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R. M. LOVE

15TH SHERIFF



Rufus Morgan Love served one term as Sheriff from 1864 – 66.

Rufus was born November 13, 1816 in Henry County and the son of James Love the fourth Sheriff of Henry County. He married Martha Moseley on August 15, 1840, daughter of Silas and Nancy Yarborough Moseley. They lived in the “White House” on the Kelleytown Road. Rufus and Martha had nine children.

(The White House community developed around a large plantation and mill of Silas Moseley’s about 1824 on Big Cotton Indian and took its name from the large two story home built by Mr. Moseley for his daughter Martha Love. This was said to be the first house painted white in that part of the county. This community contained a post office, one or two stores, in addition to a corn mill, flour mill, saw mill and a cotton gin. Ozias Primitive Baptist Church was also established in this community. Moseley’s Mill became Hinton Mill and later Miller’s Mill which burned to the ground April 14, 2000).

Rufus was a Deputy Sheriff in 1842 – 43 under Sheriff James W. Crockett. He was later appointed Sheriff in 1864 through 1866, during the civil war.

Rufus was a Justice of the Peace in 1853 in Henry County.

The Rufus Love family was connected to the Mayfield, Crumbly, Elliott and Davis families.

Sheriff Rufus Love died December 7, 1867

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