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In Cleveland County's Early Days

BY MAMIE JONES

James Love's Grant To The City Of Shelby

Would you describe the town of Shelby as "lying on the waters of Broad River and Hickory Creek"?

That is the way it is described in the GRANT issued to James Love by John M. Morehead, Governor of North Carolina, dated December 6th, 1842. Mr. Love had made application for this GRANT on the 16th day of June, 1841. I quote the grant in part:

"State of North Carolina.

"KNOW YE, that we, for and in consideration of Ten Dollars for every hundred acres hereby granted, paid into our Treasury by James Love, have given and granted, and do hereby give and grant a tract of land containing One Hundred and Fifty acres, lying and being in the County of Cleveland on the waters of Hickory Creek, First Broad River, adjoining the lands of Samuel Wilson, Wm. Hendrick, Wm. Forbes, Wm. Roberts, and James Love's own land, Beginning (The boundaries are hereinafter set forth in the deed James Love gave the Town of Shelby). Entered on the 16th day of June, 1841. This the 6th day of December, 1842. By Command. John M. Morehead." This Grant was recorded in Book A, page 285 of the Register's office of Cleveland County on the 4th day of February, 1843.

The 150 acres conveyed to James Love in this GRANT were immediately conveyed by him to the Town of Shelby, in a deed

dated January 11, 1843. The Act incorporating the Town of Shelby was passed by the Legislature two weeks later, that is, January 25th, 1843.

I quote the deed in full:

"THIS INDENTURE made the 11th day of January, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty-three, between James Love, of the county of Cleveland and state of North Carolina, of the one part, and Robt. H. Burton, Edmund Bryan, Henry Cansler, Alexander McKorkle, Eli Hoyle, John McDowell, David Gray, Achilles Durham, Samuel Andrews, commissioners appointed by the Legislature of the State aforesaid, to locate the Town of Shelby in the County aforesaid, of the other part,

"WITNESSETH: That the said James Love, for and in consideration of the sum of \$5.00 to him paid in hand, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, as well as the further consideration of the many benefits and advantages which said James Love expects to derive from location of the Town of Shelby, hath given, granted, bargained, sold, released, aliened, enfeoffed, conveyed, and confirmed, and by these presents doth give, grant, bargain, sell, release, alien, enfeoff, convey, and confirm unto Burrell B. Bridges, Chairman of the County Court, and his successors in office forever, for the use of said county and for the purpose hereinafter mentioned, a certain tract, piece or parcel of land situate,

lying and being in the county of Cleveland, and bounded as follows; viz,

"Beginning at a red oak near P. M. Alexander's spring; running thence North 71 West, 61 poles to a post oak; thence with Samuel Wilson's line 85 poles to a hickory on Wm. Forbes's line; thence with Forbes's line South 17 poles to a white oak, his corner; thence South 80 West 11 poles to a large post oak; thence South 10 East 130 poles to a hickory; thence 67 East 160 poles to a red oak; thence North 71 East 80 poles to a post oak; thence North 35 West 88 poles to a Spanish oak; thence West 40 poles to the beginning, containing 150 acres, more or less. And all the woods, ways, water courses, mines, minerals, and all and every the appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining.

"And the reversion, or reversions, rents, issues, profits of the aforesaid lands and premises and every part thereof; and all estate, right, title, and interest, claim property and demand whatsoever of him, the said James Love, of, in, and to the said land and premises hereby granted.

"TO HAVE and TO HOLD the aforesaid land and premises, and every part thereof, with all the appurtenances, unto the said Burrell B. Bridges, Chairman aforesaid, and his successors in office, for the only purpose, use and benefit of said County, and to the intent that the Town of

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