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BIOGRAPHY OF Ruby Love Draughon
Marietta, Oklahoma

BORN April 22, 1881
Marietta, Oklahoma
(Love's Valley)

Father: Overton Love Mother: Harriet Byrd

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Ruby Love Draughon is the daughter of the late Overton (Sobe) Love, and Harriet Byrd Love. Harriet Love was the sister of Governor Byrd, governor of the Chickasaw Nation.

Overton Love left Mississippi, during the Indian Removal, and came to Little Rock they traveled overland to the present town of Colbert, Oklahoma. Overton Love and his sister rode on the same horse.

About 1845 Overton Love settled in what is now known as Love's Valley, southeast of Marietta, Oklahoma on Red River. Here he became a large land holder, and owned a large number of slaves and cattle. At one time he had about 4,000 acres of land in cultivation.

Dollie Wright one of his slaves was his nurse, and also nursed all of his children. She gave him the name of "Sobe" a name he kept all of his life, and many people never knew him by any other name. The nurse gave as her reason for calling him by the name of "Sobe" the fact that he always looked so sober.

Love took a great interest in governmental affairs of the Chickasaw Nation, and Panola and Pickens counties. He served as

judge in Picken county for a number of years, and Love county was named in his honor.

After the Civil War he freed all of his slaves. Some of them he did not get pay for, also the government bought a large amount of corn from him; for which he never received pay.

The old family cemetery is located just west of the old home on Red river. It consists of approximately one hundred eighty graves, four of which were wives of Overton Love. (He has another wife buried in the cemetery at Marietta). This cemetery is now used as a hog pasture by a Mr. Askew, who occupies the old home, and many of the expensive headstones have been rooted up, and several graves destroyed by the hogs. If the Denison Dam is constructed all of Love's Valley will be thrown under water. The engineer has already been talking to members of the family in regard to moving the cemetery to Marietta.

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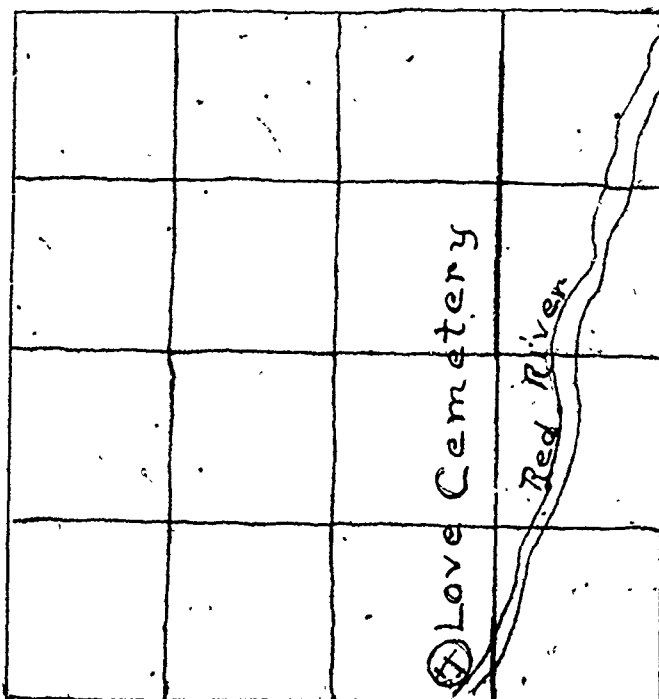
Bob Love, of Oil Springs, was a half uncle of Overton Love. Mrs. Draughon, has two sisters Mrs. L.B. Smith, Pauls Valley, Okla. and Mrs. Frank Culwell, Lawton, Okla. Mrs. Nellie Randolph of Marietta, Okla. is a half-sister, also Mrs. J.L. Jordan, Shawnee, Okla.. Mrs. Lyon Bingham of Ada, Okla., is her mother's daughter by a former marriage.

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WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
 Indian-Pioneer History Project for Oklahoma
 Burial Ground Form

1. Name of burial ground Love
2. Founded 1860 ?
3. Abandoned (date) 1910.
4. Present owners of premises Loan company
5. Address of above Marietta, Oklahoma
6. Approximate number of the grave 180
7. Approximate number marked 50
8. Number inscriptions copied and attached 11 }
9. Condition of premises Hog pen
10. Legal location of burial ground, County Love
 Section 4 Township 8 south Range 3 east

This plat on this form represents 640 acres, one square mile, and is subdivided into 40 acre plat. The center of this plat is the center of the section.



INSCRIPTIONS FROM LOVE CEMETERY

Overton Love
Born 1823
Died 1903

Mattie E. Love
Born Fe. 20, 1869
Died Nov. 28, 1884

Elizabeth wife of O. Love
Died Feb. 22, 1868
Age about 33 years

Eliza Ann wife of O. Love
Died June 11, 1865
Age about 33 years

Eliza
Daughter of O. & E. Love
Born 1865.
Died

Martha Wife of O. Love
Died Nov. 22, 1877
Age 33 years

Henry O. Love
1870-1909

Wm. Overton
Son of James & Anna Burch
Born 1881
Died 1882

Mary E. Molett
Born July 14, 1871
Died March 11, 1887

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Ida Daughter of O. & E. A. Love
Born March 9, 1860
Died May 8, 1880

T.G. Thomas
Born Dec. 25, 1843
Died Jan. 20, 1876

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