

EMMA LANKFORD HORTON

(Wife of Ovoy)

Interviews March 2001, and May, June and July 2005 by telephone

The Lankford Family

Emma's father was Ernest Lankford (April 8, 1902-Sept. 14, 1956). Her mother was Magnolia Baker Lankford (August 23, 1902). Her father's mother was Emma Simpson Slaughter. She was in her late forties when she died in 1926.

Emma's maternal grandmother was Agnes McVay Baker. She was about 98 or 99 years old when she passed away in the 1960's. Emma's maternal grandfather was John Baker. Agnes and John Baker separated before Emma was born. After they separated, Agnes had several other children, who had the name Baker. They were: Thurston, Andrew, Pitman, and Samuel. Then Agnes went back to the name McVay.



Emma Lankford Horton, born June 24, 1920.

Emma married Ovoy Horton. The children of Emma and Ovoy are: Ovoy, Ernest, Geraldine (Taylor), Annie, and Sharon (Steel). First, the information learned from Emma Horton about her family and her life before marriage to Ovoy is presented. Then Emma's insight and knowledge of her husband's family will be presented and lead into discussion and interviews with other Horton family members.

Where They Lived

Emma said, "We lived in Mullins Flat. My Daddy [Ernest Lankford] had his own stock. He had his own horses and tools." Emma said when she was older, her father had a crop on land he rented from Anderson (Parcel C-138). The difference was a sharecropper gave up more of his crop to the landowner. Emma said as a renter, "He did 3rds and 4ths, which meant he got three out of every four." The land was in Dixon's Lot near Horton Ford.

When asked how her father managed to buy the stock and tools, Emma said everything was done on credit, even buying land.

