At the earnest request of many descendants of the Love family that I produce for them the Love history, which I herewith compile from my own memory, family records, and traditions.

The Loves were of English descent. Two brothers of whom came to America about 1695 to 1700, landing in Massachusetts; names not known. A son of one of these brothers (Harvey), moved to Mechlenburg Co., Virginia, about 1725; lived to be 87 years old; date of death not known. His wife's maiden name not known. To them were born four sons: Thomas, Allen, James, and Charles.

Thomas, Allen and James removed to South Carolina; no special trace of them since. Charles remained in Virginia; was a soldier in the Rev. War; Married Susannah Chiles, about 1778 or 1779. To this union were born four sons and four daughters, names as follows: Charles, William, Allen and Daniel; daughters: Mary, Agnes, Susan, and Martha.

Charles, the elder brother, married in Mechlenburg Co., Va., wife's maiden name not known. One daughter, Mary (only child, I think;) married a Mr. Flournoy. Of them we know nothing further.

Mary, eldest of the four sisters, married a Mr. Burton, in Mechlenburg Co., Va., removed South; trace of them lost many years ago.

William Love and Susannah C. Bream were married in Mechlenburg Co., Va., June 16th, 1803.

In 1805, Charles (son of Harvey) and wife, son William and wife, Daniel, and three sisters: Agnes, Susan and Martha, removed from Mechlenburg Co. to Kanawha Co., (West Va.,) on the Big Sandy River, in what is now Wayne Co., West Va., where the father (Charles) and son, William, bought land and remained there till the year 1814, when they bought land on Mud River, five and one-half miles east of Barboursville, in what is now Cabell Co., W. Va., where Charles and wife, William and two wives (William was twice married, as will be noted later), lived and died, and lie buried on what is known as the Sheff Hill, near the old Mud River homestead.

Charles and wife died near together, about 1814. Between the years 1805 and 1810, the three daughters, Agnes, Susanna, and Martha married. Agnes married Mr. Ingrain Rolfe, Susanna, Dr. Anthony Hampton (1805), Martha a Mr. Shortridge.

During the War of 1812-1815, William Love was commissioned to raise a company of 36 men, which he did, and with them was on his way to the Eastern front; met at Staunton, Virginia, discharged soldiers returning to their homes, the war being over.

William Love was born Dec. 30, 1781, died June 20, 1870. His first wife, Susanna C. Bream, born March 2, 1785, died Dec. 17, 1827. William Love and Susanna C. Bream were married in Mechlenburg Co., Va., June 16, 1803. To this union were born twelve children, as follows:

II.) Elizabeth Lois Love, born Jan. 2, 1806, died May 23, 1902, aged 96 and some months. Married Rev. Mathew Ellison (b. Dec. 19, 1804; d. April 3, 1889) on Nov. 10, 1825. To them were born:

1.) Susanna Caroline, born 1827, died April 8, 1889. Married Rev. Martin Bibb (b. Aug 19, 1824, at Jan 11, 1893) in March 1847. They had five children all of whom died in infancy, between Jan 2, 1852 and May 19, 1856. Two died in 1852, three in 1856.

2.) William Love Ellison, born March 11, 1829, died Nov. 14, 1903. Married Elizabeth A. Summerfield, Dec. 21, 1857

3.) Eleshe A. Ellison, born April 2, 1831, living (1920). Married Benjamin Summerfield, Nov. 15, 1855

4.) Mary E. Ellison, born Dec. 9, 1833, died August 3, 1840, at 7 years.

5.) James Judson Ellison, born Oct 2, 1835, died March 15, 1868. Married Alice G. Tony, Nov. 13, 1855

6.) Mathew Allen Ellison, born Oct. 11, 1841, died Jan 25, 1905. Married Eunice Smith, Nov. 20, 1872. Second Marriage to Mary J. Harmer, June 30, 1890. He had 8 children. Elitha (Lita), Enoch, Sidney, Junious, Evermont, twins (died at infancy, one at birth or soon after), Ophia (md a Bell), and Hettie, (md K. R. Callaway).

7.) Elizabeth Aline Ellison, born Oct 11, 1841 (she and Mathew Allen Ellison are twins) Married James A. Karnes, Feb. 28, 1860, living (1920)


9.) Martin L. Ellison L. Ellison, born Oct 29, 1843, died June 27, 1893 never married.


1.) Eliza Ann Eastham. Dead
2.) John William Eastham. Dead
3.) Susan Margaret Eastham. Married J. H. Derr. Dead
4.) Isaac Farrow Eastham. Dead
5.) Nancy E. Sophia Eastham. Married Dr. Hunter. Dead
6.) Charles Lewis Eastham. living (1920)
7.) Preston E. Eastham. Dead
8.) Lucretia Jane Eastham. Dead
9.) Allen Love Eastham Living (1920)

V.) William Albert Love, born April 28, 1810, died May 23, 1885. Married (1) Eliza Morris, May 30, 1832, died Feb. 3, 1838. To this marriage were born:

1.) Peter E. Love, June 13, 1833. Married Ann Simmons

Married (3) Elizabeth J. Shelton, on Dec. 6, 1842. She died Dec 1, 1881

2.) Eliza L. E. born Sept. 5, 1845. Married J. O. Morris, living (1920)
3.) Charles M. born Dec. 7, 1846, Died June 3, 1851
4.) Ann Vickers Love, born June 7, 1848, died April 1, 1851
5.) Nannie J. Love, born March 24, 1850. Married Rev. B. Cade. Living (1920)
6.) America F., born May 10, 1851. Married S. T. Moore. Living (1920)
7.) Marietta W., born Nov. 25, 1853. Married Rev. P. B. Reynolds. Living (1920)
8.) Leah F., born Nov. 27, 1857, Married J. Sam Handley, living (1920)
9.) Lizzie Love, born Nov. 27, 1859, died Feb. 18, 1860.

1.) Margaret M. Married George Sheff. Dead
2.) William B. Lived to good old age. Never Married.
3.) Mary A., born 1836, died 1901. Married J. McDonnie.
4.) Henry B., born 1842, died 1861, in Confederate Army.
5.) Adline, born Jan. 1844. Married Alex McCleary. Dead
6.) John C., born 1846. Died in early teens

VII.) Sophia F. Love, born October 16, 1813, died March 5, 1895. Married Edmund C. Rece, Dec. 22, 1836, died July 16, 1885. Children:
1.) Charles A. Rece, Oct. 27, 1837. Married Mary J. Pulley in Kentucky, Sep. 7, 1869. Mary died March 5, 1910. (C. A. Rece died about 1923)
2.) Eugenia H. Rece, died 1843, aged two and one half years.
3.) Alice L. Rece, born May 24, 1845. Married James A. Rece.
4.) T. Heber Rece, born May 6, 1847. Married Edna E. Morris.
5.) Edgar Rece, born Aug. 6, 1851, died August 7, 1851
6.) William Albert Rece, born Jan. 6, 1854, died April 28, 1853.
7.) Jennie L. Rece, born July 9, 1860. Married W. T. Gitt, died Sept. 5, 1913

VIII) Lewis Lunsford Love, born July 25, 1815, died March 8, 1902. Married Emily Eastham, Aug 9, 1838, died Aug 17, 1892. Ten children:
1.) John W. Love, born July 24, 1839. Dead
2.) Sarah Virginia, born Nov. 23, 1840. Dead
3.) Mary Elizabeth, born Feb. 3, 1843. Dead
4.) Charles Bream, born March 13, 1845. Dead
5.) Junius Newman, born June 16, 1847. Living (1920)
6.) Alvin Bailey, born Nov. 12, 1849. Dead
7.) Edwin Byrd, born April 19, 1852. Dead
8.) Minnie Adline, born Sept. 12, 1854. Dead
9.) Emma L., born May 25, 1857. Dead
10.) Frank Allen, born July 29, 1861. Living (1920)


1.) Mary J. Thomas, Nov. 29, 1837.
2.) John W. Died in infancy.
3.) Susan Sophia, born Jan. 1843, died June, 1873. Married Lennuel Wilson, who died 1915.

1.) William Love Kinnaird, born March 31, 1848, died Feb. 26, 1899
2.) Eugenia Adline Dinnaird, born Jan. 28, 1850. Living (1920) Married John F. Brandon, Sept. 19, 1867, Died
3.) Adoniram J. Kinnaird, born March 9, 1854. Living (1920) Married Ann E. Quisenberry, Dec. 21, 1905. Living (1920)
4.) Servetas D. Kinnaird, born Nov. 14, 1851, died Nov. 12, 1852.

5.) George J. Kinnaird, born May 5, 1856. Living(1920) married Catherine Mitchell, July 4, 1880. Dead.

6.) Cha. L. Kinnaird, born June 11, 1858, died Oct. 26, 1878.

7.) Joseph A. Kinnaird, born Sept. 20, 1860, died June 12, 1878.


1.) Joseph Love Rece, July 12, 1844. Married Eliza Layne, June 7, 1870.

William Love Sr., second marriage, to Elizabeth Hampton (widow), nee Elizabeth Hanna. Born Feb. 13, 1792, died Aug. 3, 1851. Married Nov. 15, 1829. To them were born two children:

1.) Thomas H. Reed, born April 26, 1851, died Aug. 21, 1854.
3.) William W. Reed. Married Miss Julia Tyler, Oct. 19, 1876
4.) Susan A. Reed, born Sept. 26, 1859, died Sept. 5, 1860
5.) Nannie Elizabeth Reed.

8.) Mary Eva Reed, born Jan. 15, 1870, died July 10, 1871.
9.) Fannie Powers Reed. Married Dr. Wm. R. Thompson, June 5, 1895.

II.) Daniel Alexander Love, born March 30, 1833, died April 14, 1903. Married Mrs. Dr. J. R. Handy, 1875. Dead. They had three children.
2.) William Allen Love. Died, aged Two and one half years old.
3.) Garnett Reed Love, born 1880. Lives in Texas (1920)

We refer again to the daughters of Charles Love. (see page one) As before mentioned, Mary Married Mr. Burton, Agnes Married Ingram Rolfe in Mechlenburg Co., Va., and they, too, removed to the Big Sandy Valley with the Love family. To them were born four sons and one daughter, Susan, who married a Mr. Swan. Sons:
Lewis, William, Harvey, and Warren


Susan Love, born 1787, died 1860. Dr. Anthony G. Hampton, born 1787, died 1852. Susan Love and Dr. A. G. Hampton were married in 1805. Children: Emmeline, Caroline, Susanna, Helen, Preston, William, Henry, and twins, who died in infancy.
Martha Love, date of birth and death not known. Married a Mr. Shortridge. Of their life and children we have no record.

Daniel A. Love, son of Charles Love, born Dec. 19, 1797, and Cynthia A. Chadwick, born Dec. 22, 1800, were married Jan 4, 1818. Children:
1.) Leah Margaret Love, born Aug. 6, 1819.
3.) Charles Hanson Love, born Jan 31, 1824.
5.) Sarah Virginia Love, born March 27, 1828.
6.) Francis Marion Love, born June 12, 1831.
7.) Washington Lafayette Love, born Aug 17, 1832.
8.) Elizabeth Frances Love, born Jan. 5, 1834.
9.) William Ligon Love, born March 6, 1834
10) Shelby Jackson Love, born April 30, 1838
11) John Erwin Love, born March 19, 1840. living (1920)
12) Leonidas Lewis Love, born Nov. 12, 1843, dead
13) Theodocius Alphonso Love, born April 22, 1846, living (1920)

Daniel A. Love was a soldier in War 1812-1815 at age of seventeen years.

In presenting this history, I regret my inability to make it as complete and perfect as I would have been pleased to make it. I have, however, with the facilities at hand, made the fullest research possible at my command. I have narrated life and events, pertaining to the family, as best I could from memory and oral tradition. Nevertheless, in the main, it may be relied upon as correct.

I feel sure that I am herewith presenting many facts, biographical and historical which have, or are, fast fading from the memory of many of the Love descendants, but who will, even at this date, be glad to acquaint themselves with the history of their Love ancestry.

The life and character of William Love was most exemplary. A devout Christian disposition; sweet, gentle, loving; the soul of honor; possessed of all the attributes that contribute to the making of a character both pleasing to God and Man.

Died at the age of eight-nine years and six months. A well-ripened sheaf. He "Fought a good fight, kept the faith." Verily, he walked with God. He and all his were, and are to the present, Baptist. Politically, Democrats. One son (the youngest), Daniel, served the four years of the war between the States, with the Wizard of the Saddle, General Forrest. A number of grand-sons in the Confederate Army, some sealing their loyalty to the beloved Southland in death, some in wounds and imprisonment.