

The “Samuel C. Grubb” who was listed on the first page of the accounts paid by the estate was shown in the 1850 Madison County census as a carpenter. The census records show only one such surnamed person in the county during the time, even though there were several more Grubbs barely into Limestone County, near the town of Madison. In fact, the 1850 census record (shown below) for Samuel Grubb has a nearby household headed by Thomas J. Clay, who was one of the first merchants in the new town of Madison in the later years of the 1850s.

The bill owed to Samuel Grubb by the John Timmons estate would have been appropriate to cover extensive carpentry work, such as for building a large barn or a house or something of that order. Unfortunately, the estate records do not show the reason for the debt. Still, it is interesting to speculate about the possible interrelationships between the early residents of the arsenal areas and those pioneers who settled in the nearby area that became the town of Madison.