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Hall County History

*Lott Family settled in Hall County in early 1820's*By SYBIL McRAY
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Mrs. Jane Lott made her declaration in Hall County April 30, 1855, to obtain bounty land for the service of her husband, William Lott, deceased. She said she was 84 years old, that her husband served in a South Carolina Regiment in the War of 1812, and was drafted in Fairfield District, S.C., about Oct. 2, 1814, and was honorably discharged at Charleston, S.C., about March 3, 1815.

She said she was married to the soldier in Fairfield District, S.C. about May 28, 1812, by William Brown, J.P., that her said husband died in Jackson County June 22, 1844, and that her name at marriage was Jane Rainwater.

Moses Lott, in a supporting affidavit, stated that he was a resident of Gainesville, that he was a son of William Lott, and

that he distinctly remembers his father's marriage to Jane Rainwater. (This implies that the mother-to-Moses-Lott and possibly first wife of William Lott was deceased and Jane Rainwater was second wife.) The affidavit was made before Jesse Lott Justice of Peace.

Not in 1820 Census

The Lott family is not enumerated in the 1820 Federal Census of Jackson County nor Hall County. The "History of Coffee County" states that the Lott family moved to Coffee County, Ga. about 1810 and the name Jesse is quite prominent in the county's early history. It is not known what kinship does exist between the Lott families of Hall and Coffee Counties.

The Hall County Jesse Lott family probably moved from South Carolina to Hall County in 1823; however, the family possibly had a stop-over in

Jackson County. Deed and mortgage records show that Jesse Lott bought 800 acres in Hall County which was situated between the Walnut and Mulberry Rivers, in the Chestnut Mountain section, Nov. 19, 1823.

Jesse Lott Sr. was born in South Carolina Dec. 30, 1771 and died in Hall County November 1857. He was married to Nancy Martin who was born in Ireland, 1775, and died in Hall County April 16, 1847. Jesse and Nancy Lott are buried in the family cemetery alongside State Highway 53 between Chestnut Mountain and the Jackson County line. Their graves are covered with marble slabs that were shipped from England. Across the road from the cemetery about 200 yards to the west was the Lott home. It was a two-story log house.

The children of Jesse and

Nancy Martin Lott were:

1. John G. Lott, born in South Carolina, married first Elizabeth Wright and second, Mary Upshaw. Children of John and Elizabeth were: Martin, Susan, Stanhope, Hosea, Therza, Lacy Howard and Maria. Children of John and Mary were: Mary and Laura. John G. Lott was a witness to the first land transaction of his father in 1823.

2. Jesse Lott Jr. was born in South Carolina, 1807, and died in Hall County Sept. 6, 1881. He married first, Sarah Ann Spruce, second, Nancy Webster, and third, Carrie Alexander.

3. Andrew W. Lott, born in South Carolina, 1812.

4. George W. Lott.

5. Nancy Lott, married a Horton.

6. Mary Lott, married Billy

Spann.

7. Susan Lott, married John Chapman.

8. Elizabeth Lott.

9. Hilliard J. Lott, born South Carolina, March 22, 1815, died Hall County, June 18, 1882, and buried in the Lott Family Cemetery. He was married to Sarah Emeline Thompson. Their children were: Marion, Mary Isabella, Hilliard J., John, Bartlett and Gideon.

Family records state that

three Lott brothers, Emaley, Jesse and John, emigrated from Holland to America about the year 1770. They landed in New York and thence to the shores of North Carolina. They found the mosquitoes almost unbearable in the low country and moved to the ridge section of South Carolina, Edgefield County. The Lotts received land grants in South Carolina from the King of England and later from the United States government.