

# Descendants of James Monroe Spencer

## Generation No. 1

1. JAMES MONROE<sup>6</sup> SPENCER (*WILLIAM<sup>5</sup>, JESSE<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>1</sup>*) was born 1827, and died June 24, 1861. He married CORNELIA PHILLIPS June 20, 1855 in North Carolina. She was born March 20, 1825 in Harlem, N.Y., and died March 11, 1908 in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Notes for JAMES MONROE SPENCER:

In the census, James is a lawyer. A monument at Pleasant Hill reads: " James M. Spencer, son of William and Candis Spencer. Attended A. B. University of N. C. Married Cornelia Phillips. Their only child, Julia James Spencer, married James Lee Love." It does not give birth or death dates.

Here are quotes from "Old Days in Chapel Hill.: Being the life and letters of Cornelia Phillips Spencer. Chapel Hill NC.: University of North Carolina Press, 1926, 335 pages. The story of her courship: "...Then and there I first got acquainted with my dear Magnus. We walked over that ice together, and walked on home together. I can recall our talk, and his looks, and tones, so vividly. It seems but yesterday, instead of ten years." .."Nine years ago this day, Magnus Spencer and I took a walk together which ended in our engagement that evening. He always called it our "courting day" and we remembered it as warmly as we did our wedding day." The following is not quote from her letters. "James Munroe Spencer, nick-names "Magnus or "Longus" because of his tall stature, was long remembered by his friends as a man to be counted worthy of any esteem. When it was asked of those who knew him whether he had been the equal of his wife in mentality...he was a man of fine mind and character, equal to any one of his associates. He was one of those who come into the world so well able to discern both mentally and morally that they seem to need a little discipline. There are some people like that and Mr. Spencer was one of them. Also they are said, whether rightly or wrongly, to die young. He was in every way a fitting mate for his wife. His family was respectable and had already lived for two generations in Alabama, so that they must have been early settlers in that new state. His talents were legal, and Governor Swain said of him that he was a most promising young lawyer. To judge him by the few mementoes that are left, his daguerreotype shows a grave strong face, with a splended forehead, and already an expression of endurance or of suppressed pain....Sure it is that he filled his wife's heart with a love for him that never abated. After he was graduated from the University in 1853 he returned home, studied law, hung out his "shingle" and found himself sufficiently established to return to Chapel Hill and marry his wife in 1855. ...James Spencer had several brothers and a sister living near there, and Mrs. Spencer seems not only to have been ideally happy with him but to have enjoyed her new kinsfolk.

Notes for CORNELIA PHILLIPS:

Biographies of Notable Americans, 1904 (page 820?) accessed 7/12/06 at ancestry.com states:

SPENCER, Cornelia Phillips, author, was born in Harlem, N.Y., March 20, 1825;

only daughter of the Rev. Dr. James and Judith (Vermeule) Phillips, and granddaughter of Cornelius Vermeule of New Jersey, a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and Elizabeth (Middagh) Vermeule. Her father came to America from England in 1818, taught a classical school in Harlem, N.Y., 1818?26, and was professor of mathematics in the University of North Carolina, 1826?67. She was carefully educated at home by her parents, and was married in 1855 to James Spencer of Alabama, who died in 1861. Her only [p.452] child, Julia, was married in 1885 to James Lee Love, associate professor of mathematics at the University of North Carolina, subsequently instructor in mathematics in Harvard university. Mrs. Spencer made her home with her daughter in Cambridge, Mass., after 1894. Her life was spent mainly in literary work. In recognition of her loyal service to the University of North Carolina in the years succeeding the civil war, she received from that institution the honorary degree of LL.D. in 1895, the first woman in the south to be so honored. She is the author of: *The Last Ninety Days of the Civil War* (1866); *First Steps in North Carolina History* (1888); *Centennial Catalogue of the University of North Carolina* (1889); and numerous contributions to periodical literature.

Information on Cornelia can be found:  
North Carolina Women: Making History by Margaret Supplee Smith, UNC Press c.1999, pg 151 biography of Cornelia Phillips Spencer  
Biographical History of North Carolina: from Colonial Times to the Present, vol. III, edited by Samuel A. Ashe: Cornelia Phillips Spencer  
Tar Heel Women by Lou Rogers, c1949: Cornelia Phillips Spencer, pg 100- notes full name as James Lee Love  
Southern Women and their Families in the 19th Century; Papers and Diaries Part 7: Phillips and Spencer Family Collections tells the following information. After her husband's death, Cornelia's father pled with her to return to N. C. and she did. After the civil war, she wrote a book "The Last Ninety Days of the War" and "Pen and Ink Sketches of the University of North Carolina." She wrote a weekly "Young Ladies' Column" for "The Presbyterian." She wrote frequent articles and letters to influential people for the reopening of UNC in 1875 and other causes. In 1894, she moved to Cambridge, Mass to live with her daughter and in 1895 she received an honorary degree by UNC, the first such degree given to a woman by the university. The book also contains letters and pictures from her and her family.

Marriage Notes for JAMES SPENCER and CORNELIA PHILLIPS:  
Marriage date from information in book about Southern Women.

Child of JAMES SPENCER and CORNELIA PHILLIPS is:  
2. i. JULIA JAMES<sup>7</sup> SPENCER, b. June 01, 1859, North Carolina.

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2. JULIA JAMES<sup>7</sup> SPENCER (*JAMES MONROE<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>5</sup>, JESSE<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>1</sup>*) was born June 01, 1859 in North Carolina. She married JAMES LEE LOVE December 23, 1885 in Chapel Hill, NC. He was born Abt. 1859.

Notes for JULIA JAMES SPENCER:  
A book about Southern Women features her mother and mentions letters between

Julia and Cornelia, including June's pregnancy and stillbirth in March 1891. There are 230 references to "Mrs. James Lee Love" in Burlington N. C. newspapers, however the references aren't an exact reference. They just have the word "love" in them. The first 2 did indicate that Mrs. James Lee Love was an officer in the PTA. They were from the early 30's.

Notes for JAMES LEE LOVE:

Ancestry's One World Tree gave marriage information and children's names. 1900 census Cambridge Ward 1, Middlesex co., Massachusetts: James L. Love 39, born Dec. 1860 N.C. as were his parents. He was a Mathematics instructor. With him were wife Julia S. 40, born June 1859. The couple had been married for 14 years and had 2 children, both living. The children were Cornelia S. 8, born May 1892 and James S. 3 born July 1896. Also with the couple was Julia's mother Cornelia P. Spencer 75, born March 1825. She was born in NC, her father in England and her mother in NJ. She had only had one child.

1910 census, the couple was still in Cambridge, Mass. with their 2 children. Cornelia Spencer was not with them.

1920 census, the family is still in-tact in Cambridge, Mass. James is a college professor, Cornelia is a college librarian, and James S. is manager at a cotton mill.

Jan. 22, 1973 wedding announcement in the Daily Times News, Burlington, NC. for Seiler-Orth marriage (was viewed on ancestry.com historical newspapers 7/12/06) The engagement of Nancy Dianne Seiler to Alan Tappan Orth, son of Mr. & Mrs. Charles D. Orth 3rd, of Weston & Boston, Mass. "He (the prospective groom) is the grandson of Mrs. James Lee Love of Burlington and the late Mr. Love,...nephew of Miss Cornelia S. Love of Chapel Hill and the late J. Spencer Love of Greensboro." The April 24, 1973 newspaper announces the wedding held on April 24, 1973. It lists the same "relatives" of the groom. The reception was held at Orth residence. Included in the wedding party were the groom's sister Sally Owen Orth and brothers Christopher William and twins Charles Anthony and Jonathan Lee and David Satterfield and Conrad Daniel.

North Carolina Birth Index 1800-2000 (viewed at Ancestry.com) shows a Jean Lee Love born Nov. 25, 1925 with father James Lee Love.

An ancestry record shows that James Lee Love was married a 2nd time to Mary Elizabeth Satterfield on Aug. 22, 1923 and they had 2 daughters, Mary Elizabeth and Jean Lee Love, both both born Nov 5. 1925.

Phillips researcher Phillips Verner Bradford (website: <http://www.concentric.net/~pvb/GEN/caphil.html>) verifies that James Lee Love did marry Mary Elizabeth Satterfield after June's death and had 2 more daughters, Jean Lee and Mary Elizabeth who married Charles Orth.

Children of JULIA SPENCER and JAMES LOVE are:

- i. CORNELIA SPENCER<sup>8</sup> LOVE, b. May 05, 1892, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Notes for CORNELIA SPENCER LOVE:

Cornelia is with her parents in the 1900, 1910, and 1920 censuses in Cambridge, Mass. In 1920, she was a college librarian. Don Hart states that she was born May 5, 1892 in Cambridge and died Dec. 12, 1981 in Chapel Hill, NC.

North Carolina Death Collection (Ancestry.com 7/12/2006) about

Cornelia Spencer states that she was born May 5, 1892 and died Dec. 12, 1981 at age 89 in Guilford co., N. C. Her residence was in Chapel Hill, Orange co., N. C. She had never married, no autopsy was done, and she was in a nursing and rest home. SSDI verifies information.

3. ii. JAMES SPENCER LOVE, b. 1895, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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3. JAMES SPENCER<sup>8</sup> LOVE (*JULIA JAMES<sup>7</sup> SPENCER, JAMES MONROE<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>5</sup>, JESSE<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>1</sup>*) was born 1895 in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He married SARAH UNKNOWN Abt. 1922. She was born Abt. 1904 in North Carolina.

Notes for JAMES SPENCER LOVE:

Marriage announcement for Rachel Cornelia Love, daughter of James Spencer Love, (married Aug. 6, 1988 in Greenwich Conn.) states that her father was the owner of Love's Photo Express in Stamford, Conn. and Mamaroneck, NY. Her grandfather, the late J. Spencer Love, the founder and chairman of Burlington Industries.

1930 census Burlington, Alamance co., NC: James S. Love 32 born Mass; wife Sarah E. 26 born NC; son Jimmie S. Jr. 3 years 11 months, born NC, and son Robert L. 2 years 11 months. James S was 25 & Sarah 18 when they married. James is the manager of a textile mill.

Florida Divorce Index, 1927-2001, 1940 lists the divorce of James Spencer Love and Sara Elizabeth in Palm Beech county. It references Guide Vol. 145, certificate number 3524.

Florida Death Index, 1877-1998 lists James Spencer Love died Jan 1962 in Palm Beach, FL.

<http://www.scripophily.net/burinin.html> gives the history of Burlington Mills. It states in part, "Founder J. Spencer Love, a 27-year old returning home from World War I, received strong support from the Burlington Chamber of Commerce and chartered "Burlington Mills" on November 6, 1923.

The first plant employed 200 people, weaving typical cotton fabrics for flags, curtains, dresses and diapers. After only a year Love, eager for his new company to stand out from the crowd, decided to switch to the new experimental synthetic fiber rayon. His rayon bedspreads were an instant hit, and within a few years Burlington was the nation's largest producer of rayon fabrics. By then the newcomer had staked out a lasting reputation for market savvy and progressive ideas.

A second plant was built in 1926, and the firm opened its own New York sales office in 1929. During the Depression many competitors' mills that closed were later bought by Love and reopened under the Burlington banner. By the end of 1936, Burlington had 22 plants and sales of \$25 million. In 1937, Burlington Mills came of age with its listing on the New York Stock Exchange."

The article also tells of the name change to Burlington Industries and the death of it's founder J. Spencer Love in 1962.

Children of JAMES LOVE and SARAH UNKNOWN are:

4. i. JAMES S.<sup>9</sup> LOVE, JR., b. Abt. 1926.
- ii. ROBERT LEE LOVE, b. 1928.

Notes for ROBERT LEE LOVE:

Alamance county, North Carolina Birth Index 1800-2000 shows Robert Lee Love born in 1928 to James Spencer Love. It is only an index but references book 16 and page 196.

- iii. JULIAN LOVE, b. August 11, 1938.

Notes for JULIAN LOVE:

General Index to VITAL STATISTICS- Guildord County, N. C. Births lists the birth of Julian Love and lists his father as James Spencer Love. Mothers names are not given.

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- 4. JAMES S.<sup>9</sup> LOVE, JR. (*JAMES SPENCER<sup>8</sup>, JULIA JAMES<sup>7</sup> SPENCER, JAMES MONROE<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>5</sup>, JESSE<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>1</sup>*) was born Abt. 1926.

Notes for JAMES S. LOVE, JR.:

Daughter Cornelia's wedding announcement indicates that he and his wife were divorced. She was married at the home of Mrs. Thomas Baird Appleget, her grandmother. James' wife may have been an Appleget. The announcement also states that he is the owner of Love's Photo Express in Stamford, Conn., and Mamaroneck, N.Y.

Alamance co, North Carolina Birth Index, 1880-2000 lists James Spencer Love, Jr. born 1926 to James Spencer Love. It references book 14, page 123.

Child of JAMES S. LOVE, JR. is:

- i. RACHEL CORNELIA<sup>10</sup> LOVE, m. PER ARNE LORENTZEN, JR., August 06, 1988, Connecticut.