Binford was out hunting. He had an old gun, the kind the hammer cocked back. He went over a wire fence that had thick brush around it. The brush caught on the gun and pulled the hammer back and it went off.

It seems another possibility could have been that the gun had been cocked already and the trigger was shoved, nevertheless, Binford was killed in this accident. Everett later named a son Binford, after the brother he had lost.

Arley Love went to Cincinnati. James remembers her from when she came back to Mullins Flat to visit her parents. She never married and had a long career as a teacher in Cincinnati. Lavada Love married a man named Rice. James remembers she had a son named James Rice.

Life in the Community

People Were Self-Sufficient. Edna Love Sanders provided memories of what she'd heard of life "back then" from her parents and grandparents. She said people knew how to do everything for themselves. The women tended big gardens, canned vegetables and fruit, made soap, made clothes from feed and fertilizer sacks, made

mattresses from corn husks and straw, and made feather tics from the soft feathers saved when



Sophie Love. Daughter of Darphus.

plucking chickens. If they had a cow, they made butter. They canned sausage meat after hogs were butchered.

The men killed and smoked the hogs. When interviewed fifteen years ago by Pam Rogers (*The Redstone Rocket*, August 15, 1990), James Love discussed butchering hogs. He commented: "Of course we had to do that in cold weather, because there wasn't any refrigeration." He said when they did, "It [the hogs] looked like clothes hanging on a line, there were so many of them."

Edna noted that her maternal grandfather, who did not live on the land that was to become RSA, had a watercress pond, and her grandmother would cook the watercress "like you do turnip greens and collards." James said he did not know of anyone where he lived growing watercress.

The Land and Tenants. Moses Love owned a large parcel of land adjoining a large parcel owned by his brother Adolphus [Darphus]. James said his father had a number of tenant houses on his property. Some of James' brothers-in-law rented from his father.