LOONEY CEMETERY

Draft of December 7, 2004

The exact physical location of this cemetery is lost in antiquity to some extent. There have been reports from arsenal workers who recall seeing tombstones as they traveled along Martin Road near Gate 7, and a few old maps indicate a cemetery in the area along Anderson Road and just north of Martin Road. In the book CEMETERIES OF MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA; Vol. I; by Dorothy Scott Johnson (1971), Mrs. Johnson included a map on page 269 to show the cemeteries of the arsenal area. On this map (see below, but increase the view size to about 200% to see details), she indicated that Looney Cemetery was somewhere in Section 35 of Township 4S, Range 2W. However, she also added a note to indicate that she could not locate the cemetery when she was collecting information for her book during the 1960s and 1970.

Additionally affirmative aspects of the location being in Section 35, as shown on Mrs. Johnson’s map, are to be found in the old land and tax records of Madison County, coupled with genealogical data about the Looney families in the area. The January 1809 census of Madison County (Mississippi Territory at the time) did not include an entry for any Looney families. Likewise, the earliest remaining (1810) tax list for the county does not have an entry for a Looney. However, the 1811 tax list does have an entry for an Absalom Looney (see the insert after the map below).

Furthermore, the OLD HUNTSVILLE LAND OFFICE RECORDS & MILITARY WARRANTS, 1810 – 1854, by Marilyn Davis Barefield (1985) shows that on August 7 of 1812 Absalom Looney became the owner of land in Section 12 of Township 4S, Range 1W as the assignee of John Hunt. (This John Hunt was, of course, the namesake of Huntsville, the man who built his cabin at the Big Spring, which was initially called Hunt’s Spring.) The land that Absalom Looney acquired from the government in lieu of John Hunt is located by the intersection today of Drake Avenue with Memorial Parkway. That intersection is in almost the exact center of Section 12, T4S-R1W. A check of the Government Tract Book (see below) shows that
Absalom Looney acquired the Southwest Quarter (160 acres) of S12-T4-R1W, which is on the north end of the old airport runways in Huntsville.
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Government Tract Book, showing original land purchasers – Absalom Looney at bottom of list, purchasing the SW/4 of Section 12 in T4-R1W in 1809.

The Absalom Looney who purchased the land near the old airport in Huntsville was a Revolutionary War patriot, according to family information provided in the book *The Lure and Lore of Limestone County*.
(Alabama) by Chris Edwards and Faye Axford (1978). On pages 17 – 19 in the story about the Mason – Looney house at 416 East Washington Street in Athens, a brief summary of the Looney family history is included. This information is shown below.

15. MASON-LOONEY (ca. 1820?)

When Aubrey Looney purchased his grandfather’s house in Athens in 1967 it was the culmination of a long-cherished desire. As a youngster he had “skinny-dipped” in the little pond southeast of the house near the site of an old brick yard, explored the evidence of an old spring through the dense woods behind the house, and dreamed of owning the covered log dogtrot with its high-ceilinged rooms flanking the hallway, and rear ells extending to either side.

The house was willed to Aubrey’s spinster aunt, Norah. After her death it was sold to Aubrey by the Looney heirs. Aubrey and Annie Mae (Brakefield) Looney had gained much experience in remodeling through their 39 years of residence in the old Barksdale house (see Barksdale House). They lowered the twelve-foot ceilings, and raised the roof line to accommodate a second floor in the Athens house.

THE LURE AND LORE OF LIMESTONE COUNTY (Alabama),
published for the Limestone County Historical Society
The medallion door, said to be only one of two in Athens, is a special pride of the Looneys. It is composed of two thicknesses of glass with a medallion etched between them, and shows one color from the inside and another shade from the exterior. Much of the antique furniture in the house has been passed down through the Looney family.

Robert Looney was apparently the first representative of that family in America. He received a patent of 294 acres of land on the upper Potomac River (then called the Cohongoronta) on Nov. 12, 1755. Less than a decade later he relocated south of the James River, where he owned a ferry and built a water-powered mill on Looney's Mill Creek. Here he raised cattle and horses, and developed orchards and a nursery. Among the children of Robert and Elizabeth Looney was Absalom (1729-ca. 1796). Absalom moved deep into Indian land in western Virginia on the Bluestone branch of New River soon after his marriage to Margaret about 1750. He is said to have discovered Ab's Valley in that area, but was induced to return to his father's home soon after because of serious problems with the Indians in the New River area. Absalom was deeded land on Long Run near his father, but returned to Botetourt County at a later date, for his will was proved in that county in 1796.

Absalom Looney Jr. (1762-?) enlisted for Revolutionary service in Botetourt County in 1780. He served on a commission with Isaac Shelby and Anthony Bledsoe in 1783 to survey Cumberland District lands in North Carolina which were set apart for Revolutionary veterans. Absalom Jr. settled on the Clinch River in Hawkins County (now Tennessee) where he served as a Justice of the Peace in 1790.

He came to Madison County on horseback and purchased land in 1809, then brought his family down two years later by flatboat over the Clinch and Tennessee Rivers to Disto's Landing (Whitesburg), and settled some three miles southwest of Huntsville. Among the children of Absalom was John Warren Looney who added to the Madison County acreage left him by his father. John Warren built a mill at the spot where the waters from Huntsville Spring join with Indian Creek. He built a warehouse for the storing of cotton here; for boons could navigate to that point from Triana on the Tennessee River at high water to pick up the cotton. This property was purchased by Thomas and George Fearn, and Ethel Armes records the result. "Industrial events coincident with this first railroad [Decatur and Tuscumbia] were opening in January, 1832, of the first canal of Alabama, connecting Huntsville with Looney's Landing..." Fearn's Canal was not a successful venture, however.

John and Nancy Looney sold the remainder of their Madison County property in 1848 and began the long journey to Texas, where they had purchased some 2000 acres of land around Goliad. The journey was later described by a granddaughter, Mary Ellen (Campbell) Capen. Nancy Looney and her mother rode all the way in a handsome carriage with silk lining, tassels, folding steps, and glass doors. A hack and several covered wagons housing furniture, children, and slaves, completed the westbound train. John Warren Looney died not far from Nacogdoches after entertaining his wife to proceed to Goliad. As the party came to the deserted buildings of La Bahia, the members stopped at a little store nearby and asked how far it was to Goliad. When they were told that they were in Goliad their disappointment was so bitter that one of the family returned to Alabama. Nancy Looney stayed, however, and seems to have prospered although times were difficult and she was forced to sell much of the land. The 1860 census of Goliad County listed her real estate value as $30,000 and personal value in the same amount. She died in Goliad in 1868.

A remnant of the Looney family remained in Limestone County. Turbeville Looney, oldest son of John and Nancy, married Martha H. Bailey in 1841, and lived in this county with their four sons: William (ca. 1843-?), James B. (1843-Aug. 5, 1930), John (ca. 1847-?), and Henry (ca. 1849-?). When Martha died just after the birth of Henry Turbeville went to Texas, taking William with him. He left the three other children with Martha's family. They were reared by their grandmother, Sarah F. Bailey, and after her death they were taken into the home of David and Sarah (Bailey) Blackburn, who treated the boys as their own children. All the kind treatment in the world, however, could not have deterred James B. Looney from enlisting in Co. F, 9th Ala. Inf., C.S.A., at the age of 16. He was sent home when his true age was discovered, but in 1865 he enlisted with Co. C, 9th Ala. Cavalry, and remained with it for the duration of the war. On May 31, 1866, he married Sarah Ellen Sanderfer and they purchased this house about 1905.

James Bailey and Sarah Ellen (Sanderfer) Looney were parents of:

1. William Henry (June 21, 1867; June 7, 1937) md. Ora Leila Abernathy, daughter of Jesse and Annie (Carwright) Abernathy, on Dec. 22, 1907. They had (1) Frank Marwin (see
While Axford and Edwards apparently did not know the death date of Absalom Looney Jr., the Madison County Court records include a file for his estate. All that remains in the file is a partial inventory of his personal property, received in the court clerk’s office December 2, 1818. An additional partial listing of Absalom’s personal property was delivered to the clerk on June 22, 1819, as shown below.
The record of the estate sale includes notations that the early Lanier families of Madison County purchased some of the estate items of Absalom Looney, as shown in the data below. Stephen Neal was the first sheriff of the county.
Similarly, some of the estate sale items were purchased by David Looney and some by Samuel Trotman. Samuel Trotman was an early settler of the area that is now the City of Madison, immediately northwest of the arsenal.
Also in 1818 there are records of John W. Looney and Absalom Looney purchasing government land west of the Chickasaw Indian Boundary line. This land was first offered for sale on February 2, 1818. However, it is
known that many pioneers settled on the area Indian land before it was ceded by the tribes to the U. S. government and made available for sale. Therefore, it is quite possible (and perhaps even likely) that the Looneys, as most other settlers, had already cleared and started farming the land west of the old Indian boundary. The early history of the Looney family government land purchases in Madison County is summarized below:

**ABSALOM:**
- *SW/4, S12-T4-R1W 9-18-1809 {75}*
- *S/2 of NW/4, S14-T5-R2W 2-4-1818 {1473}*
- (“Estate of”) *NE/4, S14-T5-R2W 7-1-1831 {1287}*

**JOHN W.:**
- *W/2 of NE/4, S35-T4-R2W 2-4-1818 {781}*
- *W/2 of NW/4, S12-T5-R2W 2-4-1818 {3028}*
- *NE/4, S27-T4-R2W 6-1-1831 {632}*
- *SW/4, S12-T5-R2W 7-2-1831 {1378}*
- *NE/4 of SE/4, S14-T5-R2W 11-29-1833 {6753}*
- *W/2 of NW/4, S13-T5-R2W 11-29-1833 {6754}*
- *E/2 of NW/4, S13-T5-R2W 3-6-1837 {11346}*

[ The numbers in { } above are the Certificate or Warrant Numbers. ]

Before 1898, there was only one purchase of lands by a Looney via private land transactions recorded in deeds in Madison County, and that was from John W. to Absalom Looney. The index of land purchases recorded on deeds in Madison County for the Looney family is shown below.
Since the above transaction of sale of land in Section 35 of T4-R2W occurred in 1829, it cannot be a sale to the Absalom who served in the Revolutionary War, as he is known to have died before December of 1818.
That leads to the conclusion that this later Absalom was likely a son or other close relative of the senior Absalom. He is very probably the one who married Acedorah A. Winn in Madison County in 1826.

His purchase of the land in Section 35 of T4-R2W occurred on May 7 of 1829. That was just 9 days before a judgment was entered against him in the Circuit Court on May 16 in favor of the firm of Forney & Pike. As a result of that judgment, the sheriff sold the same land at public auction to Harrison Owen to settle the debt on October 5, 1829.
Note that the above deed specified the “West half of the North West Quarter” of Section 35, T4S-R2W. That was a recording error, as John W. Looney never owned that parcel of land to sell to anyone. He had bought the west half of the northeast quarter of Section 35 from the government in 1818, per Certificate Number 781. The loss of the (properly specified) land from the family’s possession is recorded below, in the sheriff’s account of the sale. Absalom had paid $800 to John W. Looney on May 7 of 1829 for the land. On October 5 of the same year, it sold at auction for only $230 to settle a debt of $189.42.
This particular parcel of land was, of course, the only Looney-held property in Section 35 of T4S-R2W, where the Looney Cemetery has been historically reported to be. Apparently, the Absalom Looney who was still alive in 1829 sold the land with the family cemetery in it, and he must have moved away from the area soon afterward. There are records of an Absalom Looney of Jefferson County AL purchasing government land in the years 1839 and 1848, so it may well be that he moved to that county. John W. Looney, however, remained in Madison County until the year 1848. That was the year mentioned in the account of the family history by Axford and Edwards, and it is further supported by the records of land sales in Madison County, as shown below.
The Looney record in Madison County would be incomplete without an understanding of how these people were related. The Ahnentafels for them found in Ancestry.com’s Family Tree files have some disagreements and some gaps in coverages. However, with the knowledge gained from the land
records and other sources (such as Axford & Edward’s work), it is fairly reasonable to make some deductions about the relationships. That in turn can lead to clues about the location of the family cemetery.

Accordingly, the selected Ahnentafels below are offered for consideration.

**Taylor Ancestors-Descendants**

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Ahnentafel, Generation No. 1

1. **Absalom LOONEY** was born 1763 in Botetort Co., VA, and died 1818 in Huntsville, Madison Co., Alabama. He was the son of 2. **Absolom Sr LOONEY** and 3. **Margaret MOORE**. He married **Margaret Mills WARREN** 21 SEP 1791, daughter of John WARREN. She was born ABT. 1770 in Hawkins Co., TN.

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Ahnentafel, Generation No. 2

2. **Absolom Sr LOONEY** was born ABT. 1729 in Isle of Man/Eng/Ireland, and died 28 SEP 1791 in Botentount Co., VA. He was the son of 4. **Robert LOONEY** and 5. **Elizabeth Lewellyn STOVER**.

3. **Margaret MOORE** was born ABT. 1735 in Chester, PA, and died BEF. 28 SEP 1791 in Virginia. She was the daughter of 6. **James MOORE** and 7. **Jane WALKER**.

Children of Margaret MOORE and Absolom Sr LOONEY are:

i. **Priscilla LOONEY** was born ABT. 1771. She married **William**
CALDWELL.

1. ii. Absalom LOONEY was born 1763 in Botetort Co., VA, and died 1818 in Huntsville, Madison Co., Alabama. He married Margaret Mills WARREN 21 SEP 1791, daughter of John WARREN. She was born ABT. 1770 in Hawkins Co., TN.

   iii. Michael LOONEY was born 1751, and died 1 JAN 1839 in Hawkins Co., TN. He married Temperance CROSS BET. 1776 - 1780 in Botecourt, Virginia, daughter of William Britain CROSS. She was born 1752 in Ireland, and died 1830 in Hawkins, Tennessee.

iv. Elizabeth LOONEY was born ABT. 1753. She married David POTTS.

v. Peter LOONEY was born 27 NOV 1755 in Botecourt, Virginia, and died 1 JAN 1830. He married Rachel HARMAN. She was born 26 JUN 1761 in Maryland, and died 31 AUG 1835.

vi. Mary LOONEY was born ABT. 1757 in Botetourt County, Virginia. She married Edward CARVER. She married Edward SWANSON.

vii. Margaret LOONEY was born 5 JUN 1758 in Botetourt County, Virginia. She married Alexander CALDWELL 5 JAN 1778 in Botecout, VA.

viii. Jonathan LOONEY was born 1761, and died 1823. He married Elizabeth Jane HARBISON.

ix. Ruth LOONEY was born ABT. 1765 in Botetourt County, Virginia. She married John MCCORMICK 15 MAY 1790 in BotetourtC VA.

x. Anne LOONEY was born 1767. She married James HARBISON.

xi. Catherine LOONEY was born ABT. 1769. She married John SUMMERFIELD.

xii. Benjamin LOONEY was born 25 AUG 1775. He married Elizabeth MCCLURE.

xiii. John LOONEY was born 1754.

Ahnentafel, Generation No. 3

4. Robert LOONEY was born 1692 in Ballagilley Farm, Maughold, , Isle Of Man, and died 17 SEP 1769 in Reed Creek, Augusta County, Virginia. He was the son of 8. John LOONEY and 9. Elizabeth LLEWELLEN.

5. Elizabeth Lewellyn STOVER was born ABT. 1700 in Sheading, Kirk Lonan, , Isle Of Man, and died ABT. 1770 in Botetourt Co., VA.
Children of Elizabeth Lewellyn STOVER and Robert LOONEY are:

i. Michael LOONEY.

ii. Louisa LOONEY was born ABT. 1715. She married John SHELBY.

iii. Moses LOONEY was born 1716. He married Jane CALDWELL, daughter of William CALDWELL and Priscilla LOONEY.

iv. Thomas LOONEY was born 1718, and died 1755. He married Jane HARMON.

v. Robert Jr LOONEY was born 1721 in Isle of Man/Eng/Ireland, and died 1756 in Reed Creek. He married Margaret RHEA ABT. 1743 in Augusta County, Virginia, daughter of Matthew RHEA and Elizabeth MCCLAIN. She was born 1721 in Botetourt County, Virginia, and died 1803 in Knox Co, TN.

vi. Daniel LOONEY was born 1723, and died 1760. He married Jane MCCLELLAND.

vii. Adam LOONEY was born 1725, and died 1770. He married Hannah WRIGHT 1746 in Tryon County, North Carolina. She was born 1725.

viii. Samuel LOONEY was born 1727, and died 1760.

ix. Absolom Sr LOONEY was born ABT. 1729 in Isle of Man/Eng/Ireland, and died 28 SEP 1791 in Botentount Co., VA. He married Margaret MOORE 1750 in Augusta, Virginia, daughter of James MOORE and Jane WALKER. She was born ABT. 1735 in Chester, PA, and died BEF. 28 SEP 1791 in Virginia.

x. Lucy Jane LOONEY was born 1730.

xi. John LOONEY was born 1732 in Isle of Mann, England, and died 17 JUN 1782. He married Ester RENFRO ABT. 1757, daughter of Stephen RENFRO and Margaret RHEA. She was born 1738 in Botecourt County, Virginia, and died 26 FEB 1821 in James River, Botetourt County, Virginia.

xii. Peter Grancer LOONEY was born ABT. 1733 in Philadelphia, PA, and died 13 APR 1760 in Virginia. He married Margaret LAUDERDALE 11 OCT 1758 in Augusta-Rockbridge, Virginia, daughter of James Maitland LAUDERDALE. She was born 1733 in Thirlstane Castle, Lauder, Scotland.

xiii. David LOONEY was born 1738 in Auguste Co., VA, and died 25 AUG 1802 in Blountsville, Sullivan County, Tennessee. He married Mary Ann MCCLELLAN ABT. 1755 in Sullivan County, Tennessee. She was born 1735.

xiv. Joseph B LOONEY was born 1740 in Orange County, VA, and died 5 NOV
1816 in Kingston, Roane Co., TN. He married Elizabeth Jean BOWEN 25 JUN 1764 in Augusta Co., VA, daughter of John BOWEN and Lily MCIHANEY. She was born ABT. 1744 in Augusta Co., VA, and died BEF. JUN 1818 in Popular Springs, Roane Co., TN.

6. James MOORE.
7. Jane WALKER.

Child of Jane WALKER and James MOORE is:

3. i. Margaret MOORE was born ABT. 1735 in Chester, PA, and died BEF. 28 SEP 1791 in Virginia. She married Absolom Sr LOONEY 1750 in Augusta, Virginia, son of Robert LOONEY and Elizabeth Lewellyn STOVER. He was born ABT. 1729 in Isle of Man/Eng/Ireland, and died 28 SEP 1791 in Botentount Co., VA.

Ahnentafel, Generation No. 4

8. John LOONEY was born ABT. 1662 in Isle of Mann, England.
9. Elizabeth LLEWELLEN was born ABT. 1662.

Child of Elizabeth LLEWELLEN and John LOONEY is:

4. i. Robert LOONEY was born 1692 in Ballagilley Farm, Maughold, , Isle Of Man, and died 17 SEP 1769 in Reed Creek, Augusta County, Virginia. He married Elizabeth Lewellyn STOVER ABT. 1715 in Isle of Mann. She was born ABT. 1700 in Sheading, Kirk Lonan, , Isle Of Man, and died ABT. 1770 in Botetourt Co., VA.

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Ahnentafel, Generation No. 1

1. **John Warren LOONEY**. He was the son of 2. **Absalom Jr LOONEY**. He married **Nancy CAMPBELL**. She was born 1794 in Virginia.

Ahnentafel, Generation No. 2

2. **Absalom Jr LOONEY** was born 1763. He was the son of 4. **Absalom Sr. LOONEY** and 5. **Margaret (Peggy)Eleanor Roland MOORE**.

Children of Absalom Jr LOONEY are:

1. i. **John Warren LOONEY**. He married **Nancy CAMPBELL**. She was born 1794 in Virginia.
   ii. **Margaret LOONEY**.
   iii. **Martha LOONEY**.
   iv. **Absalom LOONEY** was born 1809. He married **Alsadera WILL**. She was born 1810.

Ahnentafel, Generation No. 3

4. **Absalom Sr. LOONEY** was born 1729 in Ireland, and died 28 Sep 1791 in Bluefield, Virginia Botetourt Co.. He was the son of 8. **Robert Sr. Luney\ LOONEY** and 9. **Elizabeth LLEWELLYN**.

5. **Margaret (Peggy)Eleanor Roland MOORE** was born 1729 in Ireland, and died 1791 in Bluefield, Virginia Botetourt Co..

Children of Margaret (Peggy)Eleanor Roland MOORE and Absalom Sr. LOONEY are:

   i. **Michael III LOONEY** was born 1751, and died 1 Jan 1839. He married **Temperance CROSS**.
   ii. **Elizabeth LOONEY** was born 1753.
iii. Peter H. LOONEY was born 24 Nov 1755 in Virginia Botetourt Co.. He married RACHEL. She was born Abt 1750.

iv. Mary LOONEY was born 1757. She married Sherrod WILLIAMS.
v. Margaret LOONEY was born 1758. She married Daingerfield RICE.

vi. John LOONEY was born 1760.

vii. Jonathan Sr. LOONEY was born 1761.

2. viii. Absalom Jr LOONEY was born 1763.

ix. Ruth LOONEY was born 1765.

x. Ann LOONEY was born 1767.

xi. Catherine LOONEY was born 1769.

xii. Priscilla LOONEY was born 1771.

xiii. Benjamin LOONEY was born 1773.

Children of Elizabeth LLEWELLYN and Robert Sr. Luney\LOONEY are:

i. Peter Grancer Sr. LOONEY was born 1733-1734 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and died 13 Mar 1816 in Virginia, Augusta Or Botetourt Co.. He married Margaret LAUDERDALE 11 Oct 1758 in Virginia, Augusta Or Botetourt Co., daughter of James MAITLAND and Jean GORDON-SUTHERLAND. She was born 1733-1738 in Thirlstane Castle Lauder, Scotland Or Looney's Creek, Augusta Co., and died 1796 in Tennessee.

ii. Thomas LOONEY was born 1718, and died 15 Apr 1746 in Virginia, Augusta Co. Or , Virginia, Botetourt Co.. He married Margaret Jane HARMON in Virginia Augusta Co.. She was born 1718.

iii. Robert Jr. LOONEY was born 1721 in Virginia Augusta Co., and died Feb 1756 in Tennessee Knox Co. Or Reed Creek, VA Augusta Co. He married
Margaret RHEA 1743 in Tennessee Knox Co.. She was born 1722, and died 1803 in Tennessee Knox Co..

iv. Daniel LOONEY was born 1723, and died 19 Nov 1769. He married Margaret Jane Evans Or HARMON 1743 in Virginia Augusta Co.. She was born 1703.

v. Adam LOONEY was born 1725 in Ireland, and died 4 Jul 1770 in Tryon, Craven, South Carolina. He married Hannah WRIGHT 1746 in Virginia Augusta Co.. She was born 1725 in Ireland.

vi. Samuel Sr. LOONEY was born 1727-1728, and died 1760.

vii. Louisa LOONEY was born 1728. She married John SHELBY Abt 1750 in North Carolina. He was born 1724.

4. viii. Absalom Sr. LOONEY was born 1729 in Ireland, and died 28 Sep 1791 in Bluefield, Virginia Botetourt Co.. He married Margaret (Peggy)Eleanor Roland MOORE 1750 in Virginia Augusta Co.. She was born 1729 in Ireland, and died 1791 in Bluefield, Virginia Botetourt Co..

ix. Lucy Jane LOONEY was born 1730. She married Stephen Holston Or Henry HOLSTUN.

x. John LOONEY was born 1732 in Ireland, and died 1817. He married Esther RENFRO 1759 in Virginia Botetourt Co., daughter of Stephen Sr. RENFRO. She was born 1739 in Virginia Botetourt Co, and died 26 Feb 1821 in Sinking Reek, Virginia.

xi. David LOONEY was born 1738 in Virginia Augusta Co., and died 1 May 1819 in Blountsville, Tennessee Sullivan Co.. He married Mary Ann MCCLELLAND 1750. She was born 1735, and died 17 Jul 1840 in Columbia, Tennessee Maury Co..

xii. Joseph B. LOONEY was born 1740 in Virginia Augusta Co., and died 5 Nov 1816 in Tennessee Roane Co.. He married Jean L. BOWEN 25 Jun 1764 in Virginia Augusta Co.. She was born 1740.

xiii. James Or Josiah LOONEY was born 1745.

xiv. Mary B. LOONEY was born 1750.

Ahnentafel, Generation No. 5

16. John LOONEY was born Abt 1665.

17. LLEWELLYN was born Abt 1660.
Children of LLEWELLYN and John LOONEY are:

8. i. Robert Sr. Luney\ LOONEY was born Abt 1692 in Ballagilley, Isle Of Mann, Ireland Or England, and died 14 Sep 1769 in Reed Creek, Virginia Augusta Co. Or Virginia, Botetourt Co.. He married Elizabeth LLEWELLYN 1715 in Virginia, Botetourt Co.. She was born 1696-1701 in Shreading, Kirk Lonan, Isle Of Mann, Ireland, and died 20 Aug 1741 in Virginia, Augusta Co. Or , Virginia, Botetourt Co..

ii. John LOONEY was born 1752. He married Elizabeth RENFRO.

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Ahnentafel, Generation No. 1

1. John Warren LOONEY was born 1795, and died 1848. He was the son of 2. Absalom LOONEY and 3. Margaret (Peggy) Mills WARREN. He married Nancy CAMPBELL.

Ahnentafel, Generation No. 2

2. Absalom LOONEY was born ABT. 1763 in Botetourt, Va., and died ABT. 1818 in Huntsville, Madison Co., Al.. He was the son of 4. Absalom LOONEY and 5. Margaret (Peggy) MOORE.

3. Margaret (Peggy) Mills WARREN was born ABT. 1770. She was the daughter of 6. John WARREN.
Children of Margaret (Peggy) Mills WARREN and Absalom LOONEY are:

i. Infant LOONEY.

ii. Beedy LOONEY. She married George KIEVES.

iii. Susan (Polly) LOONEY.

iv. Jean Willis LOONEY was born 1792. She married Jesse P. THOMPSON, son of John Francis THOMPSON and Sarah. He was born 1791, and died 1844.

v. Priscilla LOONEY was born 7 JUN 1794, and died 27 JUN 1848 in Spring City, Rhea Co., Tn.. She married Thomas Kelloe THOMPSON BEF. 29 MAR 1807, son of James THOMPSON and Margaret COWAN. He was born 5 APR 1781, and died ABT. OCT 1857 in Spring City, Rhea Co., Tn..

1. vi. John Warren LOONEY was born 1795, and died 1848. He married Nancy CAMPBELL.

vii. Martha (Patsy) LOONEY was born 1797. She married Fleming HODGES. She married William Madison PRUITT.

viii. Absalom LOONEY was born 1799. He married Alcidora A. WYNNE. She was born 1810.

ix. Margaret LOONEY was born 1801. She married Jacob FUQUA. She married William Robert HUNT.

x. Elijah LOONEY was born 1805. He married Susan DICKEY.

Ahnentafel, Generation No. 3

4. Absalom LOONEY was born ABT. 1729 in England, and died ABT. 1796 in Botetourt, Va.. He was the son of 8. Robert LOONEY and 9. Elizabeth.

5. Margaret (Peggy) MOORE was born ABT. 1735 in Chester, Pa., and died BEF. 1777 in Va.. She was the daughter of 10. James MOORE and 11. Jane WALKER.

Children of Margaret (Peggy) MOORE and Absalom LOONEY are:

i. Michael LOONEY was born 1751. He married Temperance CROSS.

ii. Elizabeth LOONEY was born 1753. She married David POTTS.

iii. John LOONEY was born 1754.

iv. Peter LOONEY was born 1755.
v. Mary LOONEY was born 1757. She married Edward CARVER. She married Edward SWANSON.

vi. Margaret LOONEY was born 1758. She married Alexander CALDWELL.

vii. Jonathan LOONEY was born 1761, and died 1823. He married Elizabeth Jane HARBISON.

2. viii. Absalom LOONEY was born ABT. 1763 in Botetourt, Va., and died ABT. 1818 in Huntsville, Madison Co., Al.. He married Margaret (Peggy) Mills WARREN 21 SEP 1791, daughter of John WARREN. She was born ABT. 1770.

ix. Ruth LOONEY was born 1765. She married John MCCORMICK.

x. Ann LOONEY was born 1767. She married James HARBISON.

xi. Catherine LOONEY was born 1769. She married John SUMMERFIELD.

xii. Priscilla LOONEY was born 1771. She married William CALDWELL.

xiii. Benjamin LOONEY was born 1773. He married Elizabeth MCCLURE.

6. John WARREN was born ABT. 1740.

Child of John WARREN is:

3. i. Margaret (Peggy) Mills WARREN was born ABT. 1770. She married Absalom LOONEY 21 SEP 1791, son of Absalom LOONEY and Margaret (Peggy) MOORE. He was born ABT. 1763 in Botetourt, Va., and died ABT. 1818 in Huntsville, Madison Co., Al..

Ahnentafel, Generation No. 4

8. Robert LOONEY was born ABT. 1695, and died ABT. 1769.

9. Elizabeth was born 1696, and died 1770.

Children of Elizabeth and Robert LOONEY are:

i. Louisa LOONEY. She married John SHELBY. He died 1946.

ii. Thomas LOONEY was born 1718, and died 1755. He married Jane HARMON.

iii. Robert LOONEY was born 1721, and died 1756. He married Margaret RHEA.
iv. Daniel LOONEY was born 1723, and died 1760. He married Jane MCCLELLAND.

v. Adam LOONEY was born 1725, and died 1770. He married Hannah WRIGHT.

vi. Samuel LOONEY was born 1727, and died 1760.

4. vii. Absalom LOONEY was born ABT. 1729 in England, and died ABT. 1796 in Botetourt, Va.. He married Margaret (Peggy) MOORE ABT. 1750 in Augusta, Va., daughter of James MOORE and Jane WALKER. She was born ABT. 1735 in Chester, Pa., and died BEF. 1777 in Va..

viii. Lucy Jane LOONEY was born 1730.

ix. John LOONEY was born 1732. He married Esther (Hettie) RENFRO. She was born 1739, and died 1821.

x. Peter LOONEY was born 1734, and died 1760. He married Margaret LAUDERDALE.

xi. David LOONEY was born 1738, and died 1810. He married Mary Ann MCCLELLAN. She was born 1735, and died 1840.

xii. Joseph LOONEY was born 1740, and died 1817. He married Jean BOWMAN.

10. James MOORE.

11. Jane WALKER.

Child of Jane WALKER and James MOORE is:

5. i. Margaret (Peggy) MOORE was born ABT. 1735 in Chester, Pa., and died BEF. 1777 in Va.. She married Absalom LOONEY ABT. 1750 in Augusta, Va., son of Robert LOONEY and Elizabeth. He was born ABT. 1729 in England, and died ABT. 1796 in Botetourt, Va..

OWENS-GRANTLAND and ALLIED FAMILIES of MORGAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
Ahnentafel, Generation No. 1

1. **John Warren (Sr.) LOONEY** was born 1793 in MadisonCO, AL. He was the son of 2. **Absalom (Jr.) LOONEY** and 3. **Bettie Peggy WILLS**. He married **Nancy CAMPBELL** 8 Feb 1815 in Huntsville, MadisonCO, AL, daughter of unknown2 CAMPBELL and Elizabeth CAMPBELL. She was born 1794, and died 1868 in TX.

Ahnentafel, Generation No. 2

2. **Absalom (Jr.) LOONEY** was born 1763 in BotetourtCO, VA, and died 1818 in Indian Creek, Huntsville, MadisonCO, AL. He was the son of 4. **Absalom (Sr.) LOONEY** and 5. **Margaret Eleanor MOORE**.

3. **Bettie Peggy WILLS** was born ABT 1763, and died 1825 in Indian Creek, Huntsville, MadisonCO, AL.

Children of Bettie Peggy WILLS and Absalom (Jr.) LOONEY are:

   i. **Jane Wills LOONEY** was born ABT 1792, and died in unknown.
   ii. **Priscilla LOONEY** was born ABT 1793, and died in unknown.
   1. iii. **John Warren (Sr.) LOONEY** was born 1793 in MadisonCO, AL. He married
Nancy CAMPBELL was born 8 Feb 1815 in Huntsville, Madison CO, AL, daughter of unknown Campbell and Elizabeth CAMPBELL. She was born 1794, and died 1868 in TX.

iv. Margaret LOONEY was born ABT 1794, and died in unknown.

v. Martha Patsy LOONEY was born ABT 1794, and died in unknown.

vi. Susan Elizabeth LOONEY was born ABT 1796, and died in unknown.

vii. Elijah LOONEY was born ABT 1797, and died in unknown.

Ahnentafel, Generation No. 3

4. Absalom (Sr.) LOONEY was born 1729 in Ireland, and died 28 Sep 1791 in Bluefield, Botetourt CO, VA. He was the son of 8. Robert (Sr.) LOONEY and 9. Elizabeth LOONEY.

5. Margaret Eleanor MOORE was born ABT 1729 in Ireland, and died 1799 in Bluefield, Botetourt CO, VA.

Children of Margaret Eleanor MOORE and Absalom (Sr.) LOONEY are:

   i. Michael LOONEY was born ABT 1751, and died in unknown.
   ii. Elizabeth LOONEY was born ABT 1753, and died in unknown.
   iii. Peter Harmon LOONEY was born ABT 1755, and died in unknown.
   iv. Mary LOONEY was born ABT 1756, and died in unknown.
   v. Margaret LOONEY was born ABT 1757, and died in unknown.
   vi. Jonathan LOONEY was born ABT 1758, and died in unknown.
   vii. Ruth LOONEY was born ABT 1759, and died in unknown.
   viii. Catherine LOONEY was born ABT 1760, and died in unknown.
   ix. Priscilla LOONEY was born ABT 1761, and died in unknown.
   x. Benjamin LOONEY was born ABT 1762, and died in unknown.

2. xi. Absalom (Jr.) LOONEY was born 1763 in Botetourt CO, VA, and died 1818 in Indian Creek, Huntsville, Madison CO, AL. He married Bettie Peggy WILLS 21 Sep 1791. She was born ABT 1763, and died 1825 in Indian Creek, Huntsville, Madison CO, AL.

Ahnentafel, Generation No. 4
8. Robert (Sr.) LOONEY was born ABT 1709 in Ireland.
9. Elizabeth LOONEY was born ABT 1709 in Ireland.

Child of Elizabeth _LOONEY and Robert (Sr.) LOONEY is:

4. i. Absalom (Sr.) LOONEY was born 1729 in Ireland, and died 28 Sep 1791 in Bluefield, BotetourtCO, VA. He married Margaret Eleanor MOORE 1750 in AugustaCO, VA. She was born ABT 1729 in Ireland, and died 1799 in Bluefield, BotetourtCO, VA.

The descendancy files for John W. Looney and for Absalom Looney may also help to pin down relationships of the Madison County families of that surname. Selected examples from Ancestry.com are provided below.

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  + Bettie Peggy WILLS b: Abt 1763 d: Abt 1825
    2 Jean Peggy LOONEY b: 1792
    2 Priscilla LOONEY b: 8 Jun 1794
    2 John Warren LOONEY b: 1795
    2 Margaret LOONEY b: 1797
    2 Absalom LOONEY b: 1799
    2 Martha Patsy LOONEY b: 1801 d: 1 Jun 1869
    2 Susan Elizabeth LOONEY b: Abt 1803
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1 Absalom LOONEY b: 1763 d: 1818
  + Bettie Peggy WILLS
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      + Jesse THOMPSON
    2 Priscilla LOONEY b: 8 Jun 1794
      3 Jane THOMPSON b: Abt 1814
        + Henry MCCARY b: Abt 1810
          4 Benjamin F. MCCARY b: 1835
            + Tennessee FEEVY b: Abt 1837
  2 John Warren LOONEY b: 1795
  2 Margaret LOONEY b: 1797
    + Jacob FUQUA
      3 John Commodore Perry LOONEY b: Aug 1822 d: 1885
        + Mary Ann JESTER b: Abt 1824
          4 Elizabeth LOONEY b: Abt 1847
          4 John Llewellyn LOONEY b: Abt 1849
            + Martha BLACK b: Abt 1851
          4 Francis Marion LOONEY b: Abt 1850
          4 Samuel Leander LOONEY b: 21 Jan 1853
            + Nancy Bates CRAWFORD b: Abt 1855
              + Avis Fairfield BOGGS b: Abt 1855
          4 Nancy Ann LOONEY b: Abt 1854
            + Living BOYLES
              + Dick KNIGHT b: Abt 1850
          4 Susannah LOONEY b: Oct 1856
            + William Wiley NEAL b: Abt 1854
          4 Francis Young LOONEY b: Mar 1861
            + Sarah Ann Elizabeth HAMBY b: Abt 1863
          4 Andrew J. LOONEY b: Abt 1863
          4 Robert L. LOONEY b: Abt 1865
          4 James C. LOONEY b: Abt 1867
  2 Absalom LOONEY b: 1799 d: 1839
    + Alasaorah A. WINN
  2 Martha Patsy LOONEY b: 1801 d: 1 Jun 1869
    + William Madison PREUIT
      3 Robert Henry PREUIT b: 22 Nov 1831 d: 26 Oct 1852
      3 John W. PREUIT b: 8 Aug 1834 d: 19 Aug 1923
        + Martha Elizabeth MCDANIEL b: Abt 1836
          4 Sallie O. PREUIT
      3 T. Blewett PREUIT b: 1837
        + Anna ROSE b: Abt 1839
      3 Sally PREUIT b: 3 Jun 1840 d: 24 Aug 1866
        + William MCDANIEL b: Abt 1838
        + Hodges FLEMING
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        + Daniel M. RODGES
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1 Absalom LOONEY b: ABT 1763 d: ABT 1818
   + Margaret (Peggy) Mills WARREN b: ABT 1770
2 Priscilla LOONEY b: 7 JUN 1794 d: 27 JUN 1848
   + Thomas Kelloe THOMPSON b: 5 APR 1781 d: ABT OCT 1857
   3 Esquire Looney THOMPSON b: 29 MAR 1807 d: 9 SEP 1858
      + Arrena Sarah DAVIS b: 21 JUL 1809 d: 21 JUL 1898
      4 Newton Jasper THOMPSON b: 28 JAN 1834 d: 30 JUL 1864
      4 Thomas C. THOMPSON b: 24 APR 1835 d: 8 OCT 1862
         + Martha DAVIS b: ABT. 1834
   4 John Brice THOMPSON b: 19 JUL 1837 d: 18 DEC 1853
   4 William N. THOMPSON b: 5 JAN 1838 d: 24 MAR 1914
      + Elizabeth Frances PEARSON b:
         5 Nancy THOMPSON b: 1856
         5 Robert THOMPSON b: 1858
         5 Henry THOMPSON b: 1860
      4 Rebecca Priscilla THOMPSON b: 26 AUG 1840 d: 26 FEB 1911
         + James Avery WELCH b:
            5 Sarah Arrina (Sally) WELCH b: 1873 d: 1953
            + Harvey Richard SHIPLEY b:
               6 Thurman SHIPLEY b: 1903
                  + Helen CATES b:
      4 Sarah Arrena THOMPSON b: 15 OCT 1843 d: 1 MAY 1906
         + Moses Alexander JARED b: 1827 d: 1903
4 Winchester Pierce THOMPSON b: 2 JUL 1846 d: 2 JUL 1905
  + Sarah (Sake) BROWN b:
    5 Nora A. THOMPSON b: 1879
    5 John THOMPSON b: 1869
    5 Olla B. THOMPSON b: 1872
    5 Isaac N. THOMPSON b: 1872
4 Jesse Payton T. THOMPSON b: 17 DEC 1848 d: 22 OCT 1922
  + Martha J. CARR b:
4 Elizabeth Frances THOMPSON b: 18 MAY 1852 d: 26 APR 1932
  + Elias SLIGER b:
  Carr THOMPSON b: 22 MAR 1845 d: 5 AUG 1845
4 Esquire Looney THOMPSON b: 26 MAY 1839 d: 21 JAN 1926
  + Naomie Avo JARED b: 18 OCT 1839 d: 7 JUN 1915
5 Mary Francis THOMPSON b: ABT. 1869
  + Albert ROBBINS b:
    6 Looney ROBBINS b:
    6 Carrie ROBBINS b:
    6 Grace ROBBINS b:
    6 Gladys ROBBINS b:
5 Mahulda Jane THOMPSON b: 5 MAR 1871 d: 30 MAR 1944
  + John Tilford JERNIGAN b:
    6 Grady JERNIGAN b: 1890 d: 1952
      + Nola Edna LOWE b:
    6 Sally JERNIGAN b: 1892
      + William Franklin BOYD b:
    6 Amanda JERNIGAN b: 1896
      + Larkin MAYNARD b:
    6 Vennie JERNIGAN b:
      + Mr MOSS b:
    6 Virginia JERNIGAN b:
      + Mr BEARD b:
    6 Jesse JERNIGAN b: 1902 d: 1911
    6 Ava JERNIGAN b:
      + Mr. LOFTIS b:
    6 Pearl JERNIGAN b:
      + Mr. GOOLSBY b:
    6 Flossie JERNIGAN b:
      + Denver ALLISON b:
    6 Gennie JERNIGAN b:
      + Walter MAXWELL b:
5 Looney Brice THOMPSON b: 28 MAR 1878 d: 27 JUL 1946
  + Martha Catherine (Casy) JARED b: 1878
    6 Anna THOMPSON b:
    6 Jack THOMPSON b:
    6 Ellen THOMPSON b:
    6 Joe THOMPSON b:
    6 Gall THOMPSON b:
    6 Delbert (Dude) THOMPSON b:
    6 Mildred THOMPSON b:
5 Naomi (Oma) THOMPSON b:
  + Gar GENTRY b:
    6 Florence GENTRY b: 1900
5 Joseph Franklin THOMPSON b: 29 AUG 1867 d: 16 AUG 1934
  + Mary Elizabeth WATSON b: 10 FEB 1874 d: 6 JUL 1944
5 Wade Hampton THOMPSON b: 13 AUG 1896 d: 1 JUN 1974
  + Eva Lena ODOM b: 23 FEB 1897 d: 9 NOV 1978
5 Rachael I. THOMPSON b: 2 JAN 1891 d: 3 JAN 1954
  + James Claude JOHNSON b: 14 MAY 1888 d: 27 MAR 1975
6 John Looney THOMPSON b: 13 JAN 1894 d: 1 NOV 1912
6 Nancy Elyra THOMPSON b: 20 JUL 1902 d: 29 MAR 1980
   + Finis Edward BROWN b: 27 JAN 1899 d: 7 FEB 1981
6 Willie Birdie THOMPSON b: 20 APR 1905 d: 6 OCT 1978
   + Roy LANDRUM b:
   + Ira Bee ROSS b:
6 Mahulda Cordelia (Cordie) THOMPSON b: 18 FEB 1908 d: 20 JUL 1992
   + Arvil DAVIS b:
6 Joseph Fred THOMPSON b: 29 JAN 1913 d: 28 FEB 1913
   + Robert Henry (Jake) JOHNSTON b:
6 Edna Virginia (Virgie) THOMPSON b: 11 OCT 1914
3 James W. THOMPSON b: 25 JUL 1810
   + Ann GIVIN b:
3 William A. THOMPSON b: 14 APR 1811
   + Elizabeth GIBBONS b:
   4 Priscilla S. THOMPSON b: 1836
   4 William A. THOMPSON b: 1838
   4 Thomas J. C. THOMPSON b: 1840
   4 John S. THOMPSON b: 1842
   4 Joseph N. THOMPSON b: 1844
   4 James W. E. THOMPSON b: 1847
   4 Epps G. I. THOMPSON b:
3 Absalom S. THOMPSON b: 18 DEC 1812
   + Malinda GIBBONS b:
   4 Sarah C. THOMPSON b: 1841
   4 Margaret A. THOMPSON b:
   4 Jesse A. THOMPSON b: 1845
   4 Thomas K. THOMPSON b: 1847
   4 Absalom Looney THOMPSON b: 1853
   4 Elizabeth J. THOMPSON b: 1855
3 Stephen THOMPSON b: 12 NOV 1812 d: 26 SEP 1857
   + Elizabeth PETERSON b: 1817 d: 1885
   4 Brethena Gertrude THOMPSON b: 1838 d: 1911
   + Newton M. LEE b:
3 Jane THOMPSON b: 2 MAR 1814
   + Henry MCCRARY b:
3 Margaret THOMPSON b: ABT. 12 OCT 1816
3 John L. THOMPSON b: 28 JUN 1818 d: 7 JUN 1865
   + Nancy BROWN b:
   4 Margaret J. THOMPSON b: 1850
   4 James E. THOMPSON b: 1852
   4 Addison L. THOMPSON b: 1856
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   4 Thomas K. THOMPSON b: 1862
   4 John G. THOMPSON b: 1864
3 Thomas K. THOMPSON b: 13 SEP 1820
3 Priscilla THOMPSON b: 29 AUG 1823
3 Joseph THOMPSON b: 28 JUN 1825
3 Nancy THOMPSON b: 19 NOV 1827
2 Jean Willis LOONEY b: 1792
   + Jesse P. THOMPSON b: 1791 d: 1844
3 Jesse P. THOMPSON b: 1817 d: 1892
   + Manervia Jane DEWITT b: 1828 d: 1878
3 John L. THOMPSON b: 1815 d: 1865
3 Elizabeth THOMPSON b: 1811
   + James I. CASH b:
3 Jane W. THOMPSON b: 1816
+ James MAJORS b:
3 Sarah F. THOMPSON b: 1827
+ Josiah DAWSON b:
3 Amanda M. THOMPSON b: 1829
3 Francis M. THOMPSON b: 1832
  + Elizabeth Rebecca CASH b:
2 John Warren LOONEY b: 1795 d: 1848
  + Nancy CAMPBELL b:
3 Andrew Jackson LOONEY b:
3 Martin Vanburen LOONEY b:
3 John Warren LOONEY b:
3 Susan LOONEY b:
3 Tuberville LOONEY b:
3 Ann Eliza LOONEY b:
3 Harriet LOONEY b:
3 Elizabeth LOONEY b:
2 Infant LOONEY b:
2 Beedy LOONEY b:
  + George KIEVES b:
2 Margaret LOONEY b: 1801
  + Jacob FUQUA b:
3 Perina FUQUA b:
3 Stokley FUQUA b:
  + William Robert HUNT b:
2 Absalom LOONEY b: 1799
  + Alcidora A. WYNNE b: 1810
3 Delveldela (Dollie) LOONEY b: 1846
  + Mr MYERS b:
3 Absalom LOONEY b: 1844
3 William LOONEY b: 1842 d: 1865
3 John LOONEY b: 1840 d: 1865
3 Margaret LOONEY b: 1838
3 Nancy LOONEY b: 1836
3 Lucretia LOONEY b: 1834
3 Frances LOONEY b: 1832
3 Richard LOONEY b: 1831
3 Lowery Booker LOONEY b: 1830
  + Mary Ann HUGHES b:
3 James LOONEY b: 1828
2 Martha (Patsy) LOONEY b: 1797
  + Fleming HODGES b:
  + William Madison PRUITT b:
3 Robert PRUITT b:
2 Susan (Polly) LOONEY b:
2 Elijah LOONEY b: 1805
  + Susan DICKEY b:

Other than the discrepancy between the names “Mills” and “Wills” for Absalom’s wife, the developers of these Ahnentafels and descendancy lists
seem to pretty well agree on most points. Most significantly, there is agreement for the most part that the senior Absalom who was a Revolutionary War soldier had sons named John W. and Absalom. It is obviously these brothers that owned the lands in the pre-arsenal locations. Data in the on-line records from Ancestry.com is further authenticated by the marriage records found for the Looneys in Madison County, which include Elijah Looney to Susan Dickey and Absalom to Acedorah A. Winn.

Since John W. Looney was the one to ultimately sell the land that his father had gotten from the government in Section 12, T4-R1W, it is apparent that he was the executor and inheritor of the majority of his father and mother’s estate. From the dates of purchases and sales of lands, it would likewise appear that the senior Absalom’s wife continued to live on the property by the old Huntsville airport until her death, but it is still quite possible that Absalom and his wife are both buried on the arsenal, on land held by his sons. Of course, the fact should not be overlooked that it is likewise possible that Absalom and his wife were buried in the Sively Cemetery on the old airport grounds, near their home in S12-T4-R1W.
This indenture, made this eighth day of January one thousand eight hundred and twenty five, between John W Looney and his wife Nancy of the County of Madison in the State of Alabama of the one part, and Thomas Brandon & William Brandon of the other part. Witnesseth; that the said John W Looney and his wife Nancy Looney for and in consideration of the sum of twenty five hundred dollars to them in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have this day bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed and conveyed, and by these presents do bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff and convey unto the said Thomas Brandon & Wm Brandon all that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County and State aforesaid and known in the plan of said County as the south west quarter of section twelve in township number four of range number one lying west of the basis meridian and supposed to contain one hundred and sixty acres more or less. To have and to hold, the above described quarter section of land with the tenements and appurtenances thereof belonging with any appertaining unto the said Thomas Brandon & William Brandon their heirs and assigns forever. And the said John W Looney & his wife Nancy for themselves their heirs, executors and administrators do warrant and will forever defend.
If indeed Absalom is buried on arsenal property, he most likely would have been buried on lands held by his son John W. Looney, who was the descendant entrusted with the disposition of the bulk of his estate. Since John W. acquired the land in Section 35, T4-R2W, on February 4 of 1818
and held it until 1829 when he sold it to his younger brother, and since the senior Absalom died probably late in the year 1818, it is entirely feasible for the burial to be on that property, in the west half of the northeast quarter. When coupled with the long-established tradition and old indications of a Looney Cemetery in Section 35, these facts point to a location of the Looney family cemetery on the east side of Anderson Road and north of Martin Road.

Originally, the search for the cemetery focused on the west side of Anderson Road, due to the improper identification of the land owned by the junior Absalom for a short time, after he bought it from his brother John W. and before he lost it to the sheriff’s auction. As pointed out earlier, that recording mistake identified the land of Absalom Jr. as being the west half of the northwest quarter of Section 35, rather than the west half of the northeast quarter of the section. The maps below have highlighted the appropriate location within the blue dashed lines, while the entire section is shown outlined in the red-dashed lines. The cemetery would be somewhere within the blue bordered area.

(1909 Map of Madison County, excerpted for the area of interest.)
(1911 USDA Soils Survey Map of Madison County, excerpted.)
(1937 Road Map of Madison County, excerpted for area of interest.)
If any physical evidence is ever found of this old cemetery, it would be appropriate to so advise the Daughters of the American Revolution to see if they would like to erect a suitable marker to Absalom Looney, the patriot born in 1763. Of course, the DAR may elect to someday commemorate Absalom Looney’s service to his country by emplacing a marker at the Sively Cemetery in Huntsville, if they would rather have such a monument nearer his homesite. However, it is just a credible that he actually lived out his last days (as would his wife) on the lands of his sons – now a part of Redstone Arsenal, even while still owning the land in southwestern Huntsville. This theory is even more supportable when one considers the age at which the senior Absalom died. Since he was born in 1763, he was only 55 in 1818 when he died. At that age, he very probably was still active, helping his sons to clear and farm the lands to the west on the old Indian areas. Until some archaeological evidence of the Looney family cemetery is found, the location and even the existence of it will remain somewhat open to conjecture, as will the identification of the folks who may be buried there.