chains to a stake on the Township line; thence west 10.00 chains thence north 70.00 chains; thence east 20.00 chains to the beginning, and containing 50.00 acres, more or less, and also a readway connecting the former homestead of Sallie Sectioned with the southwest quarter of Section 25, Township five, Bange 1 West, said roadway being thirty feet wide and running west along the north side of a forty sare truck now owned by I Schiffman & Company 15.33 chains to the section line, themce north with the section line to the southwest corner of the soutwest quarter of said section 20, and containing a total area in all the lands herein described of 251.60 scres, more or less.

To Have And To Hold the tract or parcel of land above described, together with all and singular the rights, privileges, tenements, appurtenances and improvements thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto the said Lee & Toodward, and unto his heirs and assigns for-

In Sitness Thereof the said Edna Darwin, a widow, Annie May Kinnebrugh and her husband Edgar Kinnebrugh, Rellie Eskin and her husband Oliver Eskin, Clyde Scodward, an unsarried man. Charles C Boodward and wife Laura Scodward, and John B Scodward and wife Alice Scodward because their names and affix their scals on the day and year above written.

Edna Derwin
Annie May Kinnebrugh (SEAL)
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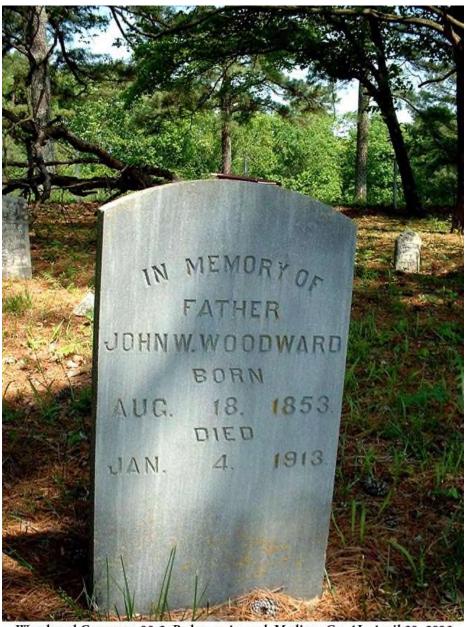
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I. Benretta B Schiffman a Motary Public in and for said County in said State hereby tertify that Edna Barwin a widow, Annie May Kinnebrugh and husband Edgar Kinnebrugh, Melite Tekin and husband Oliver Tekin, Clyde Toodward, an unwarried man, Charles C Toodward and wife Lara Socdward and John R Socdward and wife Alice Socdward, whose names are simmed to the foregoing conveyance, and who are known to me schnowledged before me on this day that being infermed of the contents of the conveyance they executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

and I do further certify that on the 7 day of November 1935, came before me the within maned Annie May Kinnehrugh, known to me to be the wife of the within named Edgar Kinnebrugh. Welle Eskin known to me to be the wife of the within named Oliver Eskin, Laura Noodward known to me to be the wife of the within named Charles C Noodward, and Alice Noodward known to me to be the wife of the within named John N Noodward, who being examined separate and apart from their respective husbands, tourbing their elgustures to the within conveyance acknowledged that they signed the same of their cen free will and accord, and without feur, constraints or threats on the part of their respective husbands.

In Sitness Shereof I have bereunts set my hand this the 7th day of Morember 1935.

Henretts & Schiffman Notary Public The land index by G. W. Jones Inc. as provided earlier on page 3 of this report shows that by 1912, James Chapman had also acquired a portion of the land around the cemetery from John W. Woodward and his wife Sallie. Less than a year later, John W. Woodward was deceased, as noted from the census records that were explained earlier and from the specific date on his tombstone.



Woodward Cemetery, 88-2, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co. AL, April 28, 2003

There are no inscribed tombstones in the Woodward Cemetery with a date more recent than that for John W. Woodward. Apparently, his was the last burial in the little family cemetery, so his children must have all survived from 1913 until the government took the land to create the arsenal in the 1940s. Today the cemetery is kept mowed and fenced and in general good shape by the Army's groundskeeping contractor. It stands as a peaceful, if silent, witness to the impact that a determined family of Woodwards had in keeping the land productive and raising their children in a safe environment. Some of their descendants remain in the Huntsville area and may on occasion visit the cemetery of their ancestors.

Prepared by John P. Rankin, January 21, 2005; revised August 16, 2005