



(Above) Artifacts Found on the Joiner House Site, Formerly the Timmons Plantation, Including Coins, Buttons, and a Piece of a Brush (Redstone Arsenal)



(Top Right) Photograph of Adolphus (Darphus) Love (Curry 2006) **(Right)** Photograph of Moses Love (Curry 2006)

The Love Family

The Love family lived in Mullins Flat. The two patriarchs of the family were half-brothers, Moses and Adolphus, always called Darphus. Moses Love was married to Beulah Smith Love. Together they had seven children: Mary Love Lightford, Walter, Julie, Lawrence, Lucille Love Payton, Robert, James, Beulah, and David. Moses and Beulah first purchased land in Mullins Flat in 1916. They bought a 300-acre parcel from Milton Lanier that was known to be part of the old Lanier Plantation.

Moses purchased more land, including 40 acres by the river and 87 acres of bottomland, from John W. Jamar for \$2,800 in 1917. He mostly farmed cotton, but he also grew corn, peanuts, and sugar cane. He raised cattle as well and allowed for tenants to live on his extensive land.

When Beulah passed away in 1925, Moses married Annie Crawford and carried on in Mullins Flat. In the mid-1930s, he sold some land to the TVA. After

(Below) Archaeologists Working on a Recent Excavation of the Moses Love Farm (Redstone Arsenal)



leaving Mullins Flat in 1941, Moses bought 280 acres of land north of Huntsville at 10th Cavalry Hill. He even moved a couple of houses from the family farm in Mullins Flat. Moses passed away in 1950.

Moses and Beulah's son, James Love, and granddaughter, Edna Love Sanders, were interviewed by Redstone in 2005. They noted that many family members are buried in the cemetery on the property. That cemetery is now called Jordan Cemetery and has many markers provided by the Royal Funeral Home.

Moses's half-brother, Darphus, lived on land adjacent to Moses in Mullins Flat. Darphus and Moses share the same mother, but Darphus was very light-skinned and most likely had a white father. However, no one who was interviewed about the family seemed to know his exact parentage. Darphus is beloved in the community for providing land for the Silver Hill School and helping to build it. He also owned a store that sold necessities like flour, sugar, cornmeal, pork, and molasses. Like his half-brother, he grew many of the same crops, kept cattle, and had tenants.

Darphus' wife was Celia Horton, sister of Everett and Yancy Horton. They had five children together, Everett, Binford, Arley, Lavada, and Sophie, who died very young.

Dave McGlathery

David McGlathery (1936-2016), son of Anna Langford and Pete Frazier McGlathery, was born in Pond Beat. McGlathery attended Council Training High School, then graduated magna cum laude with a math degree from Alabama A&M in 1961. As a young man, he served in the U.S. Navy as an aviation electronics technician stationed at Naval Base Pearl Harbor. Upon returning home, McGlathery worked for Marshall Space Flight Center as an engineer with the famous German rocket scientists. He was the first man of color to be hired to a full professional position at the Center.

To better his knowledge for his position at Marshall, at 27 years old, McGlathery enrolled at UAH with support of his colleagues and superiors at NASA.