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described land, Given under our hands and seals this 18th day of July 1832.

Jas F W Smith J P

Jas McCutchen J P

Before me Reden B Jones, a Justice of the Peace in and for Madison County in the State of Alabama this day personally appeared Timmons and acknowledged that he had signed sealed and delivered the within Deed to the within named William Leemon on the day of its date. Also before me Reden B Jones a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid this day personally appeared Catharine C Timmons wife of said John Timmons, who being by me examined separate and apart from her said husband acknowledged that she had signed sealed and delivered the said deed to the aforesaid William Leemon, on the day of its date freely voluntarily without any fear threats or compulsion of her said husband. Given under my hand and seal in said County this first day of February eighteen hundred and thirty eight.

Reden B Jones J P (seal)

The foregoing Deed was delivered into the Office of the Clerk of the County Court of Madison County in the State of Alabama for registration on the sixth day of February eighteen hundred and thirty eight and was duly registered on the twelfth day of February eighteen hundred and thirty eight.

Rich B Purdom Clerk C C

It is interesting that execution of the above deed (and others) was officiated by James F. W. Smith, an acting Justice of the Peace. James F. W. Smith was a son of Hughy Smith, a landowner who lived adjacent to John Timmons. Both the Smith and the Finch families, and probably the Timmons family as well, had roots in York County of South Carolina. (See the Smith Cemetery, 72-2, Summary Report.)

The inserts below show pages from Margaret Matthews Cowart's book, **OLD LAND RECORDS OF MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA**. Mrs. Cowart produced this very authoritative and comprehensive book by using the old Government Tract Book and augmenting entries with records from the office of the Alabama Secretary of State and other sources. It shows that John Timmons was the original owner (he "patented" government land) of tracts in T5-R1W involving Sections 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, and 34. Altogether, the land that John Timmons purchased from the government in T5-R1W included about 1450 acres of what is now the southern part of the arsenal.