

JORDAN'S CHAPEL CEMETERY

Summary Report

The cemetery associated with Jordan's Chapel has been "lost" through the years. However, it has been possible through exhaustive research of the old land and probate records of Madison County to determine with a fair degree of accuracy where the Chapel was located. The associated cemetery would no doubt have been close by the Chapel, either on the same grounds (one acre deeded for the church in 1826 by Bartholomew Jordan) or nearby on other lands of the Jordan family.

When the quest to locate this cemetery was begun, it was generally thought by historians and descendants of the Jordan family that the site of Jordan's Chapel was on what is now Redstone Arsenal. This belief was fostered by several influences. Among them were recollections of tales of long ago by old-time residents. Perhaps most importantly, there was a letter from Dr. J. W. Jordan (a direct descendant of Bartholomew Jordan) of Lexington, Mississippi, published in the *Memphis Commercial Appeal* newspaper in 1929. In this letter, information was given that "...Bartholomew Jordan settled in what is now Richmond [County?], NC, about 1777-80". The letter further stated that Bartholomew Jordan was "...married to Charlotte Gregory, and about 1810 he moved to Huntsville, Alabama, and settled on what is now (1929) known as 'Mullen's Flat' a few miles from Huntsville." It should be kept in mind, however, that the letter was written by a descendant seeking information to substantiate family traditions and lore that were perhaps poorly preserved through time. Furthermore, it was written by one who lived in another state and was more than a generation removed from those of the family who lived in Madison County.

Pauline Jones Gandrud in her Volume 131 of **ALABAMA RECORDS** on page 70 stated that "**Batt [Bartholomew] Jordan** came from Virginia to North Carolina then to Alabama and **is buried at Jordan's Chapel in Mullins Flat....**" [According to her original notes on file at the Gandrud Reading Room in the Hoole Special Collections Library at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, she was drawing upon material from the same Dr. J.