

ANDY COWAN CEMETERY

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Summary Report



Andy Cowan Cemetery, Redstone Arsenal TA6, Madison Co. AL, March 4, 2003
Archaeologist Jeff Thomson at gate

This cemetery is the northernmost of three found in Test Area 6. It is south of Martin Road and east of Anderson Road. It is on a hill in the woods, overlooking a portion of Wheeler Reservoir off Indian Creek. There is no obvious road to it from Anderson Road. From the size of the trees in it, the cemetery is quite old. However, the census record for 1930 shows two Andy Cowan entries, one of which is likely to be the namesake of the cemetery. One was age 79 in 1930, whereas the other was Andy Cowan “Jr.” at age 39. They are both found on the same page of the census, but in different households. It is not known which one gave the cemetery its name, but land

record research may provide some clues. It would be expected that the cemetery derived its name from the older Andy Cowan, but that is not yet established.

The 1880 census data inserted below from the Family History Resource disks produced by the Latter Day Saints church may provide some insights into the family of Andy Cowan and his neighbors of the time:

Census Place: Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 136B

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Wesley J. LANDMAN	Self	M	M	W	43	AL
Marian LANDMAN	Wife	F	M	W	31	AL
Mattie LANDMAN	Dau	F	S	W	8	AL
Virginia LANDMAN	Dau	F	S	W	6	AL
Nancy LANDMAN	Dau	F	S	W	4	AL
Refave LANDMAN	Son	M	S	W	2	AL
Lucinda TIMMONS	Other	F	M	B	45	AL
Frank TIMMONS	Other	M	M	B	61	AL
Marian TIMMONS	Other	F	S	B	9	AL
Joseph TIMMONS	Other	M	S	B	8	AL
Mark GUNNAL	Other	M	S	B	25	AL

Census Place:

Township 5, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 136B

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Alen CASH	Self	M	M	B	35	AL
Betsie CASH	Wife	F	M	B	35	AL
Sallie CASH	Dau	F	S	B	10	AL
Mariah CASH	Dau	F	S	B	8	AL
Sandy CASH	Son	M	S	B	7	AL
Mary CASH	Dau	F	S	B	5	AL
Alberta CASH	Dau	F	S	B	3	AL
Alen CASH	Son	M	S	B	1	AL

Census Place: Township 5, Madison, Alabama

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	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Frank JACOBS	Self	M	M	MU	25	AL
Liza JACOBS	Wife	F	M	B	25	TN
Madora JACOBS	Dau	F	S	B	8	AL
Francis JACOBS	Dau	F	S	B	1	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 136B

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Robert GREY	Self	M	M	B	28	AL
Fannie GREY	Wife	F	M	B	22	AL
Laura GREY	Dau	F	S	B	6	AL
Lucilla GREY	Dau	F	S	B	3	AL
Lillie GREY	Dau	F	S	B	5M	AL
Margaret GREY	Sister	F	W	B	52	AL
Lee GREY	Nephew	M	S	B	18	AL

Census Place:Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 136B

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
William LOWE	Self	M	M	B	40	AL
Margaret LOWE	Wife	F	M	B	50	AL
P LOWE	Son	M	S	B	10	AL
LOWE	Dau	F	S	B	8	AL

Census Place:Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 137C

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Nancy LEWIS	Self	F	W	B	45	AL
Sam LEWIS	Son	M	S	B	15	AL
Ruben LEWIS	Son	M	S	B	3	AL
Malinda LEWIS	Mother	F	W	B	...	VA
Addie LEWIS	Niece	F	S	B	18	AL

Census Place:Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 137C

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
John THORNTON	Self	M	M	B	50	AL
Virginia THORNTON	Wife	F	M	B	38	AL
Celtia THORNTON	Dau	F	S	B	14	AL
Mahala THORNTON	Dau	F	S	B	12	AL
Lucy THORNTON	Dau	F	S	B	11	AL
Thornton THORNTON	Son	M	S	B	10	AL
Earnest THORNTON	Son	M	S	B	8	AL
Coleman THORNTON	Son	M	S	B	6	AL
Siam THORNTON	Son	M	S	B	2	AL

Census Place:Madison, Alabama

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	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Austin GROORS	Self	M	M	B	32	AL
Parilia GROORS	Wife	F	M	B	28	AL
Hendesson CAMEL	Other	M	S	B	10	AL
Hayes BANUT	Nephew	M	S	B	3	AL

Census Place:Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 137C

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Davis CAMBELL	Self	M	M	B	53	AL
Daisie CAMBELL	Wife	F	M	B	28	AL
Alls CAMBELL	Son	M	S	B	9	AL
David CAMBELL	Son	M	S	B	7	AL
Zackaus CAMBELL	Son	M	S	B	5	AL

Census Place:Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 137C

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Zeb. JOINER	Self	M	M	MU	23	AL
Lizzie JOINER	Wife	F	M	MU	22	AL
Arthor JOINER	Son	M	S	MU	7M	AL

Census Place:Madison, Alabama

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	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Solomon LEMORE	Self	M	M	MU	28	AL
Rodie LEMORE	Wife	F	M	MU	26	AL
James LEMORE	Son	M	S	MU	1	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

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	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Joseph NICKOLS	Self	M	M	MU	59	AL
Nancy NICKOLS	Wife	F	M	MU	58	AL
Walker NICKOLS	Son	M	S	MU	13	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

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	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
James LACY	Self	M	M	MU	40	AL
Prissilla LACY	Wife	F	M	MU	39	AL
Nellie LACY	Dau	F	S	MU	18	AL
Wyatt LACY	Son	M	S	MU	14	AL
Amanda LACY	Dau	F	S	MU	12	AL
Margaret LACY	Dau	F	S	MU	10	AL
Francis LACY	Dau	F	S	MU	8	AL
Thomas LACY	Son	M	S	MU	6	AL
Edith LACY	Dau	F	S	MU	4	AL
Russel LOWE	Other	M	M	B	41	AL
Flora LOWE	Other	F	M	B	29	AL
Anna LOWE	Other	F	S	B	8	AL
Sophia LOWE	Other	F	S	B	6	AL
Matilda LACY	Mother	F	W	MU	60	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

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	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Will T. WILLIAMS	Self	M	M	B	35	AL
Nancy WILLIAMS	Wife	F	M	B	24	AL
Trustie WILLIAMS	Son	M	S	B	4	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 137D

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Lucy BILLUPS	Self	F	W	B	47	AL
Peggie BILLUPS	Dau	F	S	B	27	AL
Amanda BILLUPS	Dau	F	S	B	17	AL
Fannie BILLUPS	Dau	F	S	B	12	AL
Moses BILLUPS	Son	M	S	B	8	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

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	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Stephen QUAIM	Self	M	M	B	39	VA
Prissilla QUAIM	Wife	F	M	B	37	AL
Adaline QUAIM	Dau	F	S	B	16	AL
Liza QUAIM	Dau	F	S	B	14	AL
Margaret QUAIM	Dau	F	S	B	12	AL
Perks BEARD	Other	M	S	B	26	AL

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	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Richie TIMIS	Self	M	M	B	23	VA
Sarah TIMIS	Wife	F	M	B	21	AL
Angeline TIMIS	Dau	F	S	B	4	AL
Francis CULP	MotherL	F	W	B	45	AL
Marthy CULP	SisterL	F	S	B	5	AL

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	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Munro BELL	Self	M	M	B	48	AL
Sarah BELL	Wife	F	M	B	35	AL
William BELL	Son	M	S	B	6	AL
Munro BELL	Son	M	S	B	1	AL
Francis LIGHTFOOT	Niece	F	W	B	28	AL

Census Place:Madison, Alabama

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	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
John MARLIN	Self	M	M	B	35	AL
Laura MARLIN	Wife	F	M	B	32	VA
Susan MARLIN	Dau	F	S	B	15	AL
William MARLIN	Son	M	S	B	8	AL
Julia MARLIN	Dau	F	S	B	7	AL
Mary MARLIN	Dau	F	S	B	5	AL
Ida MARLIN	Dau	F	S	B	2	AL
Sallie MARLIN	Aunt	F	W	B	80	NC

Census Place:Madison, Alabama

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	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Thomas DAVIDSON	Self	M	M	B	20	AL
Mary DAVIDSON	Wife	F	M	B	18	AL
Julia DAVIDSON	Sister	F	S	B	18	AL
Matilda DAVIDSON	Mother	F	W	B	55	AL
Alfred BLACK	Cousin	M	S	B	21	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 138A

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Andrew COWAN	Self	M	M	B	25	AL
Berry COWAN	Brother	M	M	B	28	AL
Mahala COWAN	Wife	F	M	B	23	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

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	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Berta COWAN	Self	F	M	B	23	AL
Rosa COWAN	Dau	F	S	B	1	AL
Green COWAN	Brother	M	S	B	15	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

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	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Samuel CABBELL	Self	M	M	B	31	AL
Virginia CABBELL	Wife	F	M	B	23	AL

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	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
John POLLARD	Self	M	M	B	36	GA
Mary POLLARD	Wife	F	M	B	25	AL
John POLLARD	Son	M	S	B	10	AL
James POLLARD	Son	M	S	B	5	AL

Census Place:Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 138A

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Charles A. BELL	Self	M	M	W	35	AL
Rebecca BELL	Wife	F	M	W	25	AL
Deward BELL	Son	M	S	W	8	AL
Claud BELL	Son	M	S	W	6	AL
Ewing BELL	Son	M	S	W	5	AL
Minnie BELL	Dau	F	S	W	2	AL
Arthur BELL	Son	M	S	W	3M	AL

Census Place:Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 138A

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Charles COWAN	Self	M	M	B	45	AL
Harriett COWAN	Wife	F	M	B	40	AL
Rella COWAN	Dau	F	S	B	20	AL
Scott COWAN	Son	M	S	B	15	AL
Lizzie COWAN	Dau	F	S	B	12	AL
Charles COWAN	Son	M	S	B	9	AL
Wesley COWAN	Son	M	S	B	4	AL
Henderson CAULIMORE	Other	M	M	B	26	AL

Census Place:Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 138A

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Munroe TIMMONS	Self	M	M	B	36	AL
Harriet TIMMONS	Wife	F	M	B	23	AL
Gracie TIMMONS	Dau	F	S	B	2	AL
Charles HOGAN	Other	M	S	B	22	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 138A

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Margaret CLEMENT	Self	F	W	B	45	AL
Felix CLEMENT	Son	M	S	B	12	AL
Lottie CLEMENT	Dau	F	S	B	8	AL
King GUIMEL	Other	M	W	B	44	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

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	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Sallie BELL	Self	F	W	W	55	AL
Stanhope BELL	Son	M	S	W	27	AL
Zera BELL	Dau	F	S	W	18	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 138A

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Fannie BELL	Self	F	W	B	28	AL
Houston BELL	Son	M	S	B	8	AL
Rosa BELL	Dau	F	S	B	4	AL

Census Place:Township 5, Madison, Alabama

Source: FHL Film 1254021 National Archives Film T9-0021 Page 138A

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Frank BELL	Self	M	W	B	65	AL
Frank BELL	Son	M	S	B	12	AL
Charles BELL	Son	M	S	B	10	AL
Samuel BAILIE	Other	M	S	B	25	AL

The 1900 census record inserted below for the Andy Cowan family provides more details about them. Andy Cowan Sr. and his wife Bertha had been married for 22 years at the time of the 1900 census. Bertha had borne 10 children, but only 4 remained alive in 1900. Those four are listed in the census as part of their household, including Andy Cowan Jr. The other 6 children are probably buried in the family cemetery, as may be one or more of these last 4 by now.

TWELFTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES.

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State Alabama
County Madison

SCHEDULE No. 1.—POPULATION.

Supervisor's District No. 8 Sheet No. 10
Enumeration District No. 108

Township or other division of county Precinct 7

Name of Institution

Name of incorporated city, town, or village, within the above-named division INDIA

Ward of city

Enumerated by me on the 12 day of June, 1900, Chas. G. Dillara Enumerator

LOCALITY	NAME	RELATION	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION	SEX			CITIZENSHIP	OCCUPATION, TRADE, OR PROFESSION	EDUCATION	MARRIAGE
				AGE						
				Male	Female	Total				
	James M. Beckley	Daughter	B. R. Jan 1892 10 S	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama		at school		
	Bessie	Wife	B. M. Nov 1879 21 M 21	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama		at school		
	William	Son	B. M. Mar 1892 8 S	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama		at school		
	Maggie	Daughter	B. E. Mar 1894 6 S	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama		at school		
	Paul	Daughter	B. G. Feb 1895 5 S	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama		at school		
	Anna	Son	B. M. Nov 1891 10 S	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama		at school		
	Martha	Daughter	B. F. Oct 1893 6 S	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama		at school		
	William	Son	B. M. Dec 1896 3 S	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama		at school		
	John	Son	B. M. Mar 1897 2 S	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama		at school		
	Thomas	Son	B. M. Oct 1899 2 S	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama		at school		
	William	Son	B. M. Oct 1899 2 S	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama		at school		
	Bessie	Daughter	B. M. May 1897 3 S	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama		at school		
	John	Son	B. M. Mar 1897 3 S	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama		at school		
	William	Son	B. M. May 1897 3 S	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama		at school		
	John	Son	B. M. Mar 1897 3 S	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama		at school		
	John	Son	B. M. Mar 1897 3 S	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama		at school		
	John	Son	B. M. Mar 1897 3 S	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama		at school		
	John	Son	B. M. Mar 1897 3 S	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama		at school		
	John	Son	B. M. Mar 1897 3 S	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama		at school		
	John	Son	B. M. Mar 1897 3 S	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama		at school		
	John	Son	B. M. Mar 1897 3 S	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama		at school		
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The Cowan family was also found in the 1920 census, in the Triana precinct, as given below:

NAME OF INSTITUTION		NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE		ENUMERATED BY ME ON THE		DAY OF	
NAME		RELATION	SEX	AGE	CITIZENSHIP	EDUCATION	
NATIVITY AND MOTHER TONGUE		Place of birth of each person and parents of each person enumerated. If born in the United States, give the state or territory. If not, in addition, the mother tongue. (See instructions.)		PERSONS		FATHER	
Place of birth		Mother tongue		Place of birth		Mother tongue	
10		11		12		13	
11/13/127	<u>James Andrew</u> son	son	m	25	S	Ala	Ala
	<u>George W</u> son	son	m	15	S	Ala	Ala
	<u>Caroline Andrew</u> Head	Head	w	56	und	Ala	Ala
	<u>James Mandy</u> son	son	m	37	S	Ala	Ala
	<u>Allen</u> son	son	m	17	S	Ala	Ala
11/13/128	<u>Caroline Andrew</u> Head	Head	w	35	S	Ala	Ala
11/14/129	<u>Nathan James</u> Head	Head	m	32	nat	Ala	Ala
	<u>Beall</u> wife	wife	w	30	nat	Ala	Ala
	<u>Nattie</u> Daughter	Daughter	w	6	S	Ala	Ala
	<u>James</u> son	son	m	20	S	Ala	Ala
11/15/130	<u>James</u> Head	Head	m	54	nat	Ala	Ala
	<u>Beall</u> wife	wife	w	46	nat	Ala	Ala
	<u>Lee Ray</u> son	son	m	14	S	Ala	Ala
	<u>Oliver</u> son	son	m	13	S	Ala	Ala
11/16/131	<u>Charles</u> Head	Head	m	39	nat	Ala	Ala
	<u>Mattie</u> wife	wife	w	31	nat	Ala	Ala
	<u>Emerson</u> son	son	m	13	nat	Ala	Ala
	<u>Sam</u> son	son	m	4	S	Ala	Ala
	<u>William</u> son	son	m	13	S	Ala	Ala
11/16/132	<u>Leahy</u> Head	Head	m	57	und	Ala	Ala
	<u>Richard</u> son	son	m	7	S	Ala	Ala
	<u>Levina</u> wife	wife	w	43	nat	Ala	Ala
11/17/133	<u>Wilson</u> Head	Head	m	65	nat	Ala	Ala
	<u>Angie</u> wife	wife	w	63	nat	Ala	Ala
11/18/134	<u>Ornell</u> Head	Head	m	65	und	Ala	Ala
	<u>Mary</u> wife	wife	w	52	und	Ala	Ala
	<u>John</u> son	son	m	9	S	Ala	Ala
	<u>Robert</u> son	son	m	4	S	Ala	Ala

1920 Madison Co. AL E.D. 132, Sheet 6-B: Andy Cowan Sr. & Jr.

The 1930 census page shown below lists Andy Cowan Sr. in the household of a niece. The family of Andy Cowan Jr. is enumerated in an adjacent household, all in the Whitesburg Precinct.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE-BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
FIFTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1930
POPULATION SCHEDULE

Enumeration District No. 25-18
Inspector's District No. 2

Enumeration Date: 4-1-30
Sheet No. 14 B

Enumeration by: *Official of the Census Bureau*

PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME	RELATION	SEX	AGE	MARRIAGE	SINGLE	MARRIED	DIVORCED	WIDOWED	MARRIAGE	SINGLE	MARRIED	DIVORCED	WIDOWED	OCCUPATION AND INDUSTRY		EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED
															INDUSTRY	OCCUPATION		
Alabama	Andy Cowan Sr.	Head	M	45											Farmer			
Alabama	Andy Cowan Jr.	Wife	F	42											Farmer			
Alabama	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

1930 Madison County, Alabama, census page showing Andy Cowan Sr. & Jr.

Another clue to the age of the cemetery is given by the sole inscribed grave marker – that for George Jones, 1889 – 1931.



Andy Cowan Cemetery, Redstone Arsenal TA6, Madison Co. AL, March 4, 2003

The 1930 census for George Jones shows him as age 39, with a wife that he had married 10 years earlier, as a first marriage for each. They were living on “Pond Beat Road”, in the Whitesburg census enumeration district, Precinct 6.

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POPULATION SCHEDULE

Enumerated by me April 7, 1930 John Ballant

1930 Madison County, Alabama, census page, Whitesburg Precinct, showing the family of George Jones.

It is possible that George was the last person buried in the cemetery, but there is no direct indication of when the cemetery first came into use. From the size of the fenced area, it would appear that there could be over 100 graves in the cemetery, but there are not so many obvious grave depressions. Probing and exploring for grave counts could be somewhat hazardous, due to several items of unexploded ordnance found in the area under the leaves. Should there ever be a forest fire that burns away the leaves in the area, that would provide an excellent opportunity to further check this cemetery for more accurate grave count estimates and to explore for buried markers.

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