

township 4S, range 1W. However, **John Allison** apparently owned land at times in the SE/4 of section 4, township 4S, range 1W. John Allison sold 30.5 acres of **the “northwest corner” of the SE/4, 4-4-1W**, on November 29 of **1817** to William Wilkins, per Deed Book D, page 142-3. Per Deed Book A, page 67, he had purchased 30.5 acres in **“the northeast corner of SE/4, 4-4-1W** from Hugh Rodgers on July 7, **1814**. This same Hugh Rodgers sold 52 acres of the SE corner of the SE/4, 4-4-1W, to John McWilliams in 1814, per Deed Book A, page 68. The deed records found at the time of this writing do not clearly show until well after 1826 who owned the balance of the SE/4 after Hugh Rogers [Rodgers] bought the entire 160.0 acres of the SE/4 from the U.S. government. In other words, the land records examined to date do not account for ownership (other than Hugh Rodgers) of the SW/4 of the SE/4, and 9.5-acre portions of the NW/4 and the NE/4 of the SE/4, 4-4-1W. John Allison did buy an additional 161 acres of government land in 1810, being the NE/4 of S32-~~T3S~~-R1W. However, that land was a half mile north of section 5 in T4S-R1W and about a mile from Batt Jordan’s land in section 4 of T4-R1W. **Keep in mind that the deed from Batt Jordan to the church did not specify a given name for “Ellison”, so it did not have to be his 1830 neighbor William Ellison (per the census) and could have been John Allison, who seems likely to have held the land adjacent to Batt Jordan’s property in Section 4.**

**William Allison** did purchase government land in Section 20 of T4-R1W, and this land was adjoining that of a son of Batt’s, John G. Jordan. He also purchased from private citizens some lands in sections 20 and 17 of T4S-R1W. However, these lands were purchased in the 1830s, **after** Batt had already deeded land to the church in 1826, so they could not have had a bearing upon the wording of the bounds of the church’s tract. There was one record of William Allison buying land in section 17 (same township & range) in 1819, but that was over a mile away from any holding of Batt Jordan.

Apparently, **only the land of John Allison in the SE/4 of S4-T4S-R1W fits the criterion of adjacency to some part of Batt Jordan’s property**, but the deed timings and scopes are such as to leave room for some doubt. This land was on the east side of Batt’s land, with a north – south line running between them. This piece of the puzzle assumes that John Allison retained the balance of about 9.5 acres from the 40 acre quarter section after selling the “northwest” corner of the SE/4, S4-T4-R1W to William Wilkins in 1817.