

There were other connections of the black Timmons and Lynch families. For example, on 12 August 1882 Rosa Lynch and Dock Timmons took out a license to marry in Madison County. However, the relationship between the families may go further back in time. In 1848, Susan Lynch and Joel Joiner were licensed to marry in Madison County on 1 December. Considering the date, this couple would have been white. If they had even been free blacks, then "colored" would have been noted in the marriage record index, and it was not. Furthermore, the 1850 census showed them as a white couple. It is possible that the Lynch surname had its beginnings in Madison County with the arrival of John M. Lynch from Tennessee. He is shown in the 1850 census (below) with his wife Nancy, who was of the Hatton family, per the marriage license of 13 February 1846. Joel may have been a son of John by an earlier wife. Of course, Nancy Hatton's family played a prominent role in early settlement of arsenal lands also, but they have no cemetery that bears their name on today's arsenal.

19	Virginia Meigs	38	F			Ditto
20	Margaret A "	2	F			Virginia
21	John M Lynch	60	M	Farmer	2160	Alabama
22	Nancy "	37	F			Tennessee
23	Martha F "	3	F			North Carolina
24	Maria M "	1	F			Alabama
25	278 278	25	M		250	Ditto
26	John "	28	M			Alabama
27	Leahy "	33	F			Ditto
28	Fanny Jacobs	72	F			Delaware
29	Mary "	5	F			Alabama
30	Hannah "	6	F			Ditto
31	Betty "	5	F			Ditto
32	George "	1	M			Ditto
33	Dana "	13	M			Ditto
34	370 370	53	M	Farmer		North Carolina
35	Elizabeth "	35	F			Virginia

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