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DEDICATED to the four McRAY children - Jean, Patsy, Mike, and Steve. They are interested in their heritage and have helped me and encouraged me in researching their genealogy.
"He that would know what shall be must consider what hath been."
- Ancient Proverb.

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LOTT Family settled in HALL COUNTY in early 1820's

Mrs. Jane Lott made her declaration in Hall County April 19, 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 War of 1812, and was drafted in Fairfield District, S.C. about Oct. 2, 1814, and honorably discharged at Charleston, S.C. about 3rd of March 1815.

Jane Lott said she was married to the soldier in Fairfield District, S.C. 28th May, 1812 by William Brown J.P. Her said husband died in Jackson County 22nd June, 1844 and that she was Jane Rainwater before her marriage.

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 means, of course, that Jane is second wife of William Lott.) 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, Ga. 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 as to the relationship between the Lott families of the two counties.

The Jess Lott family of Hall county probably removed from South Carolina to this area in 1823; however, the family possibly stopped over in Jackson county. Deed and mortgage records show that Jesse bought 800 acres in Hall County which was situated between the Walnut and Mulberry rivers in Chestnut Mountain section. The deeds were dated 19th Nov. 1823.

JESSE LOTT, Sr. was born in South Carolina Dec. 30, 1771 and died in Hall county Oct. 11, 1854. He was married to Nancy Martin who was born in Ireland in 1775 and died in Hall county Apr. 16, 1848. Jesse and Nancy Lott are buried in the family cemetery alongside State Hg. 53 between Chestnut Mt. and Jackson county line. The graves are covered with marble slabs which were shipped from England.

Across the road from the cemetery, about 200 yards to the west, stood the Lott home which was a two-story log house.

The children of Jesse and Nancy Martin were:

1. John G. Lott, born in S. C., married first to Elizabeth Wright and secondly to Mary Upshaw. Children of John and Elizabeth were: Martin, Susan, Stanhope, Rosea, Therza, Lacy Howard, and Maria.

Children of John G. and 2nd wife Mary: Mary and Laura. John G. Lott was witness to first land transaction made by his father in 1823.

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

Children of Jesse and Sarah Spruce Lott: Mary Elizabeth, Martha Ann, Augustus W., Sarah Catherine, and Andrew Taylor Lott.

Children of Jesse and Nancy Webster: Jesse Thomas Lott.

Two daughters, Mary Elizabeth - married Lafayette Sandifer, and Sarah who married Henry Brown, moved to Alabama.

3. Andrew W. Lott was born in S.C. in 1812. Married Catherine _____.

4. George W. Lott was born in S.C. and died in Jackson county, Ga. 1857. He married Carolyn Milton.

5. Nancy Lott, married _____ Horton.

6. Mary Lott, married Billy Spann

7. Susan Lott, married John Chapman

8. Elizabeth Lott

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9. Hilliard J. Lott, born S.C. March 22, 1815, and died in Hall county June 18, 1882. He is buried in Lott family cemetery. He was married to Sarah Emeline Thompson and the family lived in Hall and Jackson counties.

Children of Hilliard J. and Sarah Emeline Lott were: Marion, Mary Isabella, Hilliard J. (Jr), John, Bartlett, and Gideon.

Family records state that three LOTT brothers, Emsley, 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 mosquitos almost unbearable in the low country and thus removed elsewhere.

After a three year search of county records of South Carolina, it was established that Jesse Lott and his family lived in Beaufort County before moving to Georgia.

Census records of Beaufort county enumerate the family there in 1820. Other families by name of Lott who were living in Beaufort county in 1820 were Aaron, Elisha, John M. and John Lott. The relationship is not established.

1810 Census, South Carolina

Edgefield County: William Lott. In 1820, Aaron, James and William Lott are enumerated.

Barnwell County: John Lott and Benjamin Lott

Fairfield County: Aaron, George, Jr., Moses and William Lott

1820 Census, South Carolina

Beaufort County: Aaron, Elisha, Jesse, John M. and John Lott

It has been determined that George Lott, who lived in Fairfield county, S.C. in 1790, was the father of George and William Lott who moved to Jackson county, Ga. George Lott was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and enlisted in North Carolina.

William Lott, son of George, was the 1812 war veteran whose wife, Jane, made a declaration in Hall county for a pension which was due her because of husband's war service. Her step-son, Moses, attests to the couple's marriage.

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HALL COUNTY (from Sherwood's GAZETEER, 1837, p.176)

Hall County is bounded on the N. and N.E. by Habersham, E. by Jackson, S. by Gwinnett; and W. by the Chestatee and Chattahoochee rivers. On Wahoo creek, in the fork of the above rivers, is some of the finest land in the State. The population is 8,267. Gainesville is the capital. The Academy fund is \$1,267.06. Poor School donations: \$683.63.

In passing along the road from Gainesville to Clarksville, you have 12 miles from the former place, a beautiful view of the Yonah mountain; and if the sun shines upon it as brightly, and gives it as enchanting appearance as when the author saw it, one will be well repaid for the twelve mile ride.