

TIMMONS CEMETERY, 89-1

Summary Report

The Timmons Cemetery has perhaps the most unique appearance of any in Madison County, but certainly among those on Redstone Arsenal. It reminds the visitor of a New Orleans style cemetery, with above-ground box tombs surrounded by a large brick wall with an entrance gate. In addition to the walled area, there is an outer burial ground to the east of the gate, with at least one marked grave therein. It is possible that the walled spaces were all taken when the last of the Timmons family was to be buried, so the courtyard area was used for J. H. Timmons. [Detail in the reduced size images of this report can be viewed at 200% if using a computer to review the CD-ROM files; otherwise, a good optical magnifying glass is recommended whenever needed.]



Timmons Cemetery, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co., AL, July, 2002.



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(View inside the walled enclosure, looking to the southeast from near the north wall)



Timmons Cemetery, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co. AL, Dec. 3, 2002

(View from atop the south wall, looking to the northwest)



**Timmons Cemetery, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co., AL, July, 2002.
(Grave outside east wall.)**



Timmons Cemetery, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co., AL, July, 2002. (Rene Seigh at gate.)

(Overview of the walled cemetery and its “apron”. It is believed that there are probably several unmarked graves within the wire fenced area and further out, to the east, where the photographer was standing for this shot.)



Timmons Cemetery, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co., AL, July, 2002.

J.H. (John) Timmons (1868 – 1899) was not the patriarch of the clan in Madison County. He was a son of William H. Timmons (1839 – 1906), who in turn was a son of John Timmons (1790 – 1845). It was this early John Timmons who first came to Madison County and purchased the family lands that eventually became part of Redstone Arsenal. The senior John Timmons' grave is in the southwest corner of the walled cemetery area.



Timmons Cemetery, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co. AL, Dec. 3, 2002



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Since John Timmons died in 1845, he is not listed in the 1850 census, which was the first in the United States to list every member's name in each household and to record the place of birth. In fact, John and his wife, Catherine ("Kittie") Quay Finch Timmons (1808 – 1840) plus 4 of their children had passed on by the time of the 1850 census, leaving their son William H. Timmons as a young orphan. William was "taken in" for a time by the nearby Hardie and Simpson families, but later his maternal "old maid" aunt Margaret L. Finch came to run the Timmons household until he reached adulthood. Even after that, she stayed on as a part of William's family until her death in 1899, as reflected in the 1880 census record below.

(EXCERPTED FAMILIES, 1880 MAD. CO. AL)

[William H. Timmons & Margaret Finch on page
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Census Place: Stevenson, Jackson, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254016 National Archives Film T9-0016 Page 92C

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Allie P. JOYNER	Self	M	S	W	30	AL

Census Place:Stevenson, Jackson, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254016 National Archives Film T9-0016 Page 92C

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Richard JOYNER	Self	M	S	B	28	AL
Emily JOYNER	Sister	F	W	B	35	AL
Richard JOYNER	Nephew	M	S	B	2	AL

Census Place:Stevenson, Jackson, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254016 National Archives Film T9-0016 Page 92C

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Geo. W. RICE	Self	M	W	W	72	TN
Orpha DUNLOP	Dau	F	W	W	38	TN
Frank DUNLOP	GSon	M	S	W	14	AL

Census Place:Township 4, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 131A

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Sidny BEASLEY	Self	M	M	B	38	AL
Judy BEASLEY	Wife	F	M	B	30	AL
Ella BEASLEY	Dau	F	S	B	4	AL
Jane BEASLEY	Dau	F	S	B	2	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 132A

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Thomas LEWIS	Self	M	M	B	27	AL
Mahala LEWIS	Wife	F	M	B	26	AL
Mollie LEWIS	Dau	F	S	B	5	AL
Laura LEWIS	Dau	F	S	B	3	AL
Frank LEWIS	Son	M	S	B	1	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 132A

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Frank LIGHTFOOT	Self	M	M	B	34	AL
Lucy LIGHTFOOT	Wife	F	M	B	24	AL
Claud LIGHTFOOT	Son	M	S	B	5	AL
James LIGHTFOOT	Son	M	S	B	3	AL
Waddie LIGHTFOOT	Son	M	S	B	3M	AL
James LIGHTFOOT	Brother	M	S	B	17	AL
Laura LIGHTFOOT	Niece	F	S	B	14	AL
Stepney LIGHTFOOT	Nephew	M	S	B	8	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 132A

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Washington MILLER	Self	M	M	B	48	AL
Adaline MILLER	Wife	F	M	B	50	VA

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 132A

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Bass LIGHTFOOT	Self	M	M	B	48	AL
Fannie LIGHTFOOT	Wife	F	M	B	32	AL
Tysen LIGHTFOOT	Son	M	S	B	15	AL
Francis LIGHTFOOT	Dau	F	S	B	12	AL
Birdie LIGHTFOOT	Dau	F	S	B	3	AL
Pauline LIGHTFOOT	Dau	F	S	B	17	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 132A

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Jullan VANN	Self	M	M	B	27	AL
Icie VANN	Wife	F	M	B	23	AL
John VANN	Son	M	S	B	4	AL
Ella VANN	Dau	F	S	B	2	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 132A

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Jerry HORTON	Self	M	S	B	25	AL
Mattie HORTON	Sister	F	S	B	18	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 132A

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
I. A. LANIER	Self	M	S	W	63	TN
Mary LANIER	Other	F	W	B	75	TN

Census Place:Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 132A

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Ann TONEY	Self	F	W	B	48	GA
Percy TONEY	Son	M	M	B	24	AL
Olie TONEY	Dau	F	S	MU	18	AL
Alexander TONEY	Son	M	S	MU	11	AL
Charity TONEY	Dau	F	S	MU	8	AL
William TONEY	Son	M	S	MU	6	AL
Sallie TONEY	Dau	L F	M	MU	18	AL
Late TONEY	Other	M	S	B	22	AL
Look HORTON	Other	M	S	B	15	AL

Census Place:Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 132A

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
W. H. LANIER	Self	M	M	W	60	TN
Rena J. LANIER	Wife	F	M	W	47	AL
Mollie D. LANIER	Dau	F	S	W	22	AL
Rena S. LANIER	Dau	F	S	W	19	AL
Lucy LANIER	Dau	F	S	W	13	AL
Birdie LANIER	Dau	F	S	W	17	AL

Census Place:Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 132B

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Milton LANIER	Self	M	M	B	36	AL
Rebecca LANIER	Wife	F	M	B	32	AL
James LANIER	Son	M	S	B	15	AL
Emily LANIER	Dau	F	S	B	12	AL
Mary LANIER	Dau	F	S	B	8	AL
Mattie LANIER	Dau	F	S	B	6	AL
Ida LANIER	Dau	F	S	B	1	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 132B

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Jarret JONES	Self	M	M	B	80	NC
Violette JONES	Wife	F	M	B	69	NC

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

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	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Albert LANIER	Self	M	M	B	49	AL
Veiny LANIER	Wife	F	M	B	40	AL
Jerry LANIER	Son	M	S	B	12	AL
Julia LANIER	Dau	F	S	B	10	AL
Charity LANIER	Dau	F	S	B	8	AL

Ben Anna LANIER	Dau	F	S	B	6	AL
James TONEY	SSon	M	S	MU	20	AL
Virginia TONEY	SDau	F	S	MU	16	AL
Thomas CAVER	Other	M	S	B	22	AL
Jerry HORTON	Other	M	S	B	19	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

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	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Frank HORTON	Self	M	M	B	46	AL
Margaret HORTON	Wife	F	M	MU	37	AL
Alice HORTON	Dau	F	S	MU	18	AL
Lacy LIGHTFOOT	Other	F	S	B	18	AL
Sophiah HORTON	Mother	F	W	B	65	AL
John KING	Other	M	S	B	15	AL
Claricy ALLEN	Aunt	F	W	B	70	AL
Leneya JORDAN	Nephew	M	S	B	3	AL

Census Place:Madison, Alabama

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	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Robert LOURY	Self	M	M	B	38	AL
Kittie LOURY	Wife	F	M	B	30	AL
Levii LOURY	Son	M	S	B	15	AL
Thomas LOURY	Son	M	S	B	12	AL
Mary LOURY	Dau	F	S	B	8	AL
John LOURY	Son	M	S	B	5	AL

Census Place:Madison, Alabama

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	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Faithy JORDAN	Self	F	W	B	60	AL
Mary JORDAN	Dau	F	W	B	28	AL
Isham JORDAN	Son	M	S	B	27	AL
John JORDAN	Son	M	S	B	20	AL
Lucy JORDAN	Niece	F	S	B	16	AL
Moses JORDAN	GSon	M	S	B	3	AL
Pompir JORDAN	GSon	M	S	B	3	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

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	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
George ADAMS	Self	M	M	B	30	MS
Mahala ADAMS	Wife	F	M	B	28	AL
Donalson ADAMS	Son	M	S	B	7	AL
Jackson ADAMS	Son	M	S	B	5	AL
Ada ADAMS	Dau	F	S	B	3	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

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	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Samuel GAINS	Self	M	M	B	23	AL
Martha GAINS	Wife	F	M	B	20	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

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	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
James WILLIS	Self	M	M	B	48	AL
Lizzie WILLIS	Wife	F	M	B	40	KY
Anna WILLIS	Dau	F	S	B	20	AL
Lucinda WILLIS	Dau	F	S	B	18	AL
Matilda WILLIS	Dau	F	S	B	13	AL
John WILLIS	Son	M	S	B	12	AL
Sallie WILLIS	Dau	F	S	B	10	AL
Lizzie WILLIS	Dau	F	S	B	8	AL
George WILLIS	Son	M	S	B	3	AL

Census Place:Madison, Alabama

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	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Lucy JORDAN	Self	F	W	W	54	AL
Walter JORDAN	Son	M	S	W	24	AL
Mary JORDAN	Dau	F	S	W	22	AL
Lucidlo JORDAN	Son	M	S	W	20	AL
Henry JORDAN	Other	M	S	B	20	AL
Violet JORDAN	Other	F	S	B	26	AL

Census Place:Madison, Alabama

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	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Calvin JORDAN	Self	M	M	B	52	AL
Elizabeth JORDAN	Wife	F	M	B	40	AL
Joe SWAINIGAN	Other	M	S	B	31	AL
Rhubun JESSIE	Other	M	W	B	68	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

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	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Ann JORDAN	Self	F	W	B	40	AL
Charlie JORDAN	Son	M	S	B	16	AL
Charity JORDAN	Dau	F	S	B	14	AL
Jinkens JORDAN	Son	M	S	B	10	AL
Lucy JORDAN	Dau	F	S	B	8	AL

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	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Joseph JORDAN	Self	M	M	B	42	AL
Louisa JORDAN	Wife	F	M	B	40	AL
Donalson JORDAN	Son	M	S	B	16	AL
Moses JORDAN	Son	M	S	B	14	AL
Sherman JORDAN	Son	M	S	B	12	AL
Jerry MCDONALD	Son	L M	M	B	28	AL
Adaline MCDONALD	Dau	F	M	B	26	AL
Willie MCDONALD	GSon	M	S	B	1	AL
Mingo LANIER	Other	M	S	B	50	AL

Census Place:Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 133D

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Robert SIMPSON	Self	M	M	B	45	AL
Sarah SIMPSON	Wife	F	M	B	28	AL
Robert SIMPSON	Son	M	S	B	8	AL

Census Place:Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 134A

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Barret JACOBS	Self	M	M	MU	28	AL
Kittie JACOBS	Wife	F	M	MU	20	AL
Kittie JACOBS	Dau	F	S	MU	5M	AL

Census Place:Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 134A

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
William SIMPSON	Self	M	M	B	45	AL
Caroline SIMPSON	Wife	F	M	B	45	AL
Ada SIMPSON	Dau	F	S	B	8	AL
Nancy SIMPSON	Dau	F	S	B	5	AL
Margarett SIMPSON	Dau	F	S	B	3	AL
Cora SIMPSON	Dau	F	S	B	1	AL
Sallie MURPHEY	Niece	F	W	B	19	AL

Census Place:Madison, Alabama

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	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Isaac RIGHT	Self	M	M	B	32	AL
Louisa RIGHT	Wife	F	M	B	45	AL
John RIGHT	SSon	M	S	B	16	AL
Mary RIGHT	Dau	F	S	B	9	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

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	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Ephram LYNCH	Self	M	M	B	26	AL
Caroline LYNCH	Wife	F	M	B	18	AL

Census Place:Madison, Alabama

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	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Prince FENNEL	Self	M	M	B	28	AL
Emma FENNEL	Wife	F	M	B	28	AL
Susan FENNEL	Dau	F	S	B	4	AL
Leila FENNEL	Dau	F	S	B	1	AL

Census Place:Madison, Alabama

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	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Adlof SIMPSON	Self	M	M	W	24	AL
Lura Lee SIMPSON	Wife	F	M	W	19	AL
Walton SCOTT	Cousin	M	S	W	14	AL
Callie JORDAN	Other	F	W	MU	23	AL
Ida JORDAN	Other	F	S	MU	2	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

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	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Claricy HORTON	Self	F	W	B	40	AL
Malinda HORTON	Mother	F	W	B	63	AL
Henry HORTON	Son	M	S	B	20	AL
Percy HORTON	Son	M	S	B	13	AL
Walter HORTON	Son	M	S	B	5	AL
George HORTON	Son	M	S	B	3	AL
John HORTON	Son	M	S	B	1M	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 134B

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Stepney LIGHTFOOT	Self	M	M	B	22	AL
Mattie LIGHTFOOT	Wife	F	M	B	23	AL
Willie LIGHTFOOT	Son	M	S	B	2	AL
Oclana LIGHTFOOT	Niece	F	S	B	9	AL
Liza SRRAGGINS	Other	F	S	B	45	AL

Census Place:Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 134B

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Emphay TIMMSON	Self	M	M	B	25	AL
Anna TIMMSON	Wife	F	M	B	35	AL
Charles TIMMSON	Son	M	S	B	15	AL
Bettie TIMMSON	Dau	F	S	B	10	AL

Census Place:Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 134B

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Willie LYNCH	Self	M	M	B	45	AL
Francis LYNCH	Wife	F	M	B	30	AL

Census Place:Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 135C

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
John JACOBS	Self	M	M	MU	40	AL
Vicy JACOBS	Wife	F	M	MU	33	AL
Jake JACOBS	Son	M	S	MU	15	AL
Lizzie JACOBS	Dau	F	S	MU	11	AL
Wesley JACOBS	Son	M	S	MU	9	AL
Horris JACOBS	Son	M	S	MU	5	AL
Fullen JACOBS	Son	M	S	MU	3	AL
Leila JACOBS	Dau	F	S	MU	1	AL

Census Place:Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 135C

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
David JACOBS	Self	M	M	MU	40	AL
Roberta JACOBS	Wife	F	M	MU	29	AL
Ruthie JACOBS	Dau	F	S	MU	10	AL
Walter JACOBS	Son	M	S	MU	6	AL

Census Place:Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 135C

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Booker JACOBS	Self	M	W	MU	58	SC
George JACOBS	Son	M	S	MU	29	AL
William JACOBS	Son	M	S	MU	22	AL
Lizer JACOBS	Dau	F	S	MU	19	AL
Prudence JACOBS	Dau	F	S	MU	16	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 135D

Relation Sex Marr Race Age Birthplace

George TIMMINS
Fannie TIMMINS

Self M M B 25 AL
Wife F M MU 21 AL

Census Place:Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 **Page 135D**

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
John SHEFFIELD	Self	M	M	MU	27	AL
Amanda SHEFFIELD	Wife	F	M	MU	39	AL
Yancy HORTON	SSon	M	S	MU	19	AL
Virginia HORTON	SDau	F	S	MU	15	AL
Celia HORTON	SDau	F	S	MU	13	AL
Everett HORTON	SSon	M	S	MU	12	AL
Paris HORTON	Son	M	S	MU	4	AL
Ida SHEFFIELD	Dau	F	S	MU	9M	AL
James GILBRETH	Nephew	M	S	MU	15	AL
King GOODLOE	Other	M	M	B	55	AL

Census Place:Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 **Page 136A**

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Thomas ROOKS	Self	M	M	B	25	AL
Fronia ROOKS	Wife	F	M	B	23	AL
Sipio ROOKS	Son	M	S	B	4	AL
Hayes ROOKS	Son	M	S	B	2	AL
Jerry ROOKS	Brother	M	S	B	11	AL
Pollie ROOKS	Mother	F	W	B	50	AL
Willie TIMMONS	Other	M	S	B	19	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

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	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Chock TIMMONS	Self	M	M	B	28	AL
Rose TIMMONS	Wife	F	M	B	25	AL
Ada TIMMONS	Dau	F	S	B	4	AL
Eugene TIMMONS	Son	M	S	B	2	AL

Census Place:Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 **Page 136B**

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Sylus LYNCH	Self	M	M	B	26	AL
Mollie LYNCH	Wife	F	M	B	20	AL
Elliott LYNCH	Son	M	S	B	4	AL

Census Place:Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 **Page 136B**

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Wesley J. LANDMAN	Self	M	M	W	43	AL
Marian LANDMAN	Wife	F	M	W	31	AL
Mattie LANDMAN	Dau	F	S	W	8	AL
Virginia LANDMAN	Dau	F	S	W	6	AL

Nancy LANDMAN	Dau	F	S	W	4	AL
Refave LANDMAN	Son	M	S	W	2	AL
Lucinda TIMMONS	Other	F	M	B	45	AL
Frank TIMMONS	Other	M	M	B	61	AL
Marian TIMMONS	Other	F	S	B	9	AL
Joseph TIMMONS	Other	M	S	B	8	AL
Mark GUNNAL	Other	M	S	B	25	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 **Page 136B**

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Frank JACOBS	Self	M	M	MU	25	AL
Liza JACOBS	Wife	F	M	B	25	TN
Madora JACOBS	Dau	F	S	B	8	AL
Francis JACOBS	Dau	F	S	B	1	AL

Census Place:Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 **Page 137C**

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Zeb. JOINER	Self	M	M	MU	23	AL
Lizzie JOINER	Wife	F	M	MU	22	AL
Arthor JOINER	Son	M	S	MU	7M	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

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	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
James LACY	Self	M	M	MU	40	AL
Prissilla LACY	Wife	F	M	MU	39	AL
Nellie LACY	Dau	F	S	MU	18	AL
Wyatt LACY	Son	M	S	MU	14	AL
Amanda LACY	Dau	F	S	MU	12	AL
Margaret LACY	Dau	F	S	MU	10	AL
Francis LACY	Dau	F	S	MU	8	AL
Thomas LACY	Son	M	S	MU	6	AL
Edith LACY	Dau	F	S	MU	4	AL
Russel LOWE	Other	M	M	B	41	AL
Flora LOWE	Other	F	M	B	29	AL
Anna LOWE	Other	F	S	B	8	AL
Sophia LOWE	Other	F	S	B	6	AL
Matilda LACY	Mother	F	W	MU	60	AL

Census Place:Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 **Page 138A**

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Munroe TIMMONS	Self	M	M	B	36	AL
Harriet TIMMONS	Wife	F	M	B	23	AL
Gracie TIMMONS	Dau	F	S	B	2	AL
Charles HOGAN	Other	M	S	B	22	AL

Census Place:Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 139C

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Elisia JOINER	Self	M	M	MU	58	AL
Silvia JOINER	Wife	F	M	B	53	AL
Julie TIMMONS	Aunt	F	W	B	88	AL

Census Place:Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 139C

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Tusese SHEREDAN	Self	M	M	B	28	AL
Lucy SHEREDAN	Wife	F	M	B	30	AL
John SHEREDAN	Son	M	S	B	8	AL
Wiley SHEREDAN	Son	M	S	B	7	AL
Lizzie SHEREDAN	Dau	F	S	B	5	AL
Thomas SHEREDAN	Son	M	S	B	4	AL
George SHEREDAN	Son	M	S	B	2	AL
Turner SHEREDAN	Son	M	S	B	2M	AL
Joseph SHEREDAN	Brother	M	S	B	23	AL

Census Place:Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 139C

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Felix JOINER	Self	M	M	B	24	AL
Millie JOINER	Wife	F	M	MU	23	AL
Richard JOINER	Son	M	S	MU	4	AL
Parthanna JOINER	Dau	F	S	MU	1	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 139C

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Wesley GRAHAM	Self	M	M	B	35	AL
Levii GRAHAM	Father	M	M	B	60	AL
Rilla GRAHAM	Mother	F	M	B	60	AL
Benie GRAHAM	Son	M	S	B	6	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 139C

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Elisia TIMMONS	Self	M	M	B	28	AL
Liza TIMMONS	Wife	F	M	B	25	AL
Henry TIMMONS	Son	M	S	B	7	AL
Martha TIMMONS	Dau	F	S	B	1	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 139D

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Andrew TIMMONS	Self	M	M	B	72	SC
Gracy TIMMONS	Wife	F	M	B	60	AL
Ellen TIMMONS	Dau	F	S	B	28	AL
Amanda TIMMONS	Dau	F	S	B	24	AL
Jackson TIMMONS	Son	M	S	B	22	AL
Henry TIMMONS	Son	M	S	B	18	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 139D

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
William H. TIMMONS	Self	M	M	W	41	AL
Annie TIMMONS	Wife	F	M	W	43	AL
John TIMMONS	Son	M	S	W	12	AL
Sophie TIMMONS	Dau	F	S	W	9	AL
Margaret FINCH	Aunt	F	W	W	85	SC
Edwin FINCH	Nephew	M	S	W	17	AL
Elvira LYNCH	Other	F	W	B	30	AL
George LYNCH	Other	M	S	B	11	AL
Lucy LYNCH	Other	F	S	B	5M	AL
Lella LYNCH	Other	F	S	B	13	AL

Census Place:Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 139D

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
George TIMMONS	Self	M	M	B	75	AL
Martha TIMMONS	Wife	F	M	B	55	VA
Benjamin TIMMONS	Son	M	S	B	22	AL
Mary TIMMONS	Dau	F	S	B	19	AL
Caleb TIMMONS	Son	M	S	B	10	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 139D

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
James TIMMONS	Self	M	M	B	26	AL
Lillas TIMMONS	Wife	F	M	B	22	AL
Anna TIMMONS	Dau	F	S	B	4	AL
Berta TIMMONS	Dau	F	S	B	2	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 139D

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Ephram TIMMONS	Self	M	M	B	42	AL
Ellen TIMMONS	Wife	F	M	B	37	AL
Carrie TIMMONS	Dau	F	S	B	16	AL
William BURTON	Other	M	S	B	30	AL

Census Place:Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 139D

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Rollie TIMMONS	Self	M	M	B	40	AL
Victoria TIMMONS	Wife	F	M	B	25	AL
Luke TIMMONS	Son	M	S	B	6	AL
Annaias TIMMONS	Son	M	S	B	2	AL
Mary B. TIMMONS	Dau	F	S	B	1	AL
Aggie TIMMONS	Mother	F	W	B	70	AL

Census Place:Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 140A

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Jacob TIMMONS	Self	M	M	B	50	AL
Emmerline TIMMONS	Wife	F	M	B	40	AL
Moses TIMMONS	Son	M	S	B	20	AL
Louisa TIMMONS	Dau	F	S	B	15	AL
Jammes TIMMONS	Son	M	S	B	12	AL
Sarah TIMMONS	Dau	F	S	B	10	AL
Jackson TIMMONS	Son	M	S	B	7	AL
Prissilla TIMMONS	Dau	F	S	B	5	AL
Emmerline TIMMONS	Dau	F	S	B	2	AL

Census Place:Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 140A

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Isaac LIPSCOMB	Self	M	M	B	27	AL
Adaline LIPSCOMB	Wife	F	M	B	23	TN
Walker LIPSCOMB	Son	M	S	B	6	AL
Virginia LIPSCOMB	Dau	F	S	B	2	AL
May LIPSCOMB	Dau	F	S	B	1M	AL
Catherin LIPSCOMB	Mother	F	W	B	70	TN

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 140B

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Jacob HORTON	Self	M	M	B	51	AL
Liza HORTON	Wife	F	M	B	36	AL
Robert HORTON	Son	M	S	B	14	AL
Sachacy HORTON	Son	M	S	B	9	AL
Lillie HORTON	Dau	F	S	B	8	AL
Fannie HORTON	Dau	F	S	B	6	AL
Isaac HORTON	Son	M	S	B	4	AL
Jacob HORTON	Son	M	S	B	4	AL
Will HORTON	Son	M	S	B	7M	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 140B

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Kinch JORDAN	Self	M	M	B	35	AL
Malinda JORDAN	Wife	F	M	B	35	AL
Copelan JORDAN	Son	M	S	B	13	AL

Susan JORDAN	Dau	F	S	B	7	AL
Mike JORDAN	Son	M	S	B	1	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 **Page 140B**

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
William JACOBS	Self	M	M	MU	63	AL
Francis JACOBS	Wife	F	M	MU	35	AL
Tira JACOBS	Son	M	S	MU	22	AL
Emily JACOBS	Dau	F	S	MU	20	AL
Laura JACOBS	Dau	F	S	MU	7	AL
Sarah JACOBS	Dau	F	S	MU	5	AL
Clinton JACOBS	Son	M	S	MU	3	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254022 National Archives Film T9-0022 **Page 141C**

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Lewis MOORE	Self	M	M	B	60	KY
Minerva MOORE	Wife	F	M	B	45	AL
Martha MOORE	Dau	F	S	B	20	AL
Francis MOORE	Dau	F	S	B	10	AL
James MOORE	Son	M	S	B	4	AL
Genius MOORE	Son	M	S	B	1	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254022 National Archives Film T9-0022 **Page 141D**

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Joseph LYNCH	Self	M	M	B	42	AL
Jane LYNCH	Wife	F	M	B	28	AL
William LYNCH	Son	M	S	B	11	AL
Joseph LYNCH	Son	M	S	B	8	AL
Liza LYNCH	Dau	F	S	B	1M	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254022 National Archives Film T9-0022 **Page 141D**

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
William R. LYNCH	Self	M	M	B	45	AL
Pollie LYNCH	Wife	F	M	B	40	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254022 National Archives Film T9-0022 **Page 141D**

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Alex TIMMONS	Self	M	M	B	40	AL
Prudie TIMMONS	Wife	F	M	B	41	AL
Bettie TIMMONS	Dau	F	S	B	9	AL
Mary TIMMONS	Dau	F	S	B	9	AL
Elen TIMMONS	Dau	F	S	B	6	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254022 National Archives Film T9-0022 Page 142A

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Alex TIMMONS	Self	M	M	B	40	AL
Trudie TIMMONS	Wife	F	M	B	33	AL

Census Place: Township 5, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254022 National Archives Film T9-0022 Page 142B

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Nicholas MOORE	Self	M	M	B	57	VA
Sallie MOORE	Wife	F	M	B	60	VA

Census Place: Township 5, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254022 National Archives Film T9-0022 Page 142B

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Davis MOORE	Self	M	M	B	23	AL
Ella MOORE	Wife	F	M	B	21	AL
Coleman MATHEWS	Other	M	S	B	28	AL

Census Place: Township 5, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254022 National Archives Film T9-0022 Page 143C

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Peter LYNCH	Self	M	M	B	29	AL
Anna LYNCH	Wife	F	M	B	24	AL
Susie LYNCH	Dau	F	S	B	6	AL
Bamma MOORE	Other	F	W	B	20	AL
Sallie MOORE	Other	F	S	B	2	AL
Wickliff MOORE	Son	M	S	B	2M	AL

Census Place: Township 5, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254022 National Archives Film T9-0022 Page 143D

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Isham HORTON	Self	M	M	B	56	AL
Matilda HORTON	Wife	F	M	B	48	AL
John HORTON	Son	M	S	B	16	AL
Frank HORTON	Son	M	S	B	10	AL
William HORTON	Son	M	S	B	8	AL

Census Place: Township 5, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254022 National Archives Film T9-0022 Page 143D

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Elsie TIMMONS	Self	F	W	B	48	AL
Cassie TIMMONS	Dau	F	S	B	19	AL
Rollie TIMMONS	Son	M	S	B	16	AL

Census Place: Township 5, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254022 National Archives Film T9-0022 Page 143D

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Isac JACOBS	Self	M	M	MU	36	AL
Betsie JACOBS	Wife	F	M	MU	20	AL
Betsie JACOBS	Dau	F	S	MU	1	AL

Census Place: Township 5, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254022 National Archives Film T9-0022 Page 144A

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Elexandre PENLAND	Self	M	W	W	58	NC
Charity C. PENLAND	Dau	F	S	W	24	AL
David A. PENLAND	Son	M	S	W	21	AL

William H. Timmons was not found in any household in the 1850 census of Alabama. However, by 1860 he was shown in a household of Madison County with his aunt Margaret listed as head of the household. The ages shown in 1880 and 1860 for Margaret are discrepant, which is not at all unusual in census records. The 1860 record indicates that she was born in South Carolina in 1815 or 1811, depending upon the interpretation of the age shown as either 45 or 48. The 1880 census shows that she was born in South Carolina in 1795. She was not found at all in the 1870 census.

16		Hugh Mitchell	5	m					"
17		John	2	m					"
18	115	Nancy T. Graham	51	f	Farmers	17,600	10,550	Virginia	
19		Laura	20	f				Fla	
20		Virginia	15	f				"	
21		Julia A.	14	f				"	
22	116	Nathaniel Evans	31	m	Business		1500	"	
23		Sarah J.	29	f				"	
24		Stephen M.	11	m				"	
25		James H.	4	m				"	
26		John	10	m				"	
27	117	Margaret L. Fynch	45	f	none		1500	S. Carolina	
28		Wm. H. Timmons	20	m	"			Alabama	
29	118	William Ballaw	32	m	Witcher			Tennessee	
30		Sarah	30	f				"	
31		James	15	m				Georgia	
32		Catherine	5	f				"	
33		Martha	3	f				Alabama	

1860 Madison County, Alabama, census page 076:
 Nancy T. Graham, Margaret L. Fynch/Finch, Wm. H. Timmons (Madison Station P.O.)

The 1870 census shows William with his son John and wife Annie. No marriage record for William and Annie Eliza Timmons was found in the Madison County archives. However, family tradition states that Annie was born in Limestone County, so there could be a marriage record for them there, but it was not found in the state-wide listings or early newspaper notices. Without a marriage record, Annie's maiden surname cannot be ascertained from records acquired to date. This is one of the difficulties of genealogical research, just as mentioned before, when it was not found where Margaret Finch was enumerated (if indeed she was) in the 1870 census records.

SCHEDULE 1. -- Inhabitants in Township 5 Range 1 West, in the County of Madison, State of Alabama, enumerated by me on the 5th day of July, 1870.

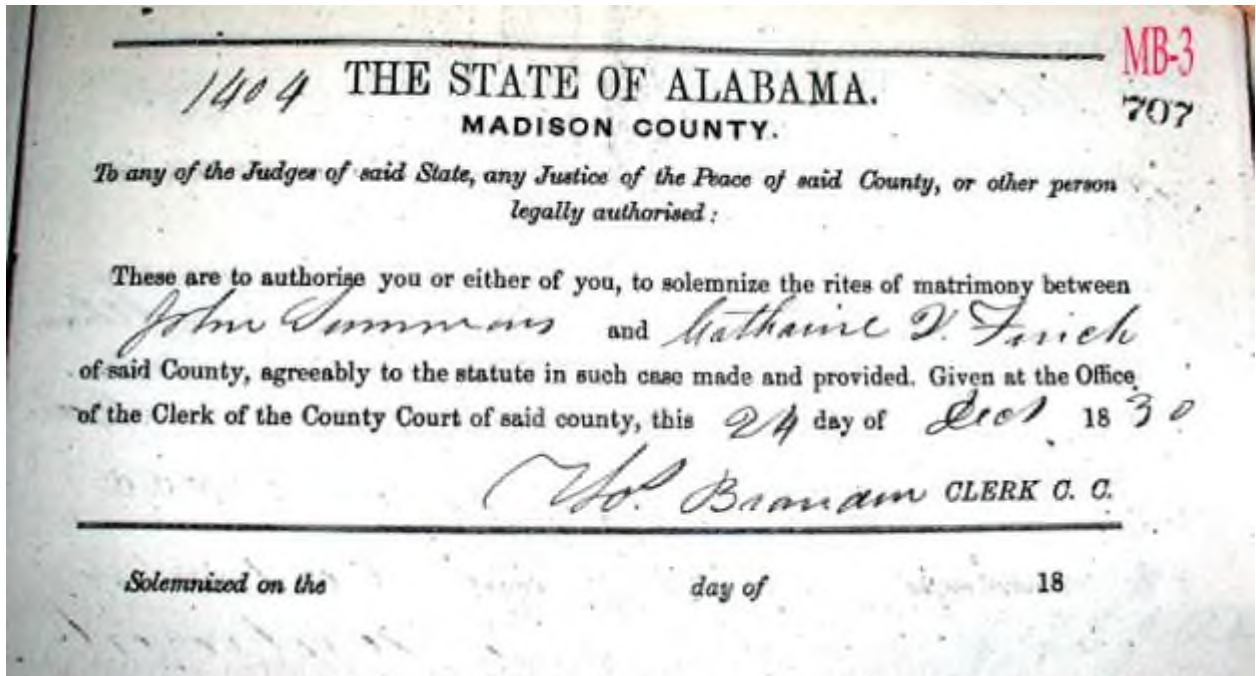
Post Office: Green Grove

Justin Konaque, Asst. Marshal

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1	2	3	4			7	8		10	11		13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
			4	5	6		8	9		11	12									
The name of every person whose place of abode on the first day of June, 1870, was in this family.		Sex, Age, Color, and whether single, married, or widowed.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.	Value of real estate.	Value of personal estate.	Place of birth, naming State or Territory of U. S.; or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Place of foreign birth.	Number of foreign birth.	U. S. or foreign birth.	U. S. or foreign birth.	U. S. or foreign birth.	U. S. or foreign birth.	U. S. or foreign birth.	U. S. or foreign birth.	U. S. or foreign birth.	U. S. or foreign birth.	U. S. or foreign birth.	U. S. or foreign birth.
86	Simon	Chalida	60	M	W	Keeping House		Ala												
	Lee	Benjamin	21	M	B	Farmer	1400	Ala											/	
		Hugh	18	M	B	Farm Laborer		Ala												
		Joseph	12	M	B	Farm Laborer		Ala												
		Bell	17	M	B	Farm Laborer		Ala												
87	Abraham	Levi	54	M	W	Farmer	1120	Ala											/	
		Cherilla	34	F	W	Keeping House		Ala												
		Wesley	18	M	W	Farm Laborer		Ala												
		Abigail	16	F	W	Farm Laborer		Ala												
88	Abraham	Harriet	30	F	W	Farm Laborer		Ala												
		Cherilla	7	F	W			Ala												
		Scott	4	M	W			Ala												
		Mary	2	F	W			Ala												
		Charles	7	M	W			Ala												
		Wesley	18	M	W	Farm Laborer		Ala												
		Harrison	12	M	W	Farm Laborer		Georgia												
89	James	Elisha	48	M	W	Farmer	500/500	Ala											/	
		Silvia	35	F	W	Keeping House		Ala												
		Delia	17	M	W	Farm Laborer		Ala												
90	James	William	52	M	W	Farmer	500/500	Ala											/	
		Louisa	35	F	W	Keeping House		Ala												
		Mary	4	F	W			Ala												
		Sarah	7	F	W			Ala												
		Lynch	23	M	W	Farm Laborer		Ala											/	
		Thimmon	13	M	W	Farm Laborer		Ala												
		Albion	11	M	W	Farm Laborer		Ala												
91	Thomas	James	29	M	W	Farmer	500/500	Ala											/	
		Basilla	25	F	W	Keeping House		Ala												
		Solomon	17	M	W	Farm Laborer		Ala												
		Ellen	5	F	W			Ala												
		Myall	3	M	W			Ala												
		Amanda	2	F	W			Ala												
		Margaret	7	F	W			Ala												
92	Thomas	Juba	70	M	W	Keeping House		Maryland												
		Caroline	8	F	W			Ala												
93	Thomas	William	30	M	W	at Home	35,000/2,000	Ala											/	
		Anne	30	F	W	Keeping House		Ala												
		John	2	M	W			Ala												
94	Lynch	Louisa	40	F	W	Domestic Servant		Ala												
		Silas	18	M	W	Farm Laborer		Ala												

The marriage records of Madison County show the license for John Timmons to Catherine Quay Finch, but the “T” had been interpreted as an “S”, so it was indexed under “Simmons”, as are several other Timmons records, just as Finch and Lynch were apparently often confused phonetically. This particular error was pointed out to the officials at the courthouse archives, and the correction has now been annotated.



Notes made of the Madison County marriage records for the Finch family show several early nuptials in the area with pre-arsenal pioneers:

MAD Co AL M Rec Index

FINCH, Wm	To Elizabeth Scruggs	6-19-1813	1-112
" John	Sarah Clemente	12-23-1817	1-376
" "	Polly McLhoney	1-30-1822	3-149
" Henry	Sophia P. Moore	12-25-1828	3-587
" John G.	Martha W. Herbert	11-7-1831	4-2
" Ernest	Mary Louise Burton	2-5-1901	26-382
" Nancy	Wm Danforth	7-21-1822	3-180
" Catherine D.	John Simmons ^{fix'd}	12-24-1830	3-707
" Mary	Moses W. Dellar	1-12-1846	A4-104
" Maggie E.	Thos. T. Allington	5-3-1880	11-89

12) Hugh Finch.	1	3		/	/		2	1				
Dani's House			/	/	/		/	/				1
Mr Henry son	3	1		/	/		/	/				1
Francis Henry	2			/	/			/				1
Capt James Henry	3	1		/	/	3		/				1
James Crawford (60)	2			/	/			/				1
Jeremiah Dawson	1			/	/			/				1
James Crawford son	1		/	/	/			/				1
James Henderson				/	/			/				1
Col Barrall son				/	/			/				2
Robert Flagg	3	1		/	/		1	/				1
Wills Sanders	3	2		/	/			/				1
Jean Wallace				/	/			/				1
John Love	1			/	/			/				1
Henry Bwing			/	/	/			/				1
James Lichson	1			/	/		1	/				1
Dr Barron (67)	3	1		/	/			/				1
John Green son			2	/	/			/	2	/		1
Martha Barrall			2	/	/			/	/			5
Hugh Cain	2		2	/	/	2		/	/			3
W. L. Barrall	2	2		/	/			/	/			1

1810 York Co. SC page 267: Hugh Finch

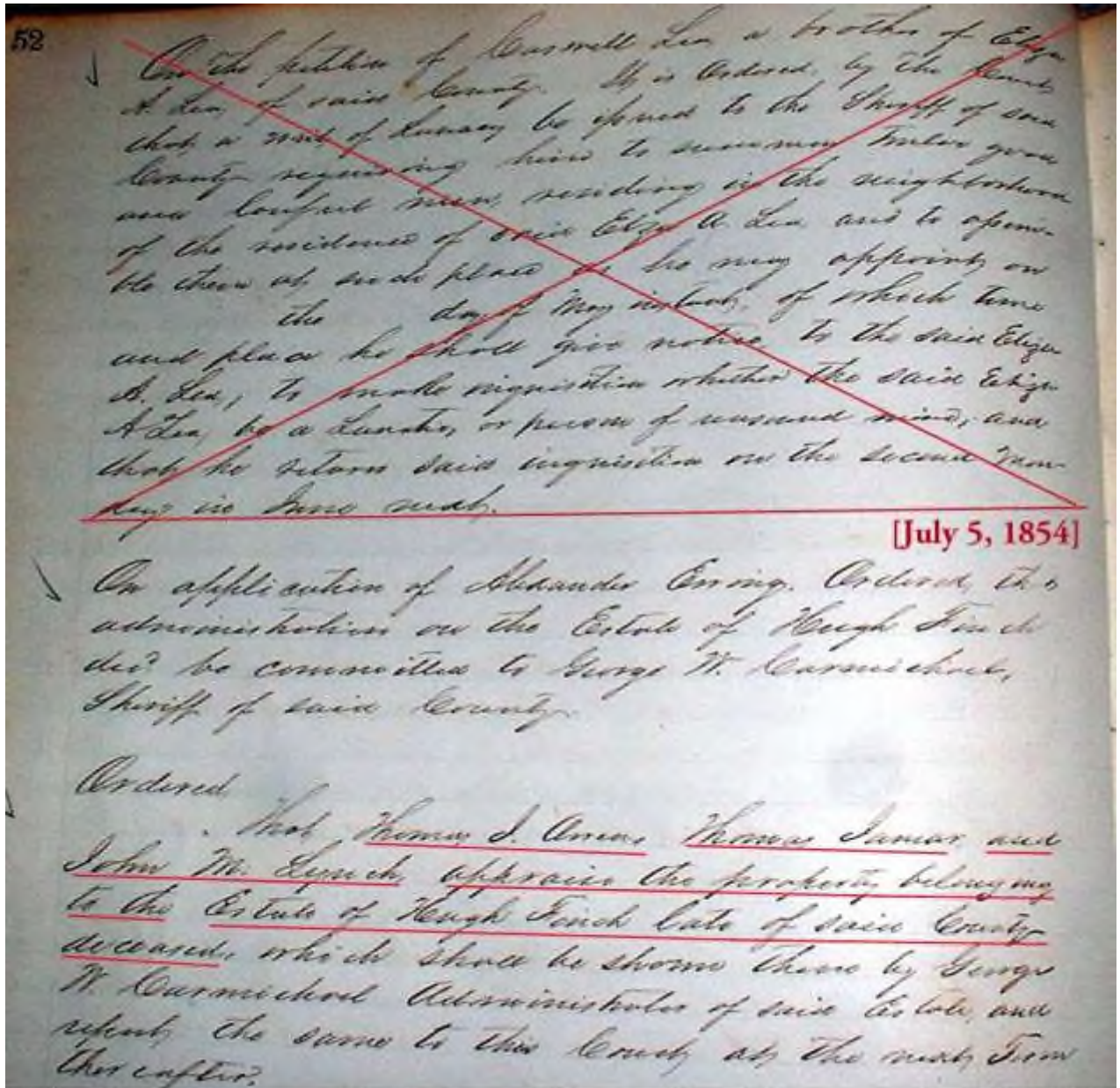
It is known from later census records that Margaret L. Finch, the aunt of William H. Timmons, was born in South Carolina. The Hugh Finch shown above in South Carolina in 1810 had children of the age brackets and quantities to indicate that he may well be the progenitor of the Madison County Finch clan. Other Madison County pioneer surnames are also on the 1810 SC census page, so there may have been a large wagon train from that area to Madison County at some time in the early 1800s.

Case No. 2358 *Inf Heirs of Hugh Finch*
PROBATE COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, ALA.
 ESTATE OF Margaret Finch & Etals Vs James Finch & Etals
Inf Heirs of Hugh Finch (Deceased Minor N. C. M.)
 (Administrator Executor Guardian)
 Date of Letters _____ Address _____
 Represented by Attorneys: _____
CASE INDEX TO RECORD

DATE			DESCRIPTION	WHERE RECORDED		
DAY	MO.	YEAR		KIND OF BOOK	BOOK NO.	PAGE NO.
5	6	60	<i>Pet for sale of slaves</i>	PR	25	515
5	6	60	<i>Pet to sell four (4) slaves</i>	M	8	75
	7	60	<i>Decree for the sale of slaves</i>	"	"	250
	11	60	<i>" " " " " "</i>	"	"	559
T	5	54	<i>Adms committed to Sheriff</i>	M	3	52
"	"	"	<i>Order to appraise property</i>	"	"	"
2	7	60	<i>Letters Adms, granted</i>	"	4	139
"	"	"	<i>Ord, apper propri prop</i>	"	"	"

This 1860 probate court record index seems to show Margaret Finch as an “infant heir” of Hugh Finch, but the Margaret L. Finch who was aunt to William H. Timmons was born in the 1795- 1815 period, so she herself was definitely not an “infant” under 21 in 1860. Likewise, the others named in the index record were certainly over the age of 21 (not “infants”, legally), so whoever made the notation on the index record should have written “heirs”, rather than “infants”. Careful examination of the index shows that the probate court case was actually dealing with a lawsuit between Margaret L. Finch **and others** versus James Finch **and others**. Subsequent scrutiny of the actual papers used in the probate court proceedings provided the details of the lawsuit, involving a dispute over the ownership and sale of “a Negro woman slave known as Silva” and her children. The information in the papers supports the conclusion that Margaret and James (and others named in the papers) were in fact all direct descendants and heirs of an older (deceased) Finch – most likely Hugh. Information contained in Probate Minute Book 3 per the index reference shows that Hugh Finch resided in

Madison County, but he never appeared in any census or property records of the courts. However, he was included in the list of debtors or creditors to the estate of John Finch in the 1840s.



Madison County AL Probate Minute Book 3, page 52: FINCH

The Finch marriage records of Madison County (as shown earlier) clearly parallel the probate court case names, to indicate the names of the children of Hugh Finch who moved to Madison County in the early 1800s.

Margaret Finch's probate case file folder of June 1860 (shown below) includes the names of the slaves that she and her sister Nancy (through her husband William Danforth) petitioned the court to order to be sold so that their value could be equitably divided among the several heirs of Hugh Finch (known to be her siblings or their descendants). These heirs included Margaret's nephew William H. Timmons as one of the defendants against the petition. (Apparently, William and the others did not want to sell the slaves in question, possibly out of regard for their faithful service or from fears of seeing them purchased by less caring owners. Still, one wonders why none of the "defendants" against Margaret's petition offered to buy the slaves outright, paying the balance of their value to the other co-owners.)

Notwithstanding the disagreement over the slave question, Margaret lived in William's household in 1860 and would continue to live there until her death in 1899. Even so, she still had William summoned by the sheriff to testify in court regarding her petition to sell the slave Silva and Silva's children in order that their value could be equitably distributed among the owners in common and their descendants. The court ruled in Margaret's favor, so the slaves were sold, but the records of that sale have not yet been separated from within the very large pile of papers in the estate's probate files.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA - GREETING :

You are hereby commanded to summon David L. Humphreys, Admr. de bonis
non, with the Will annexed, of John Timmons, deceased.
and William H. Timmons,

to be and appear before the Judge of the Court of Probate of Madison County, at
the Court House in the Town of Huntsville, on the second Monday in July
next, to show cause why how certain negro slaves held as a dower
in common by Margaret Finch, Nancy Lambuth, and
others, shall not be, there and then, decreed to be sold
for distribution of the proceeds among those entitled thereto.
Herein fail not, and have you then and there this precept.

WITNESS, JAMES H. SCRUGGS, Judge of Probate of Madison County, at Office,
in Huntsville, this Fifth day of June in the year of our Lord
One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty and in the Eighty fourth
year of American Independence.

Issued the Fifth day of June, 1860.

Teste :

James H. Scruggs Judge P. C.

HEIRS

Petition to sell slaves



SLAVES

SILVA + HER CHILDREN:

- 1) WILLIAM
- 2) SARAH
- 3) FELIX

N^o 2358.

Margaret Finch, et al.

vs } Petition to sell.

James Finch, et alii;

Petition for the sale of two
shares held by the said
parties as a Tenancy in
Common.

Ordered to be filed, and
Recorded: See Probate
Court Minute Book
N^o 8, pages 75. and 76.

*Recorded on
Probate Court of
Madison County
on 25 June 1860*

Presented 5 June 1860.

To The Honorable James ¹⁸ ~~18~~ ¹⁸ Judge of the Probate Court of Madison County, State of Alabama

William Southwick Yvonne Pettibone
and his wife Nancy, all of whom
are residents citizens of the County
of Madison State of Alabama and also
the wife of Henry Lane - State and
then to Yvonne Southwick that she is
to wit. on the day of 18 Yvonne

Pettibone and Henry Finch John S
Finch and Catherine B. Timmons the said
the purchasers and vendors as heretofore in Common
of a certain Negro woman named Henry they
Thomas Wilson

Yvonne Pettibone from the State and the one
that Henry Finch on the day of 18
she entered this life estate and that on the

day of 18 The said Probate
Court of Madison County State of
Alabama in a public sale of land

the said land of the State of Alabama
The said Henry de G. who duly qualified
and acted as such - Yvonne and that
the said John S. Finch on the day of

18 she entered this life
estate and that the Probate Court of

County State of Alabama appointed
John B. Herbert administrator of the estate
of the said John B. Finch dec'd and that the said
Catherine B. Finch Timmons at the time
of the purchase as proxy of the intestate
said John B. Finch dec'd was her husband
whom she was ~~married to~~ Timmons
who departed this life on the day of
14. and the probate Court of
Alabama on the day of 18
appointed David C. Humphrey
administrator of the estate of the
said Timmons dec'd who qualified
and acted as such -

Young petition further state that
the said John B. Finch dec'd died this
life leaving the said wife Catherine
Finch, who is now twenty one years
of age and resides in the State of Georgia
and the full name Children to wit - Martha
Ann born married with Wells / E. Keaton
both of whom are now about one year of
age and reside in the State of Georgia
Stephen, who is sixteen and with William
August both of whom are now twenty one
years of age and reside in the State
of Georgia. I am think that is one
twelve the year of age and residing

in Madison County State of Kentucky
William and Anne Finch both
over twenty one years of age and
reside in the State of Tennessee
do certify the undersigned daughter of
Mary Finch de^d ~~de~~ ^{de} was a daughter
of Mary Finch de^d - and under 21 -
You petition for the share that
the said John E. Finch de^d left to
this life leaving a widow ~~Anne~~ ^{William}
Finch as the following children to wit
Maryie who married Benjamin Matthews
Ann and Peter Matthews Thomas Swanson
and Margaret Finch all of whom
are over twenty years of age and reside
in Lawrence County State of
Tennessee that the said ~~William~~
Timmons as the wife Catherine de^d
Finny ~~de~~ ^{de} Child William H
Timmons who is under twenty one
years of age and resides in Madison
County Tennessee -

You petition for the share and show
that the said Marye Swanson has
married Thos Childers - by which William
Swank and Felix - her all now in
the custody of the administration of the
estate of the said John Timmons de^d

Habeas et to the claim of them above named
your petitioners from the State and
allege - That the parties in interest are
claimants of a division of the Negroes
of Low, William, Sarah and Felix -
 as they sincerely allege that the said
 Henry, Edward, William, Sarah and
 Felix came out the divided portion their
 interest as that to effect it and equate, from
 and equatable division of said slaves,
 petitioners allege that it is necessary
 to sell all of said slaves as divide
 the Money -

Your petitioners further allege
 that it is to the interest of those under
 the care of trust one year or more
 to sell said slaves -

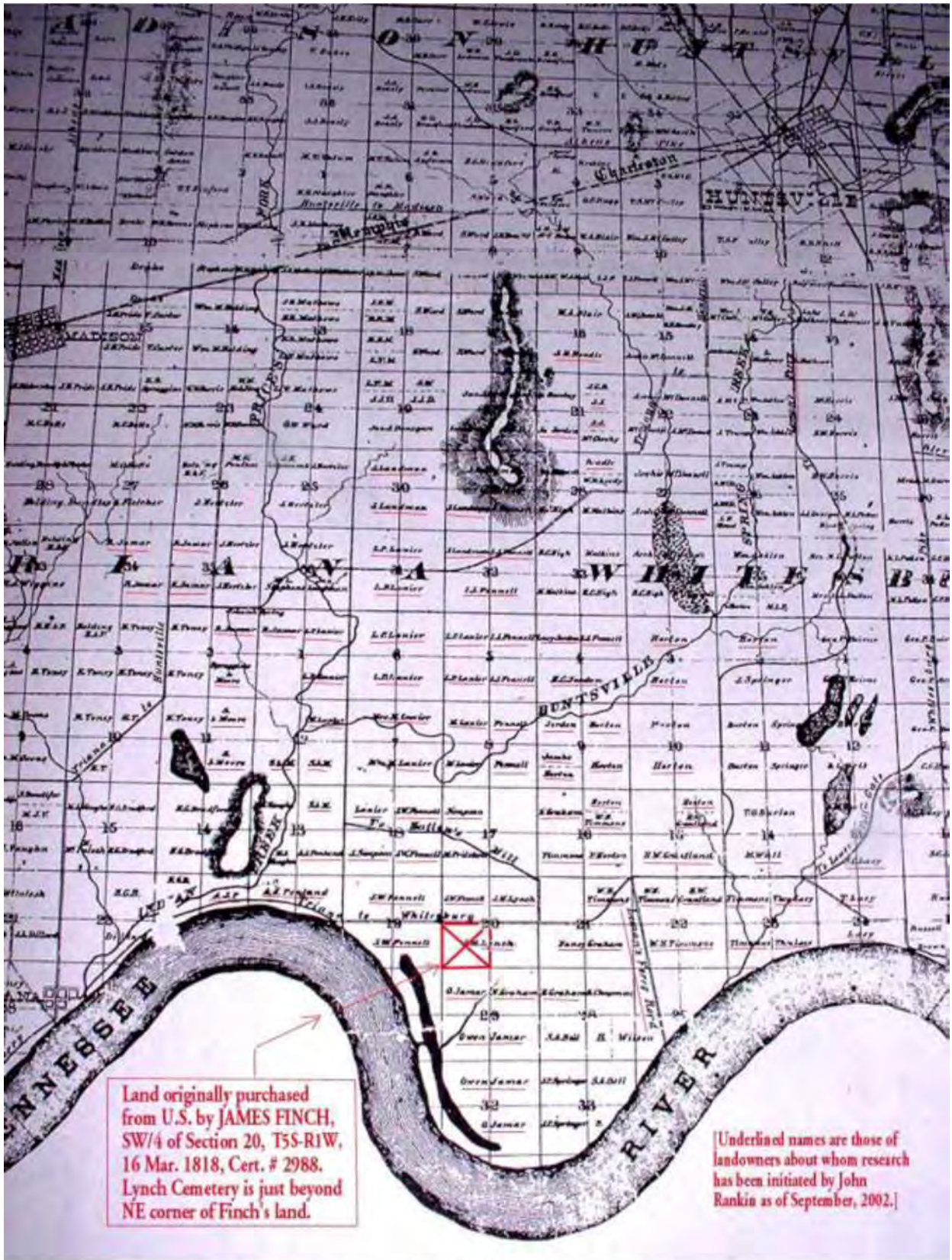
In this and therefore your petitioners
 for your honor as you a decree and
 order to sell said slaves for the purpose
 of a division between the same thing
 is tenable in Common - they pray also
 that John A. Johnson, the administrator
 of Henry Fitch dec'd, Felix, S. Hart
 as the administrator of John S. Fitch
 dec'd and David C. Humphreys as the
 administrators of John Johnson
 dec'd, Sophia Fitch, Anna Smith

William Finch, James Finch, Arthur
Anger as William S. Anger's executor
Wesley Robinson and his wife Martha
LeComber Anger's, Al as Thomas Finch's
Blessing H. Matthews, and his wife Virginia
Thomas LeComber and his wife Amanda
and William H. Timmons the male parties
defendants to this petition - and that for
this purpose defendants do notice give
that public notice be made as to
the non-resident defendants - that
James claims and claims the
apparent fee - the infant defendants
and that all such other and further
relief be granted, steps taken and
made and claims demanded as
the facts of this case merits and
they will ever pray &c.

Lewis G. Pryor
 Atty. for Defs.

The data included above shows that the children of Hugh Finch that held “property” (slaves) in common (“joint tenancy”) included Margaret Finch, Nancy Finch (wife of William Danforth), Henry Finch, John G. Finch, and William H. Timmons as the only living descendant of Margaret’s sister Catharine Q. Finch Timmons. The notes made of the Finch marriages in early Madison County further show that there was a William Finch who got married here in 1813. That indicates that he was at least a young adult, if not older. As such, he could have been another sibling of Margaret and Catherine Finch. Since William Finch was not found in further records in the county, he may have died or moved away after disposing of his share of the common “property” – or the property in question (slaves) may have been acquired by the other siblings after William departed. It was noticed in Margaret’s petition to sell the slaves held in common that several members of the Finch family who got married in Madison County were living in Tennessee or in Kentucky when the petition was entered into court. Apparently, all of the Finch family lived in Madison County initially (when they got married here), and then some of them moved away.

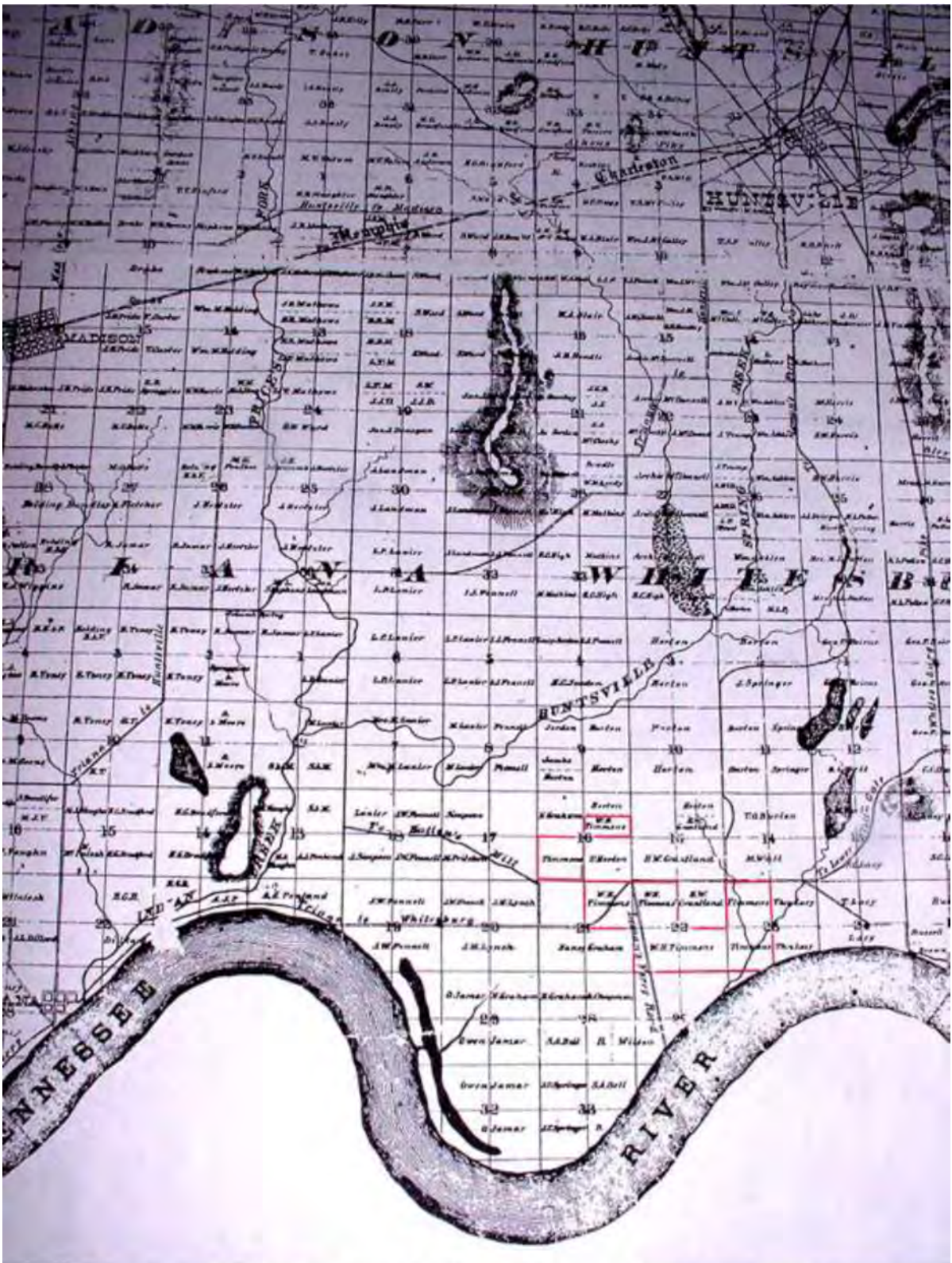
The 1875 map inserted below shows the land that was owned for a time by various members of the Finch family, perhaps in common. The ownership began with **James**, brother of Margaret and Catherine, when he patented the parcel in 1818 from the U.S. Government. The land is legally described as the Southwest Quarter of Section 20, Township 5, Range 1 West. That parcel of land was owned by John M. Lynch in 1875, or whenever the map was prepared. Records show that John Lynch obtained the parcel of land from Hughy Smith in 1847, per Madison County Deed Book W, page 484. Hughy Smith bought the land from **Henry** Finch and his wife Sophia in 1835, per Deed Book W, page 467. This Finch land was separated from some parcels shown as owned by the Timmons family by about one mile.



Land originally purchased from U.S. by JAMES FINCH, SW/4 of Section 20, T5S-R1W, 16 Mar. 1818, Cert. # 2988. Lynch Cemetery is just beyond NE corner of Finch's land.

[Underlined names are those of landowners about whom research has been initiated by John Rankin as of September, 2002.]

1875 Map showing landowners of record in Madison County, AL (Redstone Arsenal Portion)



1875 Map showing landowners of record in Madison County, AL (Redstone Arsenal Portion)

(William H. Timmons land enclosed within red lines above.)

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	Original 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	East of 16	62.62	Travers & Cochet Feb 2 1818	1818	
	East of 16	38.72			
	East of 16	38.72	Benjamin Stone Dec 15 1818	5331	
	South West	155.13	Robert Cooper Feb 2 1818	1818	
	South East	155.15	Samuel Mead Feb 2 1818	995	
	South West	155.16	James Finch Mar 16 1818	2988	
21	East of 16	63.84	Edwards Lewis Feb 2 1818	862	
	East of 16	74.7	John Simmons Feb 25 1818	1821-2984	
	North West	159.42	Thomas U.S. Grant Feb 2 1818	524	
	South East	159.47	Benjamin Stone Dec 15 1818	774	
	South West	159.47	Samuel Mead Feb 2 1818	104	

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

The deed executed in 1835 between Henry Finch (brother of James) and Hughy Smith of pre-arsenal lands (See Smith Cemetery, 72-2, Summary Report) was registered in 1847. It transferred the ownership of the SW/4 of S20-T5-R1W away from the Finch family:

HENRY FINCH & Wife,
Deed.
HUGHY SMITH & JOHN W. OTEY,
of Alabama, of the one part, and Hughy Smith and John W. Otey of the other part, Sit-

Witnesseth: That the said Henry Finch and Sophia F. his wife for and in consideration of the sum of six hundred and fifty 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 bargain, sell alien, enfeoff and convey unto the said Hughy Smith and John W. Otey, All that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Madison and State aforesaid, it being the South West quarter of section numbered twenty, in township numbered five, of Range one West containing, one hundred and fifty five acres, and sixteen hundredths of an acre, more or less. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, the above described tract of land with the tenements and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto the said Hughy Smith and John W. Otey, heirs and assigns forever, and the said Henry Finch and Sophia F. 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 Hughy Smith and John W. Otey, heirs and assigns from and against Henry Finch and Sophia F. his wife, and all and every person or persons claiming or holding under them the said Henry Finch and Sophia F. his wife, and also against the lawful title, claim or demand of all and every person or persons whomsoever claiming or holding by, from or under the Government of the United States. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said Henry Finch and Sophia F. his wife have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered. Henry Finch, (Seal)
In the presence of, Sophia F. Finch. (Seal)

STATE OF ALABAMA, § THIS DAY personally appeared before me, F. B. Nelson and Thomas
LIMESTONE COUNTY. § F. Moses, two acting Justices of the Peace, in and for the county aforesaid, the within named Henry Finch and his wife Sophia F. Finch, who acknowledged their signatures to the above deed, on a private examination, separate and apart from her said husband, the said Sophia F. Finch acknowledged that she signed, sealed, and delivered, the within deed on the day and year therein mentioned, to the said Hughy Smith and John W. Otey, as her voluntary act and deed, freely without any fear, threats or compulsion of her husband the said Henry Finch. Given under my hand and seal this 29th day of Oct. eighteen hundred and thirty five.

F. B. Nelson J. P. (Seal)
Monroe F. Moses, J. P. (Seal)

I, Robert Austin Jr. Clerk of the County Court of the County of Limestone, and State of Alabama, do hereby certify that Frederick B. Nelson and Monroe F. Moses whose names are signed to the within certificate were at the date thereof, acting Justices of the Peace, in and for said county, and that full faith and credit are due to all their official acts and deeds as such. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my name and affixed the seal of said court, this 30th day of November, 1835, and sixtieth year of American Independence.

(Seal) Test. Robert Austin Jr. Clerk.

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 twenty ninth day of November, eighteen hundred and forty seven, and was duly registered on the same day and year.

John W. Otey, Clerk C. C.

Madison Co. AL Deed Bk W, pg 467: Hughy Smith + John & Cynthia Otey from Henry Finch

The G.W. Jones index of Madison County land transactions for Section 20 inserted below shows the subsequent transfer of the same parcel in the Southwest quarter from Hughy Smith to John M. Lynch in 1847. Until that sale was made, apparently the Finch and Smith parties had seen no need to register the 1835 deed.

INDEX TO LANDS																						
Section 20		Township 3		South of Range 1 East		Madison County, Alabama.																
BOOK	PAGE	Kind of Sale	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	DATE OF INSTRUMENT	DATE FILED	N. E. Q.				N. W. Q.				S. E. Q.				S. W. Q.			
							1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
4	150	D	Hycorn, Benjamin & Mary	Timmons, John	1838																	
1	173	Agmt	Cooper, Charity	Lee, Jonathan B	1840																	
3	173	Agmt	Lee, Jonathan B	Cooper, Charity	1840																	
4	172	D	Cooper, Charity	Fennell, James & Jr	1840																	
4	457	D	Finch, Henry & Sophia	Smith, Hughy et al	1847																	
4	484	D	Smith, Hughy et al	Lynch, John M	1847																	
5	197	D	Timmons, John by Est	Wright, William -der	1849																	
1	200	D	Hudson, James by adm	McGee, John	1849																	
1	271	D	Griffin, Joseph & C	Griffin, William	1854																	
77	312	D	Lee, Charity by Sheriff	Fennell, James & adm	1867																	
11	275	Agmt	Lee, Charity by Mgt	Bradley, Joseph S -son	1869																	
100	304	D	Walt, G & C & Belle	Scruggs, George F	1872																	
101	481	D	Walt, G & C & Belle	Scruggs, George F	1873																	
101	101	D	Adkins, E & C	Scruggs, George F	1873																	
101	123	D	Fennell, A & Elizabeth	Scruggs, George F	1873																	
11	9	Mtg	Scruggs, Geo F & Sarah	Schiffman, Solomon	1875																	
101	10	D	Walt, G & C & Belle	Scruggs, George F	1875																	
101	101	D	Fennell, F & by Adm et al	Scruggs, Sarah E	1875																	
101	101	D	Walter, W M & C	Scruggs, George F	1875																	
101	126	Mtg	Scruggs, Geo F & Belle	McDonnell, Archibald, Sr	1875																	
101	126	D	Scruggs, Geo F & Sarah	Walter, William M	1875																	
101	401	Mtg	Scruggs, Geo F & C	McDonnell, A Jr	1875																	
101	114	D	Scruggs, Geo F & Sarah	Proctor, Albert G	1875																	
101	104	Mtg	Scruggs, Geo F & Sarah	Wiggins, Robert E	1875																	
77	411	D	Proctor, A G & Wm	Scruggs, Geo F & Sarah	1875																	
68	297	D	Scruggs, Geo F & Sarah	Kanney, W L et al	1875																	
67	300	Mtg	Taylor, David E & Via L	Sanley, James A	1875																	
66	114	D	Landon, J E	Taylor, Ole I et al	1875																	
69	454	D	Johnson, John W & Mary E	Landon, Maria W	1875																	
69	484	D	Baker, Arle E et al	Landon, Mattie I et al	1875																	
74	291	Mtg	Wren, E G & Charity	Mcnelly, J G & Jr thos	1875																	
69	458	D	Scruggs, Geo F & C	Proctor, Albert G	1875																	
69	463	D	Taylor, Ole I & C et al	Wren, Christopher C	1875																	
69	464	D	Lee, Rebecca et al	Taylor, Ole I et al	1875																	
69	464	D	Wren, E G & Charity	Walt, John C	1875																	
69	240	D	Wren, E G & Charity	Wanderum, William M	1875																	
69	271	D	Wren, E G & Belle																			

Similarly, the early Madison County land transactions by the Timmons family are consolidated in the index below:

General Index to Real Property—

DEEDS, MORTGAGES, JUDGMENTS, LIS PENDENS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS AFFECTING REAL ESTATE

No. 1—REVERSE—1810-1919

TO WHOM MADE		MAKER		TYPE OF INSTRUMENT	Date	When and Where Recorded			Location or Other Brief Description
SURNAME	GIVEN NAMES ABCDEFGHIJKL	SURNAME PQRSTUWVX	GIVEN NAMES			Book	Vol.	Page	
Toney	Blanche R		H A Rodgers	Deed	D	115	42	1917	4 2 2-W
do	al Ben B Ed		John W Giles	al Deed	D	115	207	1917	1 1 1-E
do	al H- F	R P	Andy Cowan	Deed	D	116	89	1918	R of Way
do		Sallie	Herman McCaulley	al Deed	D	115	303	1918	30 3 2-W
do		Sallie	Henry V McCaulley by Crt	Decree	D	115	303	1918	30 3 2-W
do	Edmund R		Charles L Toney	al Deed	D	116	228	1918	10 5 2-W
do		Watkins H	Non Age	Deed	Misc	1	248	1918	
do	Ed		John R Witt	Deed	D	119	1	1919	Madison
do	Annie L		Searcy H Johnson	al Deed	D	121	571 492	1919	Madison
do		Sam	R O Mitchell	Deed	D	121	635	1919	12 4 1-W
do	al Alice	Patrick	Joseph Dillard	al Deed	D	121	676	1919	Triana
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Timmons		Wm	Edward G Kyle	Mtg	D	G	73	1821	29 4 1-E
do	al	Thos Tr	Daniel Miller	D of T	D	L	114	1827	Indef
do		John	Edmond Rivers	al Deed	D	M	441	1829	21 5 1-W
do		Jno	B S Jones	P of A	D	O	53	1832	21 5 1-W
do		John	Benjamin Pattenon	Deed	D	P	702	1836	14 5 1-W
do		John	Benjamin Spence	al Deed	D	Q	530	1838	21 5 1-W etc
do		James	Wm H Timmons	al Deed	D	KK	627	1869	22 5 1-W
do	Annie E by Tr)		Wm H Timmons	Deed	D	LL	6	1869	16 5 1-W etc
do		James	John Lynch	al Deed	D	LL	28	1869	21 5 1-W
do	al	Wm H	Clement Clay	al Deed	D	LL	388	1869	W side of Public Sq Hvl
do	al	James	Wm B Edwards	al Deed	D	MM	487	1870	15 5 1-W
do		Wm H	L C Pyncheon	al Deed	D	PP	429	1870	Fackler St Hvl
do		Peter	William H Timmons	al Deed	D	TT	19	1872	
do		Sarah	John D Vandeventer	al Deed	D	WW	404	1874	19 4 1-E
do	Anna E	W Z	William Samuels	n al Mtg	M	43	26	1893	23 5 1-W
do		B H	Amos Carpenter	al Deed	D	222	177	1893	14 3 2-W
do		James	William Joiner	al Deed	D	76	497	1895	15 5 1-W
do	Caleb		L W Miller	al Deed	D	103	350	1910	30 5 1-E
do		Wattie	Robt E Spragina	al Deed	D	102	357	1911	5 1-W
do	Eugene H		Non Age		Misc	1	182	1911	
do		Kelster	Henry Lacy	al Deed	D	107	195	1913	16 5 1-W
do	Caleb		Susie V Miller	Deed	D	109	330	1914	30 5 1-E
do	al Caleb		G M Frits	Deed	D	110	37	1915	Whitesburg Pike Hvl

Madison County, Alabama, Private Land Purchases by TIMMONS.

General Index to Real Property—DEEDS, MORTGAGES, JUDGMENTS, LIS PENDENS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS AFFECTING REAL ESTATE No. 1—DIRECT—1810-1919

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SURNAME	MAKER			TO WHOM MADE	KIND OF INSTRUMENT	Date of this Instrument				Location of this Real Estate		
	GRANTOR	GRANTOR	GRANTOR			Book	Page	Page	Sec.	Twp.	Rg.	
Timmons			Wm	Edward G Kyle	Agmt	D	G	73	1821	29	4	1-E
do		John		Daniel McLeod	Deed	D	O	812	1835	23	5	1-W
do		John		Solomon Spence	al Deed	D	O	811	1835	23	5	1-W
do		John Atty		George McLeod	Deed	D	O	562	1835	21	5	1-W
do	Catherine	John		John Bardine	Deed	D	O	709	1834			
do	Catherine Q	John		Alfred Howell	Deed	D	Q	600	1838	14	5	1-W
do	Catherine	John		William Lesson	Deed	D	X	507	1836			Indef
do		Joe		Preston Capshaw	Deed	D	T	450	1842	14	5	1-W
do		John by Exr		William Wright Adair	Deed	D	X	287	1849	21	5	1-W
do		John by Exr		do do	Deed	D	X	287	1849	21	5	1-W
do	Florence H			George P Belrne	Deed	D	AA	36	1855	31	4	1-E
do	al Annie E	Wm H	Wm H Dunagan	al Deed	D	JJ	70	1868			Steele St Hvl	
do	Annie E	Wm H	Wm Joiner	al Deed	D	KK	627	1869	21	5	1-W	
do	al Annie E	Wm H	Richard W Walker	Deed	D	LL	390	1869			W side Public Sq Hvl	
do		Wm H	Annie E Timmons by Tr	Deed	D	LL	6	1869	16	5	1-W	
do		Wm H	do do	Deed	D	LL	6	1869	22	-	-	
do		Wm H	do do	Deed	D	LL	6	1869	27	-	-	
do	Annie E	William H	Peter Timmons	Deed	D	TT	19	1872				
do		Peter Est by	Thos Davidson	Deed	D	YY	373	1874	21	5	1-W	
do		Wm	Thos Jamar	Mtg	D	AAA	161	1875			Indef	
do		Monroe	Thomas Jamar	Mtg	D	II	535	1875			Monroe Timmons Homestead	
do	al Ephraim		Thomas Jamar	Mtg	D	II	534	1875			Ephraim Timmons Homestead	
do		Will	Thomas Jamar	Mtg	D	II	115	1875			Will Timmons Homestead	
do	Andrew		Thomas Jamar	Mtg	D	II	105	1875			Andrew Timmons Homestead	
do		John	Thos Jamar	Mtg	D	II	104	1875			Jacob Timmons Homestead	
do	Anne E	Wm H	Wm Weedon	Deed	D	BBB	585	1877			Packler & Grove Sta	
do		John H Lixie L	Sophie A	William Samuels	al Deed	D	VVV	588	1892	23	5	1-W
do	Annie E	Wm H	Richard Lynch	al Deed	D	VVV	565	1892	23	5	1-W	
do	al	James John H	Priscilla W	William Joiner	Deed	D	76	244	1895	15	5	1-W
do	Annie E	Lixie L	Sophie	James Leay	Deed	D	78	147	1896	21	5	1-W
do	al	James	Priscilla	Elisha Joiner	Deed	D	81	340	1897	21	5	1-W
do		James Lettie		William Samuels	Mtg	W	62	337	1898	15	5	1-W
do	Annie E	Wm H	Geo Darwin	Deed	D	87	286	1901	23	5	1-W	
do	al	James	Priscilla	Isaac Jacobs	Deed	D	90	10	1902	21	5	1-W
do	al	Lettie James		Leo J Marabozic	Deed	D	95	517	1907	15	5	1-W
do	Eugene R			Non Apts								
do	Caleb	Leoline		J D Atkinson	Mtg	W	111	508	1911	20	5	1-E

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The history of the land transactions in the specific area of the Timmons Cemetery is given in the G.W. Jones Section history indexes below:

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BOOK	PAGE	DATE	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	DATE OF INSTRUMENT	TAX PAID	N. E. 1/4	N. W. 1/4	S. E. 1/4	S. W. 1/4	
8	941	2	River, Wood & Child	Timmons, John	1828						
8	977	2	Reider, Alexander Sr	Reider, Alexander Jr	1828						
8	98	2	Jones, R. E.	Timmons, John	1828						
8	998	2	Jones, Benjamin & by Atty	Reider, George	1828						
8	998	2	David, Samuel & Anita	Reider, Benjamin	1828						
8	514	2	McCook, Geo & Corp	Smith, Hugh et al	1828						
8	570	2	Spence, Benjamin & Mary	Timmons, John	1828						
8	572	2	Smith, Hugh & Debar	McCook, James	1828						
8	587	2	Timmons, John by Atty	Bright, Geo Adam	1828						
8	614	2	Timmons, J. J. Sr	Wright, George	1828						
8	200	2	Timmons, James E. Sr	Timmons, Joseph D et al	1828						
8	6	2	Timmons, A. E.	Timmons, Anita & by Atty	1828						
8	607	2	Timmons, W. & Anita E	Timmons, Anita & by Atty	1828						
8	70	2	Spence, John & Mary	Timmons, W. & Anita et al	1828						
8	579	2	Timmons, Peter Sr by Atty	Timmons, Peter	1828						
8	123	2	Timmons, William	Timmons, Peter	1828						
8	407	2	Spence, Nancy T	Spence, R. & J. T.	1828						
8	98	2	Spence, Nancy T	A. A. Church & South Chapel	1828						
8	606	2	Campbell, Allen B.	Spence, Samuel S.	1828						
8	209	2	Timmons, Peter by Atty	Campbell, Allen B.	1828						
8	136	2	Spence, Samuel S.	Spence, James	1828						
8	734	2	Spence, Geo & Corp	Spence, R. & J. T.	1828						
8	477	2	Timmons, W. et al	Timmons, Peter	1828						
8	314	2	Timmons, William et al	Timmons, William	1828						
8	127	2	Timmons, W. et al	Spence, James	1828						
8	562	2	Timmons, W. & Anita	Timmons, Anita	1828						
8	300	2	Timmons, William	Timmons, Anita	1828						
8	171	2	Timmons, William	Spence, James	1828						
8	506	2	Spence, James Sr & Anita	Timmons, Peter	1828						
8	202	2	Spence, Geo & Corp	Timmons, William	1828						
8	171	2	Spence, J. & Anita	Spence, Geo J.	1828						
8	9	2	Timmons, W. et al	Spence, James	1828						
8	93	2	Timmons, W. et al	Spence, James	1828						
8	30	2	Timmons, William et al	Spence, James	1828						
8	136	2	Timmons, William	Timmons, Peter	1828						
8	314	2	Timmons, John & Anita	Timmons, John	1828						

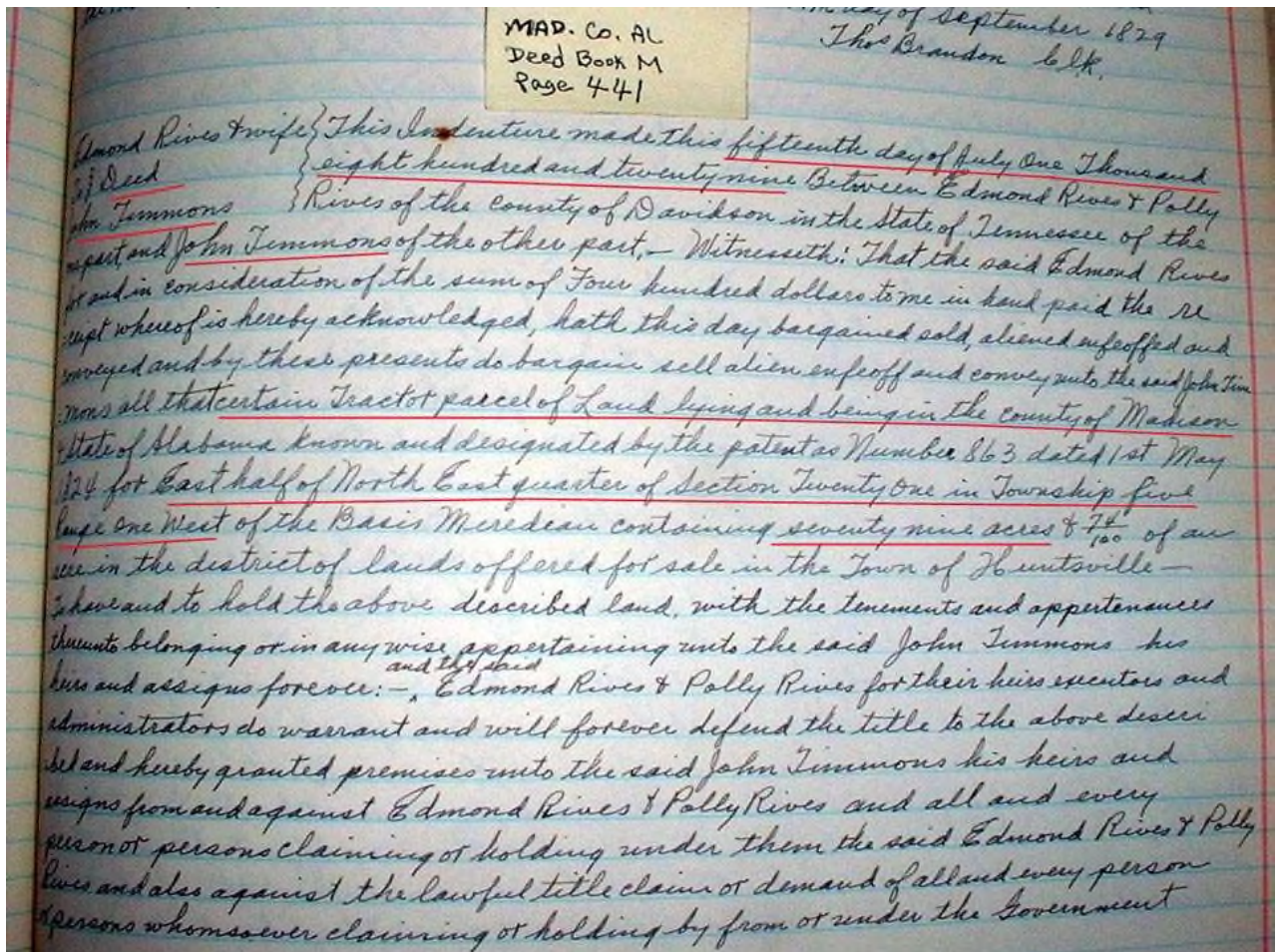
The cemetery itself is located in the northwest quarter of Section 22, Township 5 South, Range 1 West.

TOWNSHIP 5 South RANGE 1 West HUNTSVILLE

DESCRIPTION OF THE TRACT.		AREA.		UNITED STATES' TITLE.		Date of Sale, Location or Grant.	Number of Corners or Wells.
PART OF SECTION.	Section.	Acres.	Perches.	TO WHOM SOLD OR GRANTED.			
8 th of 16 th	22	63282		State.		May 23, 1828	
11 th of 16 th		7910 ⁷ / ₈		State.		May 23 1828	
North West 1/4		15820 ¹ / ₂		John Simmons.	of	Feb. 2 ^d 1818	524
South East 1/4		15820 ¹ / ₂		John Simmons	of	Feb. 2 ^d 1818	2965
South West 1/4		15820 ¹ / ₂		John Simmons	of	Feb. 2 ^d 1818	525
Entire Tract N. of R.	23	56651		North of Tennessee River		Feb. 2 ^d 1818	2980
Tract East of Sdy.	24	18637		West of			
		33900		Berry Pope	of	June 17 1812	562
Tract West of Sdy.		18637		Richard Boudryne		Feb. 2 ^d 1818	777

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

John Timmons also patented 1.52 acres, the entire fractional portion north of the Tennessee River, of Section 34, T5-R1W, on February 2, 1818. The details of the 1829 purchase of 80 acres of land in the East/2 of the Northeast/4 of Section 21 of Township 5, Range 1W by John Timmons are shown below. This parcel of land was initially purchased in 1818 from the U. S. Government by Edmund Rives under Certificate or Warrant 863.



Madison County Deed Book Q, page 530, as shown below provides the details of John Timmons' 1838 purchase of 5 parcels of land, all in Township 5, Range 1W. These 5 parcels were 160 acres of the SW/4 of S21, 160 acres of the NW/4 of S28, 160 acres of the SE/4 of S20, 39 acres of the SW/4 of the NE/4 of S20, and 80 acres of the W/2 of the NE/4 of S29. The first 3 of the listed parcels were initially owned by Lemuel Mead, who purchased ("patented") the land from the U. S. Government in 1824.

Benjamin Spence & wife
vs Deed
John Timmons

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This indenture, made this 12th of Feby in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight, between Benjamin Spence & Mary Ann his wife of the one part, & John Timmons of the other part (all of Madison County in the State of Alabama) witnesseth, that the said Benjamin Spence & wife for and in consideration of the sum of three thousand dollars, to them in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have this day bargained sold, aliened, enfeoffed, & conveyed & by these presents do bargain, sell alien, enfeoff, & convey unto the said John Timmons three certain tracts, parcels or quarter sections of land, situate lying & being in said County of Madison & State of

Alabama known discribed as the South West quarter of section twenty one & north West quarter of Section two___ eight, & the South East quarter of Section twenty all three said quarter sections being in Township five, Range one West, of the Basis Meridian of said County of Madison, being the said quarter sections patented to Lemuel Mead on the first day of May one thousand eight hundred & twenty four Also, the south west quarter of North East quarter of section twenty, Town-

ship five of Range one West, containing thirty eight acres & 79/100 & the west half of North East quarter of section twenty nine, Township five, Range one West, containing the same lying being & situate in the county of Madison & State of Alabama. To have and to hold the above described land with the tenements & appurtenances thereto belonging or any wise appertaining unto the said John Timmons his heirs & assigns forever, and the said Benjamin Spence & Mary Ann his wife for themselves, their Executors & administrators do warrant & will forever defend the title to the above described & hereby granted premises unto the said John Timmons his heirs & assigns from & against the said Benjamin Spence & wife & all & every person or persons claiming or holding under them the said Benjamin Spence & wife, & all & every person or persons claiming or holding by from or under the Government of the United States. In Testimony whereof the said Benjamin Spence & Mary Ann his wife, have hereunto set their hands & affixed their seals this the day & year above written.

signed sealed & delivered in
presence of Reden F Jones

Benjamin Spence (seal)

Mary An Spence (seal)

State of Alabama
Madison County

Personally appeared before me an acting Justice of the peace, in & for the County of Madison & State of Alabama Benjamin Spence & his wife Mary Ann Spence, & acknowledged that they had signed sealed & delivered the foregoing Deed on the day of its date to the aforesaid John Timmons, and the said Mary Ann Spence, being by me examined separate & apart from her said husband, acknowledged that she had signed, sealed, & delivered the foregoing deed to the aforesaid John Timmons on the day of its date, freely & voluntarily, without any fear threat or compulsion of her said husband. Given under my hand & seal this 12th 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 twelfth day of March eighteen hundred and thirty eight and was duly registered on the thirteenth day of March eighteen hundred and thirty eight.

Rich B Purdom Clerk C C

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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Deed Book O
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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 &

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Catharine Q his wife and also against the lawful title claim or demand of all and every person or persons whomsoever claiming or holding by from or under the Government of the United States. In testimony whereof the said John Timmons & Catharine Q his wife hath hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year above written.

Signed sealed and delivered
in the presence of
James W Hill
George McLeod

Jno Timmons (seal)

Catharine Q Timmons (seal)

State of Alabama
Madison County

This day personally appeared before us James W Hill & James F W Smith two acting Justices of the peace in & for the said County John Timmons whose name appears subscribed to the within Deed acknowledged that he signed sealed & delivered the same to the within named John Burdine heir of Richard Burdine dec on the day of the date thereof. Given under our hands & seals this 18th day of February 1834.

James W Hill J P

Jas F W Smith J P

State of Alabama
Madison County

This day personally appeared before us James W Hill & James F W Smith two acting Justices of the Peace in & for said County Catharine Q Timmons wife of the within named Jno Timmons whose name appears subscribed to the without deed & who being examined separate & apart from her said husband acknowledged that she signed sealed & delivered the same to the within named John Burdine heir of Richard Burdine dec as her voluntary act & deed without any fear threats or compulsion of her husband the said John Timmons on the day of the date thereof. Given under our hands & seals this 18th day of February 1834.

James W Hill J P
Jas F W Smith J P

Catharine Q Timmons

Another example, showing the sale of land by John Timmons in 1842 to Preston Capshaw, is provided below. This 304 acre parcel was in the south part of Section 14, T5-R1W, and an adjoining 22 acre tract previously sold to Alfred Howell within Section 14 was excluded by the detailed description of the bounds.

day of November 18

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Richd. D. Purdom et al

John Simmons of Madison County & State of Ala of the first part and Preston Capshaw of the other part of the County and State aforesaid witness that the said John Simmons for and in consideration of the sum of Two thousand & five hundred dollars to him paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged has this day bargained sold aliened enjoyed & conveyed and by these presents doth give bargain sellation enjoy & convey to the said Preston Capshaw all that certain tract or parcel of land except twenty two acres taken from south & corner of it ascut off by main road leading to Triana and sold to Alfred Howell lying and being in the County of Madison & State of Ala known as the south part of fractional section Fourteen Township five & Range one west Newbury and bounded as follows by beginning at the south east corner of said section thence west on section line 80 chains to S. East corner of said section thence north 40 chains & 30 links to centre of west boundary of said section thence east 62 chains & 30 links to the original line of Madison County thence S 35 E on said line 87 chains & 50 links to east boundary line of said section thence south 16 degrees west on said section 10 chains & 30 links to place of beginning containing three hundred & four acres & 8/100 of an acre more or less To have and to hold the above described tract or parcel of land except twenty two acres sold to Alfred Howell as described above with tenements and appurtenances therunto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto the said Preston Capshaw his

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his & assigns forever and the sd John Timmons his heirs Executors & administrators do warrant & forever will defend the title to the above described & hereby granted premises unto the sd Pastor Caspshaw his heirs & assigns from and against himself & all and every person or persons claiming or holding under the sd John Timmons and also against the lawful title claim or demand of all and every person or persons whatsoever claiming or holding by from or under the Government of the United States In Testimony whereof the sd John Timmons has hereunto set his hand & seal the day & year above written

John Timmons

State of Alabama Personally appeared before me James H. Hill an acting Madison County Justice of the peace in and for sd County and State John Timmons and acknowledged that he signed sealed and delivered the foregoing deed on the day of its date to the aforesaid Pastor Caspshaw & given under my hand and seal this 23rd day of March Eighteen hundred & forty two

James H. Hill J.P.

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 26th day of December 1842 and was duly registered on the 28th day of December 1842

Rich^d. B. Pevins. C. M. C. C.

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The next deed shown below reveals the sale of land to William Leeman by John Timmons in 1832. The wording indicates that the 177 acre tract was already known by the name of "Leeman's Ferry" before the sale. The sketch in the deed even shows the ferry crossing at the river. A Joseph Leeman patented about 240 acres of land in S28-T5-R1W in the 1830s, and in 1837 he patented another 35 acres that lay within Section 33. This latter section is bounded by the river, whereas Section 28 does not include riverfronts. William Leeman was reported to have already been operating his ferry on the Tennessee River "3 or 4 miles below Ditto's Landing" in 1819. That would place the ferry most likely in Section 27. The wording of the deed shown below is somewhat indefinite about the section number, but Section 27, T5-R1W, certainly fits the criteria. In particular, subsequent maps through time have shown the location of "Leeman's Bluff" on the river in Section 27.

John Timmons & wife
To have
William Leamon

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This indenture, made this eighth day of June one thousand eight hundred and thirty two between John Timmons & Catharine Q Timmons, of the County of Madison in the State of Alabama of the one part, and William Leamon of the other part. Witnesseth: That the said John Timmons & Catharine Q Timmons for and in consideration of the sum of Seven Hundred Dollars, to them in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath this day bargained, sold aliened, conveyed and conveyed and by these presents do bargain, sell alien, enforce and convey to the said William Leamon all that certain tract of land lying and being in the County of Madison & known as Leamon's ferry containing one hundred & seventy six acres & eight eighths of an acre, & bounded as follows, viz: beginning at the fractional section corner 26c 901 below said Leamon's

ferry, thence North on section line sixty five chains to a stake, thence S 77 E 39 c 90 1 to a hickory thence N 78 degrees E 645 to a stake thence N 63 degrees E 5c to a stake thence S 34 degrees E to a spanish oak tree on the bank of Tennessee river, thence with the meanders of the river to the beginning as surveyed by the Surveyor of Madison County on the twenty sixth day of April

eighteen hundred and thirty two. To have and to hold the above described tract of land with the tenements and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, unto the said William Leamon his heirs and assigns forever, and the said John Timmons & Catharine Q Timmons for themselves their heirs executors and administrators do warrant and will forever defend the title to the above described and hereby granted premises, unto the said William Leamon his heirs and assigns from and against John Timmons & Catharine Q Timmons and all and every person or persons claiming or holding under them the said John Timmons & Catharine Q Timmons and also against the lawful title, claim or demand, of all and every person or persons whomsoever, claiming or holding by iron or under the Government of the United States. In testimony whereof, the said John Timmons & Catharine Q Timmons hath hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year above written.

signed sealed and delivered
in the presence of
Jas F W Smith
Jos McCutcheon

John Timmons (seal)
Catharine Q Timmons (seal)



State of Alabama
Madison City

I certify that I have surveyed the above plot for Wm Leamon, bounded as follows, beg. at the fractional section corner 26c 901 below said Leamon's ferry thence North on sec line 65 chains to a stake thence S 77 degrees E 39c 90 1 to a hickory thence N 78 degrees E 6 c 451 to a stake thence N 63 degrees E 5 c to a stake thence S 34 degrees E to a spanish oak tree on the bank of Tennessee River thence with the meanders of the river to the beginning and containing 176 88/100 acres April 26th 1832.

Wm B Fant, City Survr

We do certify that we Jas F W Smith & Joseph McCutcheon have this day privately examined Catharine Q Timmons and she has relinquished her dower to the title of the within

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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 Hugh 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.

DESCRIPTION OF THE TRACT		AREA		UNITED STATES TITLE	Date of Sale Location or Grant	Number of Certificate or Warrant	Date of Military Act
PART OF SECTION	Section	Acres	100ths	TO WHOM SOLD OR GRANTED			

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NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	16	40.50%	State		2 Mar 1819		
			*School H. H. Lea	20 Oct 1856	Vol. D, p 5		
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	40.50%	State		2 Mar 1819		
			*School H. H. Lea	20 Oct 1856	Vol. D, p 5		
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	40.50%	State		2 Mar 1819		
			*School H. H. Lea	20 Oct 1856	Vol. D, p 5		
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	40.50%	State		2 Mar 1819		
			*School H. H. Lea	20 Oct 1856	Vol. D, p 5		
	17	631.80					
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	39.48%	Nancy (T.) Graham		20 Nov 1854		21178
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	39.48%	Nancy (T.) Graham		20 Nov 1854		21178
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	78.97 $\frac{1}{2}$	George Cook		4 Jul 1831		1461
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	78.97 $\frac{1}{2}$	State		23 May 1828		
			*River Impts J. & W. Points		1 Sep 1837		*Memo
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	78.97 $\frac{1}{2}$	State		23 May 1828		
			*River Impts John Ives		5 Oct 1830		*Memo
			John Ivey		Same	Vol. 1, p 77	
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	78.97 $\frac{1}{2}$	Francis C. Prichard		28 Sep 1854		19131
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	78.97 $\frac{1}{2}$	George Cook, Asse		6 Feb 1819		2853
South West $\frac{1}{4}$	"	157.95	Charles G. Bowen		4 Jan 1834		6960
	18	650.50					
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	81.31 $\frac{1}{2}$	John Ives		26 May 1825		1851
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	81.31 $\frac{1}{2}$	John Ives		9 Dec 1825		1974
North West $\frac{1}{4}$	"	162.62 $\frac{1}{2}$	Isaac Alexander Lanier, Wm. Henry Lanier & Burwell Clinton Lanier		22 Oct 1850		14921
South East $\frac{1}{4}$	"	162.62 $\frac{1}{2}$	Donaldson Turner, Asse		1 Jul 1831		1307
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	81.31 $\frac{1}{2}$	William Patton, Asse		3 Feb 1818		3018
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	81.31 $\frac{1}{2}$	William Patton, Asse		28 Jun 1831		964
Page 55	19	586.97	North and East of Tennessee River				
East Half	"	320.00	Littleberry Robinson & Rodah Horton, Asse		2 Feb 1818		1004 $\frac{1}{2}$
North West $\frac{1}{4}$	"	160.00	Littleberry Robinson & Rodah Horton, Asse		2 Feb 1818		1004 $\frac{1}{2}$
South West part	"	106.97	Entered Name unknown James Cooper		unknown		unknown
	20	620.62			31 May 1831		657
N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	77.57 $\frac{1}{2}$	Francis C. Prichard		28 Sep 1854		19131
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	38.79	blank John M. Lynch		2 Jul 1855		2323
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	38.79	Benjamin Spence		15 Dec 1832		5838
North West $\frac{1}{4}$	"	155.16	James Cooper, Asse		2 Feb 1818		1486
South East $\frac{1}{4}$	"	155.16	Lemuel Mead		2 Feb 1818		992
South West $\frac{1}{4}$	"	155.16	James Finch, Asse		16 Mar 1818		2988
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	21	637.89					
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	79.74	Edmond Rives, Asse		2 Feb 1818		863
North West $\frac{1}{4}$	"	79.74	John Timmons, Asse		28 Sep 1821		2964
South East $\frac{1}{4}$	"	159.47	Samuel V. D. Stout, Asse		2 Feb 1818		824
South West $\frac{1}{4}$	"	159.47	Benjamin S. Jones, Asse		21 Jun 1831		770
Page 56	22	632.82	Lemuel Mead		2 Feb 1818		104
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	79.10 $\frac{1}{2}$	State		23 May 1828		
			*River Impts Hugh Smith	27 Mar 1830			*Memo

Information in script appears on the copy from the office of the Secretary of State of Alabama.

FUND	STATE TITLE	WHEN CONVEYED	Number of State Transfer or Conveyance	WHERE RECORDED		MEMORANDUM
	TO WHOM CONVEYED			VOL.	PAGE	

TOWNSHIP 5 South		RANGE 1 West		HUNTSVILLE MERIDIAN			
DESCRIPTION OF THE TRACT		AREA		UNITED STATES TITLE			
PART OF SECTION	Section	Acres	100ths	TO WHOM SOLD OR GRANTED	Date of Sale Location or Grant	Number of Certificate or Warrant	Date of Military Act

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W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$

	22	79.10 $\frac{1}{2}$		State			
				*River Impts J. Scarbrough and John Simmons, Asse 20 Nov 1834 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	23 May 1828		
North West $\frac{1}{4}$	"	158.20 $\frac{1}{2}$		John Timmons, Asse	30 Mar 1830		
South East $\frac{1}{4}$	"	158.20 $\frac{1}{2}$		John Timmons, Asse	2 Feb 1818		*Memo 524
South West $\frac{1}{4}$	"	158.20 $\frac{1}{2}$		John Timmons, Asse	2 Feb 1818		2965
Entire Frac N of R.	23	560.51		North of Tennessee River	2 Feb 1818		525
	24	560.51		John Timmons	2 Feb 1818		2980
Frac E of Bdry	"	339.00		East of Old Chickasaw Boundary			
Frac W of Bdry	"	186.37		West of Old Chickasaw Boundary			
Page 57		339.00		Leroy Pope			
Frac N of R	26	186.37		Richard Burdyne	17 Jun 1812		662
	"	2.64		North of Tennessee River	2 Feb 1818		799
Frac Sec N of R	27	332.25		John Timmons, Asse			
	"	332.25		North and West of Tennessee River	2 Feb 1818		526
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	28	650.46		John Timmons, Asse	2 Feb 1818		526
	"	81.31		State			
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	81.31		*River Impts J(orI?) Leeman	23 May 1828		
	"			State	26 Jul 1830		*Memo
North West $\frac{1}{4}$	"	162.62		*River Impts J(orI?) Leeman	23 May 1828		
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	81.31		Lemuel Mead	26 Jul 1830		*Memo 103
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	81.31		John M. Taylor	2 Feb 1818		11491
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	81.31		Joshua McCutchen	16 May 1837		7224
	"	81.31		State	13 Jun 1834		
	"			*River Impts J(orI?) Leeman	23 May 1828		
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	81.31		also John S. Napier 1 Dec 1846 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW	21 Feb 1837		*Memo
Page 58				Vol. 6, p 447			
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	29	628.32		*River Impts Alex. Ross	23 May 1828		
	"	78.54		State	16 Aug 1830		*Memo
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	78.54		State	23 May 1828		
	"			*River Impts J.B. Finley	18 Aug 1830		*Memo
	"			State	23 May 1828		
North West $\frac{1}{4}$	"	157.08		*River Impts John Harden(Hardee?)	20 Nov 1832		*Memo
	"			Vol. 3, p 422			
	"			Austin L. Sands, Asse	2 Feb 1818		1096
	"			*The following patent issued for NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 9-25-42.			
	"			"Patent No. 1114733 based on Huntsville Credit System Certificate No. 1096 in the name of Austin L. Sands". See letter Secretary of State 12-11-42.			
South East $\frac{1}{4}$	"	157.08		Austin L. Sands	2 Feb 1818		1102
	"			*The following patent issued for SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 9-25-42.			
	"			"Patent No. 1114734 based on Huntsville Credit System Certificate No. 1102 (Prior) in the name of Austin L. Sands". Letter Secretary of State dated 12-17-42.			
South West $\frac{1}{4}$	"	157.08		Austin L. Sands, Asse	2 Feb 1818		1103
	"			*On March 23, 1942 Patent No. 1113541, based on Huntsville Credit System Certificate No. 1103 (Prior) issued in the name of Austin L. Sands for			

Information in script appears on the copy from the office of the Secretary of State of Alabama.

*FACING PAGE	FUND	STATE TITLE	WHEN CONVEYED	Number of State Transfer or Conveyance	WHERE RECORDED	MEMORANDUM
		TO WHOM CONVEYED			VOL. PAGE	

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TOWNSHIP		5 South		RANGE		1 West		HUNTSVILLE MERIDIAN		
DESCRIPTION OF THE TRACT		AREA		UNITED STATES TITLE			Date of Sale Location or Grant	Number of Certificate or Warrant	Date of Military Act	
PART OF SECTION	Section	Acres	100ths	TO WHOM SOLD OR GRANTED						
Page 58 continued										
the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec 29, Township 5S, Range 1W Huntsville Meridian, Alabama, containing 157.08 acres". (Letter Secretary of State dated April 2, 1942.										
Entire Frac Sec	30	249.96		North and East of Tennessee River						
"	"	249.96		Austin L. Sands, Asse			2 Feb 1818		1097	
Entire Frac Sec	31	103.85		North and East of Tennessee River						
"	"	103.85		Austin L. Sands, Asse			2 Feb 1818		1097	
Page 59	32	601.93		North of Tennessee River						
Frac Section	"	601.93		Austin L. Sands, Asse			2 Feb 1818		1098	
	33	513.38		North and West of Tennessee River						
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	35.00		Joseph Leemon			13 Feb 1837		11196	
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	40.00		Thomas January			19 Feb 1838		11872	
S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	50.38		Wm. G. Jamar			30 Jan 1896		39325	
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	77.70		John D. McCutchen			19 Feb 1838		11870	
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	38.86		John D. McCutchen			15 Nov blank		6691	
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	38.86		John Davis McCutchen			25 Jan 1833		5956	
SE Fraction	"	68.00		Joshua McCutchen			1 Nov 1833		6607	
SW Fraction	"	164.59		John D. McCutchen			13 Oct 1818		2707	
	34	1.52		North and West of Tennessee River						
Entire Frac Sec	"	1.52		John Timmons, Asse			2 Feb 1818		526	

OLD LAND RECORDS OF MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA by Margaret Matthews Cowart

In addition to managing his extensive land holdings, John Timmons served in various public capacities. The page image below from Pauline Jones Gandrud's **ALABAMA RECORDS** extract of the Madison County Chancery Court files shows that John Timmons and his neighbor Hughey Smith were appointed as Election Supervisors for the Ditto's Landing precinct in 1823. That same page shows a Robert Finch / Fench as being licensed to sell "spirituous liquor" in July of 1823. It is not known whether this Robert Finch was related to John Timmons' wife, Catharine Quay Finch.

(Min. 1823)

Page 91 July 29, 1823. FENDALL CRUMP vs. WILLIAM PATTON as admr. of LITTLEBERRY ROBINSON who, in his lifetime bound himself to sell and convey the quarter section of land bounded east by MRS. BATES south by GEORGE MOSELEY and west by JOHN P. POWELL, on which DANIEL LONG then lived.

Page 103 July 28, 1823. Licensed to retail spiritous liquor: THOMAS M. EDDINGTON, KINCHEN MASSENGALE, THOMAS JOHNSON, ROBERT FENCH (FRENCH or FINCK?)

Page 104 WILLIAM B. MCCLENDON, GEORGE KELLY.

Page 106 July 28, 1823. Petition filed by ARCHIBALD FLOURNOY, HANNAH SHAW, JOHN B. ROGERS as admr. of JOHN FLOURNOY dec'd. and JACOB K. SCOTT, legatees under the will of JAMES FLOURNOY dec'd. for division to be made by JOHN VINING, admr.

Page 110 Ordered that the following persons supervise elections at the different precincts in Madison Co. on the first Monday in August next.

At Huntsville: RUFUS C. RATHBONE, SAMUEL MITCHELL, WILLIAM W. HARRIS.

Hazel Green: ROBERT ERWIN, JOHN A. ACKLEN, RICHARD COTTRELL.

Meridianville: JOSEPH STEELE, CAPT. WILLIAM HARRIS, ROBERT CLARK.

Leonard's: WILLIAM EDDINS, GRAVES BOULDIN, STEPHEN BILES.

Farleys: SUGARS TURNER, THOMAS BASS, THOMAS TURNER.

Trianna: WILLIAM A. SLAUGHTER, THOMAS LOVE, THOMAS ARNETT.

Ditto's Landing: SAMUEL LESLEY, HUGHEY SMITH, JOHN TIMMONS.

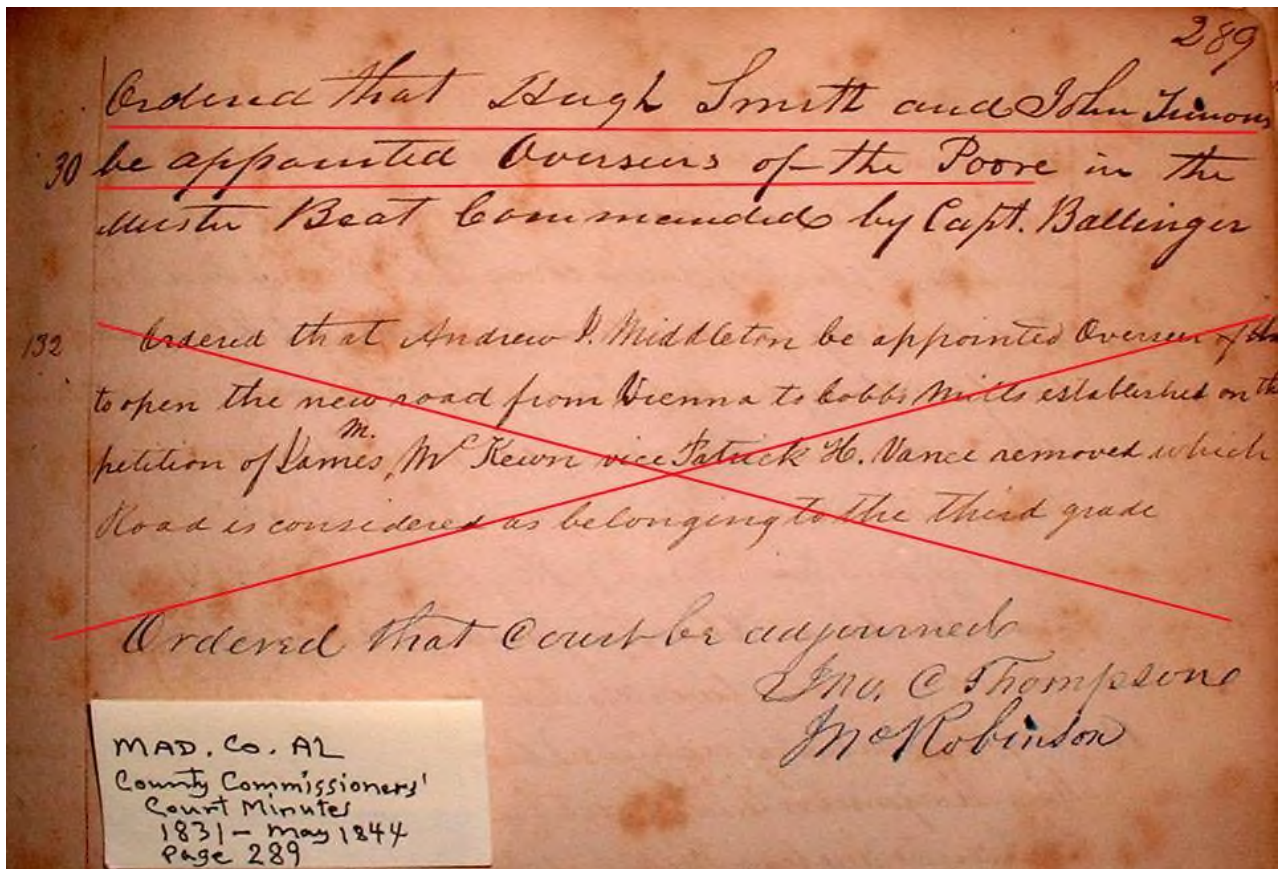
Brazeltown: JOEL RICE, JR., JAMES EDGE, STEPHEN DEBOW.

Griffins: ROBERT STEWART, STEPHEN MCBROOM, GRANT TAYLOR

Hillsborough: ARMISTEAD JONES, WILLIAM GRIFFIN, ROBERT WALTON.

MAD. Co. AL
CHANCERY COURT
RECORDS, NOTATIONS
by Pauline Gaudin
1823

Another example of the prominence of John Timmons in the community was his appointment in April of 1839, along with Hugh Smith, to be an “Overseer of the Poor in the muster beat commanded by Captain Ballinger”. These appointments were made by the “County Commissioners of Roads and Revenue” to men chosen to provide for widows, orphans, and otherwise indigent persons in their areas of responsibility.



The page image below shows where the Commissioners Court of Roads and Revenue reimbursed \$10 to John Timmons and Hughy Smith for 6 months of care to the 13-year-old “deaf and dumb” boy of Nancy Walker.

The State of Alabama

At a Term of the Commissioners Court of Roads and Revenue of Madison County in said State began and held at the Court House in the Town of Huntsville in said County on the fifteenth Monday being the seventeenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty and of American Independence the sixty fifth Year. Present the Honorable John C. Thompson Judge of the County Court of said County. Henry Stokes and Benjamin Tolson -

Ordered that the County Treasurer pay to Burwell Lea of said County sixty dollars for the support of said ~~Lea~~ of his three ~~children~~ daughters during the second quarter of the year eighteen hundred and forty -

Ordered that the County Treasurer pay to Richard D. Furdom Clerk of the County Court of said County twenty five dollars his semiannual allowance for ex officio services -

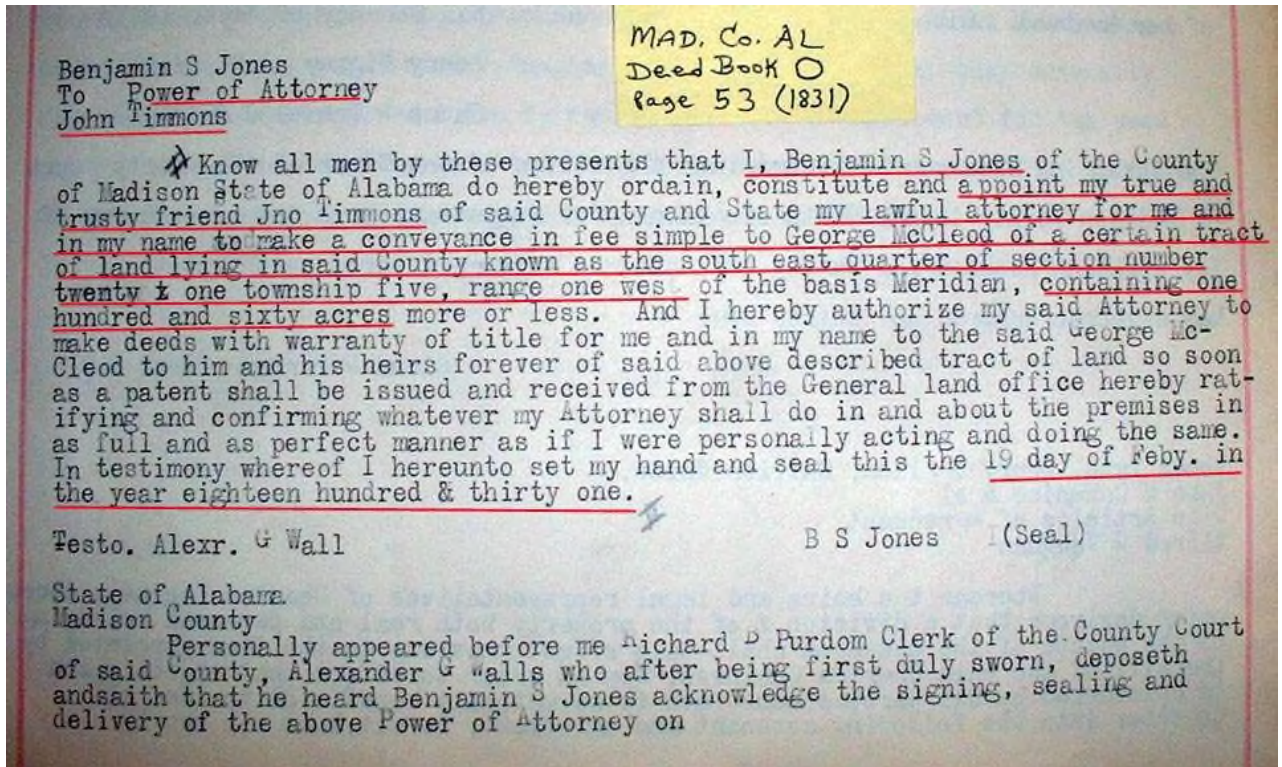
Ordered that the County Treasurer pay to Henry D. Kavanaugh Sheriff of said County twenty five dollars his semiannual allowance for ex officio services -

Ordered that the County Treasurer pay to William H. Brown Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County twenty five dollars his semiannual allowance for ex officio services -

Ordered that the County Treasurer pay to John Thomas and Hugh Smith ten dollars for six months to be by them appropriated to the support of Henry Walker Deaf & Dumb Boy who is about thirteen years of age

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County Commissioners
1841 - May 1844
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Another measure of the trust and esteem held by John Timmons in the community was record below, where he was granted Power of Attorney by Benjamin Jones in 1831 to sell a quarter section of land to George McLeod, another pre-arsenal pioneer.



The careful consideration for the provision of others by John Timmons is shown in the detail of his Last Will & Testament, as given in the inserts below. The first-inserted version of his will is in John Timmons' own handwriting. However, it was difficult to read (faded and on thin paper that bled through the image of the writing on the opposite side of each sheet), so the version transcribed into the Probate Court record book is also shown immediately afterward. It is somewhat easier to read.

In the name of God Amen,

I John Simmons of the
County of Madison and State of Missouri of sound
mind do make this my last will and Testament
in words following

- 1st I give and bequeath to my son William Hardie
Simmons who was born on the 22 day of August
1839 the whole of my real & personal Estate, and
it is my wish that he receive a good plain
English education.
- 2^d I give and bequeath to Margaret Pinck a support
during her natural life time, it is my wish
that my plantation be kept up & cultivated
as it now is and that Margaret Pinck
retain possession of my dwelling house furniture
&c and have charge of my son William as
long as my Executors may think it consistent
with the interest of my estate & child, —
- 3^d I give and bequeath to Hugh Pinck & Wife a
support during their natural life time out of
my Estate, after the value of the Negro Girl Septa,
who was purchased with money left by Samuel
Pinck for their use is expended, —
- 4th To my father lawfull heirs whomsoever they may
be, I bequeath to each the sum of one dollar.
- 5th It is my wish that all monies collected or received
in bonds notes or obligations now in my possession
or that may be due my Estate hereafter shall be
placed in some Bank or such safe place of deposit
as my Executors may select according to their best
judgment & ability, until my son arrives at the age
of twenty one when he is to receive the same with
all interest and proceeds thereon.

6th Should my son William die without heirs, or
in case he and his heirs should all die
I wish my property divided equally between
Houston H. Lea John Simpson Henry W. Hall
and John Hardie or their heirs,

7th I do hereby appoint my beloved friends Houston
H. Lea, John Simpson, and Henry W. Hall
Executors of this my last will & testament
Given under my hand and this 30th day October 1845

Witness

Wm. Simmons

P. Capshaw

George M. Reed

J. B. Coors

The State of Alabama

Orphans Court of Harrison County November 1845
This day the last will and Testament of John Simmons late
of said County deceased coming on for probate and the executor
thereof being duly proved by the oaths of Preston Capshaw
and George M. Reed one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who
among other things depose and say that they take Witness thereto
their names in the presence of each other and in the presence
of said Testator, is over to be recorded (See Minutes of the
W. H. Page 5) Pursuant to said order said Will & Coors duly
recorded in the Book of October 1845, for Orphans Record
Vol. 12 Page 70 & seq. Teste Geo. M. Reed & Co.

Copy

John Timmons
Will

In the name of God Amen.

I John Timmons of
the County of Madison and State of Alabama
of sound mind, do make this my Last
Will and Testament in manner following:
1st. I give and bequeath to my son William
Hardie Timmons who was born on the 22nd
day of August 1839, the whole of my real and
personal estate, and it is my wish that he
receive a good plain English education.

2nd. I give and bequeath to Margaret Finch
a support during her natural life time, it is
my wish that my plantation be kept up and
cultivated as it now is, and that Margaret
Finch retain possession of my dwelling house
furniture &c and have charge of my son
William as long as my Executors may think
it consistent with the interest of my Estate
and child.

3rd. I give and bequeath to Kuyby Finch and
wife a support during their natural life time
out of my Estate, after the value of the ~~value of~~
the Negro girl Sylvia, who was purchased
with money left by James Finch for their
use is expended.

4th. To my other lawful heirs whomsoever they
may be I bequeath to each the sum of one dollar.

5th. It is my wish that all moneys collected
or received on bonds, notes or obligations now in
my possession, or that may be due my Estate
hereafter, shall be placed in some Bank or
such safe place of deposit as my Executors
may select according to their best judgment
and ability, until my son arrives at the age

of twenty one, where he is to receive the same
with all interest and proceeds thereon.

6th. Should my son William die without
heirs, or in case he and his heirs should all
die; I wish my property divided equally be-
tween Houston H. Lea, John Simpson, Henry
W. Hall and John Hardie or their heirs.

7th. I do hereby appoint my beloved friends
Houston H. Lea, John Simpson, and Henry W.
Hall Executors of this my last Will and Testa-
ment.

Given under my hand this 30th day
October 1845

Witness
P. Capshaw
George M. L. od
J. B. Coons

signed - Jno. Timmons

While John Timmons provided well for his family, relatives, and community within the culture of his times, he was in fact a slave owner of the Old South. The slave count on the Timmons plantation was shown in the 1840 census (on the right hand page extension), inserted below. The page is marked with red lines to show the slaves of both Hughy Smith and John Timmons. Both men were among those with the larger plantations and slave counts in the county.

While Houston H. Lea was in 1848 the Administrator of the estate of John Timmons, as shown by the document below, Dr. John Hardie was the initial legal guardian of John Timmons' orphaned son, William.

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~~Friday January 14th 1848~~
~~dent privately for the year 1848 and report the same to the next term of this court there after.~~

~~Ordered that court be adjourned until tomorrow morning ten o'clock.~~

Saturday January 15th 1848 court met pursuant to adjournment.

James Pickens Admr
vs
John Timmons Executor
William Wright Administrator of all and singular the goods and Chattels rights and credits which were of James Pickens late of said county decd - to Compel Houston H. Lea Executor of the last Will and Testament of John Timmons late of said county deceased, to convey all the right title interest and claim which the said John Timmons deceased had in and to the following described tracts or parcels of land lying and being in the county of Madison and State of Alabama to wit: The South West quarter of section twenty one and the North West quarter of section twenty eight and the South East quarter of section twenty, all three quarter sections being in Township five Range One West. Also the South West quarter of the North East quarter of section twenty of Township five Range One West and the West half of the North East quarter of section twenty nine, Township Five Range One West - to have the said William Wright Administrator as aforesaid, it is ordered by the court that Publication be made in the Democrat or newspaper printed in the town of Centerville for three months requiring all persons interested in the Estate of said John Timmons deceased as aforesaid to be and appear before the Judge of the Orphans Court of said county

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Orphan's Court
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William was born August 22, 1839, whereas his father John Timmons died on November 1, 1845, when William was only age 6. The document below shows that Dr. John **Hardie** was guardian of William **H.** Timmons (the "H" is for "Hardie") in 1847, but the following document shows that guardianship transitioned in 1848 to John Simpson. Oddly enough, that document also shows that John Hardie had been executor of the will of John Timmons, whereas the document immediately below shows that H. H. Lee (Lea) was executor of the will in 1847, as it accounts to H. H. Lee for the expenditures of the estate on William H. Timmon's behalf by Dr. John Hardie. Note that some of the funds were paid to Margaret Finch, who lived with William (she was his maternal aunt) and managed his household.



THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

Orphans Court of Madison County, May Term, 1848

Be it remembered, that on the 2d Monday in May 1848, before said court, came John Hardie executor of the will of John Hardie who was the guardian of William H. Timmons infant and prays that his account, as administrator & heretofore filed in the Office of the Clerk of said

court for final settlement, may be taken, audited, examined and stated, and allowed: And on ^{that said} William H. Timmons by his guardian John Simpson coming into Court and ^{waiving his right to publication as required by law} ~~waiving his right to publication for forty days, by~~ ^{is ordered by said court giving notice, that said account was filed}

~~and could be presented for final settlement at the Term of said court,~~ and having audited and examined said account, together with the vouchers therewith filed; and having heard no exceptions nor objections to the same; said Court proceeds to state said accounts: Whereby it appears, that said

is chargeable with the sum of five hundred dollars ~~100~~ Dollars, and is entitled to credits (as shown by vouchers numbered from one to inclusive) to the amount of three hundred and

thirty four and 7/100 Dollars; leaving a balance against said guardian of one hundred and twenty five and 23/100 Dollars.

It is, therefore, ordered and decreed, that said account, thus stated, be allowed, and that the same be filed and recorded.

Edw C Bettyprossell

John Simpson was appointed guardian of William "Hardy" (Hardie) Timmons on November of 1848, per the document immediately below. The document that follows it shows that John Simpson's guardianship continued through 1860, when William Hardie Timmons reached legal adulthood.

Know all men by these presents, That we

*John Simpson, William Wright, James Wheat
and Thos. Lacy*

are held and firmly bound unto *Edward C. Betts* Judge of the
County Court of Madison county in the State of Alabama, and his successors in office, in the
penal sum of *one thousand* dollars, to which
payment, well and truly to be made, we and each of us do bind ourselves, our and each of our
heirs, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents: Sealed with our seals and dated the
20th day of *November* eighteen hundred and forty-*Eight*

NOW THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas the above bound
John Simpson has this day been duly appointed Guardian
of *William Hardy Simmons* infant child of *John Simmons and*

Now if said *John Simpson* shall well and truly perform all the
duties which are, or may be by law required of him as Guardian, then the above obligation to
be void—else to remain in full force and virtue. Witness our hands and seals the date above
written.

WITNESS:

Wm. H. T. ...

John Simpson



Edward C. Betts

Judge

Wm. Wright



James Wheat



Thos. Lacy



Democrat Office, Huntsville, Ala.

Mr. John Simpson,
Guard. of Wm. H. Timmons, Inf. of John Timmons dec'd.

1860. **TO J. WITHERS CLAY,** " " " Dr.

Aug. 29 To Advertisement of final settlement
of said guardianship - 2 sy. 3 m. \$4 00

Rec'd Sept. 17, 1860, of John Simpson, Guardian
of Wm. H. Timmons, Four Dollars in payment of
the above acc. ✓ J. Withers Clay.

The estate of John Timmons, father of William Hardie Timmons, was owed debts from many of the prominent citizens of the area, as well as by others who were not so well known. The outstanding debts are shown in the pages which follow. Note that both John Hardie and John Simpson were among those who owed debts to John Timmons. His neighbors James Dickson, Hughy Smith, and Pleasant S. Austin (a son-in-law of Hughy Smith) also owed debts to the Timmons estate, as did John's in-laws, Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Finch. Samuel C. Grubb was a debtor to the estate, but later records will show that John Timmons likewise owed an outstanding debt to Samuel C. Grubb.

It was also noted that James Cartwright owed a debt to the estate, and this man was another pioneer of the pre-arsenal lands, according to early land records. James Cartwright was believed by some to have been the first

settler of the town of Madison, but that is actually not the case – in that he was neither “first”, nor did he live in the town, but only near it, within a couple of miles. He apparently moved to the extreme western edge of Madison County in his later years, living on land that was bounded on the west by the county line, near where Madison was founded in 1856.

The debt of Henry W. Hall to the estate is interesting, because John Timmons’ friend and the first guardian of his son (William), Dr. John Hardie, had married Mary Hall in 1828, per Madison County Marriage Book 3, page 582. Of course, Dr. Hardie also married Harriet M. Saxon per MB 4A, page 29, in 1844, and it is not known what happened to Mary Hall Hardie.

A List of notes and accounts belonging
to the Estate of Mrs Pinous Dec'd to be filed with
the accompanying appraisement as part of the
Inventory of the Effects of said Estate

<u>Name of Debtor</u>	<u>Name of Security</u>	<u>When given</u>	<u>When due</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Sp. Das & Cartwright</u>			May 1844	15 40
<u>Jos. McWhorter</u>			1 " 1846	31 10
<u>Joseph Comen</u>			1 " "	6 00
<u>Jos. W. Hill</u>			1 " 1844	22 01
<u>P. J. Austin</u>			1 " 1808	11 00
<u>W. Cook</u>			1 " 1805	4 50
<u>Boyleton & James</u>			1 " 1806	26 20
<u>Henry Minis</u>			1 " 1848	1 75
<u>Thos. Jacobs</u>			1 " 1803	3 50
<u>W. Jacobs</u>			1 " 1840	7 00
<u>Saml. P. Smith</u>			1 " 1846	67 37
<u>Mr. Nathl. Smith</u>			Summ. of	90 89
<u>Wm. J. Calhoun</u>			1 sept 1846	2500 00
" "			" 1847	2500 00
" "			" 1848	2500 00
" "			" 1849	2500 00
" "			" 1850	2500 00
" "			" 1851	2500 00
" "			" 1852	2500 00
<u>Jos. H. Wilkinson</u>	<u>R. Wilkinson Geo. Wilkinson</u>	9 March 1845	4 March 1846	1000 00
<u>H. W. Mathews</u>	<u>J. H. Wilkinson</u>	10 March 1845	1 " 1845	400 00
<u>Geo. W. Wilkinson</u>	<u>Ry. J. Wilkinson W. H. Blackwood</u>	10 Sept 1845	1 " 1846	3000 00
<u>R. Wilkinson</u>	<u>By J. H. Wilkinson W. H. Blackwood</u>	10 Sept 1845	1 " 1846	250 00
<u>Nash Smith</u>	<u>Geo. W. Smith & Sons</u>	14 Sept 1841	15 Sept 1841	300 00
<u>Ed. H. Smith</u>	<u>Nash Smith & J. Blackwood</u>	7 July 1845	8 July 1845	30 00
<u>M. Farmer</u>	<u>Jos. & Blackwood H. B. Farmer</u>	19 July 1845	18 July 1846	68 00
<u>Geo. W. Smith</u>		17 May 1845	19 July 1846	150 00
<u>Jos. Simpson</u>		10 Nov 1845	14 Nov 1845	200 00
<u>Jos. Hardin</u>		11 July 1840	1 March 1845	1800 00
<u>Jos. Hardin</u>		11 " 1840	1 " 1844	1700 00

Account brought forward

<u>Name of Debtor</u>	<u>Name of Security</u>	<u>Remarks</u>	<u>When Given</u>	<u>When due</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Geo. Dickson</u>	<u>On G. 558 200000 1841</u>	}	28 Aug 1838	7 Apr 1841	1214 22 1/2
	<u>Recd from 7 April 1839</u>				
<u>W. Danforth</u>	<u>By Sumner said to account this</u>		21 July 1839	22 July 1839	4 00 00
<u>Same</u>	<u>on 12 Dec 20 Aug 1841</u>		5 July 1839	6 .. 1839	61 00
<u>H. W. Hall</u>	<u>inst from him advanced</u>				6160 80
<u>J. A. W. Smith out</u>				1 July 1846	17 35
<u>B. G. Shible bond for 1750 dollars to make title to 1800 acres</u>					
<u>land in Texas in the County of Robertson</u>					1750 00
<u>60 shares of stock in Madison Timp. Co. Company</u>					1800 00
<u>1750 bonds of same company</u>					

J. H. Hall
Executor of the Estate of
John Sumner decd.

The State of Alabama } Before me John M. Cleary Clerk
 Madison County, Ala. } of the County Court of said County
 This day personally appeared Houston H. Lea Executor of
 the Last Will and Testament of John Sumner deceased
 and made oath that the above and foregoing is a true Inven-
 tory of the Notes Bonds Money &c. belonging to the Estate of
 his Testator which has come into his hands. H. H. Lea
 sworn to & subscribed before
 me this 16th day of April 1846
 John M. Cleary Clerk &c.

State of Alabama
 Supreme Court April 10th 1846
 An Inventory of Note &c. belonging to the Estate of John Sumner de-
 ceased having been returned by H. H. Lea Executor &c. as ordered to be re-
 turned (Summons Book No 12 Page 198) Pursuant to said Order said
 Inventory was duly recorded on the 31st of March 1847 In Record
 Book No 12 Page 201 &c. &c.
 John M. Cleary C. J.

The Timmons estate (when managed by Houston H. Lea) also paid off the accounts owed by John Timmons, either from before his death or for the upkeep of his son and plantation after the death of John:

Estate of John Timmons
Debit with Houston H. Lea
Executer

1841	Jan 1	To Cash paid H. McNall	51 00
			52 30
			54
		W. B. Lewis	21 50
		Mathew Timmons	16 00
		J. M. Chaplin	10 00
		W. H. Campbell	2 00
		<u>Walter Capshaw</u>	216 50
		W. S. Stewart	75
		Whellon & Love	27 67
	July 2	Spotswood & Spinnath	2 00
		Neal & Co. a/c	18 10
		McDonnell & Sweet	9 18
		Spaeckle & Miller	2 12
	March 1	J. B. T. Patton	50 32
		J. H. P. Galton	19 16
	May 11	<u>Frank L. Smith</u>	538 00
		J. Anderson	8 50
		Wright & Jenkins	7 90
		J. S. Stewart	31 15
		Pleasant Field	5 28
		J. C. Healey	5 35
		George Cox	69 50
	Oct 27	Gallop Commission	26 75
	Dec 22	James Stokes	68 50
		Jennett & Cairns	75
		C. J. H. Parker	15 25
	1842		
		John H. Thompson	19 75
		Whellon & Love	50 75
	July 11	<u>W. H. & S. Jones</u>	5 00
		Henry W. Sullivan	99 79
		J. B. Woodward	27 00
		J. H. Rivers	46 00
		<u>Walter Capshaw</u>	57 00
		W. S. Stewart	27 95
		<u>J. Capshaw</u>	13 50
		Stollard & Ward	42 62
		Neal & Ward	115 20
			1838 11

Amount brought forward 1835 11			
March 1 1835	to Cash paid	Edw B Bell 231 00	
Jan 20 41+	"	McKenzie & Taylor 164 25	
" 19+	"	John Ward (Cash) 50 00	
1836 Jan 1 45+	"	Samuel King Co 122 00	
April 10 44+	"	<u>Mercantile</u> 25 00	
Jan 1 45+	"	<u>W. W. Hall</u> 19 75	
1837 July 16 45+	"	Drum & McMillan 76 93	
" 20 45+	"	Call & Ward 27 27	
1836 Nov 11 45+	"	A. C. Barry 78 00	
1847 Mar 26 46+	"	S. C. Bains 2 25	
" Jan 1 47+	"	<u>W. W. Lee</u> 91 07	
" Sept 28+	"	<u>do</u> 120 28	
1836 Dec 20 49+	"	<u>Henry Smith</u> 12 00	
1847 Nov 16 50+	"	Joe W. Clay 42 69	
" " 31+	"	Printer 20	
" Sept 15 52+	"	<u>Mercantile</u> 150 00	
1846 Nov 30+	"	<u>Executive Salary</u> 1850 00	
1847 " 7+	"	<u>Pitt</u> 550 00	
Total 5271 30			
1848			
Jan 1 52+	to E. B. Bell	250 00	195
" 20 50+	Smith & Norton	9 00	6 62
" 29+	J. B. Spotswood	25 27	18 65
" 21 50+	J. C. Lee & Co	49 88	36 67
" 29+	W. J. Plant	15 15	11 14
" 24 60+	James Thomas	134 67	98 95
July 26 61+	Trachley & Miller	60	=
Mar 15 60+	J. C. Lee & Co	18 73	13 55
July 23 63+	Shelley & Campbell	16 40	11 94
April 1 61+	J. B. Blackwell	13 75	9 85
May 18 65+	James C. Dever	14 16	10 05
" 19 66+	<u>John W. Pickens</u>	8 40	5 95
" 22 67+	<u>Wm Coats</u>	2 00	2 12
June 13 68+	<u>W. W. Lee</u>	276 06	276 05
" 69+	<u>John W. Lee</u>	17 92	12 62
Jan 1 71+	<u>W. W. Lee</u>	2 00	1 48
" 74+	<u>Wm Hall</u>	39 50	2 40
Dec 21 73+	J. B. Samitt	51 00	47 31
Mar 15 74+	Samitt & Harris	217 19	157 18
Nov 21 75+	<u>D. A. Newman</u>	2 75	1 83
1847 Dec 11 77+	Samuel B. Bains	75	55
1848 Jul 7 78+	<u>Executive Salary</u>	650 00	572 32
Total 1982 19			1727 18/10 2 17

Amount brought forward

1771	Jan 1	178	Caroline J. Spalding	17572 18	1482 19
Feb 1	179		J. Williams	31 55	20 82
Mar 1	180		J. Rogers	116 89	69 36
Apr 1	181		Samuel & Paris	112 60	115 03
May 1	182		Jane M. Ware	61 92	40 02
Jun 1	183		J. Rogers	71	58
Jul 1	184		Samuel H. Graham	6 71	4 12
Aug 1	185		Samuel & Paris	622 00	393 94
Sep 1	186		Samuel & Paris	68 25	41 75
Oct 1	187		Samuel & Paris	650 24	411 39
Nov 1	188		Samuel & Paris	9 00	5 67
Dec 1	189		Wm. Bell	1591 18	950 52
1790	Jan 1	190	J. W. Coors	6 00	
Feb 1	191		Do	168 25	109 89
Mar 1	192		Pattin Corporation Co	45 70	28 40
Apr 1	193		Henry Halsey	237 22	147 20
May 1	194		Charles Sampson	1 50	93
Jun 1	195		Pittard (Sal. 200)	1 50	93
Jul 1	196		Samuel M. Selland	7 87	4 84
Aug 1	197		H. W. Hall	8 53	5 23
Sep 1	198		Margaret French	418 00	253 81
Oct 1	199		J. H. H. H. H.	236 82	156 72
Nov 1	200		John J. Peltow	29 80	18 02
Dec 1	201		H. W. Hall	22 80	17 38
1791	Jan 1	202	W. Miller	26 05	15 79
Feb 1	203		Do	32 80	24 15
Mar 1	204		Do	39 82	16 69
Apr 1	205		Do	62 61	14 37
May 1	206		James W. Jones	25 60	21 52
Jun 1	207		John Boyd	253 40	151 80
Jul 1	208		Sam. for 1849	162 42	98 50
Aug 1	209		Samuel Coles	2 50	1 45
Sep 1	210		H. W. Hall	16 00	9 23
Oct 1	211		Samuel & Paris	400 00	231 83
Nov 1	212		Samuel & Paris	13 40	8 74
Dec 1	213		J. W. H. H.	3 00	1 70
1792	Jan 1	214	J. W. H. H.	59 45	22 39
Feb 1	215		J. W. H. H.	37 80	15 61
Mar 1	216		Pattin Corporation Co	3 80	1 88
Apr 1	217		Samuel & Paris	112 98	64 58
May 1	218		Executors Salary	851 25	504 32
Jun 1	219			5376 25	12648 05
Jul 1	220				712 59

1850	March 15, 1850	Warrant brought in	126 45	147 10	59
		Carlson			20
		Joseph Carothers	5 44		198
		John J. McLaughlin	25 00		19 55
	April 8, 1850	J. W. Love	85 46		45 31
	July 16, 1850	J. J. Bell	348 26		184 29
	July 19, 1850	J. J. Bell			
	Sept 3, 1850	J. J. Bell	146 15		75 91
	Sept 1, 1850	J. H. Lee	127 77		74 10
	Sept 12, 1850	J. H. Lee	44 69		7 62
	1850 Mar 6, 1850	Do	27 53		17 94
	1850 Oct 5, 1850	Court fines	36 26		18 29
	Sept 28, 1850	J. D. Rogers (Jury)	208 65		108 60
	Sept 1, 1850	Executors Salary	850 00		436 32
	1850 Jan 1, 1850	J. H. Lee	7 85		51 38
	1850 Feb 2, 1850	Charles Sillitt	11 75		7 02
	1850 Oct 28, 1850	For 2 mules	100 00		51 42
	Mar 13, 1850		8 87		5 00
	May 26, 1850		62		34
	1851				
	Jan 13, 1851	George Cook	2 50		1 24
	" 13, 1851	J. D. Graham	16 31		5 06
	Mar 24, 1851	James H. Bell	60 00		25 10
	July 7, 1851	Colon A. Wall	50 75		14 10
	" 11, 1851	Haugman & Robinson	8 38		3 85
	" 12, 1851	John S. Smith	447 26		204 62
	" 19, 1851	J. J. Lee	313 34		142 89
	" 30, 1851	James C. Poyer	38 50		12 92
	Sept 26, 1851	W. Michl	38 96		12 97
	Sept 4, 1851	George Cook	19 00		5 48
	" 29, 1851	W. D. Gardner	55 80		15 78
	Oct 17, 1851	George Cook	19 80		5 45
	Nov 28, 1851	J. R. Lee	72 60		31 04
	" 30, 1851	Warrant James	500 00		213 55
	Dec 1, 1851	J. D. Graham	7 00		2 98
	Jan 1, 1852	J. H. Lee	625 12		318 55
	Feb 26, 1852	W. Miller	1 58		70
	Apr 1, 1852	John Simpson (Jury)	500 00		213 30
	15 July 9, 1852	W. J. March	40 80		18 73
	Aug 21, 1852	George H. Paine	85 72		36 76
	Sept 13, 1852	J. W. Thompson			
	Sept 13, 1852	Executors Salary	850 00		368 32
					41,224.17/214.04

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July 9 1852	In Cash paid	Jas W. Oley	31 70	8 46 3
July 19 1852	+	J. H. Williams	12 00	6 28
July 30 1852	+	Bob Pearson	1 25	51
July 31 1852	+	J. A. Bond	16 50	6 75
July 31 1852	+	Jamin Wm Seltan	24 60	14 14
July 31 1852	+	Do	101 65	49 27
July 31 1852	+	J. A. View	17 38	7 09
July 31 1852	+	J. A. View	12 07	1 26
July 31 1852	+	J. A. View	11 16	4 16
July 31 1852	+	J. H. H. H. H.	7 84	3 2 0
July 31 1852	+	J. H. H. H. H.	18 00	34 69
March 7 1852	+	J. H. H. H. H.	1 50	50
March 12 1852	+	George Cook	7 50	11 16
April 7 1852	+	J. H. H. H. H.	6 00	2 39
May 1 1852	+	Daniel Simpson	47 10	18 46
May 10 1852	+	J. H. H. H. H.	6 75	3 47
May 11 1852	+	Wm. C. C. C.	6 00	2 40
May 25 1852	+	Wm. W. W. W.	270 22	143 59
June 10 1852	+	George W. Graham	238 45	315 61
July 25 1852	+	J. H. H. H. H.	5 96	21 07
July 27 1852	+	J. H. H. H. H.	14 00	5 27
July 28 1852	+	Wm. W. W. W.	226 71	123 91
July 29 1852	+	J. H. H. H. H.	11 25	3 94
Aug 1 1852	+	J. H. H. H. H.	211 32	88 74
Aug 1 1852	+	Do	10 77	5 37
Aug 1 1852	+	Do	54 55	21 31
Aug 23 1852	+	J. H. H. H. H.	12 50	4 79
Aug 27 1852	+	Wm. W. W. W.	881 00	300 32
Sept 12 1852	+	J. H. H. H. H.	60 50	24 95
Sept 2 1852	+	Wm. W. W. W.	186 35	76 98
Oct 6 1852	+	J. H. H. H. H.	78 69	60 74
Oct 2 1852	+	Wm. W. W. W.	4 00	1 38
Oct 10 1852	+	Charles Cross	6 00	2 07
1853				
Jan 10 1853	+	Wm. W. W. W.	400 00	135 11
Jan 7 1853	+	J. H. H. H. H.	101 77	
Jan 18 1853	+	Do	15 27	
Jan 18 1853	+	Do	9 61	
Jan 18 1853	+	Do	53 00	60 83
Feb 1 1853	+	J. H. H. H. H.	12 00	4 07
Feb 1 1853	+	J. H. H. H. H.	112 20	39 06
			227 95	7 29 56 51

Date	Description	Debit	Credit
1853	Summ brought forward	22,749.27	1,406.51
July 1 1853	To Cash paid J. B. Lewis	10.00	3.33
" 19	" " " "	91.57	30.19
" 24	" " " "	175.00	57.82
1853 March 19	" " " "	391.28	158.56
" 22 1854	" " " "	514.02	199.29
" 23 1854	" " " "	550.00	232.32
July 2 1854	" " " "	163.00	65.09
April 1 1854	" " " "	29.69	100.21
April 11 1854	" " " "	2.00	64
" 21	" " " "	15.50	4.96
" 21	" " " "	5.70	184
Jan 2 1854	" " " "	54.00	18.00
" 21	" " " "	75	25
April 4 1854	" " " "	110.00	35.10
" 29	" " " "	236.05	10.22
May 2 1854	" " " "	321.89	100.52
July 20 1854	" " " "	3.00	89
Aug 10 1854	" " " "	166.57	19.45
" 21	" " " "	157.47	45.85
" 19 1854	" " " "	42.50	12.60
Oct 1 1854	" " " "	723.15	202.49
" 24	" " " "	21.21	5.65
1854			
Jan 1 1854	" " " "	163.67	42.55
" 1	" " " "	30.00	7.80
1854 Dec 2 1854	" " " "	24.00	9.41
" 15 1854	" " " "	12.50	6.69
" 27 1854	" " " "	27.52	19.50
1854 April 22 1854	" " " "	36.00	6.20
1854 Jan 7 1854	" " " "	32.00	7.78
1854 1854	" " " "	57.00	51.66
1854			
Jan 1	to Account Adams de la Roche		
" 26	by Mrs. Christie Lee and Depledge		
"	Received by same	620.24	1116.44
"			
"	by A. Penland etc		
"	Mrs. Lee		
1854 Jan 1	Am't at end of estate with Sarahy Milen	523.95	2216.20
1854 Jan 4 225	" Paid J. B. Lewis	16.71	
" " 174	" " " "	2.92	30.43
1853 Apr	" Court fees paid F. L. Macomber	82.15	
1854 " 1	" All beyond	11.50	2.76
	Attorney of executor fees	100.00	
		162.46	1241.50

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.

SECTION L.—Free Inhabitants in 2 Wagoners 1853 in the County of Madison State Alabama enumerated by me, on the 14 day of Nov 1850. J. H. Hardy Ass't Marshal (184)

1	2	3	4			7	8	9	10				11
			5	6	7				8	9	10	11	
The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.		Sex	Age	Color	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age.	Place or Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or County.	Whether blind, deaf, idiot, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.						
	Joseph Ellis	m	23		Tanner	Alabama							
	Maria	f	19			Alabama							
	Elihu	f	17			Alabama							
	Lena	m	16			Alabama							
220	Thomas & Clay	m	21		Merchant	Virginia							
	Sarah	f	26			Alabama							
	Henry	m	5			Alabama							
	Silas W. Clay	m	24		Merchant	Virginia							
221	Allen & Hamilton	m	38		Farmer	60 Alabama							
	Elizabeth	f	10			Tennessee							
	Harriah	f	7			Alabama							
	William	m	1			Alabama							
	Margaret Lucy	f	58			K. Carolina							
222	Samuel Grib	m	38		Carpenter	Tennessee							
	Sarah	f	35			Tennessee							
	Madison	m	19		Carpenter	Tennessee							
	Elihu	f	17			Alabama							
	Lucy Ann	f	16			Alabama							
	Elizabeth	f	11			Alabama							
223	David & Henkate	m	21		Farmer	here Alabama							
	J. P. Henkate	m	27		Merchant	Alabama							
	Abigail Henkate	m	53		None	Alabama							
	Mary Ann	f	28			Alabama							
	Sarah	f	28		None	Alabama							
224	Andrew Henkate	m	48		Doctor	Tennessee							
	Elizabeth	f	26			Alabama							
	Matthew Ann	f	15			Alabama							
	Mary Lane	f	10			Alabama							
	Sally	f	10			Alabama							
	Thomas	m	7			Alabama							
	Ferry	m	5			Alabama							
225	Robert & Burde	m	68			3000 Virginia							
	Mary	f	35			Georgia							
	A. McAlexander	m	18		Student	Alabama							
226	Joseph & Griffin	m	32		Farmer	Alabama							
	Hilly	f	33			Alabama							
	Hijah	f	7			Alabama							
	Lena	f	5			Alabama							
	Lester	m	2			Alabama							
	Hijah Douglas	f	63			Kentucky							
227	Wm. Hally	m	30		Merchant	Alabama							
	Polly	f	23			Tennessee							

The assets of the personal (“perishable”) property, including slaves previously listed, of the John Timmons estate that William Hardie Timmons inherited from his father are given in the inventory below:

~~Book 13 page 18 of Account to said order said Well & on July records~~
~~on the 18th of November 1867~~

per W. C. G. 1867

An Appraisement of the personal property belonging to the Estate of John Simmons
 Deceased.

An Appraisement of John Simmons property by Saml. Hattery James Dodson
 W. A. Lewis & John Evans on the 11th Nov 1867.

Hester	Age 47 years	25.00
Helena & Child Do		600.00
Sick		500.00
Bill		500.00
Blaska		500.00
Samuel	50 years	200.00
Charlotte	45 "	50.00
Sathanna	28 "	500.00
Maria	20 "	500.00
Sarah	16 "	500.00
Louisa	6 "	200.00
Eriny	2 "	100.00
Walden	26 "	400.00
Abu	6 "	200.00
Tom	7 "	300.00
Abney	3 "	100.00
Louisa	1 "	100.00
Kathleen	16 "	600.00
Grace	26 "	400.00
Willie	13 "	400.00
Louisa	11 "	500.00
Hellen	9 "	300.00
Ephie	7 "	300.00
Arling	6 "	200.00
Kathryn	5 "	200.00
Priscilla	4 "	200.00
Charity	3 "	100.00
Mary	1 "	100.00
George	37 "	500.00
Monroe	21 "	600.00
Henry	19 "	600.00
Jim	50 "	500.00
Diak	51 "	500.00
Julia	40 "	200.00
Ben	19 "	300.00
Edie	16 "	600.00
Charles	35 "	500.00
Mat	38 "	500.00
Roby	60 "	500.00
Blas	34 "	200.00
Jos	22 "	500.00
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		4000

Amount Carried forward \$4,740.00
 Amount Brought forward 16,448.00

Humphrey	22 years	
Frank	28 "	
Shelby	22 "	

625.00
 100.00
 525.00

Shelley	14		440.00
Oliver	20		650.00
Stacey	61		100.00
Maithe	19		800.00
Sam	11		800.00
Henry	2		100.00
Alfred	3		120.00
Lobby	2		120.00
Calvin	3		100.00
Harry	2		120.00
Walter	70		80.00
Peter	81		800.00
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			\$19,470.00
69 Stock Hops		4.00	276.00
1 Horse			1.00
5 Weeding Hoes		4.00	20.00
8 Iron Hoes		4.00	32.00
22 Shovels		2.00	44.00
26 Iron Shovels		75	19.00
75 Cold Hops 10.00 each		2.00	200.00
1 Old Cow Wagon			20.00
1 Wagon Tongue & Axle			0.00
1 Wheel Bar			20.00
1 Cotton Gin			12.00
1 Whipper			20.00
2 Shovel & 1 Spade			1.00
2 Old Wagon Wheel			5.00
1 Iron Shovel			2.00
6 Mules		28.00	168.00
6 Dills		21	126.00
8 Mares			170.00
1 Riding Horse			27.50
9 Milch Cow & Calves		5.00	45.00
8 Wood Sheds		10.00	80.00
11 Dry Cows		4.00	44.00
26 Yearlings		2.00	52.00
1 Bull			3.00
1 Bay Colt			15.00
1 Iron Shovel		2.00	2.00
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Amount Carried forward			\$21,713.51
Amount Brought forward			\$21,713.51
1 Iron			20
18 Iron		1.00	18.00
24 Weeding Hoes		20	480.00
12 Chopping Axes		1.00	12.00
11 Weeding Hoes		1.00	11.00
16 Single Axes		50	800.00
14 Side Hammers		2.00	28.00
18 Shovel & Spades		1.25	22.50
18 Iron Dills		2.00	36.00
17 Iron Tongue		75	1275.00
15 Clippers		25	375.00
15 Axes		30	450.00

15 Boodles	25	0.75
2 Cuffs Cut. Jaws 6.00		12.00
1 Boodlebag & 2 strings do		0.75
1 Lot Cuffcut Tools		2.50
2 for Striptakes		2.75
1 Over Bar		50
140 1/2 Barrel Iron	100	12.50
1 Clarence Gausings		15.00
24 Straps Gausings	5.00	14.00
6 Cotton Spines	57 1/2	2.25
6 Cotton	57	0.75
6 Cotton Covers	01	0.00
1 Guttering Iron	1.00	1.00
1 Or Haggon		125.00
1 do Lills		100.00
8 Log Chains	200	0.00
2 1/2" of Hides	1.00	2.00
3 Union Straps	3.00	9.00
4 7/8" Hives	01	2.00
1 Man's Saddle		5.00
1 Side Board		20.00
1 China Spoke		15.00
1 Wiscan		0.00
1 Secretary		10.00
1 Set Lining Vases		19.00
1 Looking Glass & Stand		5.00
1 Metal Block		20.00
1 Set Working Man		15.00
1 " China Lills		0.00
1 Brillantia Coffee Pot		3.00
1 Set Table Man		0.00
1 " Castles		1.00
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		Amount Carried Forward \$22,826.40
		Amount Brought Forward \$20,126.40
1 Day Silver Salt Spoons & 1 day Silver Spoons Sugar Tongs } # 2 Salt Spoons		40.00
1 day dining knives & forks		0.00
1 " Breakfast do do		6.00
1 Lot Coffee Pots		1.00
3 Trainers		2.00
1 Coffee Mill		2.00
1 Work Stand		0.00
1 Looking Glass		78
1 Candle Stand		1.35
1 Bed Head, Pill & Furniture		40.00
8 White & Black Crochets		16.00
8 Bed Quills		10.00
4 Blankets		1.00
8 Day Knives		9.00
5 Stone Jaws		5.75
2 Brillantia Sumps		2.00
1 Oil Can		30
2 In Soap Bubbles Candles	1.00	2.00

2 Snuff boxes & snuff box	1.00
1 Apr Shovel & Sledge	1.00
2 " Buckets	2.25
1 Silver Watch	10.00
1 Bedstead	3.00
1 Bedstead Furniture	85.00
1 Shot Gun	5.00
1 Rifle Gun	11.00
1 Handstand & Bed Furniture	5.00
1 Bedstead Furniture	45.00
1 Do - do	25.00
1 Folding Table	3.00
1 Round Table & Furniture	15.00
3 Large Stills	4.00
1 Loom	5.00
9 Spinning Wheels	18.00
1 Hot Brooking Utensils	10.00
4 Cedar Traps	1.00
2 " Traps	1.00
2 " Traps	50
2 Mill Paile	1.00
2 Crocks	50
2 Churns	3.00
1 Feeding Stand	1.00
1 Crock & Sausage Stuffer	1.00

Amount Received for same 24th 1900
 Amount Brought forward 24th 1900

1 Milk Strainer	25
1 Can & Kettle	1.00
1 Grind Stone	1.00
3 Pistols	20.00
1 Auger	35
1 Ground Branch	25
1 Chain	4.00
1 Lot Books	20.00
5 Sails Cloths	10.00
6 Corn & Calves	85.00
1 York Oven	20.00
8 Steers	15.00
7 Cows	35.00
9 Yearlings	11.00

In which Leman 6.00
 has an interest 5.00

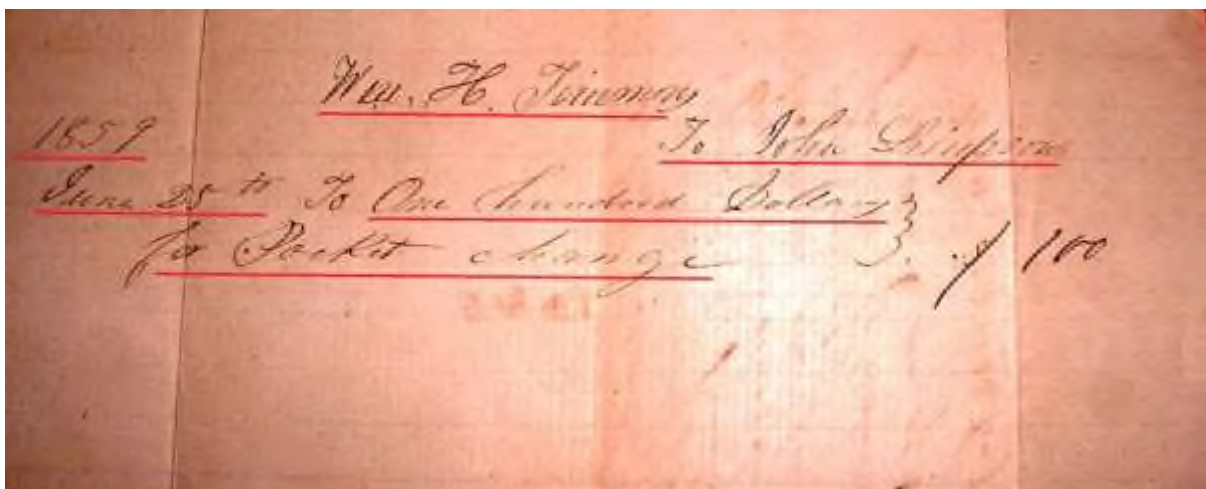
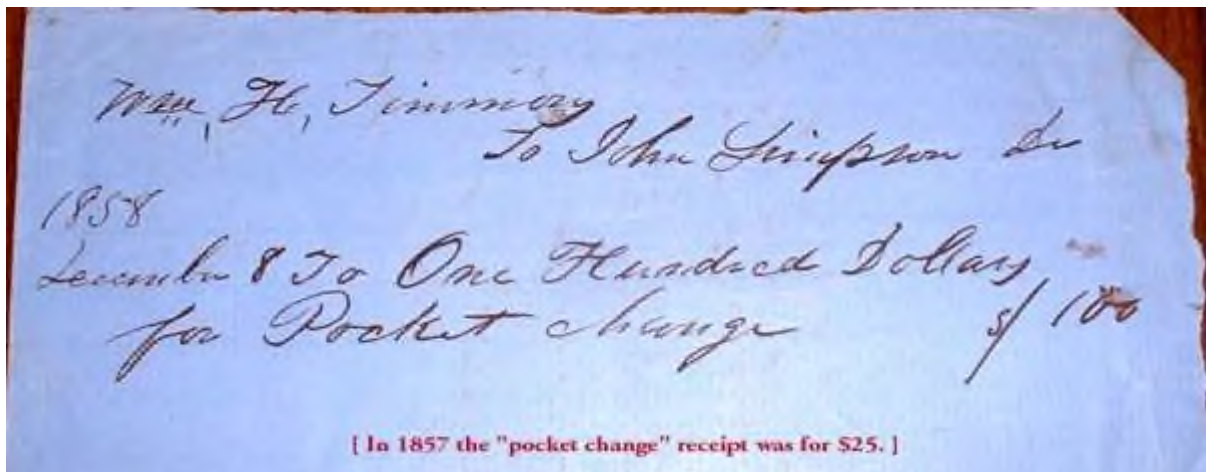
Saml. Walton
 M. A. Lewis

State of Alabama Before me John W. Day Clerk of the County Court of said County
 Madison County This day personally appeared Samuel Walton one of the Appraisers
 appointed by the Orphan Court of said County to Appraise the personal property be-
 longing to the Estate of John Summons deceased and made oath that the foregoing
 appraisement was made with the best Judgement and Skill.
 Given to and Subscribed
 before me this 26 Nov 1865.
 Jno W. Day C.C.C.

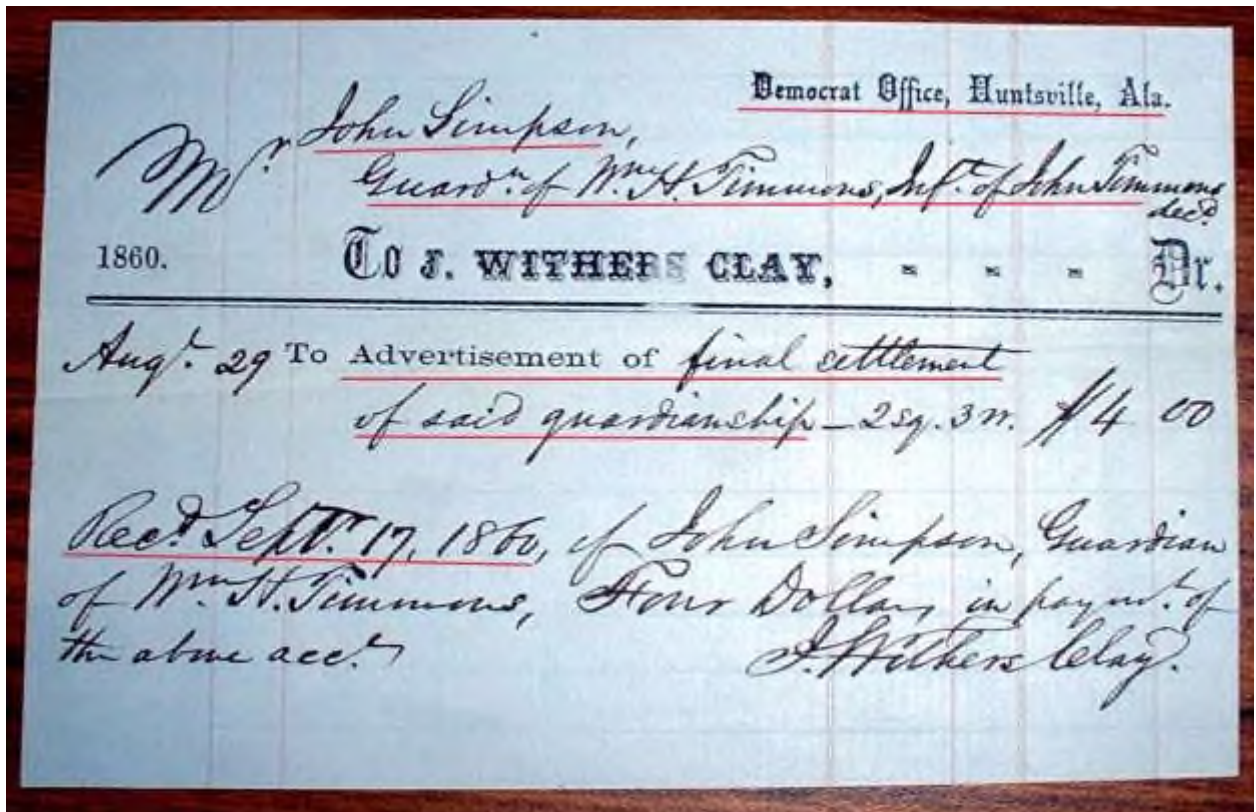
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The Meriwether A. Lewis that attested to the perishable property inventory above was a distant cousin (but contemporary, both in time and place in Virginia) to the famed explorer of the Lewis & Clark Expedition. The local Meriwether Lewis lived just northwest of the town of Triana, having a plantation where the Boeing facility is now located, between the runways of the Huntsville – Madison County International Airport. His tombstone is located in the old Triana City Cemetery. Several of his descendants moved to the town of Madison and are buried in the Lewis family plot in the old section of the Madison City Cemetery.

As William Hardie Timmons grew, he obviously required some cash in hand to enjoy life. Below is one of the many receipts made to the estate administrators to account for William’s “pocket change”. As one can see, William was well covered with such funds, considering the value of money at the time.



The legal requirements for guardianship over William Hardie Timmons ended when he reached the age of 21, in 1860. The item below (which was previously shown) provides the receipt for posting legal notice in the August 29 issue of the local newspaper (The Huntsville Democrat) that the guardianship was going into a “final settlement”.



The 1860 census showed that William was still living at that time on the Timmons land in a household headed by his maternal Aunt Margaret L. Finch (“Fynch”). The fact that the household was on the Timmons land is noted by the neighboring households including those of Nancy T. Graham (of the Dickson – Rankin Cemetery area) and of Nathaniel Evans, who witnessed several documents of the Timmons’ transactions.

16	"	Hugh Mitchell	8	m					"
17	"	John	2	m					"
18	115	Nancy T. Graham	51	f	Garnett	17600	10,550	Virginia	
19	"	Luzia	20	f				Ala	
20	"	Virginia	18	f				"	
21	"	Julia A.	16	f				"	
22	116	Nathaniel Evans	31	m	Deussie		1500	"	
23	"	Sarah J.	29	f				"	
24	"	Stephen M.	11	m				"	
25	"	James H.	4	m				"	
26	"	John	10	m				"	
27	117	Margaret L. Lynch	45	f	more		1500	S. Carolina	
28	"	Wm. H. Timmons	20	m	"			Alabama	
29	118	William Ballard	32	m	Hitcher			Tenn	
30	"	Sarah	30	f				"	
31	"	James	15	m				Georgia	
32	"	Catherine	5	f				"	
33	"	Wm. J.	1	f				Alabama	

1860 Madison County, Alabama, census page 076:
 Nancy T. Graham, Margaret L. Fynch/Finch, Wm. H. Timmons (Madison Station P.O.)

By the time of the 1870 census in Madison County, William Timmons was heading his own household. He was listed in the "Green Grove Post Office" area with his wife "Anne" and son John, who was given as age 2. Their household was surrounded by those of former slaves who had taken the surnames of Timmons, Lynch, and Joiner. Note that Margaret L. Finch is not included in the household in 1870. However, she is listed in William's household in 1880, and she died in 1899, before the 1900 census was taken. It is not known where Margaret was living during the time of the 1870 census, but she may well have been visiting with her siblings who lived in Tennessee or Kentucky at that time.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Township 5 Range 1 West, in the County of Madison, State of Alabama, enumerated by me on the 5th day of July, 1870.

Post Office: Green Grove

Justin K. Rouse, Asst. Marshal

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7		10	11-14				15-17		18	19	20
						8	9		11	12	13	14	15	16			
Name, sex, age, color, and whether head of family		Description			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female		Value of Real Estate		Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S., or the Country, if of foreign birth				Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic		Consent of Indian Headmen		
1	86	Timmon	Male	60	Fall	Keeping House	✓		Ala					✓			
2		Lee Benjamin	Male	21	Old	Farmer	✓	1600	Ala								/
3		— Hugh	Male	18	Old	Farmer Laborer	✓		Ala								/
4		— Joseph	Male	12	Old	Farmer Laborer	✓		Ala								/
5		Bell William	Male	17	Old	Farmer Laborer	✓		Ala								/
6	87	Shaban Levi	Male	52	Old	Farmer	✓	1100	Ala								/
7		— cherilla	Female	36	Fall	Keeping House	✓		Ala								/
8		— Wesley	Male	18	Old	Farmer Laborer	✓		Ala								/
9		— childred	Male	16	Fall	Farmer Laborer	✓		Ala								/
10	88	Shaban Harriet	Female	31	Fall	Farmer Laborer	✓		Ala								/
11		— cherilla	Female	7	Fall				Ala								/
12		— Scott	Male	4	Old				Ala								/
13		— Mary	Female	2	Fall				Ala								/
14		— Charles	Male	7	Old				Ala								/
15		Shaban Jordan	Male	18	Old	Farmer Laborer	✓		Ala								/
16		Harmon Joseph	Male	12	Old	Farmer Laborer	✓		Geo. Ia								/
17	89	Jones Eliza	Female	42	Old	Farmer	✓	520/500	Ala								/
18		— Silvia	Female	35	Fall	Keeping House	✓		Ala								/
19		— Felia	Female	17	Old	Farmer Laborer	✓		Ala								/
20	90	Jones William	Male	52	Old	Farmer	✓	520/500	Ala								/
21		— Louisa	Female	35	Fall	Keeping House	✓		Ala								/
22		— Mary	Female	4	Fall				Ala								/
23		— Sarah	Female	7	Fall				Ala								/
24		Lynch Louis	Male	23	Old	Farmer Laborer	✓		Ala								/
25		Timmon John	Male	13	Old	Farmer Laborer	✓		Ala								/
26		— Alexander	Male	10	Old	Farmer Laborer	✓		Ala								/
27	91	Timmon James	Male	29	Old	Farmer	✓	520/500	Ala								/
28		— Biscatta	Female	25	Fall	Keeping House	✓		Ala								/
29		— Solomon	Male	17	Old	Farmer Laborer	✓		Ala								/
30		— Ellen	Female	5	Fall				Ala								/
31		— Myall	Female	3	Old				Ala								/
32		— Amanda	Female	2	Fall				Ala								/
33		— Margaret	Female	7	Fall				Ala								/
34	92	Timmon John	Male	70	Fall	Keeping House	✓		Maryland								/
35		— Caroline	Female	8	Fall				Ala								/
36	93	Timmon William	Male	30	Old	at Home	✓	25,000/2,000	Ala								/
37		— Anne	Female	30	Fall	Keeping House	✓		Ala								/
38		— John	Male	2	Old				Ala								/
39	94	Lynch Louis	Male	42	Fall	Domestic Servant	✓		Ala								/
40		— Elias	Male	18	Old	Farmer Laborer	✓		Ala								/

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.

IN CIVILIAN	NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO HEAD OF FAMILY	DATE OF BIRTH	AGE	SEX	MARRIAGE	MILITARY SERVICE	PLACE OF BIRTH OF FATHER	PLACE OF BIRTH OF MOTHER	PLACE OF BIRTH OF PERSON	PLACE OF BIRTH OF FATHER	PLACE OF BIRTH OF MOTHER	PLACE OF BIRTH OF PERSON
	Burruss, William	Head	7/20/1824	26	M	2		Alabama	Virginia	Alabama			
	— Jada W	wife	1/20/1820	20	F	1		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama			
	— Miller G	Daughter	10/1/1829	6	F	5		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama			
	Becker, William	Head	7/20/1827	20	M	4		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama			
	— Julia	wife	1/20/1822	17	F	1		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama			
	— Willie W	son	7/20/1847	2	M	5		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama			
	Quinn, William	Head	10/20/1827	20	M	3		Alabama	South Carolina	South Carolina			
	— Anna E	wife	10/20/1827	20	F	4		Alabama	South Carolina	Virginia			
	— Elizabeth	Daughter	10/20/1827	20	F	3		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama			
	— Elizabeth	4th Son	10/20/1827	7	M	5		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama			
	— William	4th Son	10/20/1827	4	M	5		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama			
	— Anna R	4th Daughter	10/20/1827	2	F	3		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama			
	Mason, Alfred	Head	10/20/1827	20	M	10		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama			
	— McKeefe, Thomas	Boy	10/20/1827	7	M	5		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama			
	— Trade, George	Head	10/20/1827	20	M	10		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama			
	— Memphis	wife	10/20/1827	20	F	10		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama			
	— Thomas	son	10/20/1827	8	M	5		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama			
	— Archie	son	10/20/1827	6	M	5		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama			
	— John	son	10/20/1827	8	M	5		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama			
	— Ashby, David	Head	10/20/1827	20	M	2		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama			
	— John	son	10/20/1827	18	M	3		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama			
	— Henry	son	10/20/1827	10	M	3		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama			

1900 Madison County, Alabama, Census page 112-B, Whitesburg Precinct, E. D. 107, Sheet 18-B

While William Timmons served in the Confederate Army as a Corporal of Company H of the 9th Tennessee Cavalry during the Civil War (see page excerpted from C. R. Wells' book, THE VALIANT SURVIVORS, as inserted below), he never received the intended Confederate Iron Cross on his grave. That can be deduced from the fact that no number was ever assigned for his cross, so it was never ordered and emplaced at his grave. However, the war years and the records that followed give some insight into William's character. Soon after the end of the war, William Timmons sold land to several former slaves. There is ample proof that some freed slaves eventually were able to purchase their own land from other landowners, but often the land was priced at a premium when sold to the black race, as opposed to sales to members of the white race. However, William sold land at market value to his black neighbors, negotiating the price per acre at basically the same as when he sold land to white purchasers.

THE VALIANT SURVIVORS --The United Confederate Veterans of Madison County, by C. R. Wells (1998)

Pvt Lemuel W. TAYLOR
Maj. James Robinsons Co
Maple Hill Cem, Huntsville,AL
Marker # ? 357
7Nov1834=Sep1927,

Sgt J. W. TAYLOR
Co "I" 4th AL Inf.
Hayden Cem. Hew Hope
Marker #
20Apr1842=28Aug1902.

Sgt John W. TAYLOR
Co "I" 4th AL Cav
Hayden Cem. Hew Hope
Marker #
29Sep1826=28Nov1884.

Sgt. Newton P. TAYLOR
Co "E" 2nd AR Inf.
Taylor-Martin Cemetery
Marker # 357
2Dec1841=1912.

Pvt. G. L. TERRY
Co "F" 3rd AL Inf.
Maple Hill Cem, Huntsville,AL
Marker #160
B D.

Pvt. Charles THOMAS
Co "D" 30th AL Inf.
Thomas Family Cemetery
Marker #
18Apr1815=30Sep1871.

Pvt. John P. THOMASON
Co "A" 21st LA Inf.
StateLine Cem. Hazel Green
Marker #237 357
6Jan1846=24Mar1920.

Pvt. James T. THOMPSON
Co "A" Forrests' Cav.
Shiloh Cemetery, Ryland, AL
Marker #
3Aug1828=28Dec1898.

Pvt John A. THOMPSON
Co "F" Forrest's Regt
Maple Hill Cem, Huntsville,AL
Marker #404
B D16Jun1930.

Pvt. John W. THOMPSON
Co "E" 7th BN AL Inf.
Maple Hill Cem, Huntsville,AL
Marker #? 357
28Jul1833,

Pvt. Samuel THOMPSON
Co "A" 36th AL Inf.
Thompson Family Cemetery
Marker #
15Apr1830=8Jan1868.

Pvt. William W. THOMPSON
Capt. Douglass' Scouts
Thompson Family Cemetery
Marker # 357
17Apr1835=1910.

Pvt. Reuben TIDWELL
Co "D" 1st AL Inf.
Miller Cem. New Market
Marker #
14Apr1837=26Jan1917,

Pvt. David A. TIMBERLAKE
Co "F" 4th AL Inf.
Maple Hill Cem, Huntsville,AL
Marker #361
21Jun1833=20Aug1917,

Cpl. William H. TIMMONS
Co "H" 9th TN Cav.
Timmons Family Cemetery
Marker #
22Aug1839=16Jan1908.

Pvt. Calvin J. TIPTON
Co "K" 4th AL Cav
Shiloh Cemetery, Ryland, AL
Marker #
5Jan1850=30Oct1918.

Pvt. Jonathon H. TIPTON
Co "F" 35th AL Inf.
Ragsdale Family Cemetery
Marker #
19Nov1842=.

Sgt. Andrew J. TIPTON
Co "C" 50th AL Inf.
Gurley City Cemetery
Marker # 357
1833=1907.

Col. David H. TODD
21st BN, AL Artillery
Maple Hill Cem, Huntsville,AL
Marker #199
B D.

Pvt. William P. TOMLINSON
Co "E" 3rd Conf. Inf.
Browning Family Cemetery
Marker #
30Sep1840=23Sep1908.

Capt. Hugh L. TONEY
Co "D" 36th VA Inf.
Madison Cross Roads Cem
Marker #
15Sep1837=9Jan1908.

Pvt. Havis TONEY
Co "D" 1st LA Cav.
Toney Family Cemetery
Marker #502 357
B D5Oct1923.

Pvt. John M. TONEY
Co "B" 9th GA Arty.
Tnana Cemetery
Marker # 357
B D.

Pvt. E. J. TRAVIS
Co "G" 2nd TN Cav
Ready Family Cemetery
Marker #
1850=1940.

Pvt. R. D. TRIBBLE
4th AL Inf.
Old Madison Cemetery
Marker #
7Nov1841=4Mar1914.

Pvt. Thomas H. TRIPP
Co "B" 44th TN Inf.
Madison City Cemetery
Marker #
8May1841=12Aug1914.

2nd Lt. Yancy P. TROTMAN
Co "E" 35th AL Inf.
Fairley-Crutchner Cemetery.
Marker #
1821=1891.

Madison County Deed Book KK, pages 627 – 628, records the sale in 1869 by William Timmons of land to William Joiner, Elisha Joiner, and James Timmons -- all of whom were former slaves who had probably worked the same 55 acres that he sold to them for \$637.98 (\$11.60 per acre).

on the 24 day of July
MAD. Co. AL
Deed Book KK
Pages 627-8
Lewis M Douglass
Judge of Probate

William H Timmons & wife
To Deed
William Joiner Et. al,
mine, between William H Timmons, and Anna Timmons
his wife, of the county of Madison and state of Alabama,
of the first part, and William Joiner, Elisha Joiner, &
James Timmons of the County and State aforesaid, of the
second part, Witnesseth, That whereas, the parties of the
first part, for and in consideration of the sum of six hundred
and thirty seven $\frac{98}{100}$ Dollars to them in hand paid, the
receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have this day
bargained and sold, and by these presents, doth, bargain,
sell, enfeoff and convey unto the aforesaid William Joiner
Elisha Joiner and James Timmons, their heirs and assigns
forever, all that certain tract or parcel of Land, known
and designated as follows; The fractional part of the North
East Quarter of Section No. 21, and the fractional part of
the North west Quarter of Section No 22, in Township
no. 5, of Range No. 1, west of the Basis Meridian, and, de-
scribed as follows (viz) Beginning at a Stake sixteen (16) Chins

west from the north east corner of the south east Quarter of Section No. 21, Twenty one, East of and near a Past oak tree, running thence East along the Quarter section line Ten (10) Chains to a Stake, thence North Eight (8) Chains to a Stake, thence North $89\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ west Three $\frac{1}{100}$ (3 $\frac{1}{100}$) Chains to a Stake in the Triana & Whitesburg Road, thence North thirty eight $\frac{1}{4}$ (38 $\frac{1}{4}$) East thirty six $\frac{1}{100}$ (36 $\frac{1}{100}$) Chains along the center of said Triana & Whitesburg Road, thence west with section line, Twenty six (26) Chains to a stake, thence South Twenty three (23) west, Nine Chains (9), thence South four-teen (14) East, Eight $\frac{1}{100}$ (8 $\frac{1}{100}$) Chains to a Stake near North of a pond, thence south twenty six $\frac{1}{4}$ (26 $\frac{1}{4}$) East four $\frac{1}{100}$ (4 $\frac{1}{100}$) Chains to a Stake in the Triana & Whitesburg Road, thence South Twenty Nine $\frac{1}{4}$ (29 $\frac{1}{4}$) west, Nine $\frac{1}{100}$ (9 $\frac{1}{100}$) Chains to the place of beginning, and containing in all fifty five (55) acres more or less, and situated in Township & Range aforesaid, of the county of Madison in the State aforesaid. To have and to hold to the said William Winer, Elisha Winer and James Simmons all (Coloured) their heirs and assigns forever, together with all the rights, privileges appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, and the said first parties for themselves their heirs executors, administrators and assigns, do hereby and by these presents, well known, warrant and defend the said title from themselves their heirs, and from all and every person or persons whatsoever; In testimony whereof, the said first parties have hereunto set their hands, and affixed their seals, the seals being &c. &c. The day day and year above written.

Signed Sealed and delivered in the presence of an acting of the Peace in and for Madison County, Ala.

Wm. H. Simmons
Annie C. Simmons

Just. R. D. Wilson, J.P. (Stamped 1¢)
State of Alabama, I Robert D. Wilson, a Justice of the Madison County Peace for said County, do hereby certify, that William H. Simmons and his wife Annie C. Simmons, whose names are signed to the foregoing conveyance and who are known to me, acknowledged before me, on this day that being informed of the contents of the conveyance they executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date, given under my hand this the 6th day of June 1869.
R. D. Wilson, J.P.

MAD. Co. AL
Deed Book XK
Pages 627-8

Deed Book TT, pages 19 – 20, shows the sale of land by William Timmons to Peter Timmons, another former slave of the family. This sale likewise occurred in 1869, with the land priced at \$900 for 100 acres (\$9 per acre).

June 1872,

MAD. Co. AL
Deed Book TT
Pages 19-20 (1869)

Wm M Douglass
Judge of Probate

Wm M Timmons wife }
Do Deed }
Peter Timmons }
This Indenture made this 1st day of
Feb, in the year one thousand eight
hundred, and 69 between William M
Timmons and Annie C Timmons his

wife of the County of Madison, in the State of Alabama, of the
 one part, and Peter Simmons, of the other part, witnesseth that
 the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the
 sum of (2900.⁰⁰) dollars to them in hand paid, the receipt whereof
 is hereby acknowledged, has this day given, granted, bargained,
 sold, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents do give, grant,
 bargain sell, convey and confirm unto the said party of the
 second part, all that certain tract of land, lying and being in
 the County of Madison & State of Alabama, known and described
 as follows, viz; Beginning at the North East corner of section 21,
 Township five, Range, one west, thence north on section line
 forty chains and twenty five links, thence west on quarter
 section line forty chains to the center of section sixteen,
 thence south on quarter section line fifteen chains to a stake
 thence East parallel with section line twenty four chains to
 a stake, thence south parallel with section line twenty five
 chains to the Northern boundary of said section 21, thence
 east on section line, sixteen chains to the place of begin-
 ning, containing one hundred acres more or less; to have
 and to hold the above described tract of land, with the ten-
 ements and appurtenances, thereto belonging, or in any way
 appertaining, unto the said party of the second part his heirs
 and assigns forever, And the said parties of the first
 part for themselves, heirs, executors and administrators do
 hereby, and in consideration of the premises, warrant and
 will forever defend the title to the above described and
 hereby granted premises unto the said party of the second
 part, heirs and assigns, from and against themselves, and
 all and every person or persons, claiming or holding
 under them, the said parties of the first part, and also
 against the lawful title, claim or demand, of all and
 every person or persons whomsoever; In Testimony whereof
 the said parties of the first part hereunto subscribe their names
 and affix their seals, the day and year first above written.
 Signed sealed and delivered
 in the presence of
John Rison (Stamped 1871)
 J. W. Connell
 Wm H Simmons Seal
 Annie E Simmons Seal

MAD. Co. AL
 Deed Book TT
 Pages 19-20 (1867)

2. Witnesses - 3

The State of Alabama } J. Robert W. Bigg a Justice of the Peace
 Madison County 38 } in and for said County and State hereby
 Certify, that J. W. Connell, a subscribing witness to the foregoing
 conveyance, known to me, appeared before me this day and being
 sworn stated, that William H Simmons and wife Annie E Sim-
 mons, the grantors in the conveyance, voluntarily executed
 the same in his presence and in the presence of the other sub-

William Timmons also set up a “land trust” for his wife in 1869, as a protected repayment for \$3000 that he had taken from her in 1861, when the Civil War began. That money was probably used to help finance his part in the war, and possibly to provide finances to the overall Confederate cause.

with thirty nine and 3/4 acres East, three and 1/2 chains,
thence down the right branch thence east ten chains to the
corner of the joining part of the S.W. 1/4 of section 22 except
to make thereof as is described by the following, to wit: and
thence, commencing on the William boundary line of above
the stream and Whitley's East crops said boundary line
thence along said boundary North to the corner of said
quarter section, thence East along the section boundary
line of said quarter section to where the Division and
Whitley's East touches said boundary, thence North
West along said West to the place of beginning, the West
part of the S.W. 1/4 of section 22, and 20 1/2th acre off of the
West 1/2 of section 22, extending to the line of
line, also section 22, being 2 1/2th acre of section 22,
lying North of the Division line, the 1/2th section of section
22 lying North of the Division line, except being away
of the South part of said section 22, the whole
part of section 22, and the S.W. 1/4 of section 22, all in
Township 5, Range 1 West, and containing in all four
two hundred and thirty three acres, to wit: the
two in the City of Woodville, in said County, being
Nos. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30,
31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50,
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sent out of the above in return, without intent to the
said State, After the payment of the just debts of the
said William M. Simmons, the said State shall hold
the property hereby conveyed, for the highest and ma-
xiest purpose of the said State, and her lands, her
rights to him being full acquittance thereof,
said State to hereby absolve with just power to con-
demne all debts, due to the said William M. M.
such time as he shall think just with the written
approval of the said State, and to make it to
have a priority over and compensation to be re-
ceived by him out of the income of said property
and to be annually ascertained by the Register of the
Chancery Court of said County, whose opinion
in writing shall be final; the Witness whereof, the
above named State provide their names and affix
their seals, this 5th day of June 1869.

Witness my hand
you Wm. M. Simmons, Clerk
of said
County

Wm. M. Simmons

The State of Alabama,
Madock County, Jas. Lewis M. Bove, Clerk of the Cir-
cuit Court of said County and State, hereby certify, that
Wm. M. Simmons, and Jas. Martin Smith, whose names
are signed to the foregoing conveyance, and who are her-
eto before, a substituted before me on this day, that
being informed of the contents of the conveyance, they
repeated the same voluntarily, on the day the same
was date, given under my hand, this 5th day of June
1869.

Jas. M. Bove, Clerk

of, Maria T. Simmons, wife of the above said Will-
iam M. Simmons, do hereby consent to and accept
the provisions of said Deed, when the considerations
and for the purpose therein expressed, this June 5th
1869.

Witness, with us, Chancery,

Wm. M. Simmons

The foregoing conveyance was delivered into the
office of the State Court of Madison County Alabama,
for registration, on the 7th day of June 1869, and
was duly recorded on the 9th day of July 1869.

Wm. M. Bove, Clerk
Judge of said

It is noteworthy that William Timmons “made right” his debt owed to his wife for the war as soon after its end as he was able. When he set up this arrangement with William Weeden as Trustee, William Timmons was still young, being only 30 years old. He actually lived until 1906, so this action was not taken in anticipation of an impending demise. It apparently was simply what it purported to be – a way for William to assure that his wife and children were covered adequately for future needs, no matter what happened to him. William Hardie Timmons made no last will and testament before he died, per the record filed below with the Madison County Probate Court.

TO THE HONORABLE W. T. Lawler,

JUDGE OF PROBATE FOR MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA:

Your petitioner, David C. Jordan, an inhabitant of this State, over twenty-one years of age, respectfully represents that William H. Timmons departed this life intestate, on or about the 16th, day of January 1906, leaving property in this State, to the best of petitioners knowledge, information and belief, of about the value of Twenty five hundred ⁰⁰ dollars, and not probably more; that said William H. Timmons was an inhabitant of this County at the time of his death.

That your petitioner is the son-in-law of deceased; that the heirs and distributees of the estate of said decedent, as your petitioner is advised and believes, are as follows:

Sofie Jordan, a daughter of deceased, 33 years of age and residing with her husband, Dr. D. C. Jordan, in Guntersville, Ala.

Lizzie Timmons, a daughter-in-law of deceased, 35 years of age, wife of John Timmons, now deceased, residing at Farley, Ala.

Eugene Timmons, a grand-son of deceased, 12 years of age, now residing with his mother Lizzie Timmons at Farley, Ala.

Hardie Timmons, a grand-son of deceased, 10 years of age, now residing with his mother Lizzie Timmons at Farley, Ala.

Irma Timmons, a grand-daughter of deceased, 8 years of age, now residing with her mother Lizzie Timmons at Farley, Ala.

WHEREFORE, your petitioner prays that letters of administration upon the estate be granted him according to law, upon his giving the requisite bond and security.

D. C. Jordan

Petitioner.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28 day of March 1906.

W. T. Lawler
Judge of Probate

The Farley community, where the widow of John H. Timmons (Lizzie) lived with her children, was located on Green Cove Road, on the east side of Highway 231 just north of Ditto Landing and Hobbs Island. The community took its name from Dr. John Benton Farley, who was from the town of Madison before he opened his medical practice in his house near the banks of Aldrich Creek in the community that became Farley. Dr. Farley was murdered there, according to newspaper accounts, and he is buried in the Farley – Crutcher family cemetery in the town of Madison.

At the time of the petition to the probate court regarding the death of William Hardie Timmons, Sophie Timmons Jordan was the only surviving child of William and Annie Timmons. She lived with her husband Dr. David C. Jordan in nearby Guntersville, in Marshall County. In fact, Sophie continued to visit the Timmons family cemetery and assure that the Army offices managed the grounds properly until at least 1953 or 1954. In one letter, she stated that she visited the cemetery every 6 months. On several occasions she wrote letters requesting that trees be cut from the cemetery or that access steps be prepared or the walls rebuilt. The 1951 letter shown below includes a request for help with emplacement of a concrete slab over the grave of her brother, John H. Timmons, who was the husband of Lizzie and father of the children named above as living in Farley, Alabama.

Guntersville - Ala

Oct. 3rd 1967

Col. Carroll W Hudson
Armed Forces Command -

Since having a conversation with Capt. Brennuman 2 wks ago, after a visit to the Timmons Cemetery about moving the grave of my brother to the inside of the brick enclosure, have decided to have the grave covered with a concrete slab ^{width 3 by 5 ft} for safer keeping for years to come.

May I ask if Capt. Brennuman - Post Engineer could have some concrete worker to make this slab - also put it on the grave - using cement around the ^{bottom of} grave for support of the slab. If this request is accepted, please give me a prompt reply about the cost as I will pay for the work - Am wanting it done before the weather gets cold.

Also let me know the date to put it on the grave, for I want to be there on that date.

Very Obliging
Mrs. Sophie Timmons Jordan
or address - Mrs. W C Jordan
298 Hill St. Guntersville - Ala

The family group sheets below, filed with the Huntsville – Madison County Public Library’s Heritage Room by Margaret Lowe of Florence AL in 1983, show that Lizzie **Latham** Timmons remarried to William Robertson Beadle in 1910. William R. Beadle is given as the 4th child of Thomas Beadle and Annie Eliza Brewer.

Data from Family Files of Huntsville - Madison Co., AL Public Library's Heritage Room

FAMILY GROUP No.		Husband's Full Name				(BEDEL) BEADLE (BEDLE)			
This Information Obtained From:		Spouse's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Precinct, etc.	State or Country	Age Info. on Husband
1830, 1840, 1850, 1860, census Madison Co., Al.		Birth							
Will of Abraham Beadle, Madison Co., Al.		Mar.							
Will Bk. 1, pg. 182; Will of Elizabeth Beadle, Madison Co., Al.		Death							
Will Bk. 1, pg. 197; Madison Co., Al. Probate Minute Bk. 11, pg. 313; Edmund Beadle, dead; War of 1812 Military Service Record for John & Edmund Beadle;		Places of Residence	Occupation		Church Affiliation		Military Rec.		
Margarit T. Lowe		His Father	Mother's Maiden Name						
Wife's Full Maiden Name		Spouse's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Precinct, etc.	State or Country	Age Info. on Wife
Margarit T. Lowe		Birth							
Address 421 N. Locust City, Sta. Florence, Al.		Death							
Date Aug. 1983		His Father	Mother's Maiden Name						
Seq.	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of Birth)	Children's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Precinct, etc.	State or Country	Age Info. on Children
1	Full Name of Spouse* Thomas Beadle	Birth	ca	1774,	(No 1812 War record, Va.)			Va.	
m	Full Name of Spouse* John Beadle	Mar.							
	Full Name of Spouse* Letitia (1)	Death	ca	1858-60,	Madison Co., Al.				
m	Full Name of Spouse* Abraham Beadle	Birth				(served War of 1812, Halifax Co., Va. (living Halifax Co., Va. 1858)			
	Full Name of Spouse* Susan Grimes (2)	Mar.							
m	Full Name of Spouse* Abraham Beadle	Death	1777					Va.	
	Full Name of Spouse* Nancy Graham (3)	Mar.	1804,		She left Abr h.m. divorce granted				
m	Full Name of Spouse* Abraham Beadle	Death	25 Jan. 1858,		Madison Co., Al.				
	Full Name of Spouse* Joel Beadle	Birth	1777					Va.	
m	Full Name of Spouse* William Beadle	Mar.	4 Jan. 1826,		M. Bk. 3, pg. 418, Madison Co., Al.				
	Full Name of Spouse* Elizabeth Beadle	Death	25 Jan. 1858,		Madison Co., Al.				
f	Full Name of Spouse* Mary Beadle	Birth	1779-1781		(no 1812 War record Va.)			Va.	
m	Full Name of Spouse* Edmund Beadle	Mar.	ca	1860-67,	Madison Co., Al.				
	Full Name of Spouse* Osburn Beadle	Birth	ca	1775-1783	(no 1812 War record Va.)			Va.	
m	Full Name of Spouse* Elizabeth Beadle	Mar.	ca	1803	(living Wilson Co., Tn. 1858)				
	Full Name of Spouse* Mary Beadle	Death	ca						
m	Full Name of Spouse* Edmund Beadle	Birth	1775-1783		(no 1812 War record Va.)			Va.	
	Full Name of Spouse* Edmund Beadle	Mar.	ca	1803	(living Wilson Co., Tn. 1858)				
	Full Name of Spouse* Elizabeth Beadle	Death							
f	Full Name of Spouse* Mary Beadle	Birth	1785					Va.	
m	Full Name of Spouse* Edmund Beadle	Mar.	not married						
	Full Name of Spouse* Edmund Beadle	Death	25 Oct. 1858,		Madison Co., Al.				
	Full Name of Spouse* Edmund Beadle	Birth	ca	1788	(served War of 1812 Halifax Co., Va.)				
m	Full Name of Spouse* Edmund Beadle	Mar.	Nov. 1807		Amelia Co., Va.				
	Full Name of Spouse* Edmund Beadle	Death	ca	1867	Madison Co., Al.				

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FAMILY GROUP No. Husband's Full Name THOMAS BEADLE

This Information Obtained From:	Husband's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Howell Co., Al. cens.	Birth			1846			Al/Tn.	
Howell Co., Al. cens.	Chr'nd				Married by I. J. May, 1853			
Brewer-Beadle Bible	Mar.	16	Feb.	1853	Madison Co., Al.	Madison Co., Al.		pg. 508
Howell Co., Al. cens.	Death	6	Feb.	1886	"	"	"S.D. of Huntsville	
Howell Co., Al. cens.	Burial				"	"	"S.D. of Huntsville	
Howell Co., Al. cens.	Places of Residence							
Howell Co., Al. cens.	Occupation: FARMER Church Affiliation: Military Rec.:							
Howell Co., Al. cens.	His Father: Mother's Maiden Name:							

Wife's Full Maiden Name Annie Eliza Brewer		Mar.'s Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Madison Co., Al. cens.	Birth	5	Aug.	1822		Madison Co., Al.			
Madison Co., Al. cens.	Chr'nd								
Madison Co., Al. cens.	Death	9	Oct.	1895		Madison Co., Al.			
Madison Co., Al. cens.	Burial					Maple Hill Cemetery, Huntsville, Al.			
Madison Co., Al. cens.	Places of Residence								
Madison Co., Al. cens.	Occupation if other than Housewife: Church Affiliation:								
Madison Co., Al. cens.	Her Father: Robertson Brewer Mother's Maiden Name: Deator Proctor								

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No.	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of Birth)	Children's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	Amelion S. Beadle Full Name of Spouse:	Birth	23	June	1851		Madison Co., Al.		
		Mar.	4	Nov.	1869	"	"	"Madison Co., Al.	
		Death	20	Mar.	1907				
		Burial							
2	John Jordan Full Name of Spouse:	Birth	8	Mar.	1847		Madison Co., Al.		
		Mar.	16	Sept.	1866				
		Death							over
		Burial							
3	William S. Beadle Full Name of Spouse:	Birth	19	Sept.	1853		Madison Co., Al.		
		Mar.	17	Oct.	1872	"	"	"	
		Death	12	July	1899	"	"	"	over
		Burial				Maple Hill Cemetery, Huntsville, Al.			
4	Annie Lathan Beadle Full Name of Spouse:	Birth	16	Feb.	1840		Madison Co., Al.		
		Mar.	29	June	1860	"	"	"	
		Death	10	Jan.	1926	"	"	"	
		Burial				Maple Hill Cemetery, Huntsville, Al.			
5	Allison S. Beadle Full Name of Spouse:	Birth	4	Apr.	1845		Madison Co., Al.		
		Mar.	22	Nov.	1868	"	"	"	
		Death	24	June	1925	"	"	"	
		Burial							
6	Ida Beadle Full Name of Spouse:	Birth	4	Apr.	1849				
		Mar.							
		Death	13	June	1925				
		Burial							
7	Full Name of Spouse:	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
8	Full Name of Spouse:	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death				Thomas S. Beadle named as "nephew" of			
		Burial				Abraham Beadle in his will, proved in			
9	Full Name of Spouse:	Birth				Madison Co., Al.			1858.
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
10	Full Name of Spouse:	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

The 3rd child of Thomas and Annie Eliza Beadle, Mary Alice Beadle, is shown above as married to Ferdinand Trotman. The Trotman family was among the pioneers of the town of Madison, and many members are buried in the Farley – Crutcher Cemetery there. Likewise, the Garner family was prominent in early Madison, and William F. Garner is shown as married to the 5th child of Thomas and Annie E. Beadle. Not only that, but the Brewer family (Annie’s maiden name) owned a cotton gin in Madison and one of the family served as a mayor of the town. The intermarriages of the Graham family with other pre-arsenal families is covered in the report on the Dickson – Rankin Cemetery, and the many connections of the Jordan families of pre-arsenal days are covered in the reports on the Matkin Cemetery and the Jordan’s Chapel report. The Beadle family was intermarried with all of these prominent pioneer families of the area, now shown to include the Timmons family.

H.	NAME of each person whose place of abode on January 1, 1920, was in this family. Enter surname first, then the given name and initials, if any. Exclude every person living on January 1, 1920, from all entries here, except January 1, 1920.	RELATION	SEX	AGE	RACE	MARRIAGE	MARRIAGE	MARRIAGE	MARRIAGE	MARRIAGE	MARRIAGE	MARRIAGE	MARRIAGE	MARRIAGE	NATIVITY AND MOTHER TONGUE				
															FATHER		MOTHER		Place of birth
															Place of birth	Mother tongue	Place of birth	Mother tongue	
															00	01	02	03	04
	Beadle, W. R.	Head	0	F	M	W	59	M				yes	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama			
	Elizabeth	Wife		F	W	48	M				yes	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama				
	Timmons, W. M.	Son		M	W	24	S				yes	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama				
	Irma	Daughter		F	W	21	S				yes	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama				
	William Hardie	Son		F	W	21	S				yes	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama				
01	Bolwiler, Charles H.	Head	0	F	M	B	74	M				yes	yes	Alabama	Alabama	South Carolina			
	Frances	Wife		F	B	52	M				yes	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama				
	Frank	Son		M	B	21	S				yes	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama				
	Lady Bird	Daughter		F	B	15	S				yes	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama				
02	Chapman, Mabel	Head	0	F	F	B	72	Wd			no	no	Alabama	Virginia	Virginia				
03	Lewis, Sam	Head		M	B	19	M				yes	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama				
	Hattie	Wife		F	B	18	M				yes	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama				
04	Robinson, Mabel W.	Head	0	F	F	M	75	Wd			no	no	Alabama	Georgia	Georgia				
	Adolph, John	Son		M	B	50	M				yes	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama				
	Mary	Daughter		F	B	45	M				yes	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama				
	White, Florence	Daughter		F	B	39	Wd				yes	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama				
05	Brown, Laura	Head		F	B	27	Wd				yes	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama				
	Bessie	Daughter		F	B	11	S				yes	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama				
	Charles	Son		M	B	24	S				yes	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama				
06	Boyer, William	Head		M	B	27	M				no	no	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama				
	Cora	Wife		F	B	19	M				yes	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama				
	Bessie	Daughter		F	B	8	S				yes	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama				
	Carrie W.	Daughter		F	B	7	S				yes	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama				
107	Jelly, Emma	Head		F	B	50	Wd				yes	yes	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama				

The 1920 census of Madison County shows two of the children of John H. Timmons listed in the household headed by William Robertson Beadle. Irma and William Hardie Timmons (“the younger”, a grandson of the senior)

were still living with their mother after her marriage to W. R. Beadle, but Eugene Rison Timmons (at age 26 at the time of the 1920 census) was independently living in his own household at the time.

The 1930 Madison County census shown below has Elizabeth Beadle living as a widow in the Huntsville household of her son-in-law, Hamer W. Hodges and his wife Irma T(immons) Hodges.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE-BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
FIFTH-NINTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1930
POPULATION SCHEDULE

Enumeration District No. 2 # A

HOUSEHOLD	NAME	RELATION	SEX	AGE	MARRIAGE	RACE	EDUCATION	INDUSTRY	OCCUPATION	MOTHER'S BIRTH	FATHER'S BIRTH	MOTHER'S BIRTH		FATHER'S BIRTH		MOTHER'S BIRTH	FATHER'S BIRTH	
												PLACE	STATE	PLACE	STATE			
1	Elizabeth Beadle	Wife	F	47	Married	White	High School	Housewife		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
2	Hamer W. Hodges	Husband	M	38	Married	White	High School	Business		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
3	Irma T. Hodges	Wife	F	35	Married	White	High School	Housewife		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
4	Eugene Rison Timmons	Son	M	26	Married	White	High School	Business		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
5	William Hardie Timmons	Son	M	24	Married	White	High School	Business		Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama

The children of Elizabeth (“Lizzie”) Timmons Beadle had divided the family inheritance from their grandfather William Hardie Timmons in 1913.

William H. Timmons et als)
TO)
H. HOLMES CREBS)

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This Indenture made and entered into, th s first day of February 1913 by and between Samuel A. Lathan as Commissioner of the one part, and H. Holmes Crebs o f the other part.
WITNESSETH:-

That, whereas, heretofore on the first day of October 1912 Lizzie T. Beadle, as Guardian of William Hardy Timmons and Irma Rebecca Timmons filed her certain petition in the Court of Probate of the County of Madison, State of Alabama, averring therein that William Hardy Timmons, Irma Rebecca Timmons, Eugene Rison Timmons and Sophie T. Jordan were joint owners of the tracts of land hereinafter particularly described, and praying for the sale thereof, for partition and division amongst said joint owners as by statute

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provided.

And whereas, on the fifth day of November, 1912 the day fixed for the hearing of said petition, a decree was rendered therein whereby it was ordered adjudged and decreed that the said lands be sold for division and partition amongst said joint owners and Samuel A. Latham was duly appointed as Commissioner, as by statute provided, to make sale of said lands. And whereas, The said Samuel A. LATHAM as particularly shown by his said Report, filed in said Court of Probate on the sixteenth day of January 1913, made sale of said lands at public outcry for cash on Thursday, the said sixteenth day of January 1913 in front of the Court House Door in the City of Huntsville in said County and State and at said sale H. Holmes Crebbs became the purchaser thereof at and for the sum of Fourteen Thousand three hundred and fifty Dollars (\$14,350.00) that being the last highest and best bid therefor.

And whereas The said Samuel A. LATHAM as such Commissioner duly reported said sale to the said Court of Probate on the said sixteenth day of January, 1913 resulting therein his action in the premises.

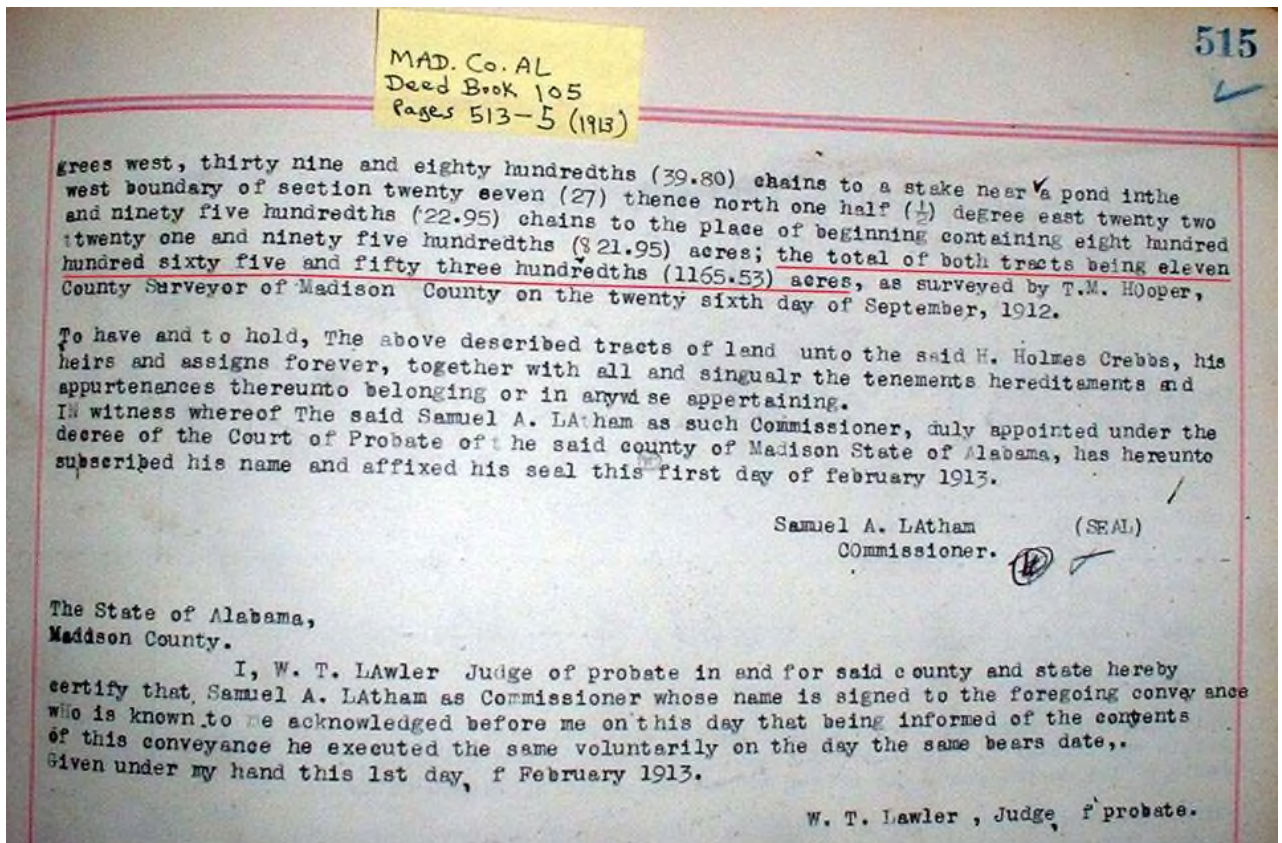
And whereas the said Report so made by the said Samuel A. LATHAM as such Commissioner, was duly confirmed by the said Court of Probate on the sixteenth day of January 1913, and by the decree of said Court of Probate the said Samuel A. LATHAM was ordered adjudged and decreed to make a deed conveying to the said H. Holmes Crebbs all the right title, interest and estate of the said William Hardy Timmons, Irma Rebecca Timmons Eugene Rison Timmons and Sophie T. Jordan in and to the lands in said petition described and in said Decree and report of sale particularly set forth.

Now therefore The said Samuel A. Latham as such Commissioner heretofore appointed under a decree of the said Court of Probate for and consideration of the said sum of FOURTEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$14,350.00) in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and as by the decree of said Court of Probate required and directed has this day given granted sold and conveyed and in by these presents does give grant bargain sell and convey unto, the H. Holmes Crebbs, all the right title interest and estate of the said William Hardy Timmons Irma Rebecca Timmons Eugene Rison Timmons, and Sophie T. Jordan, in and to the lands so described in said petition and in said decree and report of sale, situated in the county of Madison State of Alabama, and particularly described as follows:-

All of the lands known as the Timmons Place with the exception of one quarter of an acre included in and contiguous to the family cemetery with a right of way thereto and more particularly described as follows:

The South west quarter and south west part of the south east quarter section sixteen (16) township five (5) range one (1) west and the west part of the north east quarter section twenty one (21) township five (5) range one (1) west and the north west quarter and south west quarter and south east quarter and west half of north east quarter section twenty two, (22) township five (5) range one (1) west and the west part of the south west quarter section twenty three (23) township five (5) range one (1) west and all of section twenty six (26) township five (5) range one (1) west lying north of the Tennessee River; and the North part of section twenty seven (27) township five (5) range one (1) west and more fully described as follows: Beginning in the south west corner of section sixteen (16) thence north one half (1/2) degree west, forty and fifty hundredths (40.50) chains to the center of the west boundary of said section; thence south eighty nine and one half (89 1/2) degrees east forty and fifty hundredths (40.50) chains to the center of said section; thence south one half (1/2) degree west, fifteen (15.00) chains along the quarter section line to a stake, thence south eighty nine and one half (89 1/2) degrees east, twenty five (25.00) chains to a stake near Neck Pond; thence south one half (1/2) degree west, twenty five (25.00) chains to a stake on the south boundary of the section; thence south eighty nine and one half (89 1/2) degrees east, four and twenty hundredths (4.20) chains along the section line to a stake in William Joiner's corner; thence south twenty three (23) degrees west, nine (9.00) chains to a stake; thence south fourteen (14) degrees east eighty and fifty hundredths (80.50) chains to a stake near a pond; thence south twenty six and three fourths (26 3/4) degrees east four and fifty hundredths (4.50) chains to a stake in the center of the old road; thence south twenty nine and one fourth (29 1/4) degree west nine and sixty seven hundredths (9.67) chains along said road to a stake in the east and west quarter section line; thence north eighty nine and one half (89 1/2) degree west twenty four and fifty hundredths (24.50) chains along the quarter section line and the center of the public road to the center of section twenty one (21) thence north one half (1/2) degree east, thirty nine and fifty one hundredths (39.51) chains to the center of the north boundary line; thence north eighty nine and one half (89 1/2) degrees west forty and fifty hundredths (40.50) chains to the place of beginning; containing three hundred thirty four and fifty seven hundredths (334.57) acres.

Also another tract beginning in the south west corner of section twenty two (22) thence north one half (1/2) degree east, sixty one and fifty two hundredths (61.52) chains, to a stake in the center of the old road; thence north thirty eight and three fourths (38 3/4) degrees east twenty two and eighty hundredths (22.80) chains, along the road to a stake in the north boundary of section twenty two (22) thence south eighty nine and one half (89 1/2) degree east, forty six and forty seven hundredths (46.47) chains to a stake in the center of the north boundary of the north east quarter; thence south one half (1/2) degree west thirty nine and forty six hundredths (39.46) chains to the center of the south boundary of the north east quarter; thence south eighty nine and one half (89 1/2) degree east forty eight and fifteen hundredths (48.15) chains to a stake in the quarter section line in section twenty three (23); thence south one half (1/2) degree west thirty two (32.00) chains to a large red oak on the north bank of the Tennessee River; thence at the river bend, south westerly to a stake in the Leeman Ferry Corner; thence north thirty four (34) degrees west four and eighty hundredths (4.80) chains to a stake; thence south sixty three (63) degrees west, five (5.00) chains to a stake; thence south seventy two (72) degrees west six and forty five hundredths (6.45) chains to a stake; thence north seventy seven (77) de-



The deed above records the disposition of the old Timmons Place to H. Holmes Crebbs, passing the lands out of the Timmons family forever. Samuel A. Latham was acting as the Commissioner of the Probate Court for the transaction. At the time of the sale in 1913, the property consisted of 1165.53 acres, excluding the family cemetery and a reserved right of way for access to the cemetery. The Crebbs family mortgaged the property to the W. R. **Rison** Banking Company in 1916, but the mortgage was fully paid in 1918 by H. Holmes Crebb. One can only speculate about the recurrence of the names **Rison** (banking company and Eugene **Rison** Timmons) and **Latham** (Probate Court Commissioner and Lizzie's maiden name). One thing is certain, however. The family retained the rights to the family cemetery -- and at least Sophie Timmons Jordan continued to visit the old cemetery regularly for many years.

H HOLMES CREBS & WIFE

OLLIE H CREBS

MORTGAGE

14 March 1916

14 March 1916

Mattie Lee Gilliam NP

15 March 1916

W R RISON BANKING COMPANY

MTG 138 548

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...do grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said W R Rison Banking Company the following described real estate situated in Madison County to wit;

All of the land known as the Timmons place with the exception of one fourth of an acre consisting of the Family grave yard, cemetery or burying ground and the right of way thereto..... and the northwest quarter and the southwest quarter and the south east quarter and the west half of the northeast quarter of section 22, township 5 Range 1 West (and other lands)

To have and to hold unto the said W R Rison Banking Company its successors, representatives and assigns, in fee simple forever...

MARGINAL NOTATION. "Paid and satisfied in full this the 20th day of Mch 1918 W R Rison Banking Co By R H Canterbury Asst Cash."

The photos inserted below show the detail of the markers and tombs for each of the family members not already depicted in this report.



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**Timmons Cemetery, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co., AL, July, 2002.
(Rene Seigh in possible grave depression outside west wall.)**

As a final item, it is interesting to note that a Finch descendant reported that oral tradition has held that the Timmons family “had a lot of trouble with tuberculosis”. That could easily explain why so many of the children of John Timmons and Catharine Quay Finch died young, before modern medicines could have saved their lives from the disease. The story as communicated indicates that the walled cemetery was perhaps used for a time in the 1960s or 1970s for occult activities, as it was hidden in a wooded area, as well as walled to prevent unwanted observations from outside.

**E-MAIL FROM WANDA YELVERTON OF TAYLOR LAKE VILLAGE, TEXAS
(September 13, 2002)**

Dear John,

Ned showed me the e-mail from you and I was tickled to learn that you were doing the cemeteries on the Arsenal. I have a connection there. In 1970, when we lived in Huntsville, Mother learned that a relative was buried in the Timmons cemetery and she, Melody and I set out to find her grave. We stopped at the Guard Shack and asked the guard if he knew where the Timmons Cemetery was. He said, "Oh, yes, we have seances there."

Needless to say, Mother and I were not too impressed, but we did want to find the cemetery, so I asked if he could give me directions to get there. About that time another guard came up so the first told me that he was finished for the day and would be glad to let us follow him to the location.

When we got there, he asked if anyone in the cemetery was a blood relative, and I told him "Yes, Margaret L. Finch was her name". He then told me if I would give him anything that belonged to me, he could get her to "come out" faster! At that, I explained that I did not have anything to do with the occult, and I would not help him to be. He left very disappointed. We went up, and I took pictures of the brick enclosure, but my Margaret Finch did not have a marker. Several months passed, and I was at a dry cleaners at the corner of Drake and the Parkway, and would you believe, I met him inside. He recognized me and began to ask for even a Kleenex to use at the seances. I again told him no, and he left.

Here is what I have on the Timmons:

Hugh Finch, my gggg uncle, Margaret's father, and Elizabeth Quay his wife moved to Limestone or Madison Co. AL about 1815. They had a daughter Catharine Quay (born 1800 in SC) who married John Timmons, who was born in 1790. Hugh Finch died 13 Oct 1842, and his wife died after 1850. John Timmons died Nov 1, 1845. Catharine died Aug 12, 1840.

John Timmons and Catharine had William Hardie, b. Aug 22, 1838, died Jan. 16, 1906. He married Annie Eliza, b. July 6, 1835, died June 7, 1905. William Hardie was raised by his Aunt Margaret Finch, and she died in his home Aug. 3, 1899. (So says the obituary.) William Hardie and Annie Eliza had Kitty Quay, b. Nov 11, 1861, died June 18, 1862. Then Eugene, b. Dec. 22, 1865, died Feb. 21, 1870. Next, J.H., b. Feb. 6, 1868, died Apr. 11, 1899. Wm. Hardie and Eliza named a daughter Margaret Ann, b. Oct 1833, died Aug 6, 1836. The last daughter, Amanda E., died Nov. 11, 1844.

All this information is from Ruby Finch Thompson, who wrote **FINCH FAMILIES OF DIXIE**. I am copying from the letter to Mother. In another letter she thanks Mother for the drawing of the cemetery. I do not know if Mother sent the only drawing she had, but it is not in her papers. I know that we took pictures, but they may be in our slides, and I will have to look them up. Mother may have sent them to someone.

One page 247 in her book, **FINCH FAMILIES OF DIXIE**, Ruby wrote that Mother met an old man who said he was a descendant of a Timmons slave and that they held seances at the cemetery. This was made up, because it happened as I stated above. I am sending all this so that maybe it will help you with one cemetery.

Ned went with us later, and we walked around the homeplace, and only a chimney remained. If you have more data, or if Ruby's is wrong, just chunk it. If you have more information and pictures, I would love to see them.

E-MAIL FROM WANDA YELVERTON OF TAYLOR LAKE VILLAGE, TEXAS

(September 14, 2002)

I went back to double check my data and found I made a mistake on the date of Catharine Q.'s birthdate. It should have been 1808 instead of 1800. That is in keeping with the fact that she was 32 years old. She and John Timmons were married Dec. 25, 1830 - - probably in Madison Co., but Mrs. Thompson did not list where. Yes, J.H. who is buried outside is the son of Wm.Hardie. I do not know if Margaret was living with her sister, Catharine Q. and John before they died or not. Notice that Wm.Hardie was two when his mother died and five when his father died. Margaret was said to have raised him. As to the obit of Margaret, I do not know where Mrs. Thompson found it, but she mentioned it. Billie, my brother in Muscle Shoals, worked with her son {Mrs. Thompson's son}, and Billie told me some months ago that she had died.

Hugh Finch, father of Catharine and Margaret was the brother of William (Billy) Finch, my ggggrandfather. Margaret was born 1800 in SC and died August 3, 1899. **Mrs. Thompson said that the family was plagued with TB and she felt that the deaths of the Timmons were probably due to the same.** She was not sure. I do not take too much of what she said as fact, after what she wrote about Mother and the decendant of the black slave!

Have you come across Hugh Finch and Elizabeth ? I do not know where they are buried. They must have lived somewhere close to Timmons for John to have met Catharine. Mrs. Thompson said in her book that Hugh was in needy circumstances in his old age. He was a Justice of the Peace at an earlier time.

Ned and I have tried to piece together where the homeplace was. Ned does not remember at all, except we got a brick. I seem to remember we went past the cemetery just a short way because we saw the chimney bricks. We did not go exploring. It was in plain view. The chain link fence was built after 1970, because it was not there when we visited the cemetery. We just walked up to the wall.

In view of the above, it would seem that the Timmons family in Madison County perhaps represents the epitome of the tragic outcomes of the Old South's way of life. John Timmons amassed an enormous fortune, with associated power and prestige for the time, entering into "high finances" of transactions with numerous other plantation owners. He married well and started a large family, but few lived to maturity. Even before the ravages of the Civil War, his family was in demise with respect to their health. Only one son, William Hardie Timmons, survived into and through the Reconstruction period after the war. William in turn was survived by only one adult daughter and a few grandchildren from his son John H. Timmons. Eventually, the grandchildren of William (and his sole remaining child, daughter Sophie Timmons Jordan) sold the old plantation out of the family. Now only the cemetery itself, hidden in deep woods, remains as witness to the grandeur of the early Timmons plantation life – truly a grandeur "gone with the wind".

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