

The original ownership of the Southwest Quarter of Section 20 in T5-R1W is shown on the Government Tract Book page inserted below. It reveals that James Finch, as an “assignee” of someone else, purchased the parcel of land on March 16, 1818, under Certificate Number 2988. It is not clear how Henry Finch came to possess the right to sell it to Hughy Smith in 1835.

TOWNSHIP 5 South		RANGE 1 West		HUNTSVILLE	
DESCRIPTION OF THE TRACT		ACRES	UNITED STATES TITLE	Date of Sale	Number of Acres
Section	Sub-section		BY WHOM SOLD OR GRANTED	Actual or Grant	Actual or Grant
19	South West	55.97	South quarter east of Tennessee River Lillibry Robinson & Phelps 1818 Road Section 400	Feb 2 1818	10000
	South West	150.00	Lillibry Robinson & Phelps Road Section 400	Feb 2 1818	10000
	South West	105.92	Ohio Land Office Robinson	1818	
30	South West	62.062	Traverse Purchase	Sept 22 1814	10000
	South West	38.72	Benjamin House	Dec 15 1812	5335
	South West	155.13	Robert Cooper	Feb 2 1818	10000
	South West	155.15	Samuel Mead	Feb 2 1818	995
	South West	155.16	James Finch	Mar 16 1818	2988
21	South West	63.784	Edwards Lewis	Feb 2 1818	862
	South West	74.7	John Simmons	Sept 25 1821	2988
	South West	159.42	Thomas U.S. Grant	Feb 2 1818	524
	South West	159.47	Benjamin House	Dec 15 1812	774
	South West	159.47	Samuel Mead	Feb 2 1818	104

Government Tract Book, recording original land purchasers in Madison Co., AL