

## **David LOVE, Citizen of the Republic of Texas**

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<sup>[1]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub> **David LOVE** was the third son born to Wade and Jane WILSON LOVE in South Carolina on 31 October 1821. Their next three children, two girls and a boy, were born in Georgia; their seventh child, a boy, in Tennessee; and their eighth, another son, in Mississippi. The family was on its way to Texas, where David LOVE, his father, Wade, and his brother John would receive third class land grants in San Augustine County 29 December 1839, from the Republic of Texas.<sup>[1]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>

David Love was an applicant for Mexican War Pension (Act of Jan. 29, 1887). He served in Company K, 3rd Texas Mounted Volunteers under Capt. Sam Highsmith, P.H. Bell's Regiment. He was enrolled May 25, 1846; mustered in June 2, 1846, near Austin; and mustered out with Company Sept. 22, 1846, at Austin, Texas. May 3, 1888 David Love of Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas, filed a Declaration of Survivor for Pension. He stated that he served as a private in company commanded by Capt. Sam Highsmith in the Texas Volunteers regiment commanded by (Hansboro sp?) Bell in the war with Mexico. He said he enlisted at Austin, Texas, on or about the 20th June 1846 for the term of three months and was honorably discharged at Austin in September 1846. He said his service was on the frontier. He said he was 66 years of age ...

David married Mary Jane LANGSTON on 27 March 1845 in the Republic of Texas in Rusk County. They soon moved to Round Rock in Williamson County where their children were born: William Wesley (1847-1872), Sarah Texana (1849-1901), Clemmency Ann Levonia (1852-1910), Cecelia Ann V. (1854-1941), and Wesley (1856-1859). Wife Mary Jane and a six-month-old son died 31 August 1859 and were buried in the Old Cook Cemetery in Lampasas, Lampasas County, Texas.<sup>[1]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>

David, a widower with four surviving children between the ages of six and twelve, married eighteen-year-old Mary Susan CLUCK in Georgetown, Williamson County, on 7 June 1860. Their children were Alice "Allie" (1862-1892), Amanda E. (1864-1907), Frances Lee "Fannie" (1866-1938), a son (1870-before 1880), Arthur (b. 1874-1896), and Lillian Pearl (1876-1907).<sup>[1]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub> David LOVE's signature appears on a petition to form a new county (Williamson) from part of Milam District in February 1848. He farmed and ranched in Williamson County before he settled in Georgetown and became a merchant. By the late 1860s he had constructed a large, two-story home for his family at the corner of Church and Tenth (then Orange) Streets. David Love lived in the home until his death in 1892, and the property remained in the family until 1909. The house has been restored and stands at 1004 S. Church Street.

Also in the late 1860s, David Love bought property on the west side of the courthouse square in Georgetown, where, sometime before 1884, he built a two-story, stone building which would house his mercantile business. The David Love Store, at 706 Austin Avenue, has been restored and has been listed in the National Register of Historic Places as an example of high Victorian commercial architecture.<sup>[1]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub> <sup>[1]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>

In 1878 David Love joined other businessmen in funding and organizing the Georgetown Railroad Company, which built a tap line to connect Georgetown with the line at Round Rock so that Georgetown would have the advantages brought to a town by the railroad. Among businesses that prospered through Georgetown's connection with the railroad was Love's mercantile.<sup>[1]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub> <sup>[1]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>

David Love died 26 October 1892 at his home in Georgetown. He was buried in the Odd Fellows' Cemetery. His second wife died 3 September 1905 and was buried beside him.<sup>[1]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub> <sup>[1]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>

Because there was more than one David Love in Texas during the lifetime of our subject, he has at times been credited with military service of another. The fact that both his wives were named Mary has also brought confusion.

David Love, his parents, and his first wife, Mary Jane LANGSTON, have been approved as Citizens of the Republic of Texas and as DRT Ancestors for Amelia Forrest Bogard. A medallion has been added to Mary Jane's grave.