

changed in name to Huntsville. ... in the neighborhood where Jordan's Camp Ground was afterward established were William Lanier, Robert Lanford, James Bibb, William Bibb, Loyd Aday, James Pollard, Batt Jordan, James Sharp, William Blake; ... Judging from the oldest deeds on record, these Societies all worshiped in private houses until 1820 and 1821, as no houses of worship were built previous to said dates."

The reference to Jordan's Camp Ground (which is assumed to be the precursor name for what became Jordan's Chapel) as being "**five or six miles west of Hunt's Spring**" is pretty close to the actual straight line distance from Big Spring to the location concluded as the site of Jordan's Chapel. The actual straight line distance is 3 miles, but the reference to a distance of 5 or 6 miles may have meant by best roads of the day. Those roads certainly would not have been straight along the shortest, most direct routes, so it may well have taken a journey of 5 or 6 miles to reach Jordan's Chapel from the Big Spring. The distance reference could also have meant from the center of the town that became Huntsville (rather than from the Big Spring), which was located primarily on the bluff east of the Big Spring, making it more like 5 miles of straight line distance to the site of Jordan's Chapel.

One thing for sure, if the location of Jordan's Camp Ground had been in the Mullins Flat area, the reference in the book would have said that it was about **7 or 8 miles southwest** of Hunt's Spring. Furthermore, the list of names associated with Batt Jordan's neighborhood contains the trustees of the church and others who are known to have lived in the area along Brown's Ferry Road / Bob Wallace Avenue at the north end of the arsenal area.

## CONCLUSION

In summary of all of the various clues regarding the location of Jordan's Chapel, it is quite apparent that the site was in the northeastern quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 4, Township 4 South, Range 1 West. The acre of land deeded to the church by Batt Jordan most probably was in the area between the railroad bed and the DOT office / yard on Governor's House Drive. In other words, Interstate Highway 565 cuts through the likely site,