

The 1880 census (provided earlier in this report) showed that Margaret Finch (incorrectly listed as a widow) had returned to William's household, along with a nephew of William's, Edwin, who could not have been a child of Margaret's. So far as has been found, Margaret never married or had any children of her own. The 1880 census data also revealed that William Timmons had taken in the black (former slave) widow Elvira Lynch and her children, who probably provided housekeeping and cooking services for their room and board in the household and on the land.

The 1900 census showed that William's household no longer included his aunt, Margaret L. Finch (who had recently died), nor his nephew Edwin, who appeared with them in the 1880 census. Likewise, none of the children of William and Annie were listed in the household. The census shows that Annie had given birth to 6 children, of whom only 1 was still living at the time of the census. (That one was Sophie / Sophia, who had married David C. Jordan in 1896. She was born in 1871 and still living in Guntersville in 1951, when she wrote letters to arsenal officials to demand maintenance of the family cemetery.) Son John H. Timmons had died in April of 1899, per his tombstone. (Information provided by descendants indicated that the family had problems with tuberculosis.) The William Timmons household in 1900 included John's widow, Elizabeth, listed as the daughter-in-law of William. Also listed were Elizabeth's children, properly shown as grandchildren of William.