

Conversely, the 1834 sale of land by John Timmons and his wife Catharine Quay (Finch) Timmons to John Burdine (son of Richard Burdine, deceased, who was an original owner of government land in the southeastern portion of today's arsenal) is recorded in Deed Book O on pages 703 and 704. This land was bounded in part by the Tennessee River, being a fractional portion of Section 23 in Township 5, Range 1W. The nearby U.S. Highway 231 bridge is built over the Tennessee River at a place known in the 1800s as "Burdine Shoals, which was just upstream from Leeman's Ferry. Leeman's Ferry was located in fractional Section 27, near the location of "Leeman's Bluff.

John Timmons & wife  
To Deed  
John G J Burdine

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This Indenture made this 18th day of February one thousand eight hundred and thirty 4 between John Timmons & Catharine Q Timmons his wife of the County of Madison in the State of Alabama of the one part and John Burdine heir of Richard Burdine deceased of the other part. Witnesseth: That the said John Timmons & Catharine Q his wife for and in consideration of the sum of Six hundred dollars to them in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath this day bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed and conveyed and by these presents doth bargain sell, alien, enfeoff and convey to the said John Burdine heir &c all that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Madison and State of Alabama at being a part of fractional Section number twenty three in Township number five of Range number one west bounded as follows, to wit, beginning at the South East corner of said Fractional Section, thence running North North along its Eastern boundary line fifty seven chains to the Northeast corner thereof thence west along its Northern boundary sixteen chains ninety five links to a Stake, thence South sixty one chains to a corner Stake on the Margin of Tennessee river thence up the same as it meanders to the beginning and containing one hundred acres. To have and to hold the above described Tract or parcels of land with the tenements and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto the said John Burdine heirs &c heirs and assigns forever, and the said John Timmons & Catharine Q his wife for themselves their heirs executors and administrators doth warrant and will forever defend the title to the above described and hereby granted premises unto the said John Burdine heirs &c heirs and assigns from and against the Claim of themselves and all and every person or persons claiming or holding under them the said John Timmons &