

Love's Ferry
Shellmound
Marion County, Tennessee

Love's Ferry was located on the north side of the Tennessee River opposite Nickajack Town and Nickajack Cave.

(This Ferry, located at Shellmound was previously owned and operated by *Turtle at Home*, son of *Cherokee Chief AttaKullaKulla* and his wife, *Woman of the Wolf Clan*) and he was also a brother to *TSI-YU-GANSI-NI* "Dragging Canoe" .)

Samuel Love married **Martha Hall** and built a large house beside the road to Jasper. This road was the major route for people travelling east to Chattanooga. **Sam Love** ran a ferry across the river to the town of Shellmound where there was a station stop on the Nashville and Chattanooga railroad. Sam was also a mail carrier who delivered mail over a 60 mile round trip route from Shellmound to Pikeville, TN. The ferry, called Love's Ferry or Shellmound Ferry, was a focal point in Civil War troop movements. It was used by retreating Confederate soldiers in 1862 and later in 1863 by most of General Rosecrans' army on its way to Chattanooga. It remained under Federal control until the end of the war.

In the summer of 1864, the Union officials began rounding up all Confederate supporters in the area. As a Confederate mail carrier, **Sam Love** was arrested. He was sent to prison in Nashville where he died a few weeks later, leaving a pregnant wife and three small children.

Martha Hall Love continued to run the farm with the help of relatives and a few loyal former slaves. The property passed to her daughter, **Nancy Carrie Love**, who never married and managed the farm until the mid 1930's when it was bought by **E. L. Harris**. The property was lost by **Harris** through eminent domain when TVA took it for Nickajack Dam