

New Advanced Tools in the First Landowner's Project

1. JUMP to PLACE-FINDER+TOPOS: find a place of interest, then click one of the "Jump to" buttons to either:
 - a. leave this map and go to the same spot (and same zoom-level) in the new Place-Finder+Topos tool, or
 - b. keep this map alive and open a new browser window to view the new Place-Finder+Topos tool for the same spot and zoom-level.

2. TOGGLE to TEXT MARKERS: With your markers in view, toggle them from being just traditional icons to being actual "text-labels":



Other improvements include: 1) more comprehensive Lots data, 2) improved contextual hints (ex: which county am i viewing?), 3) faster searchers, etc.

The screenshot shows the HistoryGeo.com website interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "SEARCH SURNAME..." and dropdown menus for "State: ALL STATES" and "County: ALL COUNTIES". Below the search bar is a map of the United States with state abbreviations. A red arrow points to a tooltip that says "JUMP to same view in Place-Finder Tool" with two buttons: "in THIS window" and "in NEW window". Another red arrow points to a "Toggle to TEXT Markers (experimental)" button. On the right side, there is a "County Browser" panel with a dropdown for "State: Alabama" and "County: Autauga". Below the county dropdown is a minus sign button. A red arrow points from this minus sign to an "EXAMPLE" box. The "EXAMPLE" box shows a list of names and a button that says "Change Indexes to: White, AR". At the bottom of the map, there is a "Landowner Visibility" slider.

Another New Feature

This button tracks what County you're hovering over and allows you to update the Landowner (County Browser) index when you are ready.

EXAMPLE

This ...

Changes to this ...

Change Indexes to: White, AR

As you Zoom & Pan around the Map

Place-Finder+Topos: Unique Features (not available in First Landowners Map Viewer)

1. Search Place-Names (instead of Surnames) at the top of the Viewer.
2. Scope includes the entire Continental United States (not just the Public-Land states + Texas).
3. In the Place-Finder tool (right-sidebar tools), you can browse any geographic or political feature and zoom to it in either this map or in 3rd party tools like Google or Bing.
4. View multiple topographic quad maps. View what's available (often 50-70 year-old maps) in a grid you create at the mere click of a button.
5. Build Your Own Map! You can add county boundaries and topographic maps, in addition to your own Markers to create a totally unique map.
6. Save that Map! After building a map, you can save it, using the Advanced Tool of that name. Individual subscribers can access their saved maps.

The following features are described on the prior page (as they exist both here in the Place-Finder and in the First Landowners viewer):

- a. Toggle Markers to Text-labels and,
- b. Jump to First-Landowners tool to view the same spot (replacing this viewer, or in a new window).

The screenshot shows the HistoryGeo.com Place-Finder+Topos interface. The browser address bar shows the URL: historygeo.com/v3/viewers/index.php?v=pf#. The page title is "Place Finder + Topos". The interface includes a search bar, state and county dropdowns, and a "Place-Finder" sidebar on the right. The main map area displays a topographic map of Fayette County, Alabama, with various markers and text labels. Red annotations with arrows point to specific features: "Draw Topo Grid (check availability)" points to the "Redraw Topo Quads" button; "JUMP to First Landowners" points to the "JUMP to same view of 1st Landowners in THIS window in NEW window" button; "TOGGLE to Text Markers" points to the "Toggle to REGULAR Markers (experimental)" button; and "Save or Open Your Own Maps" points to the "Save", "Open", and "Clear" buttons under the "MAP FILES" section. The "Place-Finder" sidebar shows a list of cemeteries, with "Old Shepherd Cemetery" selected. Below the list are icons for Google Maps, Bing Maps, and other map services.

Another New Feature

Once you've selected a geographic (or other) feature in the Place-Finder tab, click on this button to get multiple choices of 3rd-party maps from which you can view the same location.

EXAMPLE

After selecting a cemetery, Click This Button ...



... and get multiple choices of 3rd-party maps on which to view this location

The screenshot shows the menu that appears when the ALT button is clicked. It lists several options for viewing the location: "Google Maps (Roads)", "Google Maps (Satellite)", "Bing Maps (Roads)", "Bing Maps (Satellite)", and "Many others ...".