

LYNCH CEMETERY, 80 - 3

Summary Report



Lynch Cemetery, Redstone Arsenal, Madison Co., AL, July, 2002.

View toward the southwest, overlooking Buxton Road, just west of the junction with McAlpine Road.
Van in background is parked at igloo pond road, where it meets Buxton Road.

This cemetery is about 25 ft X about 30 ft in size. It has only one marked grave, that for Fannie M. Lynch, daughter of John M. and Nancey Lynch, born December 14, 1846, died February 12, 1868.



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Epitaph:

**Long are the paths and sad the bowers
Whence thy meek smile is gone.
But Oh: a brighter home than ours,
In Heaven is now thine own.**

There appear to be indications of 11 likely graves, but the cemetery could hold up to at least 15 in total. The cemetery is located in the northeastern corner of the NW/4 of the SE/4 of Section 20, Township 5 South, Range 1 West. It is on the north side of Buxton Road, on a small hill, about 30 feet from the fence along the road. There is a nearby (to the west) gate through the fence, but it is normally locked. The gate of the cemetery's chain link fence is not locked, but it is sagging somewhat. In general, this cemetery, like most others on the arsenal, is well maintained and mowed.

In Dorothy Scott Johnson's book "*CEMETERIES OF MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA, VOL. I*" (1971), she reports that the 1850 census as recorded on November 16 has:

Lynch, John M. (40) TN -- farmer, \$2160
" Nancy (37) NC
" Martha F. (3) AL
" Maria M. (1) AL

Dot Johnson also reported her research that showed that John M. Lynch married Nancy **HATTON** on February 19, 1846, per Madison County Marriage Book 4A. She reported that Maria M. Lynch married John W. Landman on June 30, 1869, per Marriage Book 5 of Madison County.

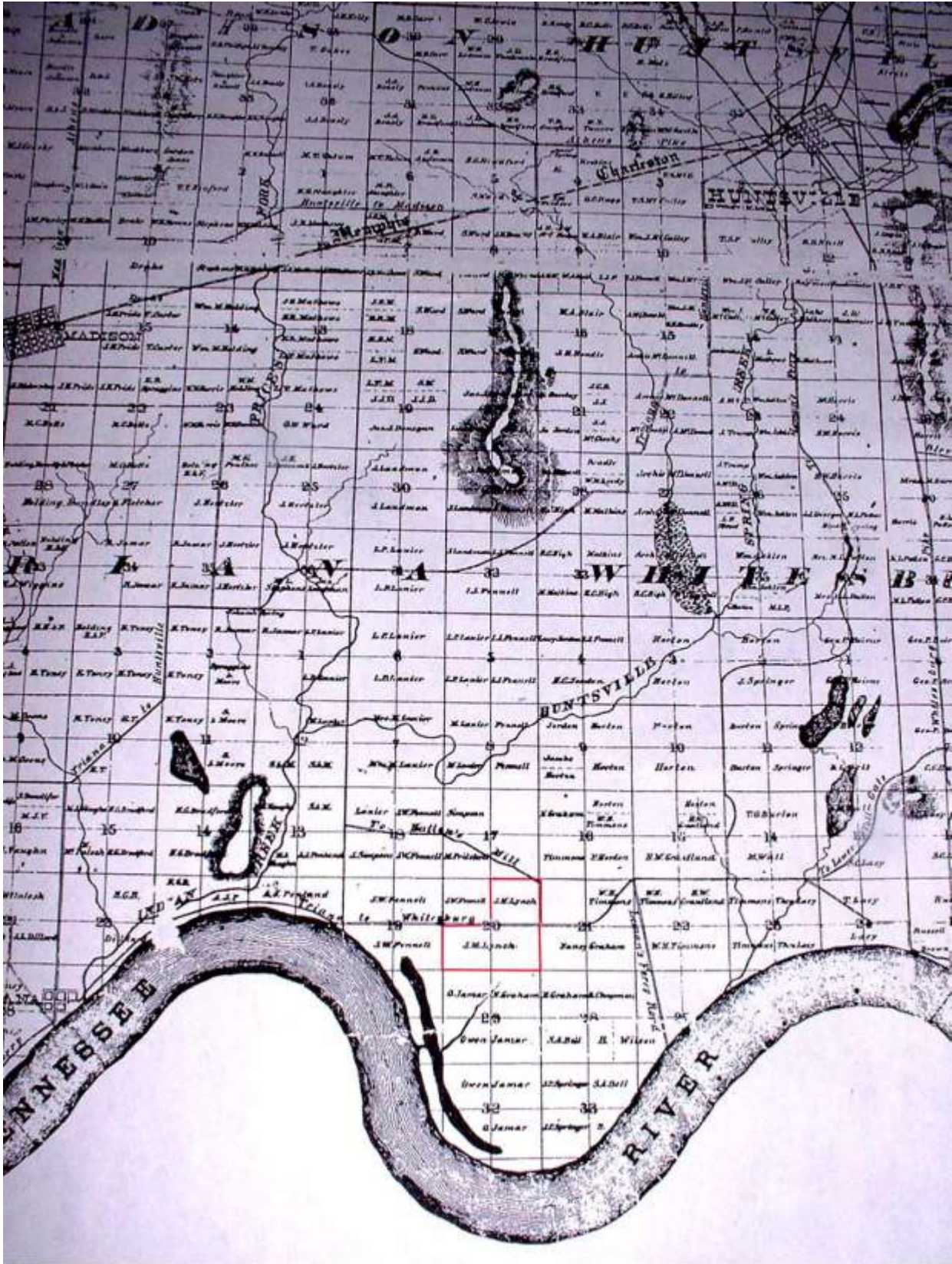
19		Virginia Meigs	38	F				Ditto
20		Margaret A "	2	F				Virginia
21	270 270	John M Lynch	50	M	Farmer	2160		Alabama
22		Nancy "	37	F				Tennessee
23		Martha F "	3	F				North Carolina
24		Maria M "	1	F				Alabama
25	270 270	Georg W Jacobs	25	M				Ditto
26		John "	25	M		250		Alabama
27		Leahy "	33	F				Ditto
28		Fanny Jacobs	72	F				Alabama
29		Mary "	5	F				Alabama
30		Hannah "	6	F				Ditto
31		Betty "	3	F				Ditto
32		George "	1	M				Ditto
33		Dana "	13	M				Ditto
34	370 370	Francis G Prichard	53	M	Farmer			North Carolina
35		Elizabeth "	35	F				Virginia

1850 Madison County AL census page 447-B1: John M. Lynch family on pre-arsenal land

The 1860 census has in the southwestern division, Madison Station P.O., the family of John M. Lynch, 50, a farmer, born in TN. His wife is shown as Nancy, age 48, born in NC. The children listed in the household are two girls: Sarah T. (or Y.?), age 14, born in AL; and on the next page (not shown below) Maria M., age 11, born in AL.

In November of 1850 the Madison County census in the 36th District had a John Lynch at age 82, born in VA, with wife Sarah, age 67, born in SC. They were living near several families with the surname of Capshaw and near families with other surnames generally associated with what became the Madison Station area within the next decade. Also enumerated in this Lynch household was Margaret A. Winfrey, 36, born AL. Four Winfrey children were listed next in the household, consisting of William (16), John (14), James (12), and Martha (8). All were listed as born in AL. Finally, the household included Roda Lych [not “Lynch”] at age 19 and Charly Lych [not “Lynch”] at age 3. Both of the “Lyches” were listed as born in Alabama. Again, considering the ages, this senior John Lynch at 82 could well be the father (or even the grandfather) of the John Lynch at age 40 in the 1850 census.

The land owned by John M. Lynch around the cemetery on the arsenal is shown on the 1875 map below, outlined in red.



1875 Map showing landowners of record in Madison County, AL (Redstone Arsenal Portion)

The land Lynch family land purchases and sales per deeds recorded at the Madison County courthouse are given in the index images below.

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General Index to Real Property— DEEDS, MORTGAGES, JUDGMENTS, LIS PENDENS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS AFFECTING REAL ESTATE No. 1—REVERSE—1810-1919

TO WHOM MADE	SERNAME	GIVEN NAME	MIDDLE NAME	SURNAME	MAKER	KIND OF INSTRUMENT	When and Where Recorded				Location or Other Brief Description			
							Book	Vol.	Page	Year	Sec.	Tp.	Sp.	
Love	E L				A W Newson	al Mtg	M	149	392	1918		Fairview Add Hvl		
do				William A	Larkin Kelly	al Mtg	M	156	156	1919	7	5 1-W		
do	Azel A				W O Sisco	al Mtg	M	161	428	1919		E Hvl Add Hvl		
Lynch		John W			Hughey Smith	al Deed	D	W	484	1947	3D	5 1-W		
do		Jane			James W Todd	Deed	D	Y	141	1861	8	5 1-E		
do		John			Thomas Longley	al Deed	D	Z	226	1853	2	5 2-W Etc		
do		Margaret			Alexander J Perkins by	Deed	D	XX	70	1874	15	3 2-E		
do		Margaret			do do	Deed	D	DDD	437	1879	15	3 2-W etc		
do		A Elliot			Mary W Lippincott by Atty	Deed	D	PPP	2D7	1888		North Side Add Hvl		
do	H J				James R Stevens	Deed	D	PPP	259	1888		No 3 N Ala Imp Co Add Hvl		
do	H J				Geo J Robertson	Deed	D	QQQ	393	1899		Church St Etc		
do	H J				do do	Deed	D	TTT	125	1890		Hvl		
do	Huston J				Geo J Robertson	Deed	D	TTT	126	1890		Blue Spring Road Hvl		
do	al			Richard	Wm H Timmons	al Deed	D	VVV	565	1892	23	5 1-W		
do				Richard	Jno H Timmons	al Deed	D	VVV	568	1892		Same		
do	H J				Daniel Murphy	Deed	D	77	56	1895		Washington St Hvl		
do				Wm M	John T Clift	al Deed	D	86	123	1899	2D	3 2-W		
do		O P			A M Booth	al Deed	D	86	441	1900		N Ala Imp Co Add Hvl		
Lynch	al	J W			John W Lynch & Wf	Deed	D	88	71	1900	15	3 2-W		
Lynch				William	John T Clift	al Deed	D	91	477	1904	2D	3 2-W		
do	Floyd				John W Lynch	al Deed	D	96	569	1906	15	3 2-W		
do		Jessie V			John W Lynch	al Deed	D	96	570	1906		Same		

Madison County, Alabama, Private Land Purchases by LYNCHs.

SURNAME	MAKER			TO WHOM MADE	KIND OF INSTRUMENT	Where and When Recorded				Location or other Brief Description			
	HUSBAND & WIFE	SINGLE	JUNIOR PARTNERS			Book	Vol.	Page	Year	Sec.	Tp.	Rp.	
Lynch		John	Sarah	Benjamin Pattenon	al	D.T.	D	Q	621	1838	4	-	1-E
do		John by Tr	Sarah by Tr	Francis J Levert		Deed	D	V	476	1846	4	5	1-E
do		John M Nancy		James Landman		Deed	D	W	406	1847			Indef
do		John Nancy		William Joiner	al	Deed	D	LL	28	1869	21	5	1-W
do		Margaret A		Jas H Clift		Deed	D	QQ	235	1871	29	3	2-W
do		Jas S by Adm John W		Mary F Landman		Deed	D	SS	235	1872	8	5	1-E
do		Margaret A John W		John Sadler		Deed	D	EE	162	1880			Triana & Pulaaki Rd 2 A
do		Margaret		W A Love		Mtg	M	7	200	1880	15	3	2-W
do		Margaret John W		Rufus M Thompson		Deed	D	EE	518	1880	14	3	2-W Mill Race on 15 3 2-W Section Line
do		Margaret		Frank M Yeager		Mtg	M	34	253	1880	15	3	2-W
do	al	L T	William Richard	Oscar R Hundley		Mtg	M	38	435	1891	21	3	2-W
do	al	Margaret John W	Polly Wm	Anna E Timmons		Mtg	M	43	26	1892	23	5	1-W
do		J Mrs		Thomas J Taylor		Mtg	M	43	397	1892	15	3	2-W
do	H J	J Mrs		Nashville Chatta & S L RR		Deed	D	VVV	527	1892			R of W of N C St L Ry
do	al		Wtgee Richard by	William Samuel		Deed	D	ZZ	471	1893	23	5	1-W
do		L T	Wm M	John T Clift		Mtg	M	55	116	1897	10	3	2-W
Lynch	al	Lee L John W	W M	R L Pike		Deed	D	84	276	1898	21	3	2-W
do		Margaret H John W		Wm H Fowlkes		Deed	D	86	71	1900	15	3	2-W
Lynch		Margaret Jno W		John L Brunley & wf		Deed	D	91	530	1904	15	3	2-W
do		Margaret Jno W		Chas L Brunley		Deed	D	96	65	1905	15	3	2-W
do		Margaret		Chas L Brunley	al	Deed	D	96	65	1905	15	3	2-W

Madison County, Alabama, Land Sales, LYNCH to others.

Note that John M. Lynch recorded the purchase of his land around the family cemetery in 1847 (just after the birth of his daughter Fannie). He got the land from Hughey Smith, a prominent landowner to the east, who land transitioned to Henry W. Grantland by the time of the 1875 map.

Furthermore, John M. Lynch and his wife Nancy recorded a purchase of land in Sections 2 and 3 of Township 5, Range 2 West, in 1853 when their daughter Fannie would have been about 7 years old. In 1847 the Lynch family recorded the sale of land to James Landman. In 1869, Fannie's younger sister Maria M. Lynch married John W. Landman, so it is possible that the families lived adjacent to one another. After Fannie's death in 1868, the Lynch family sold land in Section 21, Township 5, Range 1 West, to William Joiner, so they may have moved from the area around the cemetery at that time. Of course, the cemetery is actually located in Section 20, just to the west of Section 21. There may have been a recording error, at least in the deed index, regarding the section number sold to William Joiner, since

there is no entry in deed records or the government tract book to show that the Lynch family ever got land in Section 21 to offer for sale to anyone. Additional research of the actual deeds themselves may shed some light upon how the ownership transitioned from one family to another. This remains an activity for the future, as of the time of this writing.

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