

born at the time of her mother's death. The census of 1850 confirms her birth year as 1823 (when her mother died) by showing her age as 26 in Autauga County, AL. Initially, her father Eldred Rawlins himself was granted guardianship over Mary Ann Eliza's estate (inheritances from her grandfather Isaac Lanier, who died in 1827) as a minor, but later (apparently after a remarriage for Eldred and after he sent his daughter to live with her maternal grandmother, Mary Dickson Lanier, widow of Isaac) one of her maternal uncles, Clement G. Lanier, was appointed as her guardian.

Mary Ann Eliza Rawlins Love continued to reside with her husband in Autauga County, as further probate records regarding her father's estate were handled there, as well as in Limestone County (where Eldred had moved with a second wife and family) and in Madison County. Eldred Rawlins never made final settlement of his daughter's Madison County estate before his own death out of the state of Alabama around 1855. By 1856 his widow Sarah J. Rawlins had received Letters of Administration of his estate from the Limestone County (Alabama) Probate Court, but she must have been either unable or a bit reluctant to close out the Madison County estate for her step-daughter Mary Ann Eliza Rawlins Love. Many court actions were recorded to force the settlement, but it appears that the Civil War intervened, and there was no final settlement found in Madison County records.

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