

CLUE 5, Meeting House Tract – “... and being the same [140 acres of land] purchased in part from ... Henry Moore by Bartholomew Jordan [before 1826]....”

There has been no record found of Bartholomew Jordan ever purchasing land from Henry Moore in Madison County. However, that is certainly not unusual for the time. Bartholomew Jordan was in Madison County by about 1810 (but he is not listed in the January 1809 county census), and land records for transactions between private citizens prior to 1810 were not generally kept in the county records. While the county was officially established by proclamation of the governor of the Mississippi Territory in December of 1808, the government land office was not moved from Nashville until 1811. The county government was embryonic in 1809, and land records were obviously somewhat loosely maintained until the county government was fully operational.

However, it is possible to infer from other records that Henry Moore lived near enough to Batt Jordan that they would be acquainted and possibly be involved in land transactions with one another. For example, as published in the June 1972 issue of *Valley Leaves* by the Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society, Henry Moore on February 6 of 1809 purchased from the U.S. government 160 acres (a quarter section, unspecified) in Section 10 of Township 4, Range 1W, according to the *1809 Register of Applications & Permissons*. Since Bartholomew Jordan owned land in Section 9 of the same township and range, their lands of these recordings were within a mile of one another.

Batt Jordan lived near David Moore and immediately adjacent to Robert C. Moore when the 1830 census was taken. The census page image showing them has been provided earlier in this report. It has David Moore as the first name on the list of page 127, whereas Bartholomew Jordan is name number 11 from the top of that page. However, Robert C. Moore is name number 10 from the top of the same page, living in the next house “down the road” from Batt Jordan. The relationship of David Moore to Henry is a matter of conjecture, as there is no probate record for Henry Moore. Still, there are later land records and circuit court records that indicate that David Moore had a brother named Henry, who apparently was too young to be the one who sold land to Bartholomew Jordan in the very early 1800s. That suggests that there was a “senior” Henry Moore who sold the land and who had (as a minimum) sons David and Henry “Junior”. David was listed in the