

NE/4 & the NW/4 of Section 3 (4-1W) plus **NE/4 & NW/4 of Section 4 (4-1W)**. The parcel specifically excluded the “widow’s dower” of Lokey Russel, widow of Albert Russel. This widow’s dower was located in the northern halves of Sections 3 and 4 of Township 4, Range 1W [Deed Book I&J, page 3, et al.]

The “indefite” parcel purchased by A. P. Jones from Nicholas Brewer was most probably the same tract of 107 acres that had been purchased by Nicholas Brewer from Batt Jordan in 1825. That transaction was recorded in Deed Book O, page 110, but it never gave the section number, even though it did state that the tract was in Township 4, Range 1W. The deed recording further gave the bounds of the tract in terms of adjacent landowners. It was bounded by the properties of James Thompson, Andrew Martin, David Bradford, Batt Jordan (who was the seller, indicating that he held additional lands tangent to the sold parcel), F. [Francis] Fennell, and J. Wan[n]. Andrew Martin and David Bradford were known to at some time own land in the SE/4 of 4-4-1W. Batt Jordan may well have at some time owned part or all of the land of the SE/4, 4-4-1W as property bought from Henry Moore or someone else, in one of the many apparent transactions that were not recorded or indexed. Francis Fennell and his wife Isabella were listed among the heirs of William Allison, Sr., in Probate Record Book 8, page 538, April, 1839.

At the time of his death, the probate records show that the Alexander P. Jones estate included 52 acres in the SE corner of the SE/4, 4-4-1W (November 1865). The wording of Deed Book N, page 492, indicates that he bought 111 acres in three tracts, all in the SE/4, 4-4-1W, from David Bradford in 1831. Of course, there is an assumption in that statement, concerning the exact quarter section in Section 4, since the quarter was not specifically named in the wording of the deed with respect to the third tract (31 acres) being sold. Either way, **these records prove that Alexander P. Jones held land on the north and on the east adjacent to Bartholomew Jordan’s property in the SW/4, 4-4-1W, during the time periods of concern. Likewise, Samuel Ward held land on the west of Batt Jordan’s property in the SW/4, 4-4-1W. No other locations of property owned by Batt Jordan, Alexander P. Jones, and Samuel Ward were found to have adjacencies for all three owners. This fact pinpoints the SW/4 of Section 4, Township 4 South, Range 1 West, as the location of the “Meeting House Tract” of 104 acres owned by Batt Jordan and from which the acre was deeded to the Methodist Episcopal Church that**