THE LOVE FAMILY

The Love brothers, William M. (b.1820) and James M. (b.1832), came from their home in South Carolina about 1846. William Love had married his wife. Agnes (he called her Aggy), before they left Carolina to find a home on the frontier. Young James Love, about 14 or 15 years old, went along for the adventure and to help William hold his horses.

When they arrived in Mississippi, William found land that he liked in Lauderdale County, and bought a few acres. James stayed on with William and Aggy for a few years until he married Caroline Hendrick in December of

1851.

William's land was near Gumlog Church in the Obediah area of Lauderdale County. As time went on, William was able to buy more land. In addition to his farmonear Obediah he bought land in the 16th and 17th Sections of Pine Springs in 1873. [Deek Bk. T,pg.14] From John & Collins estate.

The Pine Springs land had belonged to and was the home of John B. Collins. Collins had died in 1866? and his land was in the hands of the Collins heirs. Due to controversy among the cheirs, their case was taken to Chancery Court of Lauderdale County. The Court ordered the land to be sold. William Love, the highest and best bidder, bought the land from the Court Commissioner. It is not known if William Love ever moved to Pine Springs or not. His oldest son, John Love, had been married some time earlier and was squatting on land that belonged to a railroad in the hills northeast of Obediah. It may be that John and his bride came to Pine Springs to live on the land that William had bought. In 1883, John Love became the owner of the Collins land.

William and Aggy Love had eight children, all born in Lauderda County. They were members of Fellowship Baptist Church, above Pine Springs. Agness C. Love died first on March 30, 1894 at about 65 years of age. William M. died a little over a year later on July 9, 1895. He was around seventy. They were both buried at Fellowship.

Several of their children made their home in Pine Springs where they were respected citizens. Some of their descendants still live in the community. Children:

I. MARGARET A. LOVE

Born: 1847, Lauderdale Co, Ms. Married: Probably in the 1860's.

She was listed with William and Aggy in 1860 census when she was 12 years old.

Died:

She was gone from home by 1870 census.

Born: 1850, Lauderdale Co, Ms. Died: 1880's. bur. Gumlog Bapt. Church. Married: Mary "Mollie" Denton of Gumlog and 1870. She was the daughter of flarway weekly Denton on Willie Mae Corpentie.

When John and Mollie first married they lived on railroad land in the northeastern part of Lauderdale County, in the hills near the present-day Navel Air Base. (Some still refer to those hills as the 'Love Hills'.) After William Love bought land in Pine Springs in 1873, John and Mollie moved to the Pine Springs Community.

William's land was the NE quarter of Section 16 (West half.) In 1883, John got clear title to that land. In 1885, John Love bougth the entire Southwest quarter of Section 16 (Pine Springs) from C.E.Rushing.

John and Mollie Love lived the rest of their life in Pine Springs. They

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had seven children which all grew up in the community. John and Mollie died in Pine Springs and were buried at Suqualena. Their graves were unmarked and have been lost.

There was an Indian camp on Okatibbee Creek over behind John Love's house when they first came to Pine Springs to live. The Indians made baskets of all shapes and sizes from the reeds that grew there in the lowlands. Mrs. Love bought and had the baskets about their home for use for various purposes.

The baskets finally wore out and were discarded.

John Love first lived in a log house which he built in the Southeast 4 of the Northwest quarter of Section 16 of his Pine Springs farm. He lived in this log house until he died in 1895. His son, Lee Love, inherited that portion of John's estate when John died. Lee covered the logs with weather-boarding and made it his home. The old house is not in very good condition, but it is still standing at this tim (1987). Children:

1. <u>WILLIAM WESLEY "WES" LOVE</u> 1871-1965, m. Mary Frances Shepherd (1871-1956), of Suqualena. Wes built a small plain house of wide sawn lumber in front of his father's house and the maid Pine Springs road. It wasn't much of a house when he built it, but later owners improved the house and it is still being lived in today.

Wes and Mary Love farmed their land all their life. Their six children grew up, married and left the farm. Only one, Chester, returned to Pine Springs in later years, but the old farm had been sold to someone else and

Chester lives elsewhere in the community.

Wes Love attended the Pine Springs church and was a part of the community. He and Mary Love are both buried at Pine Springs Cemetery.

Children: (All born and went to school in Pine Springs.)
A. LILLY BELLE LOVE 1893-19__, m. Nolon Hodges. (3")

B. CHESTER LEE LOVE 1894—, m. Myrtie White, (b.1893); dau. of John W. and Lydia White of Pine Springs (qv)

Ches Love spent most of his life working for the Southern Railroad Shops. This was a difficult way to make a living during the 1930s because her was laid off sommany times because of the depression. He finally was sent to the shops in Birmingham and they lived there several years in Bessemer. When he retired from the railroad they came back to Pine Springs. All the White heirs signed over their interest in the White farm in Pine Springs to their sister; Myrtie Love; in exchange for the Love's providing their widowed mother, Lydie White, a home for as long as she lived. Ches and Myrtie moved into the big White farmhouse but reserved two rooms for Lydie.

Ches and Myrtie are still living in the old White home, which they now own. Ches has always had a love for horses and the Pine Springs Riding Club had its headquarters on their place for several years. They had to give an active part in the horse shows and barrel races after their health began to fail, and the club now meets elsewhere. Ches is not strong, but he still takes an interest, with his son to help, in raising

cattle.

Children: a. Onida Love 1918-1979, m. Charles Nugent, had four daughters.

b. C L (Chester Lee, Jr.) Love 1921-1973, m. (1) Irene Phillips of Morton, Ms. (2) Mary _____, a widow with children. CL served in World War II 'Tec.5, US Army. Worked for railroad after the war. No children.

c. Mack Wilson Love 1927, m. (1)Lois Bates of Birmingham, had one dau. (2)Mrs. Ann Hurt, Meridian, divorced. Mack worked for railroad until he suffered a back injury. Now working as Security Guard for Anderson Hospital, Meridian. Is a Vol. Fireman for Pine Springs Fire Dept. Lives on Ches & Myrtie Love's farm and takes care of his parents.

C. CHARLES LOVE 1900-19_, m. Ruth Williamson of Suqualena, lived in Meridian

where he worked for Mississippi Power Company.

b. Calvin Love c. Charles Edwin Love e. (Dau.)

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482-2850 D. LEORA LOVE 1902, m. Selby Hudson (qv), lived near Bailey. Leora and Selby

Shilly paralysis operated a 'speakeasy' on Asylum Road (now State Blvd.) in the 'roaring

sign Log cament twenties'. Built of logs, covered with Kudsu vines, it was appropriately

maned The Log Cabin. Selby is gone but started as grow a son and a daughter.

E. NORA ESTELLE LOVE 1907-1965. m. J. Odell Swor, 1927. He was a railroad man from Jackson, Ms. Brief marriage ended in divorce. No children.

2. BEULAH HASTING LOVE 1877-1966, m James D. "Jim" Thead, a native of Silas, Alabama. Beulah was a beautiful, raven-haired child-bride of thirteen when she fell in love with Jim Thead, who was ten years older. Jim had come to Pine Springs from Choctaw County, Alabama, seeking work and had worked aboutin Pine Springs 'for wages'. After they had been married about five years, They were able to buy 80 acres land in Pine Springs from 'Doc' Weatherford, when Weatherford (qv) moved to Laurel. Their land, which Jim bought on Nov.1, 1895, was the north half of the Southeast quarter of Section 4, Pine Springs, and was across the road and just south of the church-schoolhouse. [D.Bk.38, pg.107] There was an old log house on the place when they bought it, but after a few years Jim built a substantial frame farmhouse and the log house was eventially torn down.

Beulah practically retired from public life after she married. She started having babies, and as young as she was, it must have been almost like playing dolls. Jim was the strong head of their family, punishing his children as

needed and the treated Beulah like another of his children.

Beulah was an immaculate house-keeper. She kept her house spotless and she kept the yards swept clean with her dogwood brush-broom. There were Oaks in the front of their house, but it was rare to pass by and see any debris from the trees on the grounds. There were few flowers growing in the yard and any blade of grass that dared to try to grow in the white sand was immediately removed with Beulah's hoe.

Beulah was a sweet, friendly lady if one stopped by for a visit, but she seldom left her home to go anywhere else. Some of her children were rather wild and headstrong; she must have grieved over them. But one always found

her pleasant and non-complaining.

Children: (All b. in Pine Springs. Listed in more detail under Thead family.) A. JOHN "JOHNNY" THEAD 1891-1968, m. (1)Lizzie Boyles(b.1895) (2)Rosa Boyles (b.1896). They were sisters, daughters of J.W. and Annie Boyles, Sharecroppers who lived on the Lowe farm in Pine Springs. If ever there was a black sheep of the family, Johnny was it.

B. MATTIE THEAD 1894+19___, m. Rush Bradley, 1916. He was son of James B. and Frances M. (Curry?) Bradley who lived a while in Pine Springs. (qv)

C. BELVA THEAD 1899-1989. m. Hunter Allen, lived on Allen Swamp Road which heads west from Pine Springs road and crosses Okatibbee. Their home was near (now) Hwy. 19N. Had one son, Cecil, and two daughters.

D. CLARANCE THEAD 1896-19__, m. Lottie Lovett, 1917, dau. of Pine Springs

neighbor, John O. Lovett, (qv)

JE. JAMES ROY THEAD 1903-1966, M. Nonie E. Brown (1906-1967), dau of Mart

%F. GEORGE LEE "SUGG" THEAD 1898-197_, m Olean Calloway of Meridian. IDA LOUVADA LOVE 1882-191_., (1) Jacob Biffle Smith, son of Seaborn (Sr.) and Margaret (Baucum) Smith of Pine Springs. (2) Aaron Woodruff Rodgers, a

widower with three sons. When Ida was pregnant with her first child her father-in-law was crazydrunk and shot and killed her husband (qv, Smith Family). After her son Jake was born, she lived a while with the Loves, close neighbors of Aaron Rodgers (qv.) She married (2) Aaron Woodruff Rodgers, who had three sons from his former marriage to Eliza Bozeman. Rodgers, who always seemed plagued with 'bad luck', managed to spend what money Ida had inherited from her first husband. Ida had three children from her second husband before she died with pneumonia. The Smith family raised her oldest son, Jake.

Two of her Rodgers children died very young, only Lottie made it to adulthood. One of her step-sons was the famous Jimmie Rodgers, who is still celebrated in Meridian - and to country music lovers everywhere - as the "Father of Country Music".

Children: (Also, see Smith/Rodgers Families for descendants.)

A. JAKE BIFFLE SMITH 1899-1986, m. Evelyn "Ebbie" Pace, dau. of Bennet R. and Elizabeth (Pratt) Pace of Pine Springs.

B. FRED RODGERS 1905-1906, died, a little child.

C. LOTTIE MAE RODGERS 1906-1969, m. Lawrence Mixon of Alabama.

D. Baby Rodgers 1907-1907, Infant.

DAVID CROCKETT LOVE 188 1912, m. China (Chinie) I. Williams, Oct. 31, 1900. She was dau of John Ivy and Helen (Knight) Williams (qv) of Suqualena.

After John Love died, Crockett was still living at home with his mother when John Williams of Suqualena rented a tenent house that was on the Love farm in Pine Springs. Williams was married to his second wife, Mollie, but young China Williams, his first wife's daughter, was living with them. Crockett fell in love with Williams' daughter and they were married.

Their first home was in the old log house that had been built by the Collins family years before. They built a small box-like structure on Crockett's part of the Love farm that he had inherited, and made their home there. The home they built was on the Pine Springs road, located across

from the big fine home of Sam H. Bozeman's.

Crockett and China had three children. The first died at birth, but they had two young children when Crocket died of pneumonia when he was wy years old. He was buried at Suqualena Methodist Church at Suqualena near his wife's family. China later sold their larm to John O. Lovett. Lovett improved and enlarged the little house that Crockett had built and it is still standing (vacant) at this writing. Children:

A. MARY LOVE 1902-1902, Infant.

Became a typesetter in Meridian.

B. DAVID LEO LOVE 1903-19 , m. Became a typesetter in Meridian.

C. LIZZIE LOVE 1905, did not marry. Lives in Meridian.

5. FRANCES ELIZABETH "LIZZIE" LOVE 1884-19 , m. Edmund Kirby Smith, son of Seaborn (Sr.) and Margaret A. Smith (qv). Lizzie was a dear, kind person, and an excellent housewife. She befriended the orphaned Johnson boys that lived near her and they all thought that she was a saint. She took her nephew, Jake Smith, to raise when his mother (her sister) died and treated



him as her own child. She was quiet, didn't leave home very much, but was always friendly and made her guests feel welcome. The children of the neighborhood could always count on getting a pocketful of her teacakes when they stopped by Miss Lizzie's. Children:

A. INFANT DAUGHTER

Died with diphtheria, baby. B. JESSE SMITH

C. BENNIE D. SMITH 1907-1988, m. (Willie Mae Kelley (2) Louise

, m. (1)Ina Beckman (2)Louella Cleveland D. WILLIAM AUBREY SMITH 1909-(3) Evelyn Kinard of Meridian.

6. REUBEN LEE LOVE 1886-1931, m. Mrs. Allie (Townsend) Glaze (qv, Townsend Fam.) log house with weatherboarding when he lived there and the house, now vacant,

Children:

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(Ap anybody could remember. There was an ice storm that covered all the trees took his ax and went out to the woods to cut more firewood. He his a small tree with his ax and the jolt shattered the ice away. The tree sprang back

JOHN MOLLIE "BABE" LOVE 1890-19, Died young, did not marry.

7-3- DAY'S INN 483-3212 III. JOSEPH LOVE

Born: 1852, Obediah, Lauderdale Co, Ms Died: Memphis, Tenn. Married: Ella Bailey, dau. of Robert Shaklin Bailey, (qv), avnative of North-Carolina who had migrated to Mississippi before the Civil War. The Bailey's moved to Lauderdale Coonty after the war, but it is not clear how Joe Love met Ella Bailey. Joe was 28 years old, unmarried, living with his parents in Obediah in the 1880 census.

Toe and Ellaceloped and married . They showed up the next day at the home of Joseph and Susie Gunn at Bailey (Ella's relatives). It was said that Ella's folks weren't too happy about the marriage, but it is not clear if they objected to her new husband or to how she married him. They moved to Memphis where they lived and raised a family. He was a Printer for A NEWSPAPER Children: Unknown.

IV. ANDREW FRANK LOVE

Born: 1852,Obediah,Lauderdale Co,Ms. Died:190_ Married: Alice Wilson, 1875, Obediah, Laud. Co. Alice was youngest child of James and Nancy Wilson (qv) of Obediah. Frank's wife died with the birth of their sixth child. A; ice's grandmother, Lucinda Wilson, kept the baby for a while until she was old enough for her big sisters to care for her. Ada and Jeraldon, Frank's older daughters, kept house for him and his sons until Frank died. The 1900 census shows the family living in Pine Springs in the first house on The Lane on the

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the Lowe farm. It was a tenent house, not very good. Frank died in the early 1900s.

Children:

- 1. WILLIAM PRESTON LOVE 1876-1953, m. Myrtie Temple.

 Bought farm in Pine Springs in southern half of Section 4. It was divided down the middle by the Pine Springs road. When Press died his two sons, Temple and Othell, each had half the land. The same that the land. The same that the land. The same that the land.
 - A. TEMPLE LOVE Owned land in Pine Springs on east side of Pine Springs Road in SE quarter of Section 4.
 - B. OTHELL LOVE Owned land on west side of Pine Springs road in Section 4, Pine Springs, across from his borther Temple's land.
- 2.. MINNIE BELLE LOVE 1878-______, m. (?) maried and the state of t
 - A. FRANK LOVE 19 -19 , m. He owned a dry-cleaning establishment in Meridian.
- 4. ADA LOVE 1883-19, m. Charles Beddingfield. (RR?)
 Married and left Pine Springs after her father died.
 Children: Unknown. dau. m. Vance steekhood.
- JERALDON LOVE 1885-19 , m. George Beddingfield. Lived in Meridian Jeraldon and Ada kept house for their father after their mother died in 1888. After her father died, Jeraldon married and left Pine Springs. Children: Unknown. Sons married addingtons.
- 6. CORA LOVE 1888-19 , m. Bert Brown.

 Her mother died when Cora was born. Her grandmother, Lucinda Wilson of Obediah, took care of her until she was a little girl. Her older sisters, Ada and Cora, then took her back to raise. Left Pine Springs after her father died and she got married.

 Children: Unknown.

1. W.F. Brown

2. cath. - M. FRANK Hill - he died.

V. DAVID LOVE

Born: 1857, Obediah, Lauderdale Co. Died:

7 Married: (?)

Was 12 years old and living at home with his parents in 1870 census. He was not listed with them in 1880 census.

VI. ELIZABETH "BETTY" LOVE

Born: 1859, Obediah, Lauderdale Co. Died:

Married: (?)

Was 21 years old, living with her parents in 1880 census.

Born: 1863, Obediah, Lauderdale Co. Died: Hattiesburg, Ms.
Married: Mary E. J. "Mollie" Thompson (b.1855). Mollie's fall
over pear Classical About the control of the contr over near Okatibbee Creek. Mr. Thompson had lost a leg (Civil War?) and got about on a peg-leg, was known for his bad temper. He was JP for a time while

he lived in Pine Springs. On Nov.8,1898, Tom Love bought 80 acres from Joe and Susie Gunn, who lived at Bailey. The land was the West half of the NE quarter of Section 9. There was no house at the time but Tom had what was then called "a little ole peckerwood sawmill" and he cut wood and built a right respectable house on his land.

Tom's was a small sawmill that could be moved about from place to place, where ever he bought timber. Instead of hauling the logs to the mill, the mill was taken to the logs. He would set up, cut a man's timber, then move on to the next place.

Tom's son, Vester, helped his pa at the sawmill. One day the saw hit a hard knot in the wood and shattered. A piece of the blade flew off and hit Vester and almost cut him in two and he died shortly after. He had been engaged to marry Myrtie White and it took her a while to get over his death.

In October of 1919, Tom Love sold his home in Pine Springs and moved to the timber country around Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Lee Ratcliff bought the south 40 which was the field behind Pine Springs school, and W.P.Lang bought the north 40 where the house was located. Lang didn't live in Pine Springs and he sold his 40 acres and house to the Vincents. Charley Vincent had the place for years and raised his family there. Charley's descendants still own the place, which how stands eidle of The old house, ovacant, was struck by dightening and burned to the ground one stormy night in the 1970s. Children:

1. LUCRITIA LOVE 1886-1888, 2 yrs. old, bur. Fellowship Bapt. Church.

2. JOHN J. LOVE 1888-m. Lena Heard from Smith Co, Ms. Lived around the community a while then moved to Hattiesburg where they both died.

3. LUCY*LOVE 1890-, m. Arthur Beason

4. THOMAS VESTER LOVE 1891-1914(?), Unmarried, was killed in sawmill accident.

5. MARY ESTHER LOVE 1894-, m. Chester Trussell, of Trusselltown, north of Pine Springs. He was a carpenter. They moved to Hattiesburg.

SUFLONA VIII. AGNES G.LOVE

Born: 1865, Obediah, Lauderdale Co. Died:

Married: R. Wath Bid. Wilson, a son of James and Nancy Wilson of Obediah. (1880s)

Children: Unknown.

IX. NAVINIA ANN LOVE our lale Co. Died: Born: 1867, Obediah, Lauderdale Co. Died:
Married: Andrew Pickens Pace (b.1862), son of Bennet Rose and Martha Jane Pace Lived about in Beat 3, Lauderdale Co, Sharecropping. A.P. PACE d. 1925

Children: (For more details, see Pace family history.)

1. BENNET PACE 1888-1950, m. Marie New, dau. of Joel New of Pine Springs.

2. CARL PACE 1890-, m. Minnie Fullenwonder

3. BERNICE PACE1894-1967, m. Truly Laster, Lived near Highland Park, Meridian

m. Stamford Avera, had farm in Trusselltown/Center Hill 4. RUBYA PACE

5. MARTHA PACE m. Grady Irby

6. BEULAH PACE m. Andrew Husbands, auto. Mechanic, had a garage.

m. Annie Mae Crenshaw, dau. of Thomas & Bertha Crenshaw 7. MARVIN PACE married, moved to (?) Akron

8. ROSCOE PACE m. Earl Freeman. LIVES IN AKRON DONNIE PACE

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