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JAMES LOVE

4TH SHERIFF



James (Colonel Jamey) Love served two terms as Sheriff: 1830-32 and 1838–40.

James was the son of Mark and Sarah Orr Love who came to America on the “snow ship James and Mary” from Ireland in October 1772. He was born in 1783 in the Newberry District of South Carolina. It is noted that he had a brother John. James married Bethany Luker in April, 1810.

James, known as Colonel, arrived in Henry County between 1819 and 1823, for he sold his property in Maryville Blount County, Tennessee and next appears in Georgia.

James was appointed Major, 109th Battalion Georgia Militia from July 17, 1823 to May 7, 1825, then advanced to Colonel of the 49th Regiment Georgia Militia (Henry Mounted Riflemen) from May 7, 1825 to 1830.

In March 1827 he built the first bridge across Cotton Indian River at Moseley’s Mill.

He was sworn in as Sheriff first in 1830 for a two year term and again in 1838 for two more years. His deputies in 1838 were James L. Head and James W. Crockett.

In 1835 he was the Representative from Henry County in the Georgia General Assembly, along with Bushrod Petti and William Beck.

In 1836 Governor Schley of Georgia ask for volunteers to be in-ready during the second Seminole Indian war. James, Alexander Murray, James Beck and James Coker were all appointed Volunteer Officers from Henry County.

Around 1843 James and his family moved to Chambers County, Alabama. He had twelve children some of whom married and remained in Henry County. One of those who stayed was Rufus Morgan Love who served as the 15th Sheriff of Henry County in 1864.

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