

THE HORTON FAMILY

Emma Lankford Married Ovoy Horton

Emma Lankford married Ovoy Horton in her father's home on Adolphus [Darphus] Love's land. She didn't get married in a church because she wanted a small, private wedding, but so many friends and family came that they couldn't fit in the house. The officiating minister was Reverend W.P. Pallard from the Center Grove United Methodist Church (it was called the Grange before it became associated with the United Methodist Conference). It was located along what is now Martin Road on Parcel B-71. Everyone "dressed up pretty" for the wedding, and cake and ice cream were served to the guests.

Francis Horton's House. Mrs. Emma Horton described her husband's grandmother's [Francis] house (C-140). It had a hall down the middle and a bedroom on each side (four rooms), and a dormer on the roof. "Like almost all houses, it had porches." Darphus Love also had a house like this. It was a big house. Emma stated, "Mama Francis was doing real well." Francis is shown in the group photograph. The year it was taken is not known, but Francis and Everett were probably born prior to the end of the Civil War.

Horton Family--Overview. Emma Horton helped to draw a family tree for her husband. The researcher added to it as information was acquired. An overview of the roots of the Hortons is presented here: Ovoy Horton, born in 1917, was the son of Celesta Wilbert Horton and James Horton, who was the son of Everett Horton and Francis Lacy Horton. Emma said the mother of Francis was a Timmons. Everett's siblings were Yancy Horton Sr. [who died sometime in the 1930's at age 78], Celia Horton [who married Adolphus (Darphus) Love], and Virginia Horton. Yancy Horton Sr.'s parents were Jack Horton (who was a White man) and Amanda Jacobs (Jack's servant).

The 1880 U.S. Census: Madison County, Alabama, showing Amanda Sheffield.

Census Place: Madison, Alabama

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	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
John SHEFFIELD	Self	M	M	MU	27	AL
Amanda SHEFFIELD	Wife	F	M	MU	39	AL
Yancy HORTON	SSon	M	S	MU	19	AL
Virginia HORTON	SDau	F	S	MU	15	AL
Celia HORTON	SDau	F	S	MU	13	AL
Everett HORTON	SSon	M	S	MU	12	AL
Paris HORTON	Son	M	S	MU	4	AL
Ida SHEFFIELD	Dau	F	S	MU	9M	AL
James GILBRETH	Nephew	M	S	MU	15	AL
King GOODLOE	Other	M	M	B	55	AL