

LOVE BROTHERS, SAMUEL AND THOMAS

Brothers, Samuel [died 1804-05] and Thomas [died 1810] left few traces of their War service. Both brothers served in the Virginia Line. The earliest Pension Act was not passed until 1818. It was not until the Act of 1832 that Revolutionary War soldiers began to apply for Pensions en mass.

BROTHERS SAMUEL AND THOMAS INTRODUCTION [The "Other" Family refers to brother Thomas Love.]


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The LOVE families came from Virginia. One of the families settled in the vicinity of Johnson City. Of the other family there were four girls. Polly, married George GORDON, Ann married James CRAVENS, Francis married James EVANS, Lucy married John EVANS, and Nancy married Thomas FALLS. After coming to Tennessee, George GORDON, who married Polly built and ran Bright Hope furnace in Green county before coming to Roane county. He first located on Cane Creek near the Knox county line but afterwards settled on White's creek. In 1820 he and Mathew P. ENGLISH got a permit for condemnation of lands upon which to build a furnace at the mouth of Camp creek, just above where the C.S. railroad bridge is now located, but the furnace was not erected for some two or three years afterwards. A brotherinlaw James CRAVENS, who married Ann LOVE had moved to Selma, Alabama, where he and his wife died in 1819 leaving two children, Robert, who was born in Rockingham Va., in 1805, and a daughter. GORDON and his wife had no children to raise. After the girl grew up she married Jacob O. SHELLEY who lived at Kingston. They moved to Taledega, Ala., and were the parents of Col. J.T. SHELLEY of the 5th, regt., U.S.A. in 1861-5. Jacob SHELLEY was a captain in the war with Mexico and his son, James was in his company. Robert CRAVENS while living with his uncle GORDON assisted in the building the Gordon and English furnace and afterwards became an iron maker himself. GORDON's wife having died he married Rebecca PARKS, a sister of Mrs. Alex MONTGOMERY and Mrs. Ned MARTIN. After GORDON's death his widow married a Mr. PORTER of Sparta Tenn. He was a hotel keeper and a relative of Gov. PORTER of Nashville. Robert CRAVENS, having married Miss Catherine RODDY, now began business on his own responsibility and in 1841 or 2, built the "Eagle Furnace" on White's creek. Afterwards he organized a company at Chattanooga and built a furnace on the bank of the river and against the bluff just above the Market street bridge. He built a home on the point of Lookout mountain. The place is still known as the CRAVENS place. By his first wife he had five children. After her death he married a Miss CUNNINGHAM, a daughter of an old-time Methodist minister in Monroe county whose escape from an Indian massacre when a child, is recorded in Ramseys Annals of Tennessee. A brother, Rev. W.G.E. CUNNINGHAM was for many years missionary to China. CRAVENS first wife, Catherine RODDY, was a daughter of Jesse RODDY who was the ancestor of the RODDY families in Rhea and Roane counties. Her mother was Jane McHAFFEE or MaHAPHY, her father was a soldier in the command of Gen. Thomas O. SUMPTER in the war of the Revolution. He was captured by the British and Tories and was shot five times, after which his property was destroyed. The little girl Jane was sent to an aunt to be raised. After she was grown she came to East Tennessee to visit some relatives where she made the acquaintance of Jesse RODDY and married him. Jesse RODDY was a colateral ancestor of Gen. RODDY of Alabama. Mrs. RODDY was related to the MaHAPHY families of South Carolina, one of whom came to Tennessee and lived for a time at Eagle furnace. One of his sons came to Rockwood in 1868 and as a contractor, built twenty of the first houses erected for the laborers at that furnace. James EVANS, who married Ann LOVE, located on the North side of Clinch river above the junction with Emory at the place still known as the old EVANS place. Some of his descendants still reside in Roane county. One of the LOVEs, it may have been a brother, settled on the Knoxville and Nashville road about four miles above Kingston. The place is still known as the LOVE place. During the war between the states one of the daughters of this family became quite noted as a blockade runner and mail carrier across the line. She was an ardent Unionist while her brother's were supporters of the southern cause. Thomas and Nancy FALLS were the parent of the bald headed preacher that had appointments in the old log schoolhouse at Post Oak Springs heretofore described.

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 **Place:** Rockwood

 **Description:** A story of the Love family as published in the Rockwood Times, vol. 42, no.19

SAMUEL A.W.A. LOVE
Sgt., Virginia

904
Love, Samuel
 3 Virginia Regiment.
 (Revolutionary War.)

Sergeant | *Sergeant*
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Samuel Love
Sgt Inf.

Appears in a
Book *
 under the following heading:
 "A List of Soldiers of the Virginia Line on Con-
 tinental Establishment who have received Cer-
 tificates for the balance of there full pay Agree-
 able to an Act of Assembly passed November
 Session 1781."
 (Revolutionary War.)

By whom Received *Col. Grayson*
 Day when *Jan'y 1*, 1785.
 Sum *£18-15-5*

Remarks :

* This book bears the following certificate: "This Register
 contains a true abstract of all the certificates issued at the
 Auditor's Office to Officers & Soldiers of the Virginia line on
 Continental establishment. J. PENDLETON, Auditor.
 Aud^r Office, 1 Aug^t 1792.
 Teste: J. CARTER."

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R.W. Pearson
 (547) Copyist.

Samuel's Service in 3rd VA Company

Non-Commissioned Officers in Captain Phill Lee's 3rd Virginia Company **Sergeant Samuel Love Died 1804 or 1805 in Greene County, Tennessee** Samuel Love enlisted on February 6, 1776 as a sergeant in Captain Phill Lee's Company. He appeared on company payrolls beginning in July 1777 and continued as a sergeant until January 1778. Company muster rolls began in June 1777 and showed his service under Captain Lee until his time expired on January 31, 1778. Sergeant Love spent August "with Colonel Heath." October's muster roll reported that he was "on duty."³⁶ On his discharge from the army, Samuel Love returned to Prince William and stayed active in military affairs. In July 1778, the Prince William County Court recommended him to the Governor as a 2nd lieutenant in Captain William Linton's militia company.³⁷ A year later, in July 1779, he was recommended as a 1st lieutenant in the county militia.³⁸ He produced a public service claim at the March 1782 Prince William County Court for a beef, weighing 625 pounds and was allowed 4 pence per pound on his claim.³⁹ In January 1785, Colonel Grayson collected Samuel Love's certificate for the balance of his pay for his service as a sergeant in the infantry. Colonel Grayson received £18 15s 15d.⁴⁰ In July 1835, the Fauquier County court certified that Samuel Love, a soldier of the Revolution, died many years ago, leaving a brother and two sisters as his only heirs-at-law. These were Thomas Love, Pamela (Love) Warren, the wife of Thomas Warren, and Pensathela (Love) Gill, the wife of Richard Gill. Pensathela and Richard Gill had three children, according to the Fauquier County Court Minutes. They were Richard, Mary (Gill) Saunders, the wife of Britton Saunders, and Pensathela Gill. Mary (Gill) Saunders had died years ago, leaving several children.⁴¹ In August 1835, it appeared to the satisfaction of the Fauquier County Court that "Samuel Love, who was a reputed soldier in the Revolutionary Army, died many years ago intestate. On the motion of Richard Gill, the Court ordered [this] to be certified."⁴² In September 1835, at Buckland, in Prince William County, Charles Hunton wrote to E. A. Brown, a commissioner of the General Land Office that Richard Gill was entitled to one third of a land warrant, number 8356, which had already been issued. A year later, in September 1836, Isham A. Brown, a commissioner from the General Land Office wrote to William Seldon that he had, at the request of Mr. Saunders, returned a land warrant, number 8366, for 200 acres in the name of Samuel Love. This warrant was to be issued to his heirs for service as a sergeant in the Virginia Continental Line for three years. In July 1839, Charles Love appeared before John Walker, a Justice of the Peace for Greene County, Tennessee and gave a sworn statement that Samuel Love died about 1804 or 1805 at the house of Thomas Love, Esquire of Green County, Tennessee. The deceased possessed little property and died intestate. No administration had ever been granted on his estate.³⁴ August 28, 1778 "List of Officers in 3rd Virginia from January 1, 1776 to August 28, 1778," *CSR, 3rd Va.*, roll 951.³⁵ Ibid. See also Heitman, *Historical Register*, 458-459.³⁶ Samuel Love, *CSR, 3rd Va.*, roll 954.³⁷ PWC OB, July 1778 Court, 8.³⁸ PWC OB, July 1779 Court, 45.³⁹ PWC OB, March 1782 Court, 146.⁴⁰ Samuel Love, *CSR, 3rd Va.*, roll 954.⁴¹ Louis A. Burgess, *Virginia Soldiers of 1776* (Richmond: Richmond Press, 1929; reprint, Baltimore: Clearfield Publishing Company, 2004), 3: 1153. (Hereafter: Burgess, *Virginia Soldiers*)⁴² Peters, *MR FCMB 1784-1840*, 122. [Prince William Reliquary Vol. 7, No. 4 \(October 2008\) p. 91](#) Added by Carla Maitland 6/4/2012

From Researcher Lesa Gibson Pfrommer

HEIRS OF SAMUEL LOVE, SGT.

General Land Office Warrant 8356 for 200 acres is recorded in Virginia Land Office Book III, 409, 479. The original affidavits are in the Virginia State Library, Richmond. Samuel Love, formerly of Prince William Co., Va., enlisted in the Revolutionary army in 1776 for three years under (Henry ?) Lee and served in the north.

Charles Love, aged about 80, made an affidavit in Greene Co., Tenn., on July 17, 1839 that he knew Samuel Love since 1787; that he died about 1804/5 at the house of Thomas Love, Esq., Greene County, Tennessee.

Another affidavit signed by the clerk of court, Fauquier Co., Va., July 28, 1835 stated that Samuel Love died intestate leaving a brother and two sisters as his only heirs at law: Thomas Love, Pamela Love who married Robert Warren; Pensathela Love who married Richard Gile (or Gill). The said Richard Gile and his wife had three children: Richard, then living; Mary m. Britten Saunders and died some years ago; Pensathela m. Benjamin Wheeler.

2. This information was posted by M. Fournier on July 23, 2000, on Rootsweb and was found at <http://archiver.rootsweb.com/th/read/LOVE/2000-07/0964370886>

From "Tennessee Genealogical Records", Edith Rucker Whitley, published by Genealogical Publishing Co., 1980.

Extracts from Legislative Petitions:

No. 166. Conveyance of Stockley Donelson to John LOVE, Josiah WATSON and Samuel LOVE for 5000 acres, witnessed by George Gordon, Jr., D. Squire, Samuel A. W. A. LOVE, Charles J. LOVE, Washington J. Washington and George Gordon. George Gordon appeared before John Gregg, J.P. for Green Co., and deposed that in the spring of 1795 he made a survey for S. Donelson in the county for 5000 acres and in the month of July following, John LOVE of the State of Virginia purchased a considerable quantity of land from S. Donelson., etc.

**THOMAS LOVE
Cpl., Virginia**

D.A.R. records shows Thomas Love, born November 29, 1745 in Maryland and died April 26, 1810 in Tennessee. His wife's name is given as Dorothea

Thomas Love signed his Will on April 9, 1810. The Will was probated on April 23rd. Witnesses to this Will were Merryman Pane, Samuel McKenney, and John Sheffer. Named in Thomas Will were:

Wife, Dorothea [insane].

Children: Mary, wife of George Gordon; William Love, Ann Cravens, Lucy Evens, Frances Evans, 2nd son Phillip, Martha, Charles, John.

"To son, William, and daughter, Lucy Evens, \$400 each. To son, Charles, and daughter Marth, a portion each. To son John, land near the Big Spring adjoining Sheffey. To Ann Cravens, \$100; To grandson, Thomas Evans who is weakly, a negro girl 3 years old.

I have confidence in son-in-law Robert Evans, husband of Lucy, and give Lucy 5 slaves.

George Gordon owes me and I have his 5 slaves as security, them to go to his wife, my daughter Mary.

Son, Phillip left the state ten years ago, if he shows up he gets an equal part.

Pay all my debts.

Executors: Sons, William and Charles.



**Tombstone of Charles Love
Love's Memorial Chapel
Greene County, TN**