



Madison Co. AL Deed Book K, page 315: Batt Jordan to Methodist Episcopal Church (Trustees).

Other deeds that address the tract of land at one time owned by Bartholomew Jordan from which the Chapel's one acre was taken call that tract "the Meeting House Tract". They almost all include references to the owners of adjacent properties and name previous owners of the tract itself. Each mention of the location and ownership provided clues to ultimately enable a definite conclusion to be reached regarding the modern equivalents of the old specifications. Most significant among these clues to the location were the mentions of adjacent landowners and the chain of possession of the tracts. These clues will now be presented for the reader to assess and therefore reach his own conclusion as to the validity of the author's summation.

CLUE 1, Deed Details -- Trustees: In Madison County Deed Book K, pages 314 and 315, of May 31, 1826, Batt [Bartholomew] Jordan sold for one dollar one acre of land to the trustees of a Methodist Episcopal Church congregation. The deed stipulated that the trustees "... shall erect and build or cause to be erected and built on the said land a house of divine worship for the use of the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church...." Prior to this date, there were Methodist Campground meetings held on the land ("in the neighborhood of Batt Jordan") according to newspaper notices published in the *Huntsville Republican* newspaper on September 1, 1820, and other dates. The trustees of the church were named as **Robert Lanford, William Blake, Henry Jordan** (a son of Batt Jordan), **Jesse Jordan** (another son of Batt Jordan), **Nicholas Hopson, William Ellison** (sometimes "Allison"),