

THE
BENJAMIN BLACKBURN
FAMILY

and notes on
BLACKBURNS IN AMERICA

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THE BLACKBURNS IN AMERICA

The name of Blackburn is of very ancient origin. As early in English History as the time of Ethelbert, King of England, A.D. 596, reference is made to Blagborneshire in the following quotation: "In those times while the said churches had thus been built, there was not, in Blagborneshire, at Cliderhowe, or elsewhere, a castle built, nor any chapel, whatever beside the above named churches, nor any lord who had ever claimed the patronage of the said churches, etc." The name appears under many spellings: Blagborne, Blakeburn, Blackborne, Blackburn. It would seem to be of English or Scottish origin and mean "black brook", or "black river". However, the first person of whom we can find authentic record was a knight who doubtless came over with William the Conqueror in 1066 and helped conquer Saxon England and received for his services "The Blackburn Manor" in Lancaster Shire in northwestern England together with some 1800 acres of fertile land thereto adjacent. He bore the name of Gamaliel de Blackburn. If he was Norman, as the "de" seems to indicate, the writer is inclined to think that he adopted the name of Blackburn from the rich estate he so unceremoniously inherited. Be that as it may, it is certain that the name of Blagborne was given to the site of the present City of Blackburn long before the Norman Conquest, and that the Blackburns moved out from this center eastward into York Shire and northward into Scotland and southward toward London. When James Stuart came to the throne of England, he found North Ireland depleted of inhabitants by civil wars. He offered to his Scotch lowland subjects the opportunity to secure tracts of 1000 to 2000 acres, on the condition that they would build a castle or substantial manor within four years and keep on each one thousand acres at least twenty-four men who were capable of bearing arms. These Scotch emigrants to Ireland (Blackburns among them) were the ancestors of the Scotch-Irish emigrants, some 34,000 of whom came to America between 1730 and 1760. They came bringing with them the Solemn League and Covenant, the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Presbyterian Church Organization. Rebuffed by the unfortunate Stuarts, harshly treated by their English rulers, they came with their hearts filled with hatred against their English kinsmen. When the war of the Revolution broke out, the American cause found no more ardent supporters than it found among these Scotch-Irish Presbyterians. The historian Bancroft says that the Revolution was fought by the Presbyterians. George Washington is reported to have said that if he were deserted by all others "he would retreat to the back-country and rally the Scotch-Irish Presbyterians around him and fight to the bitter end." Among these Scotch-Irish emigrants who came to America in the early part of the 18th century, were many families of the Blackburns.

Many references may be found to the Blackburns. We read that in 1397 Christopherus de Blackburn was "an extensive Russian merchant"; in the time of Queen Elizabeth a branch of the family emigrated from Lancaster to County Meath, North Ireland; a Rt. Hon. Francis Blackburn appears as Lord High Chancellor of Ireland; in 1406 a Nicholas Blackburn was Lord High Admiral in the British Navy, and tradition says that he was shipwrecked on the coast of Scotland, where he met and later returned to wed a princess of the Stuarts. Peter Blackburn was rector of St. Nicholas Church, Aberdeen, in 1603. Six generations of "Francis Blackburns" all men of note, appear in York from 1650 to 1850. Lancelot Blackburn was Archbishop of York in 1724. Thomas Blackburn was warden of Christ's College, Manchester, 1798. John Blackburn was King's Counsel in 1833 and William Blackburn was made a General in 1854, and others of lesser note are to be found in the records. Therefore it is ^{not} surprising that any effort to link up the various families of Blackburn in America would end in failure.

GIDEON BLACKBURN OF BLACKBURN COLLEGE

The writer of this sketch has been to some effort to trace the ancestry of the Reverend Gideon Blackburn, founder of Blackburn College at Carlinville, Ill. He has written to many who bear the name of Blackburn in hopes that the lost links of descent might be found. He would be quite content if he could learn the birth-place of Benjamin Blackburn, the grandfather of the said Dr. Gideon Blackburn, and whether this grandfather or his father first came to America and from what land they emigrated. This information is doubtless available if one knew where to look. It seems wise to the writer, even at the risk of becoming tedious, to record in some logical order the facts and traditions of which he has become informed in order that the path may be easier for someone else to follow and that some of these traditions regarding Dr. Blackburn and his ancestry that have come down to him by word of mouth may find a permanent place on the written page ere they become forgotten. Before entering upon a detailed genealogy of the Benjamin Blackburn line (grandfather of Dr. Gideon Blackburn) we will first speak of several Blackburn lines who are now living in America and who may or may not be closely related to Dr. Blackburn's family.

BLACKBURNS OF RIPPON LODGE

Colonel Richard Blackburn was born in 1706 at Rippon Hall, Yorkshire, England; educated at Balliol College, Scotland, and emigrated to America as a youth to inherit--so it is said--a fortune left to him by an aunt in the Virginia Colony. He settled at Dumfries, Virginia, and gave to his home-seat the name, Rippon Lodge. He married Mrs. Ashton, widow of Col. Henry Ashton. Her maiden name was Mary Watts, daughter of Richard Watts, of the celebrated Isaac Watts family of England. Col. Richard Blackburn was a prominent figure in Colonial days and was highly esteemed for his character, ability, and integrity. He was Colonel of Virginia forces in the Indian Wars and was for many years a member of the Virginia House of Burgesses. As architect he built Mt. Vernon in 1733 for Lawrence Washington, an elder half-brother of Gen. George Washington.

On June 9, 1733 Richard Blackburn agreed with the Vestry to build a church at the cross-roads near Michael Reagen's - - - - done after the same manner as the work upon the Pohick Church was done for the sum of 33,500 lbs of tobacco. Edward Blackburn, on January 9, 1734, gave his brother, Richard, his "Power of Atty" and left his son Edward in his care and departed for the Bermudas. (See record in Manassas Court House, Prince Wm Co.) Richard in his will mentions: "to my eldest son, John Blackburn; Jane, wife of Maj. John Bayliss; Ann, wife of John Carey; Alice, wife of Wm Elliott; to male issue of Mary, wife of John Ballendine."

Different sources vary in the list of the children of Richard and Mary Blackburn; we submit the following:

- (Richard Blackburn, drowned, no issue.
- (Jane Blackburn (1733-1765) who married Maj. John Bayliss.
- (William Bayliss; m. Elizabeth _____.
- (Henry Bayliss;
- (_____ Bayliss; who married Thomas Randolph.
- (Lucy Bayliss; m. Equella Dyson (?)
- (Jane Bayliss; m. George Reno.
- (Ann Blackburn; b. 1735, m. John Carey
- (Mary Blackburn, b. 1737, m. John Ballendine
- (Alice Blackburn (1738-1795) m. Col. Thomas Elzy of Loudon County.

(John Blackburn (1740-1760)
 (Thomas Blackburn (1742-1807) m. Christian Scott, daughter of Rev. James Scott.
 ((Richard Scott Blackburn (1760-1804) m. Judith Ball
 (((Ann Maria Thomasina Blackburn (1790-1833) m. Bushrod Corbin Washington.
 ((((Hannah Lee Washington, b. 1811
 ((((Thomas Blackburn Washington, b. 1813
 (((Jane Charlotte Blackburn, d. 1855, m. John Augustine Washington
 ((((George Washington, b. 1815
 ((((Anna Maria Washington, m. Dr. Wm. F. Alexander
 ((((John Augustine Washington, 3rd, m. in 1843, Eleanor Love Selden.
 ((((Eleanor Washington, m. a Mr. Howard.
 ((((Richard Blackburn Washington, b. 1822
 ((Thomas Blackburn, b. 1765
 ((Anna Blackburn, (1768-1829) m. Judge Bushrod Washington in 1785. No issue.
 ((Sarah Blackburn, m. Nathaniel O. Crawford of Kingston Park, Maryland.
 ((Catherine Blackburn, m. Henry Smith Turner of Wheatland, Jefferson Co., Va.
 (((Susan Turner, m. Mr. Allibone.
 (((Jane Turner, m. Mr. Byrd of Winchester, Va.
 (((Christian Turner, m. Mr. Cordell.
 (((George Turner, Maj. in U.S.A. was killed at Harper's Ferry in John Brown
 (((raid.
 (((Bushrod Washington Turner was lost at sea.
 (((William Fauntleroy Turner m. Ellen Beirne.
 ((Mary Elizabeth Blackburn.

The Washingtons who married Blackburns are as follows:

(John Augustine Washington (1736-1787) younger brother of Gen. George Washing-
 (ton married Hannah Bushrod. Their children were -
 ((Jane Washington, who married William Augustine Washington, her 1st cousin.
 ((Mildred Washington, who married Thomas Lee, son of Richard Henry Lee.
 ((Bushrod Washington (1762-1829) m. Anna Blackburn, (1768-1829)
 ((Corbin Washington, m. Hannah Lee, daughter of Richard Henry Lee.
 (((Richard Henry Washington, died unmarried.
 (((John Augustine Washington, 2nd, m. Jane Charlotte Blackburn (d. 1855)
 (((Bushrod Corbin Washington, m. Ann Maria Thomasina Blackburn (1790-1833)

Col. Thomas Blackburn was a worthy successor of his eminent father. In 1774 and 1776, he was elected to the House of Burgesses; he was appointed a member of the Committee of Safety, December 9, 1774, from his county; he was a member of the Virginia Convention in July and December 1775; was a member of the Virginia Association for the support of the Constitutional Liberties of America; sat in councils of State with Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Mason, Patrick Henry, Tazewell, Pendleton, Lee, Randolph and others and was their intimate associate. On December 20, 1776 he was selected Lt. Col. of the Second Regiment of Virginia Infantry by the House of Burgesses in joint ballot with the Senate. During the ensuing winter he kept his regiment on his estate feeding and clothing the men and returning them to Washington's army in the Spring without charge to the Government. At the Battle of Brandywine, while serving as voluntary aide-de-camp on the staff of General Washington, he received a ball in his thigh, which lamed him for life and which was not removed until 1783. Col. Blackburn was an unselfish patriot and like Gen. Washington declined the salary to which his rank entitled him. At Washington's funeral he occupied a place of honor. His home, Rippon Lodge, was 12 miles south of Mt. Vernon, and General Washington frequently stopped overnight with the Blackburns on his way to visit his aged mother at Fredericksburg. In politics he was a

Federalist. A letter written by him on the Jefferson-Burr crisis was published in the William and Mary Quarterly "Proves his zeal to have been tempered with judgment and true love of country."

The wedding breakfast held at Mt. Vernon in 1785 for Judge Bushrod Washington and Anna Blackburn, his wife, was the subject of the famous painting, said to have been by Stewart, and the artist gave full justice to the charms of the future mistress of Mt. Vernon and her beautiful sister, Mrs. Henry Smith Turner. Upon the death of Mrs. Martha Washington, Judge Bushrod Washington inherited Mt. Vernon, where Anna Blackburn Washington reigned as mistress until the death of her husband on November 26, 1829, whom she followed to the grave two days later. Mt. Vernon then passed to John Augustine Washington, who had married Jane Charlotte Blackburn, a niece of Anna Blackburn. Monuments to Anna Blackburn, Jane Blackburn and their husbands stand in front of the tomb of Gen. George Washington at Mt. Vernon. When Jane Blackburn Washington died in 1855 and her body was laid in the family vault at Mt. Vernon, it is related that the key thereto was thrown into the Potomac River.

Rippon Lodge was built in 1720 and passed from Richard Blackburn to his son, Col. Thomas Blackburn, who in turn bequeathed it to his son, Richard Scott Blackburn. The present owner (1941) is the Hon. Wade H. Ellis of Washington, D. C., who has done much to restore this historic home to its former elegance.

EDWARD BLACKBURN, nephew of Richard, married Margaret Harrison, May 26, 1757, Edward died in 1800 - Issue:

(Jane Blackburn, who married Thomas Sinclair.

(Thomas Blackburn, b 1768, had three wives; 1st Mary Jenkins; m. in 1790: Issue:

((Edw. Samuel Blackburn, b. 1792; m. A Miss Piffer, moved to Ky.

((Margaret Blackburn, (1794-1796) - sometimes called "Peggy".

((Mary Ann Blackburn (1796-1796)

(2nd wife of Thomas was Sarah Bell Hagnie: Issue:

((Elizabeth Starr Blackburn (1801-1836); m. William Gideon of Va.

((Kitty Bartlett Blackburn (1802-); m. Peter Burns of Va.

((Thomas Bartlett Blackburn (1803-1804)

((Richard Henry Blackburn (1804-1852); m. Tabitha Jane Vickers of Dayton, Ohio.

(- - moved to Illinois buried at Coffeen, Illinois.

((Christian Blackburn, b. 1835

((Jas. Thomas. Blackburn, 1837; m. Maggie Nicodemus.

((Martha Ellen Blackburn, b. 1839; m. John Harvey.

((Louisa Jane Blackburn, b. 1841; m. Rev. Thos McDavid.

((Katherine Ann Blackburn, b. 1843; m. Robert Nelson.

((Mary Elizabeth Blackburn, b. 1844; m. Samuel Whitesides.

((Elias Patterson Blackburn, b. 1846; m. Sarah Skelton.

((Geo. Wm. Blackburn, b. 1848; m. Clemintine Richards - "went to Kansas."

((Sarah Maria Blackburn, b. 1850; m. Robert Savage.

((Margaret Alice Blackburn, b. 1852; m. John Gates.

((Virginia Tabitha Blackburn, (1854-1856)

((Sophia E. Blackburn, b. 1855; - infant.

((Laura Clementine Blackburn, b. 1855 - infant.

((Richard Alfred Blackburn, b. 1857.

((William Lee Blackburn, 1808; m. Ann Wheeler of Illinois.

((Louisa Ball Blackburn, b. 1808; m. James Grimes of Dayton, Ohio.

((Sally Hagnie Blackburn, b. 1810; m. William Russell of Va.

((Jane Sinclair Blackburn, b. 1812; m. Samuel Hoffman of Ohio.

((Geo. Washington Blackburn, (1814-1900); m. Ann Fuller of Ohio; buried in
Coffeen, Ill.

((Wm Harrison Blackburn; 1st wife, Maranda Wood, who died in 1874
 (((Jos. F. Blackburn, b. 1862
 (((Albert E. Blackburn, b. 1862; died in infancy
 (((Anna Belle Blackburn, b. 1864; m. H. Gates.
 (((Flora V. Blackburn, b. 1868; m. Mark Mason.
 (((-- 2nd wife of Wm H. was Tabitha M. Gates.
 (((John Emmet Blackburn, 1878; m. Carrie McGuire
 (((Addie Blackburn, b. 1880; m. Willet Nichols
 (((Harry H. Blackburn, b. 1883; m. Bertha Hickman
 (((Mattie Blackburn, b. 1885; m. Robert Bowie
 (((Nellie Blackburn, died in infancy
 (((Leona Blackburn, died in infancy
 ((Charles Lewis Blackburn, b. 1816; m. Maria Jones of Mo.
 ((Robert Berkley Blackburn, b. 1818; m. Sarah Fuller of Ohio
 (- 3rd wife of Thomas, b. 1768, was Ann Hall, married in 1826
 ((Ollie Hall Blackburn, b. 9-21-27; m. Ambrose White of Hillsboro, Ill.
 (Edward Lewis Blackburn, (1771-1827); m. 1790, Mary Carrington (1773-1840)
 ((James Lewis Blackburn (1800-1835); m. 1828, Artemesia Roberts (1807-1900)
 (((Lee Ann Blackburn (1833-1920); m. 1853, John H. Wells (1832-1900)
 (((Vinnetta M. Wells, married a Mr. Ranke
 (William Blackburn, b _____, m. Sally _____.

Data concerning the Blackburns of Rippon Lodge secured from an article by Mumsell Bros. Albany, N.Y.; an excellent book on the Blackburn family by Mrs. Vinnetta Wells Ranke of Washington, D.C.; excerpt from the Kansas City Times of March 15, 1928; and sundry notes from many sources, referring to this prominent branch of Blackburns. (Numerous Blackburns, descendants of the above pioneers, are still living in and near Hillsboro, Illinois.)

THE KENTUCKY BLACKBURNS

An extended history of this family may be found in the Register of the Kentucky Historical Society, May 1920, page 73, and January 1921, page 20 under the caption "Woodford County Notes", contributed by William E. Railey. However, the writer of the above mentioned article is in error where he states that Dr. Gideon Blackburn came to Kentucky in 1794 and was a younger brother of George Blackburn, the founder of the line we will now undertake to give.

George Blackburn was born in Virginia, January 16, 1746/47. He was the son of Edward and Ann Blackburn of Middlesex County, Va., and the*grandson of William and Elizabeth Blackburn of the same County and State. George Blackburn married Prudence Berry in 1771, the daughter of Major William Berry and Molly Pryor. Molly Pryor had several brothers; "Joseph, the younger and the least of them, weighed 220 pounds". (Virginia Hist. Magazine, Vol. 7, pp 76.). George and Prudence Blackburn moved to Kentucky in 1797 (Va. Hist. Mag.). (Mr. Railey says they came to Kentucky in 1784). They settled in Woodford County and there he built a stockade against the Indians, which was known as "Blackburn's Fort."

The children of George Blackburn and Prudence Berry were- - -
 William B. Blackburn - - - - who married Martha Watkins, half sister of Henry Clay.
 Jonathan Blackburn - - - - who married Prudence Buford
 Mary Blackburn - - - - who married Capt. George Holloway
 George Blackburn, Jr. - - - who married 1st, Julia Flourney; 2nd, Anna Branham.
 Luke Blackburn - - - - who probably never married.

*Probably

Edward M. Blackburn - - - - who married Lavinia Berry
Elizabeth Blackburn - - - - who married Samuel Lewis.
Mildred Blackburn - - - - who married William White.
Margaret Blackburn - - - - who married John Kinhead
Ann (Nancy) Blackburn - - - who married Anthony Bartlett
Dr. Churchill Blackburn - - who married, 1st, Eleanor Arnold, 2nd, Lydia Paxton

William Blackburn and Martha Watkins had issue as follows:

1. Henrietta Blackburn, who married three times, each of her husbands being her first cousin, and each a cousin of the other. First, Dr. David Fournery Blackburn, by this marriage one son, David Fournery Blackburn, Jr.; by her second marriage to Thomas Bartlett, William and Prudence Bartlett, both blind from birth; third marriage to Francis Holloway, no issue.
2. Henry C. Blackburn, who married Susan Chiles; they had one son at least, named William. Henry C. Blackburn moved to Rock Island, Ill. before the Civil War.
3. Prudence Blackburn - information solicited.
4. Jonathan Blackburn - information solicited.

William B. Blackburn was a prominent and able statesman. He was in the Kentucky House of Representatives during the years 1804-5-6-7-11-12-13-14-15-16-25-26-27-28; was Lieutenant Governor in 1818-20; was in the State Senate in 1822-24 and 1834-38.

Jonathan Blackburn and Prudence Buford had a son, Major William Blackburn, who married Mary Bohannon. Major William Blackburn moved to St. Louis, Mo., where numerous descendants are to be found. Jonathan Blackburn is said to have been a Baptist preacher, but never had a regular appointment, preaching where and when he pleased.

Mary Blackburn and Captain George Holloway had issue as follows:

Mary Ann Holloway - - - who married Dr. Leonard Young Hodges.
George Holloway, Jr - - who married Mary Hodges
Mildred Holloway - - - who married Judge John M. Hewitt
Frank P. Holloway - - - who married 1st, Mary Branton; 2nd Henrietta Blackburn Bartlett, his own cousin, and the widow of his cousin, Thos. Bartlett.
Georgia Ann Holloway - - who married , 1st Wm. T. Willis, 2nd a Mr. Johnson
Martha Holloway - - - - who married a Mr. Monroe.

George Blackburn, Jr., a Baptist minister, and his wife Elizabeth Julia Fournery, had the following children; David F., Elizabeth, Prudence, Natley (?), Ann, Cassandra, and George Blackburn, III.

Edward M. Blackburn, commonly known as "Uncle Ned", and Lavinia Berry lived on the old farm of George Blackburn, the pioneer, near Spring Station on the L&N Railway. They were the parents of a large family; three of whom became well and favorably known for their public services. Dr. Luke Blackburn was Governor of Kentucky in 1879-1883; was also a member of the committee of doctors who successfully combatted yellow fever in the south. Captain Jo. C. S. Blackburn, another son, was a representative in the Kentucky Legislature; a member of the United States Congress in 1875-1885; elected to the U. S. Senate three times; was governor of the Panama Canal Zone in 1907. Captain James Blackburn another son, was a State Senator and also Secretary of State.

Concerning the other children of the pioneer, George Blackburn and his wife, Prudence Berry we have no data.

JAMES BLACKBURN OF VIRGINIA

James Blackburn, the subject of this sketch, left Virginia for Kentucky between 1780 and 1790. Of his parentage we are uncertain. Tradition has it that he was a son of William and Mary, a grandson of William and Elizabeth of Middlesex County, Virginia. It is further stated that James was living at Trenton, N.J. at the time of the Battle of Trenton at which time his wife is said to have arisen from a sick bed and repelled an attempt of Hessian soldiers to sack her home.

James Blackburn was the father of twelve sons; William, David, Robert, John, Thomas, Rankin, Simeon, George, _____ & _____. Of these we only have descendants of three:

THOMAS R. BLACKBURN, son of James, married Elizabeth Frances, daughter of Wm Francis of Scott County, Ky. They were the parents of William Francis, James, Rankin, George, Thomas, Robert, John, Maria, and Lavinia.

RANKIN BLACKBURN, son of James, had four sons by his first wife; James, Robert, Edward, and John. His second wife was sixteen when he married her at the age of eighty-four. They had ten children. He lived to be one hundred four years old. Of his last children we have only the names of Clarence and Emma.

SIMEON BLACKBURN, son of James, had the following children; Boyd, Wood, Elga, Dallas, Bertia, Effie and Attia.

Rankin Blackburn, son of Thomas, grandson of James, had five sons and two daughters; viz; Dick (Richard), Newton, William, Benjamin, David, Mary & Sarah Ann.

David Blackburn, son of Rankin, grandson of Thomas, had six sons and four daughters; James, William, Benjamin, Robert, Lush--(Lucien), John, Martha, Sadie, Ida and Maggie.

James Blackburn, son of David, was the father of;
(George Blackburn, the father of
((Elsie Blackburn
((Alta Blackburn
(Effie (Blackburn) Wagner, mother of 3 sons and 6 daughters.

James Blackburn of Kelat, Harrison Co. Ky. "is buried in the old Blackburn graveyard."

Lush Blackburn is buried in Benson Churchyard, 4 miles north of Kelat.

William Francis Blackburn, son of Thomas, grandson of James, was born Feb. 25, 1825, and died May 21, 1901. He first married Charlotte Maddox, Shelby Co. Mo., Feb. 16, 1851. Charlotte died Feb. 15, 1859. By his 1st marriage he had the following children;

(Elizabeth Blackburn (1851-), m. Charles Cox -- no issue
(William Conrad Blackburn (1853-1909) who married Willie Cox in 1877.
((Maud Blackburn - - - - - 1878
((James Mathew Blackburn - - - 1880-1880
((Murel Blackburn - - - - - 1882
((Zilpha Lasley Blackburn - - - 1888-1890
((Roy Penn Blackburn - - - - - 1892
((William Harry Blackburn - - - 1896
((Joseph Adelbert Blackburn - - 1902
(Cassius Blackburn (1854-) m. Lou J. Bell, in 1879;
((May Bell Blackburn - - - - - 1880

(Martha Jane Blackburn (1856 -) married David Bohrer in 1879;
(Irene Constance Bohrer - - - - - 1880
(Charles Homer Bohrer - - - - - 1881
(Bessie Bohrer - - - - - 1884
(Grace Bohrer - - - - - 1885
(Ethel Bohrer - - - - - 1889
(Robert Emerson Bohrer - - - - - 1891
(Joseph Francis Blackburn (1858 -) married Mattie E. Ely in 1886;
(Lelia Blackburn - - - - - 1887-1893
(Blanche Blackburn - - - - - 1889
(Charles Blackburn - - - - - 1892-1893
-2nd marriage of Wm Francis Blackburn to Emily Jane Ely in 1860; Issue;
(Robert Ely Blackburn (1861 -) married Louise Dessau in California, 1895
(no issue
(Edward Lee Blackburn (1862-1909) married Idonia Haskoll in 1901
(no issue
(Clarence Blackburn (1864-1878)
(Harriet Blackburn (1867 -) married Francis Adelbert Blackburn, 1902 of Chicago
(John Francis Blackburn - - - - - 1903
(Hubert Ely Blackburn - - - - - 1906
(Jasper Blackburn (1869 -) married Margaret McNally in 1891
(Maurine Blackburn - - - - - 1892
(Francis Blackburn - - - - - 1907
(Albert Blackburn (1871 -) married Jane Erwin in 1894
(Allie Emily Blackburn - - - - - 1898
(Francis Albert Blackburn - - - - - 1906
(A son died in infancy, 1874
(Bruce Blackburn, 1875, married Lulu Janes in 1897
(Elizabeth Blackburn - - - - - 1898
(A son died in infancy, 1880

John Jackson Blackburn, son of John, grandson of Rankin, gt-grandson of James, lives at Dry Ridge, Kentucky. He has four children - namely
William, Opal, Utha, and Ewell J.

Robert Jackson Blackburn, son of Thomas, grandson of James, married Nancy Ann Hedger, daughter of Jacob Hedger. They had eleven children. Four died in infancy; the other seven were: -

1. Wm Tecumseh Blackburn, who had three children; Beulah, Bernad and Bernice.
Beulah married and had two children; Bryce and Ruth.
 2. James Grant Blackburn has two children, James and Helen
 3. Jacob Hedger Blackburn has two children, Sue C and Jane
 4. Edward Everett Blackburn has two children, Harriet and Jaywood
 5. Everett Rankin Blackburn has two children, Roberta and Wilbert
 6. Addie Blackburn Atkins has one son, Robert Atkins
 7. Florida Blackburn Sleet has one son, Everett Sleet.
- Edward and Everett were twins. Edward and Florida are dead. (1930)

Maria Blackburn, daughter of Thomas, granddaughter of James married Belew. Her children were Wallace Belew of Cincinnati, Ohio; and Rankin Belew of Hartwell, Ohio.

Lavinia Blackburn, daughter of Thomas, granddaughter of James, married, 1st _____,
2nd married Mr. Dale. Children are Clinton, _____ and _____..
(We are indebted to Mrs. Harriet Blackburn, Hollywood, California for the
above data.)

A MARYLAND FAMILY

Annapolis, Maryland - (Liber DD #4, pp 496)

1740 - Will of William Blackburn

mentions: "William, James, Jane, Jeremiah, Benjamin and Read (a minor)
Executors, "my sons Edward and William.)

1766 - Bk #2, pp. 398 - Will of Edward Blackburn

Children mentioned: Thomas, Walter, Zachariah, David, Ann, Edward,
Charles, Benjamin, and Rebecca; my son Walter, my daughter Alice,
my brother William and his wife, Eleanor; my brother Benjamin's son,
William; my executor, Thomas Blackburn.

Signed, Edward Blackburn

North Carolina Line

A letter from Arnold Blackburn of El Centro, California, gives the following
short lineage: "Edmund Blackburn of North Carolina was the father of Solomon Black-
burn of Gap Creek, N.C.; who was the father of Calvin C. Blackburn of Kendrick,
Idaho, aged 85 years in Dec. 1935, and grandfather of Arnold Blackburn.

STAUNTON VIRGINIA BLACKBURNS

William Blackburn, the founder of this line, was born March 27, 1748, in Rollington,
East Riding, Yorkshire, England. When an elder brother returned from America to
England on a visit, he took the twelve year old boy, William, back with him. The
name of his elder brother is solicited. William Blackburn married Mary Adham,
April 10, 1773. To them were born:

Joseph Blackburn - - - - - 1775
Catherine Blackburn - - - - - 1778
Ruth Right Blackburn - - - - - 1780
John Blackburn - - - - - 1785
Ann Blackburn - - - - - 1791
Thomas Rolander Blackburn - - - - 1794
Anna Greatrich Blackburn - - - - 1797
Elizabeth Blackburn - - - - - 1799
Lydia Blackburn - - - - - 1802
Mary Ann Blackburn - - - - - 1806

Thomas Rolander Blackburn, born in Jefferson County, Virginia, Dec. 23, 1794

Married Mary Ann H. Wright, April 6, 1816. Issue:

Emily Blackburn - - - - - 1817
William Blackburn - - - - - 1821
Lucy Ann Blackburn - - - - - 1823
Charles James Blackburn - - - - - 1825
Henrietta Marian Blackburn - - - 1828
Caroline Matilda Blackburn - - - 1833
Mary Catherine Blackburn - - - - 1836

William Blackburn, born 1821, married Mary Ann Ast, born November 2, 1828, Issue:

Mary Elizabeth Blackburn, 1850, March 4
John Henry Blackburn
Alice Virginia Blackburn
Thomas Rolander Blackburn
Albert Baylor Blackburn
Joseph William Blackburn
Harriet Ann Blackburn
Katherine Lucy Blackburn
Ella Guy Blackburn

Joseph William Blackburn, married Annie L. Shearer, December 29, 1896. Issue:

Marie Hamen Blackburn
Joseph Leslie Blackburn
Margaret May Blackburn
Helen Elizabeth Blackburn
Philip D. Blackburn 1900 February 1

Above data furnished by Joseph W. Blackburn

THE ROCKINGHAM COUNTY BLACKBURNS

The founder of this line was JAMES BLACKBURN, who according to family tradition, came to America from Ireland in company with his brother. He settled in Chester County, Pennsylvania, on Octoraro Creek in West Nottingham Township. He died in September, 1766, leaving his wife, Mary, and ten children, whose names appear in the will of Mary Blackburn, probated June 2, 1774, page 456, Abstracts of Wills, Chester County, Pennsylvania

The children of James and Mary Blackburn were:

Robert Blackburn
John Blackburn
Samuel Blackburn
Ephriam Blackburn
James Blackburn
Nathaniel Blackburn
Susanna Blackburn, who married _____ Cooper
Elinor Blackburn, who married _____ McClannahan
Jean Blackburn
Mary Blackburn

(Note: The names are doubtless not in chronological order.)

EPHRIAM BLACKBURN, son of James Blackburn, was raised in West Nottingham Township, Pennsylvania, commanded a company in the Revolutionary War (see Vol. IV. Penna. Archives, page 97). His brother Nathaniel was a member of that company. Captain Ephriam Blackburn married Prudence Rich, daughter of Joseph Rich. Prudence Rich was born October 10, 1759.

The children of Ephriam and Prudence Blackburn were:

Mary Blackburn - - - - - November 4, 1781
James Blackburn - - - - - March 24, 1783
Samuel Blackburn - - - - - March 10, 1785
John Blackburn - - - - - February 6, 1787
Ephriam Blackburn - - - - - October 28, 1788
Manassah Blackburn - - - - - December 21, 1791
Stephen Blackburn - - - - - December 1, 1793
Nathaniel Blackburn - - - - - December 31, 1795
Robert Blackburn - - - - - October 10, 1797
Prudence Blackburn - - - - - February 14, 1799
Joseph Blackburn - - - - - October 10, 1801

Prudence Blackburn and John Andrews administered on the estate of Captain Ephriam Blackburn, January 14, 1802

Ephriam Blackburn, son of Captain Ephriam Blackburn, married Barbara House, March 14, 1814. They lived at the old homestead at Blackburn's Fording on Octoraro Creek.

The children of Ephriam and Barbara Blackburn were:

Samuel Blackburn	- - - - -	December 28, 1814
Manassah Blackburn	- - - - -	August 17, 1816
Stephen Blackburn	- - - - -	January 14, 1818
Ephriam Blackburn	- - - - -	April 19, 1820
Nathan Blackburn	- - - - -	March 19, 1822
Prudence Eliza Blackburn	- - - - -	January 24, 1824
Caroline Blackburn	- - - - -	February 8, 1826
Cromwell Blackburn	- - - - -	May 16, 1827
Washington Blackburn	- - - - -	October 24, 1829
John Ash Blackburn	- - - - -	January 8, 1832
Mary Jane Blackburn	- - - - -	November 29, 1834

Barbara Blackburn and Samuel Blackburn administered on the estate of Ephriam Blackburn, March 14, 1836.

Manassah Blackburn, son of Ephriam Blackburn (1788-1836), married Letitia Jane Andrews, daughter of John Andrews and Jane Patterson Andrews, April 6, 1842.

The children of Manassah and Letitia Blackburn were:

Olivia Jane Blackburn	- - - - -	September 13, 1843
Addie Louise Blackburn	- - - - -	July 31, 1845
John Whiteside Blackburn	- - - - -	April 24, 1847
Mary Frances Blackburn	- - - - -	June 24, 1849
Anna Letitia Blackburn	- - - - -	who died in 1854

John Whiteside Blackburn, son of Manassah Blackburn (1816-1884), married Frances Hopkins Harnsberger, daughter of Henry Harnsberger, November 19, 1872.

The children of John W. and Frances H. Blackburn were:

Henry Harnsberger Blackburn	- - -	August 13, 1873
Elizabeth Letitia Blackburn	- - -	September 5, 1874
John Francis Blackburn	- - -	January 2, 1877
Frederick William Blackburn	- - -	January 7, 1880
Addie Louisa Blackburn	- - -	April 5, 1881
Annie Lewis Blackburn	- - -	May 5, 1885
Jane Blackburn	- - -	September 24, 1886
Joseph Ramsey Blackburn	- - -	May 8, 1888
Olivia Frances Blackburn	- - -	November 12, 1891

John W. Blackburn died April 15, 1912, Frances H. Blackburn died February 1920.

John Francis Blackburn, son of John W. Blackburn, married, first Hattie Allemon Strayer, October 21, 1913. She died August 8, 1916; he married second, Alice Lee Penick, February 4, 1920.

The children of John F. Blackburn were:

John Francis Blackburn	- - - - -	born June 21, 1916, by first marriage
Evelyn Penick Blackburn	- - - - -	born April 10, 1921 by second marriage.
Beverly S. Blackburn	- - - - -	born September 9, 1922 by second marriage.

The data on this line was furnished by John F. Blackburn of Harrisonburg, Va., April 10, 1929. He also states that there is a tradition in his family that this ancestor, James Blackburn, the emigrant had brothers John and William.

THE PENNSYLVANIA BLACKBURNS

About 1736 three brothers, John, Joseph and Anthony Blackburn, emigrated to America from Ballyhagan, Armagh County, Ireland, followed by possibly a fourth brother, Thomas Blackburn. They were Quakers and settled in eastern Pennsylvania, later Joseph and Anthony moved into Western Pennsylvania. Their descendants are found in large numbers at present in Pennsylvania and Ohio. They left a brother William Blackburn in England, who according to tradition became very wealthy and about 1760 news of his death arrived in America together with the rumor that he left a very large estate to which the brothers were entitled if they could prove their relationship. But the brothers were getting old and the passage to the old country was long and dangerous and no attempt was made to claim the heritage. Years passed by and the rumors of the size of the heritage grew with the years, until about 1902 the Blackburns of Pennsylvania and Ohio formed the "Blackburn Association" to investigate and claim the heritage, which at that date had grown according to report to fourteen millions of dollars--the City of Blackburn being built upon the so-called heritage. The said Association sent Dr. J. P. Blackburn and a lawyer, Thomas E. Finley of McKeesport, Pa., to England to investigate the claim. They left America in March 1903 and spent some time examining records in Ireland, also in the City of Blackburn, Lancaster, England, and finally in London, where the said William Blackburn was reported to have died. They made a very careful and exhaustive investigation. They took down data on the wills of about eighty Blackburns extending from 1738 to 1800. The will of William Blackburn who died in 1757 came most nearly meeting the traditions and is doubtless the source of the rumors so long current in the Blackburn family. This William, however, left two daughters who naturally inherited his estate, which was considerable. To one daughter he willed fifteen thousand pounds and to the other fourteen thousand five hundred pounds, and made generous gifts to several friends. He was for fifty-five years prior to his death trustee of a very large trust fund, and it was touching this trust fund that the several advertisements for heirs of William Blackburn appeared in the papers in 1757, 1802, and 1844, which reached the Blackburn family in America and raised their ardent expectations. Thus their dream of millions collapsed like a punctured balloon. The two commissioners wrote a very full and instructive report of their findings, which they had printed and distributed among the members of the "Association" who were to share in the estate "pro rata to the amount contributed by each member" to the expense of the investigation.

WILLIAM BLACKBURN REFERENCES.

A Capt. William Blackburn and his wife, Elizabeth, resided in Abingdon, Parish, Gloucester County, Va., as early as 1700. William was born at New Castle on the Tyne in Yorkshire, England, September 17, 1653. One record gives October 28, 1714 as the date of his death, another record gives his death in the year 1738. Probably there were two or possibly three men in eastern Virginia at that time by the name of William Blackburn - hence the confusion. William and Elizabeth are said to have been the parents of a large family.

The following facts are taken from the Register of Christ Church, Middlesex County, Va. -

Martha Blackburn, daughter of William and Elizabeth Blackburn, born Sep 26,
William Blackburn, son of William and Elizabeth Blackburn, born 1714.
June 17, 1717.

Thomas Blackburn, son of William and Elizabeth, born July 3, 1721

Anna Blackburn, born Jan. 3, 1723, died Oct. 21, 1736.

Elizabeth Blackburn, died Oct. 13, 1736

Millicent Blackburn, born Nov. 7, 1727

Edward Blackburn, born Nov. 30, 1729
Mary, daughter of William and Mary Blackburn, born July 23 (1739 ?)
William, son of Edward and Ann Blackburn, born Oct. 18 _____
George, son of Edward and Ann Blackburn, born Jan. 16, 1746-47
Churchill Jones, son of Churchill and Millicent Jones, born Sept 17, 1748
John Hodges and Elizabeth Blackburn married Dec. 3, 1785

"At the lower church in Middlesex are the tombs of Dorothy and Thomas, children of William and Elizabeth Blackburn, who died respectively in 1726 and 1727. Capt. Wm. Blackburn, J.P. and Burgess, died in Middlesex in 1738." (From the Virginia Gazette)

"Roger Blackburn married Jane Hackey, Dec. 2, 1779. Paulin Anderson Blackburn married Sally Hodges, Jan. 10, 1797. Elizabeth Blackburn consents to the marriage of her daughter Millicent, born Sept. 7, 1727, daughter of William and Elizabeth Blackburn to Churchill Jones, Feb. 23, 1744, and seals with a head in helmet profile, Middlesex County, Va. In 1736 William Blackburn was made executor of a will. In 1764 the marriage bonds of Thomas Bowlers and Mary Blackburn, widow, were published in Middlesex County. Roger Blackburn in 1813 was executor of the estate of Churchill Blackburn." (From the William and Mary College Quarterly.)

Captain William Blackburn was a burgess and also on the Commission of Peace for his county, (Virginia Gazette, Jan. 12, 1738/39). "On June 9, 1733, Richard Blackburn agreed with the Vestry to build a church at the cross-roads near Michael Reagen's - - - done after the same manner as the work upon the Pohick Church was done for the sum of 33,500 lbs of tobacco." Edward Blackburn on Jan. 9, 1734, gave his brother Richard Blackburn his "Power of Atty", and left his son Edward in his care, and departed for the Bermudas. (See record in Manassas Court House, Prince Wm. County). Richard in his will mentions: "to my eldest son, John Blackburn; Jane, wife of Maj. John Bayliss; Ann, wife of John Carey; Alice, wife of Wm. Elliott; to male issue of Mary, wife of John Ballendine.".

BLACKBURNS AT PARIS, ILLINOIS

"At the early settlement of Pennsylvania, nine brothers of the Blackburn Family came and settled under Wm. Penn; they were what was denominated Scotch-Irish. John, one of their descendants, the progenitor of our branch of the family, married Nancy Maxwell about 1745 and settled in Pennsylvania where he had a family of mature age of 4 sons and 3 daughters.

(Above statement by William Blackburn, b. 1823 - see below).

From a sketch of the family and statements from other relatives of the above-mentioned William Blackburn, we present the following lineage of the Paris, Illinois family as far as we have information:

JOHN BLACKBURN about 1745, married Nancy Maxwell; they were the parents of at least four sons and three daughters, of whom we have the names of two, James and William: James Blackburn, born about 1760, entered the Continental Army at 15 yrs, was taken prisoner at Ft. Washington, put aboard a prison ship where 3 out of 6 of his comrades died of privation and cruel treatment; married in Tenn., died in Butler County, Ohio, at the age of 87 years, leaving a family of three sons and 5 or 6 daughters. (Names unknown.)

William Blackburn (1762-1824) married Elizabeth McClanahan in 1796, moved with his mother and family to Bourbon Co., Ky., in 1794; moved to Butler Co., Ohio in 1803; moved to Sullivan Co., Ind., in 1815, where he was killed at a barn-raising by a heavy log falling on him. Children - -

William Blackburn -

Children:

- (James Maxwell Blackburn (1797-1883) "Col" in the Black Hawk War; married
- (Cassandra Widner in 1819 (1st wife); settled 4 miles east of Paris, Ill
- (in 1820.
- (William Chaney Blackburn, b. 1820; died in infancy
- (Mary Ann Blackburn, b. October 27, 1821
- (William Blackburn, b. Oct. 15, 1823 - was ruling elder in the Presby-
- (terian Church at Paris, Ill, for 35 years.
- (*(Eliza Blackburn (1846 - 1940) m. Henry Sanford
- (Jas. Maxwell Blackburn of #219 Second Ave., Corsicana, Texas.
- (John W. Blackburn, born Sept. 13, 1825
- (Alexander Maxwell Blackburn, born Dec. 29, 1827
- (Elizabeth Blackburn, born Feb. 11, 1830
- (Cassandra Blackburn, born Oct. 26, 1832 (her mother died in 1834)
- (- Col Jas. M. Blackburn then married Rachel Webster, who died in 1874.
- (David Blackburn, born in 1836
- (Anna Blackburn, born 1799, married Edward Piper in 1820
- (John Blackburn, born 1801, died 1826.
- (Alexander Blackburn, born 1805; married Delilah _____ in 1828
- (Alexander Blackburn, father of
- (Isobel Blackburn, who married S. Archibald Smith, Brooklyn, N.Y.
- (William Maxwell Blackburn, Pres. Minister; taught at McCormick Seminary;
- (Pres. of Uni of South Dakota.
- (Eliza Blackburn, born 1807; married Wm. Cruft in 1825
- (Sarah Blackburn, (1812 - 1851) m. Dr. John Posey, they were the parents of
- (six sons, one of whom died before his mother; two other sons died before
- (reaching manhood.
- (Wm. Harrison Posey, Lt. in Civil War - never married.
- (Richard A. Posey, also Civil War soldier, died young; leaving four
- (children; only
- (Mrs. John T. Kime, Petersburg, Indiana was living in 1941
- (Frank Blackburn Posey, d. 1915 (See Who's Who, 1910)
- (John A. Posey, lawyer, Rockport, Indiana .
- (Mary Myrtle Posey, teacher in High School, Terre Haute, Ind.
- (Mrs. Ennes Shiras, Mountain Home, Ark.
- (Helen Posey, Rockport, Indiana
- (William Decatur Blackburn, born 1816; killed in Civil War; father of
- (William Blackburn, Austin, Texas.

*Eliza Blackburn Sanford left 80 acres of fine prairie land to Blackburn College. She claimed that her family was related to Rev. Gideon Blackburn, founder of the College. Eliza Blackburn died Dec. 7, 1939.

BLACKBURNS AT JACKSONVILLE, ILLINOIS

Matthew Blackburn born 1787 at Wath-upon-Deane, Yorkshire, England, came to America in 1842 and settled on a farm six miles N.W. of Jacksonville, Ill. He was "one of seven sons" and with two brothers in 1816 took part in a famous bell-ringing contest, in which these Blackburn brothers were experts. He died Jan. 19, 1864. We have the names of the following children of Matthew:
Edmund Blackburn moved from his farm to Jacksonville in 1920. He died at the age of 87 yrs. Of his ten children, Matthew Henry Blackburn was a physician at Princeton, Ill. where he died in 1932 at the age of 70 years. He left one daughter, who teaches in Girard, Ill. His eldest daughter, Catherine, was a missionary in Bulgaria; she died in 1933; aged 68. Charles, the second son of

Edmund, lives in Kansas City, Mo. Fletcher J, another son, lives in Jacksonville, Illinois; A son, William still has his grandfather's bells; Luella, a daughter, lives in Jacksonville, Ill.

Joseph Blackburn, son of Matthew, Sr. (1841-1913) had "one daughter and one son, who live in Colorado."

George Blackburn (1847-1913) "had two sons, unmarried, now deceased and four daughters who live in California". (Data by Luella Blackburn)

BLACKBURNS AT ALBANY, N.Y.

"Captain Maxwell brought the Blackburns from County Monaghan (Ireland) to Clogher, County Tyrone, and gave them a farm on his estate."

Alexander Blackburn, of this family, seems to have been the father of THOMAS BLACKBURN, who married Martha Barkley, daughter of Frank Barkley of County Monaghan.

"Thomas was sargeant of yoemen under Captain Arkel of the Lancers."

ROBERT BLACKBURN, son of Thomas and Martha, married Sarah Barnet, only child who inherited her father's farm at Clogher, Ireland. Robert died about 1870, aged 55 years. The children of Robert and Sarah were:

(Thomas Blackburn, b. 1829, m 1st a Miss Martin of County Tyrone, Ireland

(m 2nd Rebecca Sloan of Troy, N.Y.

(Jane Blackburn, died at 40 years, Albany, N.Y.

(Ann Blackburn, died young

(Robert Blackburn, who married Mary J. Tebbutt of London.

(~~John~~ John Blackburn (1837-1900) who married Nancy Downing (b. 1836)

((John Thomas Downing Blackburn, b. 1863; married Marion Hall, Dec. 29, 1890.

((Edith Blackburn (1893-1895)

((John Hall Blackburn, b. 1903.

((Sarah Elizabeth Blackburn (1866-1895) m. Chas T. Terry in 1894.

((Robert Marshall Blackburn, b. 1868, m. Susan McWilliam; Pres. minister of Reading, Pa.

((Zelda Rebecca Blackburn

(Maria Blackburn

(James Blackburn, m. Lilly Crossman of Kingston, N.Y.

(William Blackburn

(Eliza Blackburn

"Uncle Robert Blackburn told the story about a child tied in a sack to a horse's back when on the way from Scotland. The child dropped in the road and their dog curled around it to keep it warm and they were found long after. Robert Blackburn owned several farms at Anchnaglough, County Tyrone. Landed gentleman, attended Presbyterian Church, Carin toll Meeting house. Sarah came to America about 1876 with her children, Ann, Maria, Eliza, James, and Robert. Thomas came before that, and John was 18 yrs old when he came to Troy, N.Y." (These records came from Mrs. Margaret Richie, Getty, Sunnyside, Carrickfeague, County Antrim, Ireland".) Dr. Robert Marshall Blackburn in a letter to the writer, March 24, 1930 says; "My father, John, was born in the neighborhood of Clogher, Tyrone, in 1838. His older brother, Thomas, was the first of the family to emigrate. My father came next. Then the rest of the family in 1871 including my grandmother, William, James and Robert, Maria, Eliza and Jane. There is only one of that generation living, Maria." "John Blackburn, who married Nancy Downing, came in sailing vessel in 1857, aged 19 and had \$50.00 in pocket." "Maria, Eliza and the mother came on steamship "INDIAN" 1870 and had to transfer from one ship to another off the coast of Scotland. William came in 1865. A coat-of-Arms said to belong to this family was a bent arm with lighted bomb in hand, resting on a bar. Said to be Scotch. John Blackburn's family with Nancy Downing his wife and children founded the WEST END Presbyterian

Church, Albany, N.Y." (Above records seem to be the combined notes from Mrs. Margaret Richie (or , Mrs. Margaret Richie Getty) of Ireland; Mrs. Harry Hyman, San Antonio, Texas; and possibly from John Hall Blackburn, New York City.)

CHRISTOPHER BLACKBURN, Sr.

Christopher Blackburn was in Rappahannock Co. Va., as early as 1667; later in Essex Co., Va; his will, filed in 1693, mentions his wife, Abigail; his son, Elias; and a daughter, Mary. By tradition this Christopher Blackburn is said to have brought over from Yorkshire, England, his nephew, Richard Blackburn, as an apprentice. However, if the will of Christopher was filed in 1693 and Richard of Rippon Lodge was not born until 1706, the tradition lacks chronological support. Elias Blackburn, son of Christopher, died in 1770; he is said to have been the father of Christopher Blackburn (2nd), who served as "sargent" in the French and Indian War and also as Adjutant in the Revolutionary war; said to have been the father of 10 children; mentioned as heirs of Christopher are Thos. D. Blackburn, Richard Blackburn, James Blackburn, Churchill Blackburn, Wm. Blackburn (dec'd), Fanny Blackburn Sales, Sally Blackburn Carnall and Robert L. Blackburn.

Thos. D. Blackburn had a son Christopher Blackburn (3rd), who was the father of Katherine Blackburn, who married A. C. Ellis, the parents of Wade Hampton Ellis, present owner (1940) of Rippon Lodge.

Blackburn-Stratton Lineage, Carlinville, Illinois

- 1) John Blackburn was received into the Quaker Meeting from Ballyhagen, Ireland
- 2) Anthony Blackburn, m. 1771 Mary Griffeth, Somerset Co. Ga. (Aug. 30, 1736.
- 3) Thomas Blackburn, m. Elizabeth Baven (Bone,) Bedford Co. Pa.
- 4) Rebecca Blackburn, m. Marshall Stratton, Carlinville, Illinois
- 5) Mary Jane Stratton, m. C.H.C. Anderson, Sr. Carlinville, Illinois
- 6) Emma Anderson, m. William Mounts, Carlinville, Illinois
- 7) Marion Mounts, m. Lionel Moise, Carlinville, Ill. (formerly of Texas.)
- 8) Jane, Nancy, William, and Virginia Moise

OTHER LINES OF BLACKBURNS

Mrs. Sarah E. Blackburn Shafer, #422 Spear St., Logansport, Indiana writes: - -
"My great grandfather, James Blackburn, was born in Virginia, October 5, 1780. He served his country as corporal in Capt. R. C. Talbott's Company, 19th Reg. U.S. Inf. in 1814. He married Nancy LeMar, who was born April 4, 1790; their marriage on Sept. 3, 1807; were the parents of seven sons and daughters; the eldest, James LeMar Blackburn, born April 20, 1809, was my grandfather; he also served his country; they came from Louisville, Ky. to Cass County, Indiana, in 1829 - the first family in Harrison Tp., - my uncle, Wm. James Blackburn, said the family lived near Mt. Vernon."

Mrs. Bessie H. Pearce, #1132 N. 4th St., Abilene, Texas - 1937, writes: -
"William Blackburn, born March 11, 1727, died April 1, 1782; his wife was Rachel _____ who was born March 3, 1731, died Nov. 8, 1790, their children:
(Daniel Blackburn, born Nov. 28, 1752, d. March 12, 1824
(Elizabeth Blackburn, b. Jan. 26, 1754, d. March 4, 1819
(William Blackburn, b. Jan. 9, 1757; d. March 4, 1819, Newberry Co. S.C.
(_____ left a will.
(John Blackburn, b. June 30, 1760; d. Dec. 24, 1853; m. Nancy _____
(_____ tombstone says born in Virginia; buried in Perry County, Alabama.

(James Blackburn, b. Nov. 26, 1762; d. Dec. 1, 1782
(Stephen Blackburn, b. March 29, 1764; d. Oct. 12, 1825
(Sarah Blackburn, b. March 27, 1766; d. June 7, 1829
"Can you tell me where this family lived before 1819, when I find that William Blackburn deeds land in Newberry Co., S. C., that was given to his father, William Blackburn as a land grant,"

Mrs. J. R. Gibson, Athens, Texas - 1939, writes --

"John Blackburn, who married Jemina Boulton in 1805; parents of:

1. Salanthie, 2. James, 3. Robert, 4. William, 5. Thomas, 6. Luther Green,
7. Sterling, 8. John Ashley, 9. one sister, 10. Jemina.

"James, Robert & Will went to Ohio; Luther Green Blackburn lived in Springfield, Mo.; John Ashley Blackburn, b. March 12, 1812, d. about 1883; married Annie Colvin (1814 - ?). John and Annie were the parents of John Howard Blackburn, who married Nancy Elizabeth Satterfield; John and Nancy were the parents of: 1. Cora Ann, 2. Martha Emmiline, 3. Leon and John Ashley, Jr. Cora Ann Blackburn married Jesse Bull; their daughter, Margaret Bull, married J. R. Gibson." (John and Jemina Blackburn are supposed to have lived near Tazewell, Claiborne County, Tenn.)

CAPTAIN JAMES BLACKBURN, from Pennsylvania, fought at Stony Point during War of Rev. James and Samuel Blackburn were among the first purchasers of lots at Cincinnati in 1792; Capt. James moved to Warren Co., Ohio, in 1806, near Lebanon; his son, Benjamin was born in Cincinnati, Jan. 30, 1790. Benjamin served in the War of 1812, and was a member of that unfortunate military expedition under the command of Gen. Hull. Benjamin's daughter born at Lebanon, Ohio, in 1833, married a Mr. Goodhart; they were the parents of George B. Goodhart of Harrison, Ohio.

A BENJAMIN BLACKBURN, (also an early settler in Cincinnati, supposed to have died in 1786) married Elizabeth Nesbitt; they were the parents of Benjamin, James, John, and Kitty Blackburn:

James became a teacher and later a Methodist preacher; married Jeanie Davies;

(Samuel Davies Blackburn (1807-1868) was their son; his children were:

((Jeanie Davies (1847- d. 1938) unmarried.

((Kate Marshall Blackburn, who married Rev. Granville Carr Waller

(((Granville Waller, Jr., married Miriam Prindle

((((Miriam Waller

(((((Granville Waller, 3rd

((Amanda Blackburn, who married Jas. G. Coke.

((Julia Marshall Blackburn, who married Wm. F. Williams.

((James Blackburn, died at 21 yrs.

((Josephine Blackburn, died at 21 yrs.

Rev. James Blackburn moved to Arkansas, where he died.

Samuel Davies Blackburn was a General in the Confederate Army in 1861

Jeanie Blackburn claimed that Benjamin was a descendant of Admiral Nicholas Blackburn and a Princess of the House of Stuart.

AMBROSE BLACKBURN, Sr.

Ambrose Blackburn, Sr. probably came from Ireland about 1740; he may have been a brother of John, William, Samuel and Benjamin Blackburn who settled near Winchester, Va., about 1753; at least the second generation called each other "cousin". Mrs. Clifford Long, deceased, January 1938 (?), formerly of Mt. Pleasant, Tenn., in a letter to the writer in 1930 states: "My first ancestor was Ambrose Blackburn, Sr.; don't know his age, but he died about 1780 - - we think Ambrose, Sr. and Benjamin were brothers and were in the French and Indian War at Braddock's Defeat, but we have been unable to prove it." Ambrose, SR., is said to have married Elizabeth Jones, left Virginia and settled in Stokes Co., N.C., about 1760. Mrs. Ranke gives the following as the children of Ambrose and Elizabeth: Augustine, Ambrose, jr., Malinda, Bennett, Daniel, Merideth Ambrose Blackburn, Jr. (1750-1820) married Frances Jones Halbert (some variation in different sources as to the names of the wives of Ambrose, Sr. and Ambrose Jr.) Ambrose, Jr., was in N. C. during Rev. War; was Capt. of a Company of Rangers; later moved to Greenville, S. C., along with Gen. Samuel Blackburn and other members of the family, (this is another evidence of the close relationship of these two families); about 1803 moved to Maury Co. Tenn, where he died in 1820 and was buried in the family lot on his estate. A stone was erected to his memory by the S.A.R.; census of 1790 gives him six sons and two daughters - we think the following is a correct list:

- 1 (Alfred Blackburn
- 2 (Merideth Blackburn - - b. 1777
- 3 (Betsy Blackburn - - - b. 1778
4. (Mary Blackburn - - - - b. 1781
- 5 (Lewis Blackburn - - - b. 1783
- 6 (John Porter Blackburn (1786-1855); m. 1-21-1819, Nancy Churchill, was Capt.
 - (in Jackson's Guard in 1812; moved to Texas with three brothers and two
 - (sisters in 1853; was also accompanied by the family of Edward Rose
 - (Blackburn, nephew of Dr. Gideon Blackburn, who were his neighbors in
 - (Maury Co., Tenn. - they called each other "cousins".
 - (1(Rowena Blackburn
 - (2(Valeria Ann Blackburn (1824-1902) who married Ditter McClanahan-
 - ((Frances Ann McClanahan, d. about 1938, m. Dr. Clifford Long, Mt.
 - ((Pleasant, Tenn. Mrs. Long was much interested in Blackburn Geneal-
 - ((ogy.
 - (3(Elizabeth Jones Blackburn (1828-1906) m. 1865, Alfred Polk (1814-1897)
 - ((Richard Tyler Polk, b. 1869; m. 1891, Tillie Walling.
 - (((Winnie Elizabeth Polk; m. K. A. Swope, Belle Co. Texas.
 - (4(Elias Halbert Blackburn
 - (5(Ellen Dexter Blackburn
 - (6(John Churchill Gaines Blackburn; father of Alice Blackburn (See DAR
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 - (7(William Lewis Hogan Blackburn
 - (8(Merriweather Whitley Blackburn, father of Cleo Blackburn (See DAR _____)
 - (9(Richard Tyler Blackburn, killed at Atlanta, Ga. during Civil War.
 - (10(Frances Omsley Blackburn, b. 1821; m. Wm. Roscoe Chalk (1816-1893)
 - ((Robert Chalk
 - (((Minna Chalk, m. 1st, Mr. Scott; 2nd H. B. Hyman, (Mrs. Minna
 - (((Hyman of #318 West Magnolia Ave., San Antonio, Texas, has done
 - (((some very valuable work on the Blackburns.

- 7(Joshia Hackney Blackburn, twin, b. 1788 - -
 (Ambrose Blackburn, 3rd
 (William Blackburn
 (James Blackburn
 (Sylvanus Blackburn, father of James A. C. Blackburn (3 sons?))
 8(James Blackburn, twin b, 1788
 9(Samuel Blackburn, b. 1790 (perhaps should be "Lemuel".))

(Children of John Porter Blackburn are evidently not in chronological order.)

Census of 1790 - Blackburns mentioned

Blackburns in North Carolina:

Head of Family	men	boys	women	slaves	County and district
John - - - - -	1	4	4	3	Stokes - Salisbury
Elizabeth - - - - -	2	0	2	2	" "
William - - - - -	1	0	0	5	" "
Younger - - - - -	1	3	5	1	" "
Benjamin - - - - -	1	3	1	0	Edgecomb - Halifax
William - - - - -	1	0	1	1	" "
William - - - - -	1	3	3	0	" "
David - - - - -	1	0	1	0	Rutherford- Morgan
Sam - - - - -	1	4	2	0	" "
James - - - - -	1	5	5	0	" "
Robert - - - - -	3	3	3	0	Lincoln - "
James - - - - -	2	1	2	0	Wilkes - - "
William - - - - -	1	1	3	0	" "
John - - - - -	1	5	4	0	Surry - Salisbury
William - - - - -	2	2	3	0	Sampson - Fayette
Elias - - - - -	1	1	2	0	Warren - Halifax
James - - - - -	1	0	0	0	Pasquotank - Edenton
	<u>22</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>41</u>		

(Probably no census was taken of the people living west of the mountains. W.A.C.)

Blackburns in Maryland:

Alexander - - - - -	1	2	4	0	Frederick County
Elizabeth - - - - -	1	1	3	2	Prince George Co.
John - - - - -	1	2	2	5	Cecil County
Robert - - - - -	1	0	1	1	Cecil County
William - - - - -	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>	Ann-Arundel County
	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>19</u>		

Blackburns in Pennsylvania:

Thomas - - - - -	2	1	3		York
Moses - - - - -	3	3	5		York
Anges - - - - -	4	1	3		York, Tyrone Tp.
John - - - - -	1	0	2		York
Anthony - - - - -	2	1	3		Bedford
John - - - - -	1	0	1		Bedford
Thomas - - - - -	1	5	4		Bedford
Anthony - - - - -	4	0	1		Westmoreland County
Deborah - - - - -	2	1	3		"
James - - - - -	1	1	2		"

Blackburns in Pennsylvania Cont'd

John - - - - -	1	1	1	Westmoreland County
John - - - - -	1	6	1	"
John - - - - -	1	3	5	"
Joseph - - - - -	1	0	1	"
Joseph - - - - -	1	1	1	"
Joseph - - - - -	1	1	1	"
Ephriam - - - - -	2	4	6	Chester County
John - - - - -	2	2	3	Franklin
Moses - - - - -	1	4	2	Franklin
John - - - - -	2	3	3	Washington
	<u>34</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>56</u>	

Blackburns in Virginia:

	"white"	"black"	County
Edward Blackburn - - - -	8		Fairfax
Edward - - - - -	8	1	Fairfax
George - - - - -	"no members"		Greenbrier
James - - - - -	4		Pittsylvania
Mary - - - - -	3	18	Middlesex
William - - - - -	3		Hampshire
William - - - - -	2	4	Pawhatan
William - - - - -	4	2	Hampshire
William - - - - -	9	1	Hampshire
Thomas - - - - -	5		Mechlenburg
	<u>47</u>		

The South Carolina Census of 1790 gives the following Blackburns:

Given Name	Men	Boys	Women	Slaves	County
Ambrose - - - - -	2	6	3	9	"96" Greenville Co.
Elias - - - - -	1	4	3	0	"96" Edgefield Co.
John - - - - -	1	1	1	1	"96" Newberry Co.
William - - - - -	1	1	2	1	"96" Newberry Co.
William - - - - -	1	0	0	0	"96" Abbeville Co.
John - - - - -	2	0	4	0	Cheraw District
Joseph - - - - -	1	0	8	0	Cheraw District
Gabriel - - - - -	1	0	1	0	Georgetown District
	<u>11</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>0</u>	

"BLACKBURNS" in PROBATE RECORDS in VIRGINIA

Year	Given Name	Record	County of Record
1694	Christopher	will	Essex
1710	William	will	Surry
1732	William	will	Surry
1733	Joseph	inventory	Surry
1742	Arthur	adm.	Orange
1745	John	Inv.	Norfolk
1749	William	inv.	Middlesex
1749	Archibald	inv.	Frederick
1755	John	will	Frederick
1756	William	will	Surry
1757	John		Cumberland
1776	Samuel	will	Frederick

"Blackburns" in Probate Records in Virginia Continued

<u>Year</u>	<u>Given Name</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>County of Record</u>
1778	George	will	Washington
1779	William	will	Middlesex
1781	William	inv.	Washington
1782	Arthur	will	Washington
1784	Thomas		Mechlenburg
1788	William	inv.	Middlesex

We know that John d. 1755, and Samuel, d. 1776, were brothers and perhaps sons of or else brothers of Archibald, d. 1749. George, d. 1778, William d. 1781 and Arthur, d. 1782, were brothers and perhaps sons of Arthur, d. 1742, and were close kin - perhaps cousins - of John and Samuel

KEY TO REFERENCES that follow:

- T for Tyler's Quarterly
- V for Virginia Magazine of History
- C for Calendar of Virginia State Papers
- H for Henning's Statutes
- N for Lower Norfolk County Antiquity
- R for Virginia Historical Register
- NC for North Carolina Records
- W(1) for William-and-Mary's Quarterlies, 1st series.
- W(2) for William-and-Mary's Quarterly, 2nd series.

(Thus " 15-W(1)-129" - means Vol. 15 of William and Mary's Quarterly, 1st series, pp. 129.)

- 27-V-10 "Grover S. Blackburn, aged 26, private, disease, died Oct. 4, 1918 at Camp Humphreys, Va., son of late Benj. W. Blackburn, Richmond, Va."
- 13-H-616 "Benj. Blackbourne, a serjeant in the regiment of riflemen commanded by Capt. Chas. Lewis and disabled by several wounds received at the Battle of Point Pleasant in the year 1774, the sum of fifteen pounds."
- 8-C-519 "State of Tenn. Knox County, August sessions 1794: "Robert Love came into court and made oath that Benj. Blackburn who then stood present was the same man who was wounded in the action commonly called the Battle of Point Pleasant."
- 4-N-17 "Jan 10, 1763, abstract from Norfolk County Marriage Bonds:
"Samuel Wise and Miss Mary Blackburn
"This certifies to the best of my remembrance that Mary Blackburn, the daughter of Margaret McNeill and John Blackburn was baptized in the summer season and in the year of our Lord 1742, by Chas Smith."
- 25-V-117 "James Blackbourne, aged 20, who came in the "Sampson" in 1619 was a servant of Capt. Wm. Epes on the Eastern Shore in 1624-25. Thos Powell and Wm. Dyer affirmed yt Capt. John Wards gave James Blackbourne one yeare of his tyme yt the said James Blackbourne had to serve him. Jan. 1625. "Feb. 1765; "James Blackbourne sworne and examined before the Governor sayeth that he did hiere Capt. Wade say Christopher Baker came over with him to this country to serve him fower yeeres."

- 1-V-378: "Roll of Capt. Robert McKenzie's Company of Virginia Troops in French and Indian War", "Edward Blackburn, age 26, 6 ft. 0 in, Frederick Co. Va."
- 32-V-342: "Capt Blackbourne 550 acres" rent roll, Gloucester Rent Roll 1704.
- 11-W(1)-84: Militia in 1687, Surrey Co. "for foote, Wm. Blackbourne."
- 1-W(2)-287: "Esther Jones, widow of Arthur Blackburn, married Zachary Taylor."
- 3-NC-255 Oliver Blackburn, precinct judge, Edenton, N. C. 11/4/1731.
- 4-NC-1238: Land grant to Benjamin Blackburn
- 10-NC-228: Augustus Blackburn, Surry, N.C.
- 10-NC-1028: Boyd Blackburn orders Pollack before Committee of Safety.
- 4-NC-1245: William Blackburn, land grant.
- 12-NC-796; 853, 855: John Blackburn cited. Testimony 13-NC-666.
- 8-NC-149: Robert Blackburn, a J.P.: 9-NC-481 in Gen. Assembly.
- _____ : Anthony Blackburn married Agnes Carson about 1751.
- _____ : A Rev. Benj. Blackburn is said to have emigrated from Bermuda in 1774.
- Ramsey 485: John Blackburn was killed by the Indians at Buchanan's Station (Nashville) in 1789.
- Collins Hist. of Ky.: mentions Rev. War veterans living in Ky in 1840: "Wm. Blackburn, 80 yrs old in Caldwell County; Sam Blackburn, 80 yrs old in Fleming Co." "Sampel Blackburn et al on Dec. 24, 1788 left Limestone (Maysville) and formed a settlement at Cincinnati."
- Norfolk Co. Va. Wills: in a will Thomas Williamson, 3-4-1752, leaves a "genteel morning (mourning) ring to my good friend Hugh Blackburn.
- 5-V-140: Thos. Walker in his will, Jan. 5, 1693/4 - "I give and bequeath my loveing friends, Edward, Wm., and John Moseley unto each of them 20 shillings to buy them a ring a piece."
- 4-V-466: " in 1780 Gen. Andrew Lewis, George Webb and - - - are appointed to the Council to succeed John Page, David Blackbourne and David Meade."
- 6-V-185: "Land grant to Jerimiah Blackburn of London, mariner, et al 8000 acres in County of Charles ____ date, Feb. 9, 1636.
- _____ : Joseph Blackburn was a portrait painter in Boston from 1753 to 1763.
- 27-W?-193: Dec. 27, 1779 Roger Blackburn married Jane Hackney.
- _____ : Jan. 10, 1797, Paulin Anderson Blackburn married Sally Hodges.
- Vol. 3 Augusta Co, Va. Records pp 440: Benj. Blackburn teste on deed Oct. 23, 1765.

Edmund Blackburn, settled in Watauga Co., N.C. (parentage unknown.)

(Levi Blackburn
((Edward Blackburn
(((Edmund Spencer Blackburn (1866-1912)
(((M. B. Blackburn
(Sallie Blackburn
(Edmund Blackburn, Jr.

James Blackburn "lived on his land on Long Marsh, which was surveyed by Geo. Washington, very fertile." Date about 1745-50. (Perhaps James was another brother of the four brothers of Winchester, Va., 1753.) (Above reference from Shenandoah Valley Pioneers", pp. 25.)

James Blackburn in a verbal will recorded in Lincoln Co., N.C. April 17, 1808; gave all his property to his wife, Susanna. Names on back of will: Nath'l Blackburn, Elias Blackburn, John Blackburn, Susanah, Wife, of Wm Cline; Mary, wife of Wm. McCloud; and Thos. Saunder's wife "Janet" (sic) as guardian of his children, Polly, Susannah, Elizah, Lisha & James.

Robert Blackburn will (1879) in Bk 4 pp 212, Lincoln, Co. N.C. mentions "Jos. R.- Wm. M.S.- Sarah Ann - Martha F. -"

John Blackburn recd 1736 from Ballyhagen Meeting, Armagh, Ireland; settled in York Co., Pa. Children were - Joseph, Rachel and probably, John, Anthony & Thomas. John Jr. died 1767; married Rebecca ?; had one child Rebecca, born 12/12/60. (See Myer's "Immigration of Irish Quakers" pp 360.)

Other records:

1 V 378 - Edward Blackburn
11 W(1) 80 - Wm. Blackburn
25 V 117,118,226 -- James Blackburn
36 W 343 - Blackburn letters
13 H 616 - Benj. Blackburn
4 V 446 - David Blackburn
6 W(2) 156 - Nathaniel H. Blackburn
1 C 355 - Thomas Blackburn
27 V 10 - Benj. W. Blackburn
27 W(1) 57-64, 104-112 - early landowners in Isle-of-Wight County, Va.
5 V 403-407 - early wills and deeds
10 W(2) 254-260 - families of
7 W(1) 205 - first settlement
8 T 266-269 - marriages from 1785-1786
Militia - 10 V 215 - 23 V 232 3 - - 3 W(2) 5 - - 2 H 328, 344,437,438 - -
3 W(2) 8 - - 20 V 431.
Va. Soldiers - - 2 V 241-258 - - 10 C 110 - - 20 V 59.
Cherokee War. Col. Christian 7 V 152
Augusta Co. troops 30 V 400 - - 3 C 338 - - 16 V 207 - - 16 V 139
Island of Peace, Sullivan Co., Tenn. 8 V 356 - - 7 V 7
"Blackburn Genealogy" book by Mrs. Vinnetta Wells Ranke contains much valuable and interesting material for Blackburns.
1 V 95: Wm Blackburn soldier in Rev. War.
4 V 446: 1780, David Blackbourne appointed to Council
"Benjamin Borden was granted 500,000 acres or less on the Shenandoah and James Rivers on condition that within ten years he would settle 100 families thereon, granting to each family or cabin 1000 acres with the privilege of purchase of

1000 acres more at one shilling per acre." This grant was made about 1740, Some of the Blackburns settled on the Borden Tract.

Marriage Records:

Davidson Co., Tenn:

9-29-1799 - John Blackburn - - married - - Lucy Carney

9-29-1803 - Edward R. Blackburn - married - Martha Carney

William County, Tenn:

7-11-1816 - Rachel Blackburn - married John Meek.

Maury County, Tenn:

1-21-1819 - John Porter Blackburn md Nancy Churchill

8-31-1807 - Elizabeth Blackburn md _____ Rutherford

5-27-1830 - Sarah Blackburn md Joshua Fly

5-16-1832 - Benj. B. Blackburn md Elizabeth Ford

_____ - John Blackburn md Margaret Angin

11-11-1840 - Gabriel C. Blackburn md Mary Buttler

1-8-1849 - Mary E. Blackburn md Hargis Clemon.

12-26-1850 - Mary Ann Blackburn md Theophilus N. Allen

9-11-1834 - Bethenia Blackburn md Thomas Davidson.

1619 - James Blackburn, age 20, came to America on ship "Sampson", through "ye port of London."

1697/1700 - Benj. Blackburn, aged 28, came from Liverpool on ship "Assistance" to South Carolina, a planter.

1765 - Edward Blackburn in 1765 was a vestryman in Fairfax and Thuro Parishes; also a Justice of Peace.

1771 - George Blackburn md Porsena (Prudence?) Berry, 9-11-1771 in Louisa County, Va.

1774 - Rev. Benj. Blackburn came from Bermuda to the States, Jan. 7, 1774.

1785 - Julius Blackburn, a Rev. soldier, md. Elizabeth Scruggs, 1-24-1785, place ? .

1791 - Gen. Alex Blackburn, md. Elizabeth Keys, 10-25-1791, place ?.

1774 - Florence Blackburn, md Francis Read, 12-16-1774; Alex and Andrew gave consent. (Florence was probably daughter of Andrew; WAC).

1777 - Mary Blackburn, dau. of Andrew Blackburn, md. Benj. McFarland, (son of John) on 10-7-1777. Andrew gives consent.

1782 - Richard Blackburn md. Mary Clinton, 1782, in Westmoreland Co., Va.

1808 - Hugh Blackburn md Margaret Boyd, 3-9-1808; Mecklenburg Co., N.C.

1816 - Roger J. Blackburn md Mrs. Charlotte Prescott, 11-28-1830.

(Mrs. Annilu Bearden Odil, Spring Hill, Tenn., acuthority for the above notes.)

Marriage Records taken from Dandridge Court House, Jefferson C. Tenn.

pp

132 David Blackburn - - - Mary Miller - - - - 3-27-1796

259 *William Blackburn - - Amy Samples - - - - 1798

358 *George Blackburn - - Patsy Neely - - - - 10-8-1800

412 *Andrew Blackburn - - Catherine McGirk - 4-23-1802

416 * John Blackburn - - - Elizabeth McGirk - 9-22-1802

547 *Edward Blackburn - - Margaret McGirk - - 9-5-1804

_____ Elizabeth Blackburn - Jesse Neil - - - - 8-29-1804

_____ Patsy Blackburn - - - Robert Howard - - - 2-3-1805

	*Jennie Blackburn	- - - -	Thos Snoddy	- - - -	3-17-1806
614	*James Blackburn	- - - -	Catherine Jamieson	- - - -	1-8-1805
1214	James Blackburn	- - - -	Mary Bittle	- - - -	2-3-1815
1479	James Blackburn	- - - -	Sarah Adkinson	- - - -	1-21-1820
1973	Alex Blackburn	- - - -	Princilla Morrow	- - - -	11-22-1826
2001	Benj. A. Blackburn	- - - -	Isabel M. Caldwell	- - - -	2-19-1827
2061	John Blackburn	- - - -	Christina Brunner	- - - -	11-1-1827
2336	John N. Blackburn	- - - -	Martha Jane Morrow	- - - -	2-28-1831

*Children of John Blackburn (1740-1808) and Janet Mathews (1747-1813).

ANDREW BLACKBURN was "born in Scotland and died in Bedford County, Va. His wife's name was Virginia Ann Wilson, born 1730, daughter of Alexander Wilson of Lancaster County, Pa. Andrew and Ann Blackburn were the parents of at least 3 daughters:

Mary Blackburn (1758-1820) married Benj. McFarland, Oct. 7, 1774.

Florence Blackburn who married Francis Read, Dec. 1774.

Isabelle Blackburn who married George Edgar.

Will of Alexander Wilson: I, Alexander Wilson, of the Township of Salisbury, County of Lancaster and Province of Pennsylvania, yeoman, being very weak and indisposed but of perfect mind and memory; Thanks to God, therefore, calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing that it is appointed to all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament; that is to say in the first place I commit my soul to God who gave it and my body to the dust to be buried in a decent manner at the Discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the last day I shall receive the same again by the Mighty Power of God. And as touching such worldly estate as it has pleased God to bless me with I give and bequeath in manner following: (1) I will that my just debts and funeral charges be paid; (2) I will that my beloved wife, Catherine, have a decent, comfortable maintenance afforded her of my place and effects during her life. But if she shall see meet to remove off of it and live with any of her daughters, that then, in such case, she shall have twelve pounds allowed her yearly out of my estate for her support as well as decently interred from it, when God shall see meet to call her out of time. (3) I bequeath to my son, Andrew Blackburn, all my wearing apparel excepting my white coloured sute, which I will to my son, John, and my great coat which I will to my son Moses Wilson. (4) I will and bequeath five pounds to my grand-daughter Isabel Blackburn. (5) I bequeath five pounds to my grandson John Wilson. Finally all the rest of my estate, real and personal, I will and bequeath to my son, John Wilson. And I do appoint my trusty Friend Robert Armor and John Guthery, the executors of this which I establish as my last will and testament, hereby revoking, renouncing and disannulling all wills and testaments by me heretofore made and devised.

Witness my hand and seal this 19th day of May in the year of our Lord 1760.

his

signed, sealed and subscribed in the
presence of

Alexander X Wilson
mark

Charles Vance
Thomas Cochran
Robert Smith

THE BENJAMIN BLACKBURN FAMILY.

We come now to the line of the BLACKBURN FAMILY in which the writer finds his personal lineage and in which, therefore, he is most interested. To the reader who thus far has had the patience to peruse these pages, it is patent that there were many immigrants by the name of Blackburn who came to America from Scotland, Ireland and England during the century preceding the Revolutionary War. Their descendants are now to be found in every state of the Union and their number is legion. The family relationship of the several branches is buried in the past with little hope of resurrection. In the fore-going pages we have given such fractional lineages as have come to our knowledge and hope that the same may be helpful to some seeker in genealogical lore.

Tradition says that the family of BENJAMIN BLACKBURN was of Scotch-Irish extraction and came to America from Ireland about 1724. Just where they landed, on what ship they came, where they first settled, and the exact time of their arrival, are all questions that to date remain unanswered. That Benjamin Blackburn came to America from Ireland with his parents, his brothers, John, Will, and Samuel, and other relatives seems quite certain from the evidence of family traditions and scraps of authentic data that have come to hand.

The tradition that the Benjamin Blackburn of our line was with Washington's forces at Braddock's defeat, the writer had from his mother, who asserted that she in turn had the tradition from her grandmother, Nancy Blackburn Carson, a granddaughter of the said Benjamin Blackburn. Furthermore, this Benjamin is referred to as "General Blackburn" in the "Annals of the American Pulpit", in a sketch therein of his grandson, the Rev. Gideon Blackburn. It may be that this was a complimentary title bestowed upon him because of his military services against the French and Indians or perhaps the writer of the sketch may have confused him with his son, the Gen. Samuel Blackburn, who served with distinction in the Rev. War. That he was in the conflict in 1755 is further born out by the record in Vol. VII of Henning's Statutes that he was one of the men from Frederick County, Winchester, Va., who each received 11 pounds and 2 s. for their services. Mrs. Clifford Long, now deceased, formerly of Mt. Pleasant, Tenn., stated that she was a descendant of Ambrose Blackburn, and that Ambrose and Benjamin were brothers and both were present at Braddock's defeat. The writer has never found anything to substantiate this relationship, except the fact that their grandchildren, who lived in Maury County, Tenn., called each other "cousin" and when in 1855 a number of the family of Ambrose Blackburn moved to Texas they were accompanied by a number of the family of Edward Rose Blackburn, a grandson of Benjamin. Mrs. Clifford Long also found a reference to a John Blackburn who was granted a tract of 123 acres in the County of the Isle of Wight, Virginia on Feb. 2, 1724. The same reference mentioned four brothers, John, William, Benjamin and Samuel, who apparently were the sons of the first John. The writer found a statement that William Blackburn in 1737 sold the same 123 acres--but to date we have been unable to prove or disprove that these four brothers were the same four brothers of like names who appeared in the vicinity of Winchester, Va. in or about 1742. That the Winchester Blackburns came from Chester and Lancaster Counties, Penn., seems to be well established; whether they first came to Penn, directly from Ireland or first settled in Isle of Wight Co., Va., we have been unable to determine. Since the Blackburn and Mathews families were close friends and neighbors in 1760 at Winchester, Va., and also later near Dandridge, Tenn., and Mrs. Annilu B. Odil says (1942) that she found record of one Alexander Mathews in Isle of Wight Co., Va., in 1695, in Deed Book #1 and also mentions of a John Blackburn in the same county - we are inclined to believe that the Blackburns landed in Norfolk, Va. about 1724, then moved on up to Chester Co., Penn., and then about 1742 to the neighborhood of Winchester, Va.

The first authentic date we have on the Benjamin Blackburn of our line is in 1753 when he received a grant from Lord Fairfax "to 181 acres lying on Mulberry Run in Frederick County - - - where he now lives." Probably he had rented or leased this land from Lord Fairfax for several years prior to the date of his grant. We find that Arthur Blackburn died in 1742 and his estate was probated in November of that year in Orange County. Since Frederick and Augusta Counties were taken off of Orange County in 1738, but courts were not established in these counties until 1742 or 1743, it may be that Arthur Blackburn lived near the other Blackburns in Frederick County. What kin Arthur Blackburn was to Benjamin, we do not know, but we believe that Arthur who died in 1742, Archibald Blackburn who died in Frederick Co., in 1749 and John Blackburn of the Isle of Wight, and perhaps a "James Blackburn who lived on a fertile tract of land on Marsh Creek", were brothers. (A mere hypothesis, however.)

The four Blackburn brothers of Frederick County, Virginia -- (namely, William, John, Benjamin and Samuel) - may have married before they moved from Chester Co., Pa., to Winchester. John died in July 1755. His will copied from Bk 2, page 172, Winchester, Va., reads as follows: - -

"The last will and Testament of John Blackburn Weak in Body but Perfect in mind and memory and first I Bequeath my Soul to God and my Body to be Decently Laid in the ground and all my just Debts to be Paid and the Remainder of the Estate that God Hath Blessed me with to be divided as follows and first I Bequeath to my well Beloved Wife Ann Blackburn the Third part of all my movable Estate & Likewise I Bequeath My Son James Blackburn all my Lands that I now am possessed of & Likewise I Bequeath to my Daughter Mary Blackburn Fifty Pounds of my movable Estate and all that remains of my movable Estate I allow to the schooling of my Son James Blackburn and likewise I allow my Father & Mother to have their maintenance of the Prodock of my Plantation at the Discretion of my Executors. Likewise I allow my wife and children to live together & have their living of the Prodock of my Plantation until my wife marry & I also allow that my daughter Mary Blackburn be schooled of the Prodock of my Plantation at the discretion of my Executors. Likewise I allow my son James Blackburn to be Colag Bred & if there be not sufficient of the movable Estate and what can be made of the Prodock of my Plantation to do it I allow some Part of the Land to be sold as my Executors shall see his need Requires and I constitute and appoint my well Beloved Brother Samuel Blackburn and my well Beloved Cooz Andrew Blackburn to be my Executors of this My Estate Witness my hand and Seal this 2nd day of July 1755. I appoint my Beloved Father in Law David Logan overseer over my Executors.

Signed and sealed in the Presence of us
William Stephenson

his
JOHN x BLACKBURN
mark

his
James x Blackburn
mark

her
Elleanor x Blackburn
mark

At a Court Held for Frederick County on Tuesday, the 5th day of August 1755. This Last Will and Testament of John Blackburn, dec'd, was Presented into Court by Samuel Blackburn and Andrew Blackburn the Executors therein named who made oath according to Law and being proved by the oaths of William Stephenson, James Blackburn and Elioner Blackburn Witnesses thereto is admitted to record and on the motion of the said Executors and their Performing what is usual in such cases certificate is granted them a Probate thereof in Due Form.

Test. J. Wood Clerk.

In Sept. 1755 (see 7-H-217) the County made this order: -" To Samuel & Andrew Blackburn administrators of John Blackburn Estate for provisions - - - 2 pounds." Doubtless furnished for the Braddock Campaign.

From the above we note that John Blackburn was a God-fearing man; his wife's name was Ann Logan; his children appear to have been minors in 1755; he believed in education, thereby giving evidence of his Presbyterian background; we sincerely wish he had mentioned the names of his "father and mother" who were to receive their maintenance off of his plantation; could he have meant his "inlaws"? if he meant his own father and mother Blackburn, it would indicate that he was the eldest of the four brothers; (the last line of his will is a gesture of courtesy-who ever heard of an "overseer over executors"?). Somewhere we found this statement (we seem to have failed to note the source) - "In Orange County is found the declaration of David Logan and a man of the Wilson's as to their arrival in Virginia thro Philadelphia about 1740." We might assume that John Blackburn and Ann Logan were married about 1742 and that the children were under fifteen years and John Blackburn was probably not over 40 years old at the time of his death.

WILLIAM BLACKBURN, brother of John - of him we know but little. According to (7-H-216) he received pay for the Braddock campaign. He is mentioned before Benjamin, which might indicate that he was older than Benjamin. He had a son named Benjamin (see Samuel's will to follow.)

SAMUEL BLACKBURN, a third brother, "married Eleanor Provine in Chester County, Pa., about 1748. Her sister, Ann Provine, married Francis McCormick. They were two of the four daughters of Thomas Provine. The Blackburns sold their interest in the iron ore mining on Mulberry Run to the Provines and Morgans". (Mr. Griffeth in Recorder's office in Winchester, Va. 1940.)

Samuel and Eleanor Blackburn had no children. They first lived south-west of Winchester, Va., but sold out their holdings there and took up lands about ten-miles east of Winchester, where Samuel became quite wealthy. In his will probated October 1776, he mentions: "my wife Eleanor Blackburn; my nephew Samuel Blackburn, son of my brother Benjamin; my nephew Benjamin Blackburn, son of my brother William; my wife's nephew, Samuel McCormick; John Blackburn, son of James Blackburn". (relationship of James not given, we assume it is James the son of his brother John.) Among the assets of his estate is mentioned "one white servant". The total value of his slaves is given as 350 pounds.

Andrew Blackburn, a cousin, married Ann Wilson of Chester Co., Pa. Archibald Blackburn who died in 1749 was probably an uncle of the four brothers. Archibald had a daughter, Elizabeth, who married William Wilson in 1746 "in the Valley of Virginia". George, Arthur and William Blackburn were another set of brothers, and close relatives to the Benjamin Blackburn family. Perhaps they were the sons of Arthur Blackburn who died in 1742. These three brothers had at least three sisters namely, Mary, Martha and Margaret. All these Blackburns settled on or near Mulberry Run which is a small stream that empties into Cedar Creek just below a small settlement of half-a-dozen houses and a well-preserved stone Presbyterian Church. Once the town boasted of 600 inhabitants; today little remains of its former glory. The Blackburns are said to have been iron mongers and dug the ore from the banks of Mulberry Run and crushed the ore by means of a heavy hammer operated by a water wheel at the falls of Cedar Creek. They were instrumental in organizing the Presbyterian Church at that place in 1762.

The following items support the above statements:

1742 - Nov. 25th, Orange County, Va. Will Book K page 238; gives the probate record of the estate of Arthur Blackburn - - Esther Blackburn, William and Robert

- Worthington gave bond to administer the estate of Arthur Blackburn - - - same book states that Esther was the widow of Arthur Blackburn. In (1-W(2)-287) we found: "Esther Jones, widow of Arthur Blackburn, married Zackary Taylor".
- 1746 - Fanny Wilson Frayer writing from #323 West 104th St. New York City (date not given) to J. W. Blackburn, Grottes, Va. says; "I am a descendant of Archibald Blackburn whose daughter Elizabeth married William Wilson in 1746, the place not recorded save "in the Valley of Virginia". Col. Benj. Wilson of Harrison Co. Va., was a son of this marriage and my father, John Wilson, Jr., was born in Harrison Co., on July 5, 1788."
- 1749 - (Winchester Co., Va., Bk I pp 305) appraisal of the Estate of Archibald Blackburn, deceased, made June 5, 1749, amounted to 68 pounds, 15s, 4 d. Appraisers were James Hogue, Samuel Vance & James Canton. Administrator Margaret Blackburn; bond signed by Margaret Blackburn, John Blackburn, and Wm. Stephenson for 500 pounds.
- 1753 - The Land Office Records at Richmond, Va. record a grant from Lord Fairfax to Benj. Blackburn on Sept. 1, 1753: - "Grant to Benjamin Blackburn of 181 acres -- where he now lives."
- 1755 - Arthur, George and William Blackburn received a grant from Lord Fairfax to land on Mulberry Run, Jan. 3, 1755.
- 1755 - Aug. 5th, Will of John Blackburn probated in Winchester, Va., mentioning wife, Ann, daughter, Mary, and son, James. And brother, Samuel, and cousin, Andrew.
- 1758 - Deed Book #4, pp. 408, Frederick Co., Va. records that on Sept. 6, 1758: - "Benjamin Blackburn of the County of Frederick, Va. - - in consideration of Fifty Pounds to him paid by Andrew Blackburn - - - sells to him (Andrew) 181 acres lying and being in said County on Mulberry Run, beginning at two oaks and a red oak on the line of John and Margaret Blair on the side of Little North Mountain".
- Witnesses:
- | | |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| James Hoge | Signed - - Benjamin Blackburn |
| James Fresh (?) | Mary Blackburn |
| Isaac White | |
- 1760 - Robert Blackburn & Elizabeth Downey, County of Frederick, Colony of Virginia gave deed to land - - which said Robert Downey bequeathed to his daughter, Elizabeth Downey, now intermarried to Robert Blackburn of Frederick Co., Province of Virginia - - -
- Witness:
- | | |
|----------------|---------------------|
| Thomas Prather | Signed: |
| Evan Shelby | Robert Blackburn |
| | Elizabeth Blackburn |
- 1762 - A deed was granted by Lord Fairfax in 1762 conveying one hundred acres of land to William Vance, James Colville, James Hoge, William Evans and Andrew Blackburn, elders of the Presbyterian Congregation on Cedar Creek. (Shenandoah Pioneers" pp 170.)
- 1762 - Aug. 3rd - Benj. B. Blackburn bought land of Richard Calvert on "Red Bud".
- 1764 - Feb. 9th - Land Grant on Mulberry Run by Lord Fairfax to John Blackburn, who married Janet Mathews in 1765.
- 1764 - April 27th - Benjamin Blackburn bought of Lindsey 200 acres on Opeckon Creek.
- 1767 - Andrew Blackburn sold the land he bought of Benj. Blackburn in 1758 to Lewis Stevens. Anna Wilson, wife of Andrew Blackburn, was a daughter of Alexander Wilson, of Township of Calisbury, County of Lancansber, Penn.
- 1767 - Fairfax County - Deed book G, pp 260; "We, Andrew Blackburn, Hugh Blackburn and Wm. Bogle, merchants in Glasgow - - have been for a certain number of yrs past and at present time in joint trade & partnership to the Colony of Va. under the name and designation of Hugh Blackburn & Co. - - -".

- 1768 - Aug. 6th - - Robert Blackburn received a grant of 500 acres of land from Lord Fairfax.
- 1769 - July 31st - - Arthur, George and William Blackburn sold 242 acres, the grant received from Lord Fairfax, Jan. 3, 1755 - - - on Mulberry Run and adjoining land of William Wilson.
- 1769 - August 1st - - John and Janet Blackburn, his wife, sold to Thos. Early 200 acres on Mulberry Run, a drain of Cedar Creek, for 80 pounds, being part of a grant from Lord Fairfax made Feb. 9th, 1764.
- 1769 - Sept. 5th - Robert Blackburn and Margaret Blackburn, his wife, sold to John Mauzer (sic) 200 acres, being part of a grant of 500 acres received from Lord Fairfax August 6, 1768, on the drains of Opeckon Creek.
- 1776 - October court - probate of the will of Samuel Blackburn (already mentioned).
- 1789 - Sept. 3rd - Robert Blackburn sold land on south side of Little Limestone Creek, Tenn, to Thomas Gillespie - - 4 acres for 6 Pds-13s-4d.
Signed by Robert Blackburn (no wife joins).
(see record in Jonesboro, Tenn, Bk. 2 pp 266).
- 1789 - Sept. 4th - Robert Blackburn and Margaret Blackburn of Washington Co., Tenn. sold to John McCollister 225 acres on south side of Little Limestone Creek for 300 pounds. Signed by Robert Blackburn and Margaret Blackburn - witness, Thomas Blackburn. (See record in Jonesboro, Tenn.)
- 1794 - Knox County, Tenn. Deed book 1 C pp 54: Robert Blackburn of County of Davidson sells 500 acres to Stokely Donnelson - - at head of Town Creek, according to the original grant to me issued, #1299.
Witness: Benjn Blackburn
John Stone
Signed: Robert Blackburn
Recorded, Aug. 29, 1794.

We found no marriage records on file in the Court House at Winchester, Va., prior to 1780. We were told by the recorder that prior to that date marriage records were kept in the Church Parish Records, and that most of these church records were now missing. Since Benj. Blackburn came to Frederick County prior to 1753, the marriage records of his sons Benjamin, Jr., John and Robert were probably entered in the records of the Cedar Creek Presbyterian Church. John married Janet Mathews April 4, 1765; Robert married Margaret Richie probably in 1766. A letter received Nov. 1st, 1941, from Rev. Harry M. Crim, recent pastor of the Cedar Creek Church states that all the session records prior to 1815 have been lost.

From the records given above, we see that ARTHUR, GEORGE, and WILLIAM BLACKBURN received a land grant from Lord Fairfax on Mulberry Run, Jan. 3, 1755. This tract was adjacent to the land of William Wilson, whom we assume to be the same William Wilson who married Elizabeth Blackburn, daughter of Archibald Blackburn, in 1746. These three brothers had three sisters; namely, Mary, Martha and Margaret. We note that Margaret was the name of the administrator of the estate of Archibald Blackburn and doubtless she was his widow. The fact that one of these three sisters bore the name of Margaret and that the land grant was adjacent to the land of Wm. Wilson, a son-in-law of Archibald, may indicate that these three brothers and three sisters were the children of Archibald and Margaret Blackburn; while the name, Arthur, might point to Arthur Blackburn who died in 1742 as their father.

Arthur, George and William sold their land grant in Frederick County in 1769, as did John and Janet, and Robert and Margaret. We think this indicates that the Blackburn family at that date left Frederick County and moved on southward in the Valley of Virginia to the vicinity of the county line between Augusta and Rockbridge Counties. There they remained until 1772 when Arthur, George and William moved to Washington County in southwestern Virginia. There these three brothers

became prominent in the political and communal life of that frontier country. George was appointed Justice of the Peace by Patrick Henry, Governor of Virginia; William was elected Lieutenant of the County Militia under Col. Wm. Campbell; Arthur served as a private in the Fincastle Volunteers under Capt. Evan Shelby at the Battle of Point Pleasant, October 1774, against the Indians. Two Presbyterian congregations were organized at Sinking Springs (Abingdon) and Ebbing Springs; and in June 1773, a call was sent by these churches to the Rev. Charles Cummings of Augusta County inviting him to come and take charge of these two congregations. Of the 138 petitioners, George and William Blackburn were the first two signers and the name of Arthur Blackburn was the fourteenth. The Indians were a constant menace to these frontier settlements. On July 24, 1776, they made an attack on Black's Fort (now Abingdon) and after the Indians were repulsed and had apparently left the vicinity, a number of the settlers left the protection of its walls and went out to visit their homes in the neighborhood. The Indians fell upon this party and "Arthur Blackburn was shot, tomahawked and scalped, but was found alive and recovered from his wounds." In the party were "William Casey and his sister, Nancy, a beautiful girl of sixteen. As Casey was running for his life to the fort, he discovered the Indians in hot pursuit of his sister, and seeing Robert Harold, another man close by, he called to him to come and help him save Nancy. Harold obeyed. By managing to fire alternately they kept the Indians at bay until the girl was safely in the fort." (Sumner's Southwest Virginia, pp 231.) We might add that Arthur Blackburn lived to fight another day and in 1780 was one of the patriotic band of mountaineers who won enduring fame by their victory over the British and their Tory Allies at KING'S MOUNTAIN. On Feb. 24, 1774, 130 acres were surveyed off to Arthur Blackburn on the "Waters of Middle Fork of the Holston River". On December 21, 1774, 220 acres were surveyed off for William Blackburn on a "Branch of Holston".

The WILL of GEORGE BLACKBURN was probated August 18, 1778. His estate was left to his "sister Margaret Casey, wife of William Casey; to his brothers, Arthur Blackburn and William Blackburn; to his sister Mary White; to his brother-in-law Samuel Vance; to Andrew Colville and to his daughter Sarah Blackburn." The will of Samuel Vance, probated the same day, leaves his estate to his wife, Sarah, and his children, Margaret Lusk, Elizabeth Blackburn and Samuel Vance, Jr.; executors, Samuel Vance and George Blackburn; witnesses, Arthur Blackburn, John Blackburn, John Cusick. This Samuel Vance was, no doubt, the father of the wife of George Blackburn and the grandfather of the Samuel Vance, who in 1803 married Mary Blackburn, a daughter of Lt. William Blackburn. Lt. William Blackburn was killed October 7, 1780 in the Battle of King's Mt. His name is recorded on the monument that stands on the battle-field. On November 24, 1780, letters of administration on his estate were granted to his widow, Elizabeth (Black) Blackburn, and her brother, Capt. Joseph Black, and John Blackburn. They together with Samuel Vance and John Davis gave bond for 8000 pounds. The heirs of his estate are given as Mary, Jean, Margaret, Patsy and Sally. In a deed to 220 acres on "Head Spring Creek" dated September 24, 1789, the grantees mentioned are Jean, Mary, Margaret, Martha and Sarah. This is probably the same 220 acres that was surveyed off to their father in 1774. The WILL of ARTHUR BLACKBURN was probated August 20, 1782 in Washington Co. Va. His estate was left to his sister, Margaret Casey, his sister, Martha Rodgers, his sister, Mary White, and to John Blackburn. Executors John Blackburn and John Berry. Witnesses to will: Janet Blackburn, James Douglas, Elizabeth Black and William McElwin.

(George Blackburn, d 1778; married Elizabeth Vance; issue -
 (Sarah Blackburn
 (William Blackburn (1748*1780); m. 1775 Elizabeth Black (1750-1800)
 (Jean Blackburn; m. Joseph Cusick in 1793; buried in Paris, Ill.
 (children?
 (Mary Blackburn (1779-1852); m. 1803 Samuel Vance, Jr. (1778-1840)
 ((Eliza Vance (1810-1847); m. James Jones in 1829*
 (((James Harvey Jones (1828-188?) m. Nancy F. Dickson in 1849.
 ((((Eva E. Jones; m. Wm. Shepard
 ((((Sarah Shephard, m. Newton L. Hall, Paris, Ill.
 (Margaret Blackburn (1771*-1838); m. David Evans
 (Martha Blackburn; m. Robert Houston in 1809.
 (Sarah Blackburn (no data)

*(I question the dates 1748, 1829 and 1771 especially. If William got a land grant with his brother in 1755, he must have been in his twenties, at least, at that time. 1829 is after the birth of James, the son, in 1828; 1771 is four years before the date given for the marriage of William and Elizabeth. (I think I got these dates from Sarah Shephard's DAR record. WAC.)

It is interesting to note that in connection with the settlement of the estates of these three brothers in Washington Co., Va., that John Blackburn had a part in each estate. They must have been first cousins of John, - or first cousins once removed.

We will now get back again to BENJAMIN BLACKBURN, since we have given about all we know concerning his three brothers, and the other Blackburns who were in the vicinity of Winchester, Va., from 1740 to 1770. The name of Benjamin's wife was Mary _____, whom he probably married about 1737 in Chester or Lancaster Co., Penn. They seem to have come to Frederick Co, Va., about 1742; then on down to the neighborhood of Steele's Tavern (present name, 1941) about 1770; near Providence Presbyterian Church and were neighbors to the McCormicks (of reaper fame) and the Steele family; then in 1784 Benjamin followed his sons John, Robert and Archibald down into the Watauga Country, whither his sons had migrated about 1773. On Feb. 5, 1784, Benjamin Blackburn purchased for 150 pounds, 200 acres in Washington Co., State of North Carolina "lying on both sides of Onion Branch and the East Branch of Little Limestone Creek". This tract is located about one mile south of Washington College, which in that pioneer day was conducted by the Rev. Samuel Doak under the name of Martin Academy. Gideon Blackburn when he was twelve years old lived with his grandfather for some time and attended Martin Academy.

BENJAMIN BLACKBURN on August 10th, 1786, drew up the following will:

"IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN: August 10th in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six, I, Benjamin Blackburn, of the State of Franklin and County of Washington, farmer, being weak and frail in body but in perfect mind and memory, thanks be given to God, therefore, calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, I do make, constitute and ordain this MY LAST WILL and TESTAMENT, what is to say, principally and first of all, I recommend my soul into the hands of God who gave it to me, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian-like manner at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting but that at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And as to such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to help me in this life, (1) I do give and bequeath and dispose of it in the following manner and form: "imprimis"; I do give and bequeath to my dearly and well-beloved wife, MARY BLACKBURN, good, sufficient, genteel and handsome maintenance during her life of all things necessary and likewise one good comfortable horse and one good cow to be kept and possessed by her as her own property.

- Item: - I do give and bequeath to my beloved son, Benjamin, my great Bible.
- Item: - I do give and bequeath to each of my grandsons, named Benjamin, one good school Bible.
- Item: - I do give and bequeath to my son John Blackburn's son Samuel one good school Bible.
- Item: - I do give and bequeath to my beloved sons Robert Blackburn and Benjamin Blackburn my bond on Hiram Gerim of three hundred pounds.
- Item: - To my son Archibald Blackburn I do give and bequeath the land whereon I now live, only allowing him to pay my son Samuel Blackburn forty pounds.
- Item: - I do give and bequeath to my dearly and well beloved daughter Ann one good bed and bed clothes and hangings and chest the bedstead excepted.
- Item: - I do give and bequeath to my dearly and well beloved daughter Elizabeth, Bay, my negro wench named Winnow which shall descend to her children at her death. Likewise I do allow my son, Archibald Blackburn, to give her one good fifteen or twenty pound horse only keeping out of that the bond which he, the said Archibald Blackburn, owes to Thomas Bay.
- Item: - I do give to my dearly and well beloved son, John Blackburn, my shoe buckles, likewise my great coat and clothcoat and jacoat.
- Item: - I do give to my son, Robert Blackburn, my cotton coat and jacoat.
- Item: - I do give and bequeath to my son Archibald my sheep and my great pot, table, and whatever is in Alexander Mathis' hands and other small articles. I allow to Archibald to clear my debts. And for executors to execute my last will and testament I appoint, constitute and authorize my trusty and well beloved sons, Archibald Blackburn and John Wear as my sole executors and I do hereby utterly discard, revoke and make void all and every other former wills and legends by any ways made by me and I do acknowledge this and none other to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written. Signed, sealed, published and pronounced by the said Benjamin Blackburn as his last will and testament in the presence of us the undernamed subscribers.

James Cunningham
Jeremiah Robinson
Andrew Hannah

----- (Seal)

(Note: the foregoing will not signed by testator.)

The foregoing will was proven in court by oath of Andrew Hannah, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto at August 1791 & recorded. (See record in WILL BOOK #1 pp22 in Jonesboro, Tenn.)

Benjamin Blackburn in his will gave to each of his grandsons named Benjamin, a Bible. It is interesting to note that he had a name-sake in the family of each of his children mentioned in the will except in the family of Samuel, who died without issue. Benjamin, son of John Blackburn, died in 1785; and perhaps that explains why the grandfather designated "my son John Blackburn's son Samuel to receive a Bible". The only mystery is that not one of the twelve children of John Blackburn, all of them born prior to 1786, was named Samuel. Who was Samuel? We looked carefully at the record in Jonesboro and it is "Samuel" without a doubt.

Benjamin and Mary Blackburn were the parents of eleven children:

1. Benjamin - (1738-1834) married _____
three sons, four daughters, perhaps more.
2. John - - - (1740-1808) married Janet Mathews, April 4, 1765.
eight sons, four daughters.
3. Robert - - (1742-1809?) married Margaret Richie about 1766.
six sons, six daughters.
4. Andrew - - (1744-

5. James - - (1746-
6. Elizabeth (1749- ?) married Thomas Bay.
eight sons, one daughter.
7. Archibald (1751-1823) married, 1st, Rosannah Steele; 2nd, Isabel _____?
six sons, three daughters, perhaps others.
8. George - - (1753-
9. William - (1755-
10. Ann (Nancy) (1757- ?) married John Weir, Rev. War Vet.
three sons, five daughters - perhaps others.
11. Samuel - - (1759-1835) married Anne Mathews, daughter of Gov. Geo. Mathews.
no children.

I. BENJAMIN BLACKBURN (1738-1834)

Benjamin Blackburn, the eldest son of Benjamin and Mary Blackburn, was one of the one hundred and fifty men from Augusta County, Va., who served under Col. Charles Lewis in Dunmore's Indian War. He served as sergeant in Col. Chas Lewis' company in the Battle of Point Pleasant, October 10, 1774 when the Indians lead by the famous Shawnee Chief, Cornstalk, sought to wipe out the Virginian Volunteers, before their juncture with Lord Dunmore's forces. In an all-day battle, one of the greatest battles ever fought between the Indians and their white opponents, the Indians were finally driven back and forced to yield the field. In the *Annals of Augusta County* (Vol. I, pp. 230) we find that "Benjamin Blackburn proved that he was disabled in the service at the Battle of Point Pleasant by losing the use of two fingers of his left hand". In a pamphlet called "Revolutionary Soldiers in Alabama", Miss Augusta Bradford of Chattanooga, Tenn., found this item: "Benjamin Blackburn, age not given, a resident of Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, private in Lewis's Regiment; date of enrollment not given, payment to date from April 1, 1810, annual allowance \$60.00; sums received \$363.90; transferred from Tennessee Sept. 14, 1819; on April 24, 1816 rate increased to annual allowance of \$96.00 under which the sum of \$1715.18 received to date of publication of lists. Revolutionary Pension Roll, in Vol. 14, Senate Document 514; 23rd Congress, 1st Session, 1833-34." Arthur Blackburn from the Holston Region was also in the above battle. He was a private in Capt. Evan Shelby's Company from Fincastle County.

In the course of proving the claims of the children of Benjamin, Jr., to share in the estate of the Gen. Samuel Blackburn, Benjamin of the third generation, writes under date of 1835: That "my father Benjamin Blackburn died Sept. 24, 1834; my brother, John, lives in Fayette Co., Alabama; my sister Mary Davis, lives in the State of Mississippi near Columbus, about eighty miles from Tuscaloosa; my sister, Jane Wallace, lives in Lawrence Co, in Alabama, about one hundred miles from Tuscaloosa; my sister, Sally Derwin, lives in Jackson Co. Alabama, about one hundred thirty miles from Tuscaloosa; sister Asena has been twice married, first to Ezekiel Harlen, and then to a Mr. Miller. Have not seen her for twenty years, she lived near Lexington, Kentucky. Brother James has removed to Arkansas. Myself and wife have thirteen children, nine sons and four daughters". John Wallace, his brother-in-law, states in an affidavit: "That five children of Benjamin Blackburn (brother of Gen. Samuel Blackburn) are living. First, my wife, Jane Wallace; Polly Davis living five miles from Columbus, Missi, Benjamin Blackburn living in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, John Blackburn living in Marion Co., Ala.; Sally Derwin living in Jackson Co. Alabama".

Miss Jeanie Blackburn of Bowling Green, Ky., granddaughter of a James Blackburn and great granddaughter of a Benjamin Blackburn, writes under date of July 24, 1925: "There were three brothers, Benjamin, James, John and a sister Kitty. Their father, I was told, was Benjamin. My father, General Samuel Davies Blackburn, a scientist and lawyer, was of Scotch-ancestry; and descended from Benjamin who was disabled in the war with the Indians - disabled and could not serve in the Rev. War - - Aunt Mary also told me her grandfather was wounded and unable to serve in the Revolution - - Samuel Davies Blackburn, son of Rev. James Blackburn and Jeanie Davies, his wife, son of Benjamin Blackburn and Elizabeth Nesbitt, his wife, whose children were Benjamin, James, John, and Kitty - - . The Nesbitts were connected with the sea faring interests as were the Blackburns - - - James Blackburn from teaching became a minister of the gospel, left his father living in Tennessee, John and Benjamin, his brothers and a sister Kitty, and went to the wilds of Arkansas after the birth of his four children - - my father's father was highly educated and taught my father, who never had an English grammar, but attained what he knew from his Latin one - - - when quite a child I personated Mary Queen of Scots - - all the girls said I looked just like Queen Mary. My mother said nothing but my father raised his eyes from his book and said to her: "Lizzie, do you think a strain of physical resemblance could be perpetuated to a third or fourth generation?" I asked how - "Well, you are a descendant of the Stuarts". - - - years after his death by chance I met an aged aunt and asked her could we have been connected with the Stuarts - - - she replied, "Our Blackburn ancestor was a Lord High Admiral of the seas and his ship was wrecked on the coasts of Scotland and he met the young princess Stuart of the Royal House of Scotland and later returned and married her."

There seems to be strong evidence to believe that the great grandfather of Jeanie Blackburn of Bowling Green, Ky., and the Benjamin Blackburn (1738-1834) of this discussion were one and the same person. First, the wound that prevented him from taking part in the Rev. War; second, the names of the children; third, the son James who went to Arkansas. If some one could supply the name of the wife of our Benjamin (1738-1834) the point might be finally determined. By correspondence we have tried to get in touch with some of the Blackburn descendants who must still be living in Alabama, but have been unsuccessful in getting any replies. If we could get access to the family records that must surely be in the "Great Bible" which Benjamin of the will of 1791 gave to his eldest son Benjamin, we would doubtless find some very interesting information about the patriarchs of this family who came over from Ireland and Scotland. One daughter of John, son of Benjamin (1738-1834) was named Nancy Blackburn.

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II. JOHN BLACKBURN (1740-1808)

John Blackburn, second son of Benjamin and Mary Blackburn was born Dec. 25, 1740, probably in Chester County, Pa. On Feb. 9, 1764 he received a land grant from Lord Fairfax on Mulberry Run in Frederick Co., Va. April 2, 1765 he married Jane (Janet) Mathews. Janet was born April 23, 1747, died Sept. 29, 1818. She and her husband were buried in the old cemetery at Dandridge, Tenn.

Their children were: -

- Alexander - - born Jan. 14, 1766; killed at Babson's Ferry below Dandridge by the Indians, and is said to have been the first man buried in the Dandridge cemetery.
- Benjamin - - born March 8, 1767; died at 18 years of age. (1785)
- Mary - - - - born Nov. 1st 1768; married James Moyers Nov. 3, 1789.
- Andrew - - - born Dec. 13, 1770; married, 1st Margaret Samples, 2nd Catherine McGirk.

William - - - - born Oct. 7, 1772; married Amy Samples; 2nd
Grizelle - - - - born Oct 27, 1774; Married her 1st cousin, Gideon Blackburn
George - - - - born May 26, 1776; married Martha Neely
John - - - - - born Mch 24, 1778; Elizabeth McGirk
Edward - - - - - born June 3, 1780; Margaret McGirk
Jane - - - - - born June 3, 1780; married Thomas Snoddy
James - - - - - born Oct. 2, 1782; married Catherine Jamieson
Nancy - - - - - born Apr. 7, 1785; married John Carson

John and Jane Blackburn sold their land grant in 1769 in Frederick Co., Va., and with a number of Blackburn families moved down to the south side of Augusta County or over the line into Rockbridge County. There they remained until probably the summer of 1773 when they moved on down and settled on Beaver Creek between the present location of Abingdon and Bristol. John served on the Jury of Washington County, Va., in May 1778, June 1779, May 1781, August 1782 and Nov. 1782. He is mentioned as being an elder in the Sinking Springs Presbyterian Church at Abingdon, County seat of Washington County in 1782. On September 25, 1780 he was one of the band of four hundred men who under Col. William Campbell joined forces with their compatriots under Shelby and Sevier and marched over the Smokies and wiped out Col. Ferguson's force of British regulars and Tories at the famous Battle of King's Mountain. In Nov. 1780 he was one of the administrators of the estate of Lt. Wm Blackburn, who was killed at King's Mt. He also appears in 1782 as a beneficiary in the will of Arthur Blackburn, which was witnessed by his wife "Janet Blackburn". It is reported that he served seven years in the militia of Washington County; however in 1787 he received from North Carolina for his services, a military grant of 400 acres on Long Creek in Green County, to which locality he probably moved in 1783. When John Sevier was elected Governor in 1784 of the ill-starred State of Franklin, he appointed John Blackburn Justice of Peace. He was a member of the first court held in Jefferson County. This court met in the home of Jerimiah Mathis about four miles west of Dandridge. The old house is still pointed out on the road to the home of John K. Blackburn (1940). Later, when John Sevier became Governor of Tennessee, he again appointed John Blackburn, Justice of Peace.

Military Land Grant No. 265, recorded in Book B, page 36, North Carolina Military Book, Nashville Tennessee, reads as follows:

"KNOW YE, that we have given and granted unto John Blackburn a tract of land containing four hundred acres, lying in our county of Green on Long Creek; Beginning at two box oaks and a pine on a hill and running thence north two hundred and forty poles to a white oak on the south of a hill crossing the branch at two hundred and twenty-four poles, thence north fifty-seven degrees east on the line between said Blackburn and Samuel McGarey three hundred and twenty poles at a stake on the top of a hill; thence south forty degrees east on the line between said Blackburn and Andrew McFerren one hundred and thirty-eight poles; to a red oak on a hill crossing a branch at sixty-five poles; thence south forty-eight degrees west four hundred and seventy poles to the beginning TO hold to the said John Blackburn and his heirs and assigns forever. Dated this 20th day of September 1787.

Rd Caswell

J. Glasgow, Secretary

"Wt. No. 80, surveyed by Jas. Kamper, Jno Hines and Henry Haggard, chain carriers." Richard Caswell was Governor of North Carolina in 1787. It would seem from the description that John Blackburn had already settled in the tract and had marked its boundaries.

We will have more to say concerning John Blackburn and his wife, Janet Mathews later when we take up the lineage of his children and grandchildren.

III. ROBERT BLACKBURN

Robert Blackburn, third son of Benjamin and Mary Blackburn, and father of the Rev. Gideon Blackburn, D.D., was born in 1742 and died (according to one source) on Feb. 9, 1809. Since this date is exactly one year later than the date of the death of his older brother, John Blackburn, we are inclined to doubt the authenticity of the date and suspect confusion of dates in the mind of the informant. As previously mentioned Robert Blackburn received a land grant from Lord Fairfax in Frederick Co., Va., on the "drains of Opekcon Creek", which lies a few miles south west of Winchester. His marriage in 1765 or 1766 to Margaret Richie was probably recorded in the lost church records of the Cedar Creek Presbyterian Church. He and Margaret sign a deed to the land grant tract in 1769 and doubtless moved on down to the Augusta-Rockbridge County line, where their 3rd son, Gideon (who was destined to be the most famous of all the Blackburn line), was born August 27, 1772. We understand the Blackburns were members of the Providence Presbyterian Church near Steele's Tavern and that several of the family are buried in the old cemetery at that place. Here they remained only four or five years and then moved on down to the neighborhood of what is now Bristol, Tenn. In the campaign against the Chickamauga Indians in April 1779, we find the name of Robert Blackburn as a private in the Company of Capt. James Shelby. The results of this campaign had far reaching results on the peace and security of the frontier settlements in Virginia and North Carolina and even on the prosecution of the Rev. War, and deserves more credit than it has received at the hands of the historian of that period. Without the disastrous defeat administered to the Indians in April 1779, it is doubtful whether there would have been any victory at King's Mountain in 1780. On that occasion Col. Evan Shelby accompanied by some 500 men set out down the Tennessee River in boats, surprised the Indians in their mountain villages, captured war booty to the sum of \$20,000 which the Indians and their British allies had collected in anticipation of waging a war of extermination against the American frontiers. The booty was auctioned off to the soldiers on a small creek which thereafter took the name of Sale Creek. On this creek some twenty years later the Rev. Gideon Blackburn established one of his schools for the Cherokee Indians. We find no mention of Robert Blackburn in Summer's Annuals of Southwest Virginia, so we assume that he settled south of Bristol, near the Shelby family, in what is now Sullivan County, but then a part of Washington County, N.C., for we find these records:

"Robert Blackburn was on the jury Feb. 22, 1779 Washington County" (Am. Hist. Mag. Vol. 5, pp 365). Also again in Washington County Court records, Feb. 26, 1781 gives: -

Robert Blackburn

vs

Geo. Hamilton

Attachmt.

Dismissed.

"Robert Blackburn was a member of the Grand Jury of Washington Co., N.C., which met May 25, 1780, at the house of Charles Robertson."

Robert Blackburn received a land grant in 1787 from the state of North Carolina (See Book of Military land grants, Book B, pp 35 #267 in Nashville Historical Library). Described in part as "a tract of 200 acres in Green County on Richland Creek on the north side of the Nolichucky River - - adjoining the land of Henry Fernworth, Mr. Leeper, & Mr. McKehan." At the time the grant was made, Robert doubtless was living on that tract.

In 1789 Robert and Margaret Blackburn sell 225 acres on the south side of Little Limestone Creek. This tract could not have been very far from his father's 200 acres purchased in 1784, which lay "on both sides of Onion branch and Little Limestone Creek" just south of the present town of Limestone. At this time (1789) Robert and his family must have moved down into Davidson County, for in 1794 we

find that "Robert Blackburn of the County of Davidson sold 500 acres at the head of Town Creek - - - according to the original grant issued to me #1299." Witness to deed, Benj. Blackburn & John Stone.

The movements of Robert Blackburn were typical of the pioneers of that day. First we find him and his young wife on Opeckon Creek in Frederick Co., Va., in 1769; from there they went that year or the next as far south as the south line of Augusta Co., Va., here they remained until about 1776; then he seems to have moved to the vicinity of Bristol, Tenn; (Then N.C.) for we find him in 1779 serving as private in the Company of Capt. James Shelby of Bristol and Sullivan County. Above we see that in 1787 and 1789 he had land on the north side of the Nolichucky River and also on the south side of the Little Limestone Creek; and our final trace of him is on "Town Creek in Davidson County". We have searched in vain the records of Sullivan, Washington and Green Counties for record of the administration of Robert's estate and date of his death. We suspect from the references that we have acquired recently that he probably died in Davidson County or Blount County. We know his son Thomas lived in Blount County in 1835 and that his son Edward was married in Davidson County in 1803, and that he probably died in the first decade of the nineteenth century. Information concerning the date of his death and settlement of his estate is solicited.

Robert Blackburn and Margaret Ritchie were the parents of 13 children:

- 1(Thomas Blackburn, b. July 4, 1767; m. Elinor Harbison, Dec. 16, 1790.
(1(Matthew Harbison Blackburn, b. Oct 11, 1791; m. Caty McGill, Nov. 8, 1814.
(2(Gideon Blackburn (1793-1800) "aged 7yrs, 5 mo., 3 da."
(3(John Anderson Blackburn, b 4-13-1795, d. 8-25-1819; m. Nancy Ramsey 11/3/18
((Eliza Ann Blackburn (1819-1891) m. Chas E. Hughes (12-84) on 4-19-1838.
((1(John Blackburn Hughes (1840-1857), age, 17 yr, 8 mo.
(((2(Moses Ingram Hughes (1841-1841), age, 1 mo.
(((3(Gilbert Earnest Hughes (1842-1909); was born in Blount Co, Tenn.;
((((came to Mo. in 1848 with his parents; m. 1875 Sarah Jane Renshaw
(((((1848-1940), was an elder in Willard, Mo. Pres. Church, farmer
((((all his life.
(((((Vinnie & Carl, twins; died in infancy.
(((((Victor Emmanuel Hughes, b. 1879, orchardist and farmer, Willard,
(((((Mo., never married.
(((((Laura Luella Hughes, b. 1882; grad of Park Col; also music
(((((State Normal, lives on farm where born, single, Presbyterian.
(((4(Blackmore Ramsey Hughes (1844-1865), age 20 yr, 1 mo., 25 da.
(((5(William LaFayette Hughes (1846-1856), age 9 yr, 11 mo.
(((6(James Cummings Hughes (1848-1915), never married, farmer, great
((((prohibitionist, elder in Pres. Ch. Willard, Mo.
(((7(Charles Eagleton Hughes (1851-1851) age 8 mo. 21 da.
(((8(Martha Elizabeth Hughes (1852-1932) m. Wm. H. Moomaw in 1882; 2nd,
((((m. D. M. Evans. Had no children. Presbyterian.
(((9(Rachel Ann Hughes (1854-1854) age 3 mo, 9 da.
(((10(Peru Monroe Hughes (1856-1856) age 5 mo, 19da.
(((11(Fidelia Adaline Hughes (1857-1857) age, 4 mo., 13 da.
(((12(Solon McCroskey Hughes (1858- ?) m. Ella Thomas in Deer Lodge, Mont.
((((was guard in State pen. Many years later merchant in Hall, Mont.
(((((had five children Malcomb, Leland, Theodore, Vera and Vida.
(((13(Milton Wesley Hughes, b. 1859 - died in infancy.
(((14(Edwin Morrison Hughes (1860-1928) m. Alice Vanderpool, memb. Willard
((((Pres. Ch.
(((((Ethel Mae Hughes, 1893; m. Chas. S. Fortner, 1913, (Willard, Mo.)
((((((Charlsie Elizabeth Fortner, b. 1914; m. 1st. O. R. Race
((((((Warren Robert Race, b. 1934
((((((-Charlsie m. 2nd time, Melvin J. Sparks, 1941, (#1370 W.
((((((Calhoun, Springfield, Mo.)

- (((15) Uel Fernandi Hughes (1863-1928) was a mining prospector in Mont.;
- (((found dead in his cabin in the mountains.
- (4(Peggy Blackburn, born Apr 11, 1797-died Mch 11, 1816; age 19 yr, 16 d.
- (5(Robert Blackburn, born Jan. 9, 1799, died July 27, 1800; age 1yr 6 mo 18 d
- (6(Nancy Blackburn, born Jan. 7, 1801; "died Dec. 10, 19 minutes after 7 o'
- ((clock; age 25 yr 11 mo 3 da."

(Thomas Blackburn lived in Blount Co, Tenn. until 1848 when he moved to Mo.
 ("Elinor Harbison Blackburn died Friday, March 10, 1823, about sunrise, with
 (confidence in Christ Jesus".
 (Thomas Blackburn Married Mary Rawlings, Sept. 12, 1824, (2nd wife)
 ("Mary or Polly" Rawlings Blackburn departed this life Oct. 7, 1841;
 (age 60 yr, 9 mo, 15 da.
 (Thomas Blackburn married Sophia Graves May 9, 1843. (third wife)
 (No dates of death of Thomas or Sophia.
 (Above taken from the Blackburn Family Bible, printed in 1714; which was
 (willed to my grandmother, Eliza Ann Blackburn Hughes by her grandfather,
 (Thomas Blackburn. Also he willed her a set of solid silver table and
 (teaspoons with his initials "T.B." on them. We still have them. (Above
 (data supplied by Miss Laura Hughes, Willard Mo., 1942).

- 2(Benjamin Blackburn (information solicited)
- 3(Gideon Blackburn, born Aug. 27, 1772, in Augusta Co., Va.; died in Carlin-
 (ville, Ill. Aug. 23, 1838; married his 1st cousin, Grizelle Blackburn,
 (Oct. 3, 1793; their children will be enumerated under Grizelle later in
 (this text.
- 4(John Blackburn - no definite information - probably the John Blackburn that
 (married Lucy Carney in Davidson County, 9-29-1799.
- ~ 5(Edward Blackburn, born in Augusta Co. Va., May 29, 1775; died in Maury Co.,
 (Tenn. 5-18-1847. married Martha Carney in Davidson Co., Tenn, "9-29-1893".
 (1(Prudence Blackburn; b 4/1/06 m. Daniel McCannon, 7-17-1823.
 (2(Edward Rose Blackburn (1808-1880); m. Hester J. Dickey, 2-14-1833.
 ((Samuel E. Blackburn, b. _____, m. _____ father of
 (((Frances Blackburn, b _____ who married Mr. _____ Hunter; parents of
 ((((Jean Hunter, who married C. W. Hackett (address; 102 W. 33rd,
 ((((Austin, Texas)
 ((Allison Blackburn
 ((James K. P. Blackburn, b. 2-20-37, m. Mary M. Laird
 (((Nancy G. Blackburn (1868-1893) m. Alpheus Truett, Franklin, Tenn.
 ((((Edward Laird Truett, b. 1893; bachelor, Methodist, Florist,
 ((((Franklin, Tenn.
 (((Robert E. Blackburn, b. 1869; (address, Lynnville, Tenn.)
 (((James K. P. Blackburn, b. 1871; (M.D., in Pulaski, Tenn.)
 (((John Laird Blackburn, b. 1873; (address Lynnville, Tenn.)
 (((William S. Blackburn, b. 1876; (address Lynnville, Tenn.)
 (((D. Gordon Blackburn, b. 1878; (druggist, Lynnville, Tenn.)
 (((Samuel S. Blackburn (1880-1935); m. Ella Wagstaff
 ((((Dorothy Blackburn
 (((("Mackie" Blackburn, b. 1885; m. Wyck Clark, Jamestown, N.Y.
 (((Henry M. Blackburn, b. 1890; (M.D. in Grand Rapids, Mich.)
 ((Latavia Blackburn
 ((Aneth Blackburn
 ((Ida Blackburn
 ((Albert S. Blackburn
 ((W.T.S. Blackburn

- 5(3(Shuble York Blackburn (1810-1837), bachelor, died in Tenn.
- 5(4(Elizabeth Blackburn, '1812- ?); m. Abel Arrington, 2-7-1829
- 5(5(John L. D. Blackburn (1815-1869); m. Emily Cox, 1838
- 5(6(Gideon B. Blackburn (1817-1831); m. Mary Ann Duffner, 1845
 - ((Martha Blackburn (1846-1846)
 - ((Josiah D. Blackburn (1847-1849)
 - ((Margaret Ann Blackburn (1849- ?); m. Bernard Brown.
 - ((Caroline Blackburn (1851-1920); m. Henry Tucker
 - ((Mary Jane Blackburn (1853-1931); m. J. Vollentine.
 - ((Virginia Blackburn (1856- ?); m. Milton Pyron.
 - ((Martha Alice Blackburn (1858-1866)
 - ((Jas. Abel Blackburn (1860- ?)
 - ((Elizabeth Blackburn (1862-1887); m. Jas. Ramsey Partin, 1-21-1881
 - ((Mary Lenora Partin
 - ((Eva Virginia Partin; m. Louis J. Park (address, 1002-15th, Douglas, Ariz.)
 - ((Edwin Park, b. 1909; m. Dorothy Scott, 1939
- 5(7(Asenath Blackburn (1819- ?) m. Wm. Wray (1826-1906), 1836
- 5(8(Martha Ann Blackburn (1821- ?); m. Jessop H. Wells, 1838, M. died in Tenn.
- 5(9(Frances Jane Blackburn (1825 - ?); m. Barten Nicks, 1843, J. died in Tenn
- 5(10)Sarah Elizabeth Blackburn (1828 - ?); m. Ed. C. Lowder, 1843
- 5(11(Robert Samuel Blackburn (1830 /); m. Sarah Finch, 11-29-1856. died in Tenn.
- 6(Sarah Blackburn, b____; m. John Molley (name of only one child.) - - -
 - (Milton Blackburn Molley, was a preacher in Spring Hill, Tenn.; m. Margaret Hill.
 - ((Donald Ewing Molley (a druggist) m. Letitia Caperton
 - ((Mary Corinne Molley.
 - ((Capt Cameron Molley, m. Eliza Bond.
 - ((Thomas Molley
 - ((Annie Molley
 - ((Nellie Molley; m. Mr. Huff.
 - ((Lucille Huff
- 7(Leah Blackburn who married John Louder (Souder?)
- 8(Rachel Blackburn married John Meek "in Franklin, Tenn. 7-11-1816).
- 9(Samuel Blackburn, who was manager of his Uncle Gen. Sam'l Blackburn's estates.
- 10(Jane Blackburn
- 11(Mary Blackburn
- 12(Elizabeth Blackburn
- 13(William Blackburn

(Note: We are not certain of the order of their birth. Of the first nine all except John were alive Mch 2, 1835. We suspect the last four died in early youth, and that the dates of their birth are scattered through the other nine.)

WILL of EDWARD BLACKBURN, son of Robert, and brother of Dr. Gideon Blackburn.

"I, Edward Blackburn of the County of Maury and State of Tennessee, planter, do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoaking and makeing void all former wills by me at any time heritfore made and first I direct that my body be decently intered at the graveyard on my primicis whare I at priasant reside in a manner suitable to my condition in life and as to such worldy estate as it hath pleased allmity god to intrust me with I dispose of the same as folows first I direct that all my debts and funeral expences be paid as soon after my deceace as posable out of aney moneys that I may die possesed of or may first come into the hands of my Executers from aney portion of my Estate real or personal.

II. I give an bequeath to my beloved wife Marthey Blackburn should she survive me a reasnable support out of any moneys that may come into the hands of my Executers which funds that remain in ther hands for that purpose apportioned to her by two disenterested pessons at the commencement of each year of her life or widowhood allso she is to have my serventgirle precillo to weight on her life time or widowhood and at her death or marriag the above previsio to seace and the remander to be eaquealy divided betwen all my lawful heires and the servent girle to be soald to the highest bidder and divided as above.

Thirdly I give to my sons Gideon B. Blackburn and R. S. Blackburn and daughter Sariah Blackburn as mutch of my Estate as I have given of to the rest of my children.

Fourthely I bequeath to my sonenlaw Jessay H. Wells the sum of five Dollars to be deducted out of the portion hereinafter set a part for his wife.

5th. I direct that all my personal Estate be soald to the highest bidder and that the procedes and all the moneys that I may die possed of divided with all my children.

6th. I further direct that all my lands be rented out untill my youngest child arrives at Twenty one years of age alsoe that my servant girle Judy be highered out for the same tirm of time and then all my land and servent girle Judy and her increce to be soald and the proceeds eaquealy divided betwen all of my children.

7th. I further direct and wish that all the portion of my personal and real Estate be retained in the hands of my Executers for the heirs after specified purpose that may be due my daughter Marthey Ann Wells and I doo hereby appoint them her guardian to manage her portion of my personal and real estate that may be going to her in the folowing manner viz thay lind it out if thay can and pay over to her at the Experation of each year all the entrust that may accrue for her ourne spetial benifit soe long as she may live and at her death to be eaqualy divided betwen the heirs of her boddy if she has anney but if she die dispososed of children then her portion of my Estate to be eaqualy divided betwen my lawful heires. I further direct that should my Executers be removed by death or otherwise that the Court appoint some person to the above specified purpose unconnected with her husbon J. H. Wells and that no portion of said legisey at any time be placed in the hands of the said J. H. Wells for any purpos what ever.

8th. I further ordain and wish that all of my personal and real estate be soald for a fair price and that thare be no favorite bidders at the sale of property eather personal or real and that my Executers inform the bidders of that fact before the sale should commence.

9th I doo herby make and appoint and ordain my beloved sone Edward R. Blackburn and my esteemed Neighbor Joseph N. Puckett Executers of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I Edward Blackburn the said testator to this will writin on one sheet of paper set my hand and seal this 8th day of January in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and forty-seven.

X

Edward Blackburn

Signed sealed and published
in the presance of us two have
subscribed in the presance of the
testator and of each other

Wm Wray, Jurat.

Abel Arrington, Jurat

J. L. Saunders, Jurat

(Exact copy of will of Edward Blackburn found in tin box "Old Wills A-E" on Court House of Maury Co. Columbia, Tenn. This will has never been recorded; it was contested by his son-in-law Jessap H. Wells, which paper is also in said box.)

Copied by Mrs. Annilu B. Odil, in 1938)

Martha Carney, wife of Edward Blackburn, born 4-4-1783; m. 9-29-1803; died in Lavaca Co., Texas, 6-19-1871.

Copy of a letter written by J. K. P. Blackburn, son of Edward Rose, grandson of Edward, gt-grandson of Robert Blackburn.

Copy

Lynneville, Tenn.

Sept. 20, 1908

Mr. John W. Blackburn:

Your letter of Aug. 18th was received some time since and I assure you it was most welcome. It has more Blackburn history in it than any letter I have read on the subject. My father had a family tradition that all Blackburns in America were descendants of four brothers who emigrated from England in early times and were blood kin. I have no doubt that if the tracing can be definitely and accurately done, it would show some relationship between us, though it would be distant probably. Your ancestor, it is true, came from Ireland to Penn. but the probability is he went from England to Ireland first. Richard and Edward Blackburn (brothers) came from England, Yorkshire Co., and William Blackburn the ancestor of J.W., T. R., A. B., and John H. Blackburn of Staunton, Va., was born in Yorkshire, England and came to Jefferson Co., Va., in 1759. They might all have been brothers or close relatives, I don't know. You asked me to what branch of the family I belong, I cannot get beyond my grandfather as yet. I have spent most of my life away from my people--leaving home at 16 - roving about some years - and then went to school four or five years paying my own way - from the school soon to the Confederate Army - and since the war have lived in Tenn. and my folks in Texas - so I have no access to the family records - and can only give them from recollection as they were told me at various times.

My grandfather, Edward Blackburn, was born in Virginia about 1775, married Martha Kearney (Carney) about 1805 or 1806. Issue: Edward, Prudence, Betsy, Jane, John L. D., Martha, Gideon, Asenath, Sarah, Robert Samuel.

My father Edward R. Blackburn was born 1808, married Jane Dickey 1809. Issue; Samuel E., Allison, J.K.T., Latvia, Anneth, Alice, Ida, Albert S., W.T.F.

My family, JKT Blackburn born Feb. 20, 1837, married Mary M. Laird, born Sept. 1845; married Feb. 10, 1867. Issue: Nanie G. 1868, Robert E. 1869, James K. 1871, John Laird 1873, William S., 1876, D. Gordon, 1878, Samuel S., 1880. "Mackie", 1886, Henry, 1890.

Gen. Samuel Blackburn was my grandfather's uncle and a brother of my great grandfather, Rev. Gideon B. was my grandfather's brother. If I could obtain their history or the name of their ancestors, it would be valuable in getting upon my family history. The material I have in hand you ask for consists of the Blackburn family chart published by Joseph Munsell & Sons, Albany, N.Y. The chart commences with the Col. Richard Blackburn of Dumfries, Va., and deals with his descendants. But John S. B. of Alexandria, Va., says that Hayden in his genealogy of Va., says that Richard B. had a brother Edward B. and from his descendants Gen. Samuel B. of Bath Co., Va. I have written back to John S. B. for a copy of Hayden on this point. I write to ask you to please copy and send all that Waddell says of the Blackburns in his annals of Augusta Co., Va. and much obliged.

Your friend,

JKP Blackburn

About 1856 Edward Rose Blackburn, his widowed mother, and several of his brothers and sisters removed to Texas. Capt. John Porter Blackburn, three brothers and two sisters of the Ambrose Blackburn line removed to Texas at the same time. We have only fragmentary notes on their descendants.

For additional data on this family, see pp. 48

IV. - ANDREW BLACKBURN, born 1744

V. - JAMES BLACKBURN, born 1746

sons of Benj. & Mary Blackburn; probably died in infancy as they are not mentioned in Benjamin's will of 1786.

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VI. - ELIZABETH BLACKBURN, born 1749; m. Thomas Bay (Bays): issue:

1. Benjamin Bay
2. Samuel Bay
3. Robert Bay; called Col. Robert Bay in Gen. Samuel Blackburn's will.
4. William Bay
5. Thomas Bay
6. Elizabeth Bay, who married William Runnels; Elizabeth died in 1835.
7. John Bay
8. James Bay
9. Archibald Bay

The last seven named were alive March 2, 1835, and shared in the estate of their uncle, the Gen. Samuel Blackburn.

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VII.- ARCHIBALD BLACKBURN (1751-1823), son of Benj. & Mary Blackburn was born about the time the Blackburns moved from Penn. to Frederick Co., Va.; married first, Rosannah Steele, daughter of Nathaniel and Rosannah Steele, grand-daughter of David Steele: (Aug Co., Rec. Vol. 3 pp 232); deed to Archibald between 1772-73; "Dedimus to take deposition of Archibald Blackburn who lives in Nolichuckey" (Aug Co. Rec. Vol. 1 pp 227, date Oct. 15, 1782). Aug. Co. Rec. Vol. 3 pp 209, see Nathaniel Steele's will for mention of Nathaniel Blackburn; date Oct. 13, 1795; (Aug Co. Rec. Vol. 3 pp 232) will of Rosannah Steele mentions Archibald Blackburn, son-in-law and Rosannah Blackburn, granddaughter.

The following nine children of Archibald Blackburn were living on Mch 2, 1835:

1. Nathaniel Blackburn
2. Benjamin Blackburn, who married Rachel Mathes, dau. of Alexander Mathes.
3. Rosannah Blackburn, who married John Mathes, son of Alexander Mathes.
4. Samuel Blackburn, who lived in Virginia with his uncle Gen. Sam'l B.
5. Polly Blackburn who married Henry Hoss.
6. William Blackburn, had a son Samuel, mentioned in his brother Sam'l's will.
7. Thomas Blackburn
8. Elizabeth Blackburn who married J. Mann; evidently lived with her brother Samuel in Virginia.
9. Archibald Blackburn.

Archibald Blackburn (1751-1823) moved down to Limestone, Tenn., about 1782 or 1784, with his father's family and the Mathes family. Archibald received grant of land (see Hist. Archives, Nashville, Tenn. Bk B. pp 163 Grant #389) a tract of land containing 400 acres lying and being in our county of Green on the south side of the Nolichuckey and on little Lick Creek."

Archibald was evidently married twice. We infer that the first four were the children of Archibald and Rosannah; and the last five were the children by the second wife, Isabell _____. In his will, probated in Washington Co., Tenn., in October 1823, he mentions "my beloved wife Isabel Blackburn" and the nine children enumerated above; his son William Blackburn and his son-in-law Henry Hoss and John Mathes are made executors. The witnesses to the will were John Nelson, David Nelson, David Brown.

Gen. Samuel Blackburn in his will made "Samuel Blackburn, Jr., son of my brother Archibald" one of the executors of his will and states that Samuel Blackburn, Jr. had "superintended my business for many years".

Samuel Blackburn, Jr. (No. 4 above) in his will made in 1855 mentions "my sister Elizabeth Mann; my two nieces, Amanda Sitlington and Elizabeth Mann; my brother, William's son Samuel" and wills the residue of his estate to all his nephews and nieces living at his death "with the exception of one and that is Alfred Hoss of Phila." (We don't know what ill will he held against Alfred Hoss, who is said to have been a very worthy man.)

In the cemetery on the campus of Washington College, Limestone, Tenn. we saw the grave of Henry Hoss, but could find no stones to the memory of any Blackburns, although we feel confident that Benjamin, Sr., Archibald, his son, and others of the Blackburn family must have been buried there, as the home of Benjamin which he gave to Archibald at his death in 1790 was located only a mile from Limestone, "on Onion branch and Limestone Creek."

Benjamin Blackburn (No. 2 above) married Rachel Mathes (b. 1795). Issue:

1. John Blackburn "moved to Missouri"
2. Elizabeth Blackburn "moved to Missouri"
3. Ebenezer Blackburn "moved to Ga. and died shortly. Probably went with his Uncle Samuel."
4. William Blackburn "left home and never heard of."
5. Archibald Blackburn, Jr., "died at home."
6. Louisa Blackburn "married a Mr. Gillespie of Blount Co., Tenn."
7. Isabella Blackburn "married Dr. Gillespie, son of Louisa's husband."
8. Lucinda Blackburn, "married a Mr. Taylor of Blount Co., Tenn."
9. Nancy Blackburn, b. 1825; m. Dr. M. F. Gerald, M.D. in U.S. army 61-65. (Chalmers Gerald "lives in Greenville, Tenn.")
10. Amanda Blackburn, m. Campbell Teahorn and moved to California.

Rosannah Blackburn (No. 3 above) daughter of Archibald Blackburn, married John Mathes. Issue:

- (Archibald Alexander Mathes (1812-1891) walked to Princeton; became an able Pres. minister; was instructor at Washington College in 1838; Vice-Pres. in 1840.
- (Allen Mathes
- (William Mathes married Susan Mathes, dau. of Geo. Leigh Mathes & Phoebe Weir, a first cousin on his father's side and a first cousin once removed on his mother's side.
- (Mary Jane Mathes
- (Lavinia Evelyn Mathes married James H. Blackburn, a 2nd cousin.

Samuel Blackburn, Jr. (No. 4 above) mentions no wife or children in his will of 1855; from the text we might infer that he never married.

Polly (Mary) Blackburn (No. 5 above) married Henry Hoss, who was Pres. of Greenville College. Issue:

- (Alfred Hoss married his cousin, Francina Pouder, dau. of Judge Leonard Pouder, of Maryland. Alfred Hoss succeeded his father as Pres. of Greenville Col.
- (Alfred had no children. He was very slender and tall; his wife very short.
- (Samuel Blackburn Hoss, married Almeda Snell:
 - (Albina Hoss, who married Willis P. King, M.D.
 - (Albert Barnes Hoss
 - (Henry Park Hoss
 - (Granville Snell Hoss, who married Julia McBride
 - (Emily Hoss, who married D. C. Ellis, M.D.
 - (Edwin Hoss
 - (Theodore Hoss
 - (Oliver Hever Hoss, who married Luna Wilson (Address Judge O. H. Hoss, Nevada Mo.
 - (Frances Hoss, who married W. A. Arnold.

Military Grant to Archibald Blackburn

State of North Carolina Book B 163 Grant #387

Know ye that we have given and granted unto Archibald Blackburn a tract of land containing four hundred acres lying and being in our County of Green; on the south side of Noleychuckey and on little Lick Creek; beginning at a black oak on Spencer Rice's line running east ten chains to a gum; thence south forty chains to a hornbeam; thence east twenty chains to a poplar; thence south thirty-five chains to a black oak; thence west sixty four chains to a stake; thence north seventy five chains to a stake on said Rice's line; thence east thirty-four chains to the beginning; to hold to the said Archibald Blackburn, his heirs and assigns forever.

Dated the 20th day of September 1787.

J. Glasgow, Secy

Rd. Caswell

A copy

Wm Hill, Secy

Warrant #362 Surveyed by D. Taylor, Robert King and W. Buckingham, chain carriers.

Taken from the records in the Hist. Archives at Nashville, Tenn. August 1935

Will of Archibald Blackburn (1751-1823)

Be it remembered that I, Archibald Blackburn, of Washington Co., State of Tenn., being weak in body but of sound mind & memory and considering the uncertainty of all human life, do name and publish this my last will and testament in the manner and form following: - - -

FIRST: I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Isabel Blackburn the use of my house and kitchen and furniture belonging to each during her life and at her death, she shall have the liberty to divide the furniture among all her children; also my negro boy Jim to be on the farm under the control of my son William.

SECOND: I give and bequeath to my son Nathaniel Blackburn one horse and saddle to be worth one hundred dollars at market price.

THIRD: I give and bequeath to my son Benjamin Blackburn twenty dollars in property at market price.

FOURTH: I give and bequeath to my son Samuel Blackburn one hundred acres of land of the upper end of my plantation, adjoining the line of the heirs of Michael Woods "Dau" (?).

FIFTH: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Rosannah Mathes one hundred dollars in property at market price.

SIXTH: I give and bequeath to my son William Blackburn all the remainder of my plantation including all the building, stock & farming utensils, but his mother to have possession while she lives and he also maintaining her _____estly while she lives; also my negro boy Jim after his mother's death.

SEVENTH: I give and bequeath to my daughter Polly Hoss fifty dollars in property at market price.

EIGHTH: I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Blackburn one horse and saddle worth seventy dollars in trade;

NINTH: I give and bequeath to my daughter Betsy Blackburn one mare called "Nanie" (?), four head of cattle, two cows and two young cattle, one bureau, two beds and furniture & five hundred dollars in property at market price.

TENTH: I give and bequeath to my son Archibald Blackburn one horse and saddle worth seventy-five dollars and two hundred dollars in trade at market price; and LASTLY: I give and bequeath all the debts due unto me after my just debts are paid out of it to be equally divided between my son William and my three daughters; and I hereby constitute and appoint my son William Blackburn and my son-in-law * Henry Hoss and John Mathes executors of my last will and testament and do annul all former wills made by me and declare this to be my last will and testament. Signed, sealed and declared to be the last will and testament of the testator in the presence of us on the 4th day of August 1823.

John Nelson
David Nelson
David Brown

his
Archibald x Blackburn
mark

Proved in October 1823.

Copied from the records at Jonesboro, Tenn., August 1935 by W A C.

(*"son-in-law" was written in the singular.)

Will of Samuel Blackburn, son of Archibald Blackburn, Mch., 19th, 1855.

I Samuel Blackburn of the County of Augusta State of Virginia do make and publish this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made; and first I direct that my body be decently inter'd uppon my own plantation & direct my friends to select a suitable place - And as to such worldly estate as it has pleased God to entrust me with I dispose of as follows - First I direct that all my debts and Funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of the first meney's that shall come into the hand of my executor from any portion of my estate - Also direct that a fair valuation or appraisment be made by three judicious neighbors of all my said estate.

Second I give to my sister Elizabeth Mann the plantation uppon which I now reside during her lifetime - to have the free use of said farm - all I ask is to keep the fences etc. in decent repair and the brush kept down - also I give to my sister Elizabeth Mann Two work horses, Five milch cows, six sheep and grain enough for the use of the family untill the new crop is cut - the crop growing all to go to my sister - I also give to my sister E. Mann my negro woman Patsy and her four children - at my sister's death it is my will that they said family of negros be equally divided between my two nieces Amanda Sitlington and Elizabeth Mann.

I also give to my sister Elizabeth Mann Five hundred Dollars cash to be paid by my excr. as soon as convenient.

Third, I give to my niece Amanda Sitlington Five hundred dollars

fourth I give to my niece Elizabeth Mann Five hundred dollars it is my will that if she should not recover her health & decease in short time - that she have the right to dispose of her property as she thinks proper.

Fifth, It is my will that my negro woman Francis remain with my sister Eliz. Mann to be her property - but if said negro woman Francis prefer going to some other person she is to choose her own master and my Executor is authorized to make sale of her to the person she may choose.

Sixth - It is my will that my black man Frederick be sold to his son James Morman at one dollar but if Frederick prefers choosing another master he can do so and my Executor is authorized to make the sale.

Seventh - It is my will to give to Mr. J. Mann Two work horses & Gear The best waggon and Harrow Two good Plows & Log Chain

Eight - It is my will to give to Bro. William's son Samuel my Land warrant and I authorize my Executor to assign the same to him.

Ninth - It is my will after the decease of my sister Mann that my Executor sell my farm uppon which I now reside uppon such Terms as he may think best.

Tenth - It is my will that after the sale of all my property both real and personal not heretofore disposed of be equally divided Between all my nephews and nieces living at my death - with the exception of one and that is Alfred Hoss of Phila..

Eleventh - I do hereby make and appoint my friend Robt. J. Glendy, my Executor of this my last will and testament - and it is my will that my Executor shall give no secutiry -

In witness whereof I Saml. Blackburn the Testator, have to this will written on one sheet of paper set my hand and seal this 19th day of March 1855.

Witness

Saml. Blackburn. Seal

Robt. J. Glendy

Copy Teste Harry Burnett, Clerk

J. Mann

Eliz A. Daggy

(Amanda Sitlington was probably a married dau. of Elizabeth Mann. WAC)

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VIII. GEORGE BLACKBURN - born 1753

IX. WILLIAM BLACKBURN - born 1755

These two sons of Benj. and Mary Blackburn probably died in early childhood - no mention of them is made in their father's will in 1791. Of course, they might have been killed in the Rev. War, but it would appear very probable that we would have found some mention of that fact somewhere in some of the data left, if that had been true.

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X. ANN (NANCY) BLACKBURN, born 1757, married John Weir (Wear) a Rev. War Vet. They had 3 sons and 5 dau. living on Mch 2, 1835, - two daughters deceased at that date, namely Mary and Susannah.

- (1. Elizabeth Wear married James Gray
- (2. Phoebe Wear married Geo. Leigh Mathes.
- (3. Susan Wear married _____ Bird.
- (4. Hugh Wear
- (5. Goerge Wear
- (6. Benjamin Wear, "who is since died". (1835)
- (7. Margaret Wear, who married J. W. Wilson, "who has since died". (1836)
- (8. Nancy Wear, who married Thomas Alexander.
- (9. "Mary Wear, wife of James Cunningham, deceased prior to 3/2/1835".
- (10 "Susannah Rice, late Susannah Wear, daughter of John Wear and Nancy, his wife."

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ADDENDA

Solon McCroskey Hughes, son of Eliza Blackburn Hughes, grandson of John A. Blackburn (1795-1819); gt. grson of Thomas Blackburn (1767 -); gt gt grson of Robert Blackburn. Children of Solon & Ella Thomas Hughes - - -

- (Vera Hughes, (Aug. 2, 1891-Nov 23, 1918) m. Homer Bowls, Aug. 16, 1910
- ((Allen Bernard Bowls, b Jan. 18, 1913; m. Lilian Fly, Sep. 12, 1936
- ((Norella Valentine Bowls, b. June 29, 1937
- ((Maxine Valentine Bowls, b. Feb. 14, 1915; m. Allen Mitton, Jan 5, 1935
- ((Van Allen Mitton, b. Dec. 5, 1936

- (Vivian Hughes, b. Feb 7, 1893; m. 1st, Bernard Tutwiler, Dec. 27, 1911; 2nd (Harvey Bevins Tutwiler, b. Oct. 25, 1913 (Geo Knudson, July 29/30.
- (Thomas Malcolm Hughes, b. June 9, 1895; m. Fern Mitton, Feb. 23, 1918.
- (Inez Madeline Hughes, b. Nov. 27, 1918; m. Marvin Beck, Nov. 12, 1940
- (Malcolm Dale Hughes, b. Dec. 1, 1921
- (Leland E. Hughes, b. Apr. 5, 1903; m. 1st, Bettie Carrol, 1924; 2nd Beth
- (Hiram Theodore Hughes, b. Dec. 20, 1904; single. (Kenney, 1933
- (From Miss Laura Hughes, Willard, Mo., April 1942)

EDWARD ROSE BLACKBURN, son of Edward Blackburn, gr son of Robert Blackburn; gt. grson of Benjamin Blackburn. Edward R & Hester (Dickey) Blackburn were the parents of nine children. All born in Tenn. Edward & wife are buried at Belton, Texas.

- 1(Allison Dickey Blackburn (Nov. 10, 1833-Jan 25, 1837) aged 4 yr 2 mo 15 d.
- 2(Samuel Edward Blackburn (Mar 14, 1835-July 30, 1899); m-1st Susan C. Dansby, 1856.
 - (in Tenn; m. 2nd Mrs. Ellen Anna Stuart Prince, 7/14/1869 in Texas.
 - (Samuel & Susan had three children: Samuel & Ellen, five children.
 - (Frances Elizabeth Jane Blackburn (Oct 31, 1857-June 10, 1938) m. Wm D.
 - ({ Edna Iris Hunter (Aug 14, 1881-Jul 18, 1885) (Hunter, 10/12/80
 - ({ Willie Ora Hunter, b. Mar 19, 1886; m. Hal B. Armstrong, 1908 (Austin, Tex
 - ({ (Hal B. Armstrong, Jr, b. 2/13/11; m Mildred Waring, 1938. (Capt in Air C.
 - ({ Jean Nette Hunter, b. Jan 20, 1891; m. Chas W. Hackett,*1915, (Austin, Tx.
 - ({ (Frances Blackburn Hackett, b. May 25, 1916; m. W. T. Rison, 1938 (1st Lt.
 - ({ (Frances Hunter Rison, b. Jan 5, 1942 (Air.)
 - ({ (Chas. Wilson Hackett, Jr. b. Oct. 26, 1921
 - (Mary Samuel Blackburn (Aug 20, 1862-Sep. 3, 1869)
 - (Susan Lavenia Blackburn, b. Oct 19, 1868; m. Joe Lane Pulliam, 7/10/1888
 - (Ellen Ada Blackburn
 - (Ruth Almira Blackburn married Walter Oliver Stephens in Austin, Tex.
 - ((Ruth Margaret Stephens, died in infancy.
 - ((Ellen Ada Stephens, who m. Hal Strange Davis, Jul 18, 1923; died 7/2/29
 - (((Hal Stephens Davis, b. Feb. 14, 1929
 - (Alice Almeda Blackburn, m. James Boone Rhodes, June 7, 1911
 - (Willie Alberta Blackburn, m. Jas. P. Murray, Apr 29, 1907, died 1918
 - ((Edward Stuart Murray (May 4, 1908-June 10, 1934)
 - (Edward Stuart Blackburn, who married Margerita De Cou, Dec. 24, 1910
 - ((Helen Elizabeth Blackburn, b. Dec. 23, 1913; m. Ashlee Q. Rylander, 1937
 - ((Edward Stuart Blackburn, Jr. b. Sept. 8, 1919
- 3(James Knox Polk Blackburn (Feb. 20, 1837-July 6, 1923)
 - (record of children pp 39.
- 4(Lavenia Mexico Blackburn, (Nov 19, 1838-Mar. 22, 1922)m. Henry Holtzclaw
 - (issue ? she is buried in Belton, Texas.
- 6(Alice Jane Blackburn (Oct 6, 1842-Apr 5, 1906) m. Dr. Duff Brown, Sept 8, 1867
 - (issue? married in Texas; buried at Llano, Texas.
- 5(Euphemia Anita Blackburn (Aug 16, 1840-Jul 28, 1911) m. W. F. Glass on 6/10/1860
 - (issue ? married in Texas; buried in Coryell Co., Tex.
- 7(Mary Ida Blackburn (May 2, 1844-Apr 18, 1886) m. R. J. Glass, Oct 15, 1865
 - (issue ? married in Texas; buried in Coryell Co., Texas.
- 8(Albert Spencer Blackburn Apr 1, 1846-Nov. 1910) unmarried, buried at Belton, Tex.
- 9(William Pompey Blackburn (Oct 8, 1849-Jan 15, 1917) m. Allie Pendleton, 12/27/76.
 - (issue ? married in Texas, buried at Belton, Texas.

*See Who's Who in America for Charles Wilson Hackett

"Mr. W. L. Zachary, El Paso, Texas, is a grandson of John L. D. Blackburn" and gt grandson of Edward Blackburn (1775-1847) see pp. 40.

(Above from Mrs. J. B. Rhodes & Mrs. C. W. Hackett, April 1942)

XI GENERAL SAMUEL BLACKBURN (1759-1835)

SAMUEL BLACKBURN, the youngest son of Benjamin and Mary Blackburn, was born in 1759. He served during the Revolutionary War with the Virginian forces. He must have served with distinction, as he came out of the war with the title of General and received a grant from the United States of eight hundred fifty acres of land in Madison County, Ohio, apparently for his services. In 1784 he moved with his father to what is now Washington County, Tennessee where he attended Washington College, which conferred the degree of A.B. upon him in 1785. He moved on down into Georgia, where he taught for some time at the Academy at Washington, Wilkes County. He married Anna Mathews, daughter of the Georgian Governor, General George Mathews who served in the Indian Wars and the War of the Revolution. This item is found in Draper's King's Mountain and Its Heroes. "John Sevier was sent to school in Staunton; while there he accidentally fell into a mill-race and was saved from drowning by the heroic efforts of two young ladies, one of whom subsequently became the wife of George Matthews, one of the heroes of Point Pleasant and subsequently a Colonel in the Revolution and Governor of Georgia". General Samuel Blackburn after his marriage settled in Elbert County on Broad River, Ga. He was advancing successfully in his legal profession and in political influence until the meeting of the State Legislature in 1795. He was a member of that Legislature in 1795 which passed the infamous "Yazoo Act" which rendered him so unpopular that he left the State and went back to Virginia where he practiced law in Bath County until his death. However, it is stated that the allegations against the integrity of General Blackburn were founded upon the most trivial circumstances.

General Samuel Blackburn was a "classical scholar and was one of the most eloquent men of his time." After his return to Bath County, Virginia, he entered actively into the practice of law, and the records of Augusta County bear record that he was "qualified to practice law on November 15, 1796". He represented Bath County in the Virginian Legislature a number of times and was reputed to have been instrumental in placing the first legal restraint against dueling upon the Statutes of Virginia; the first action of that kind passed in the United States. He died March 2, 1835, and is buried in the Episcopalian Cemetery at Staunton, Va. His will and the settlement of his estate is quite long, but since it contains much valuable history and genealogy of the Blackburn relationship, we will add it to this narrative.

Will of General Samuel Blackburn (1751-1835)

I, Saml Blackburn of the county of Bath & Commonwealth of Virginia in anticipation of the lot common to humanity on this first day of June in the year of our Lord, 1830, do make and publish this my last will and testament entirely written by my own hand and sealed with my seal the day and year aforesaid.

S. Blackburn (Seal)

Hereby annulling and revoking all prior wills by me made and published. I die as I trust, a Christian, believing as I must in the doctrine of the atonement by the death, the suffering and mediation of the Lord Jesus Christ as delivered to us in the Gospels by his Evangelists and apostles, into whose hands I wish with humble confidence to commit my soul and body with all their vast concerns till it shall please Him to reanimate them in a new and I trust a highly improved mode of existence. Among the different sects of professing Christians, which have obtained in this country, I call myself a Presbyterian, not merely by descent, education or accident, but from reflection, inquiry and preference, yet I feel no inclination to shut the door of mercy against any christian denomination, whatever fault I may find with their supposed errors; who am I that I should condemn man's servant; to his own Master, let his stand or fall-----.

As to the property which it has pleased God to give me I make of it the following disposition: -

1st. My will and desire is that all my just debts be paid by my executors hereinafter named with convenient dispatch after my decease.

2nd. That all the slaves of which I may die, seized and possessed without distinction of age or sex be and they are hereby declared free and forever emancipated from all claim to future services to me, my heirs and executors or any of them, and together with their increase to the latest posterity shall be and remain clear and forever discharged from all such claims as aforesaid and as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made by my Executors they shall be transported to the American Colony in Liberia and the expense of transportation be charged upon my estate real and personal. It is however expressly and explicitly understood that if any of my slaves aforesaid refuse to accept this boon it will be the duty of my executors and they are hereby requested, so to do, to sell to the highest bidder in terms of the sale all who thus refuse and pause and persevere in the refusal as slaves for life. And here let me admonish and warn those people ~~to~~ forever from that state of slavery and degradation in which I found them and in which many of them have long served me. ~~to~~ how they let slip this golden moment of emancipating themselves and their posterity ---

3rd. I give and bequeath to my nephew Samuel Blackburn, Junior, son of Archibald Blackburn, to him and his heirs forever all that tract or parcels of land originally purchased by me from Robert Douthat and of Record in Bath County, being apart of the tract called Cloverdale and estimated at four hundred and forty-nine acres by the same more or less with all the improvements made thereover and appurtenance therewith belonging, but ~~by~~ two annual installments within the space of two years after my death the sum of one thousand dollars to fall in the residue of my estate. I also give to my said nephew Samuel Blackburn, Jr., and to his heirs Marshall's Life of Washington which from the gratitude and affection I bear to the memory of that great man and the merited confidence reposed in the fidelity of his biographer I have long determined should descend as heirlooms if I may so speak in re to this particular branch of my estate. ~~Upon~~ this express condition that my said nephew Samuel Blackburn pay to my executors ---

4th. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Ann Blackburn, my brick house and lot in the town of Staunton and County of Augusta, purchased from the heirs of Alexander McClanahan described in the plan of the said town with the improvements made thereon and all the appurtenance thereunto belonging as also a lot adjoining thereto containing by estimate one acre and fronting the lot owned by _____ Carroll of said town, as also a tract of woodland purchased from Robert Douthat containing _____ acres lying on or near the main road leading from Staunton to Middle River at Bells formerly, and also my undivided fifth part of the Washington Tavern in Staunton and of the out lots and woodland bought from the heirs of William Marshall connected and belonging to said purchase together with a tract of land granted to me by patent from the Government of the United States lying in the state of Ohio (Madison County) of about 8¹/₂ acres to her and her heirs forever. I further give to my said wife all money or other property which she ^{or may receive} has received / from or on account of the will of her father, the late General George Mathews, or which I may receive or have received from his estate by said will on her account, together with all money or other property which having made herself, she shall have been permitted during my life to use at her discretion and for her benefit and all debts due on account of such money loaned by her. I moreover give her one choice of fifty volumes of my library, my law books and Marshall's Life of Washington, the latter being herein disposed of, excepted. I also give her my gold watch together with my kitchen and household furniture, including my plate, china, pictures and portrait by Cook.

The three tracts of land yet undisposed of lying in Bath County, taking them in order they stand on Mill Creek are, 1st, Cloverdale, the old improvement containing _____ acres conveyed to me under a decree of the Superior Court of Chancery held at Staunton; second, the tract called the John Mathews tract containing 458 acres one rood and 35 poles. The 3rd is disposed of to Sammie Blackburn is as above. The 4th as they lie on the creek and to be disposed of is called the upper or Fowler tract adjoining the land of John Fowler deceased and containing 452 acres all however originally belonging to a large tract called Cloverdale. Now it is my will and desire that these three tracts be laid off by my executors as equally as may be respect being had to quantity and quality and sold by them payable in such installments as they in their discretion may think most advantageous to the Estate, which being done the proceeds of the sale are hereby directed to be equally distributed by my executors among all my nephews and nieces, I mean the children of my own brothers and sisters, that is such of them as may be alive at the time of my death. The Brick House and lot purchased of Mathew B. Truss in the town of Staunton and County of Augusta together with a lot supposed to contain half an acre and lying in that part of said town called New Town also purchased of the said Mathew will also be sold by my executors and thrown into the common fund for equal distribution among my nephews and nieces that is such as of them as may be living at the time of my death.

I give to my oldest and now only surviving brother Benjamin Blackburn, should he survive me and only on that event, three hundred dollars, otherwise this legacy shall fall into the residue of my estate and be equally divided as aforesaid-- To my nephew, John Blackburn, son of the said Benjamin, I give a horse and saddle worth one hundred and twenty dollars for a colt left by him in my possession in addition to what he otherwise is entitled to--To my nephew, Colonel Robert Bay, son of my sister Elizabeth Bay, wife of Thomas Bay deceased, my law library being a professional man that is such as in the opinion of my executor pre-eminently claim that character in addition to what he may be entitled to from the division aforesaid--To my nephew the Reverend Gideon Blackburn, son of my brother Robert Blackburn to him and his heirs I give the balance of my library (these books were sold and money turned over to Dr. Blackburn's widow--\$84.66. W.A.C.) not herein specifically disposed of containing about _____ volumes, in addition to what share otherwise be entitled to on the division aforesaid on the further condition that he survives me, otherwise this legacy shall lapse and the library be sold by my executors and subjected to the terms of the division aforesaid.--To my nephew Samuel Blackburn, son of my brother Robert Blackburn, I give the sum of three hundred dollars in remuneration for his expenses in returning to the State of Tennessee from Virginia, of which I suppose he has remuneration in writing, this is also addition to his claim under the said division and in full of all claims whatever.--To the Bible Society in Staunton, its present officers and their successors, I give five hundred dollars to be disposed of in such manner as their discretion may deem most likely to subserve the laudable intention of the State or of the United States to supply all destitute families with the Holy Scriptures.--To my nephew Samuel Blackburn aforesaid, I give my sword, my rifle barrell, silver mounted pistol. My hunting rifle and two imported shot guns the larger and the lesser with all the accoutrements whereunto belonging and are intended to descend with that part of my estate herein devised to him without any deduction on that account. The disposition made in this my will in favor of deserved well-beloved wife Ann Blackburn being liberal and as believed ample were intended as a bar in lieu of dower in the balance of my real estate, yet it is my desire if my said wife should survive me, and wishes to remove to Staunton or elsewhere that my executor pay her annually in lieu of dower on the wilderness plantation the sum of two hundred dollars during her natural life--Amongst the debts herein recognized

and directed to be paid with lawful interest is oneto Mrs. Jane Telfair, a loan say of three hundred dollars on which I am entitled to a credit of two hundred dollars for two very fine animals, one horse and a mare, furnished to her son, Dr. Isaac Telfair perhaps soon after his return from sea the last when removing to the state of Ohio. To Dr. Isaac Telfair, my wife's nephew, I give and bequeath the sum of five hundred dollars being well assured from the arrangements herein made he will possess a much greater portion of my estate than any of my own relations, Samuel Blackburn excepted, who has superintended my business for many years. To Mrs. Ann E. Lilly, the wife of Dr. Robert Lilly of Ohio and my wife's niece, I give and bequeath the sum of five hundred dollars. I give and bequeath to John H. Peyton, Esquire, provided he undertakes the execution of my will five hundred dollars in addition to his lawful commission.

The Residue of my estate of every description not herein otherwise disposed of as from any cause shall fail to pass in pursuance of the devises and bequeaths aforesaid, I give to my nephews and nieces, that is to such of them as may be alive at the time of my death, to be equally divided amongst them. As the acceptance or rejection of the freedom now offered is to seal the fate of such of my unfortunate people who do reject it and that of their posterity in a state of most hopeless and degrading slavery for perhaps centuries to come, or to restore to their country the land of their fathers from which they have long been exiled such of them as may accept it enrolling them in the ranks of men and citizens from which they have long been expelled, my executors will excuse me when I entreat, they will see this great question fairly put and freely answered uninfluenced by promise or hope of reward or the dread of punishment, and that the names of those who refuse to accept, should such be found, be registered which when certified by my executors to be correct will be entered of Record in Bath County with this last will and testament.

I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Ann Blackburn executrix my aforesaid friend John H. Peyton and Samuel Blackburn, Junior, son of Archibald, Executors of this my last will and testament.

S. Blackburn.

Signed sealed and published in presence of the foregoing will of Samuel Blackburn was read to him and by him acknowledged in our presence, who have at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other witnessed the same which consists of several sheets paged from No. 1 to No. 7.

Saml Clarke
Joseph Cowan
Hugh Hamilton

Codicil to my will:

I will to my wife Anne Blackburn, Scarborough and her descendents should she refuse to be transported to Liberia, my carriage and horses are also willed to her omitted in my original will.

Samuel Blackburn

This codicil to the last will and testament of Samuel Blackburn was acknowledged by him in our presence who desires us to subscribe our names as witnesses to the acknowledgement.

Saml Clark
Joseph Cowan
Hugh Hamilton

Codicil:

Whereas I Samuel Blackburn of Bath County and State of Virginia in the year 1830 made my last will and testament, in which said will I have emancipated and set free all my slaves at my death with a proviso that they should go to the colony of Liberia and that if they or any of them refused to go they are to be sold by my executors as slaves, and whereas I didn't express in what way they are to be sold to my satisfaction, I do therefore now certify make known and request that it is my earnest wish, desire and will that my executors or administrators do not sell them separately, but that they sell them in families and at private sale to such masters or mistresses, on such terms as they may think most advantageous. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 30th day of October 1834.

Ann Blackburn

for Sam'l Blackburn (Seal)

Signed sealed and acknowledged in the presence of us--

Walter Richards

Thomas Mayse.

Bath County Court July Term 1835.

This last will and testament of Sam'l Blackburn decd with two codicils thereto was presented in court and proved as the will and one of the codicils by Sam'l Clarke and Joseph Cowan subscribing witnesses thereto, and by Thomas Mayse and Walter Richards subscribing witnesses as to the other codicil and ordered to be recorded.

Teste. Chas. L. Francisco,
Clerk

A true copy from will Book 4, pages 263-269.

F. L. Lahue, Clerk,

by Geo. W. Clock, Depty Clk.

(Bath County was formed in 1791.)

State of Virginia, Augusta County, to wit:

This day SAMUEL BLACKBURN of Monroe County, East Tennessee personally appeared before me, a Justice of Peace for said County, and made oath that he believed himself to be one of the sons of Robert Blackburn, deceased, and was always so treated and recognized. He further states that said Robert Blackburn was always reputed and believed and recognized to be the brother of the late General Samuel Blackburn of Bath County, Virginia. He further states that said Robert Blackburn departed this life many years ago leaving a large family, and that at the time of the death of General Samuel Blackburn viz, on the 2nd of March 1835, there were living of the children of said Robert Blackburn, the following: Thomas, Benjamin, Gideon (since dead), Edward, Sarah, the wife of John Malloy, Samuel, Leah, the widow of John Lowder, and Rachel, the wife of John Meek and no others. Given under my hand and seal at the said County of Augusta, this 15th day of June 1839.

Signed, Gerard B. Steuart.

Another affidavit shows that Thomas, son of Robert, lived in Blount County, Tennessee. Edward Blackburn, Leah Lowder, John and Rachel Meek lived in Maury County, Tennessee.

A letter from Benjamin Blackburn, dated at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, November 10, 1835, states: -

"That his father, Benjamin Blackburn died September 24, 1834; that his brother John lives in Fayette County, Alabama; his sister, Mary Davis lives in the state of Mississippi near Columbus about 80 miles from Tuscaloosa; his sister, Jane Wallace, lives in Lawrence County in Alabama about 100 miles from Tuscaloosa; his sister Sally Derwin, lives in Jackson County, Alabama about 130 miles from Tuscaloosa;" "Sister Asena has been twice married, first to Ezekiel Harlen, and then to a Mr. Miller." "He has not seen her for 20 years, she lived near Lexington Kentucky. "Brother James has removed to Arkansas. "Myself and wife has thirteen children, nine sons and four daughters. Mrs. Weir's name was Nancy Blackburn, she was the sister of General Samuel Blackburn.

A newspaper clipping gives additional names of a niece, Mary Cunningham, wife of James Cunningham, late Mary Weir.

Susannah Rice, late Susannah Weir, children of John Weir and Nancy, his wife, which Nancy was the sister of General Samuel Blackburn.

It is also stated that Jane Blackburn, daughter of John Blackburn, was the wife of Thomas Snoddy, and that said John Blackburn was the brother of General Samuel Blackburn.

Asenath Miller was formerly Asenath Blackburn, the daughter of Benjamin Blackburn and said Benjamin Blackburn was the brother of General Samuel Blackburn.

Blackburn's Executors

Vs

Report: -

Blackburn's Legatees

In obedience to the order of the Court your commissioner proceeded on this day to examine the evidence in the papers in this cause for the purpose of ascertaining the number of the nephews and nieces of Gen'l Sam'l Blackburn, dec'd, who were living at that time of his death, viz.--on the 2nd day of Mch 1835 & who were entitled to portions of the residuum of his estate under the provisions of his will-- & he begs leave to submit the following report:

It appears that there were four brothers of Samuel Blackburn dec'd & two sisters all of whom left issue who are entitled to a portion of the residuum of his estate.

The names of the brothers were as follows: viz. Robert, Archibald, John, and Benjamin all of whom are dead.

The names of the sisters - the wife of John Weir and the wife of Thos Bay. The sisters are also dead.

Robert Blackburn had eight children living at the death of Samuel Blackburn as appears by the affidavit of Samuel Blackburn of Tennessee filed among the papers. Their names are as follows: Thomas, Benjamin, Gideon, who died since the death of Samuel Blackburn, Edward, Sarah the wife of John Mallory, Samuel, Leah, the widow of John Souder (Louder?) & Rachel the wife of John Meek.

Archibald Blackburn had nine children living on the 2nd day of March 1835 as appears from the affidavit of John Fain marked II and filed among the papers in this cause, viz, Nathaniel, Benjamin, Roasanna, Samuel, Polly, William, Thomas, Elizabeth and Archibald.

John Blackburn had nine children living on the 2nd day of March 1835, as appears from the affidavit of John McCampbell marked no. 12 and filed among the papers in this cause and from the letter of Thomas Snoddy which is also filed. Their names are as follows: Andrew, John, Edward, James, William, George, Polly, the widow of James Moyers, Grizey the widow of Gideon Blackburn and Nancy the widow of John Carson.

Benjamin Blackburn had five children living on the 2nd day of March 1835, as appears from the letter of John Wallace who intermarried with one of them, which letter is filed among the papers in this cause. Their names are as follows: Jane, the wife of John Wallace, Polly, the wife of John Davis, Benjamin and John Blackburn and Sally the wife of James Derwin.

Mrs. Weir had eight children living at the death of Gen'l Samuel Blackburn as appears by the deposition of Andrew Hannah appended to a power of atty., marked No. 14 and filed among the papers in this cause and also from the letter of J. W. Wilson and Thomas Alexander among the papers. Their names are as follows: Elizabeth, the wife of James Gray, Phoebe, the widow of George Matthews, Susan, the wife of _____ Bird, Hugh Weir, George Weir, Benjamin Weir who is since dead. Margaret the wife of _____ Wilson who has also since died and Nancy the wife of Thomas Alexander.

Mrs. Bay had seven children living at the death of Gen'l Samuel Blackburn. There had been nine children in all as appears from the depositions of William Runnels and Robert Bay Sen'r filed with the answer of Robert Bay, Jr, but it appears that two of them, viz- Benjamin and Samuel died before Sam'l Blackburn's decease. The names of those living on the 2nd of March 1835 are Robert Bay, William Bay, Thomas Bay, Elizabeth the wife of Wm. Runnels since dead and John, James and Archibald Bay.

Recapitulation -

Robert Blackburn's family.....	8
Archibald Blackburn's family.....	9
John Blackburn's family.....	9
Benj. Blackburn's family.....	5
Mrs. Weir's family.....	8
Mrs. Bay's Family.....	7
Whole no. Nephews and Nieces.....	46

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Sam'l Clark - M. com-
June 15th, 1839

The Blackburn - Mathews Relationship

Due to the intermarriage of a number of the Blackburns and Mathews, and the mooted question of the parentage of Jane (Janet) Mathews (1747-1818) who married John Blackburn (1740-1808) in Frederick County, Va., on April 2, 1765; it is cogent to this narrative to present what we have learned concerning the early settlement of the Blackburn and Mathews families and to state the reasons for our belief that Janet Mathews was the daughter of Alexander and Grizeila Mathews. For the greater part of our information, we are indebted to Miss. I. C. Vandeventer of Kansas City, Mo., who has published a book on the Mathews Family and is an authority on that line.

"JOHN MATHEWS, GENTLEMAN" was one of the first settlers in 1737 in the Borden Tract in lower Augusta County, Va. John Mathews married Anne Archer, the daughter of Sampson Archer, "a fellor emigrant". From different sources we have three lists of the names of the children of John and Anne Mathews (note the discrepancy in names, order and number.)

I	II	III
1) John Mathews, Jr	1) William	1) Archer - - md. Letitia
2) Joshua	2) Richard	2) Elizabeth - md. Isaac Otey, 1789
3) Richard	3) James	3) Daniel - - md. Esther Shaw
4) Sampson	4) John	4) George - - md. Ann Paul
5) George	5) Sampson	5) John, Jr - md. Patsey Douglas
6) Archer	6) George	6) Janet - - md. Capt Audley Paul. *
7) William	7) Archer	7) Sampson - md. _____ Lockhart
8) Janet	8) Jane	8) Joshua
9) Anna	9) Rachel	9) Richard
10) Rachel	10) Elizabeth	10) William
11) Elizabeth		

*(Authority, I.C.V.)

Five of these sons were in Braddock's Defeat. Sampson and George had good records for service in the Rev. War.

George Mathews (1739-1808) who married Anne Paul is described as a short thick man, very erect, high head and florid skin; admitted no superior but George Washington; was elected Governor of Georgia in 1786 and again in 1794; was appointed Gov. of the Mississippi Territory which appointment was not confirmed; he became so angry that he donned his old army coat, sword, and 3-cornered cock hat, and rode horseback from Washington to Philadelphia to see the President about it. Said to have stamped the floor and ranted considerably until the matter was adjusted to his satisfaction. Was appointed by Pres. Madison as committee to receive the territory of Florida by force if need be to keep the British from having it. His daughter, Anna, married Gen. Samuel Blackburn.

The will of John Mathews, Sr., was probated 3-22-1764. He had a land-grant of 1600 acres on Mill Creek of the James River, received in 1739.

ALEXANDER MATHEWS (supposed to be a brother of John) is said to have come over from Antrim, Ulster, Ireland, about 1740 with the Doak Family; stopped first in West Nottingham County, Penna.; then sometime prior to 1746 moved southwest into Virginia and settled on Flint Creek a tributary of the Shenandoah River about 7 miles south of the present town of Front Royal, Va. Due to the shifting county lines, records of the Mathews family are found in the counties of Augusta, Frederick, Shanandoah and finally in Warren County. In 1749 Alexander Mathews received a grant of 400 acres from Lord Fairfax: TO WIT: ----

(Copy)

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THOMAS LORD FAIRFAX Baron of Cameron in that Part of Great Britain call'd Scotland Proprietor of the Northern Neck of Virginia to all to whom this present Writing shall come sends greeting KNOW YE that for good Causes for and in Consideration of the Composition to Me paid and for the Annual Rent hereafter reserved I have given granted and confirmed and by these Presents for Me my Heirs and Assigns do give grant and confirm unto Alexander Mathews of Augusta County a certain tract of waste and ungranted Land in the said County upon Flint Run and Bounded as by a Survey made by Mr. John Baylis as followeth BEGINNING at a white oak at the foot of a hill on the East Side Flint Run and running N 40 E Three Hundred and Twenty Poles to three Pines on a Hill Side, thence N 50 degrees W two hundred Poles to a Poplar Locust and Spanish Oak on the side of a Hill and Drain making into Shannondoah thence S 40 W Three hundred and twenty Poles to two white Oaks and a Pine marked AM; thence S 50 E Two hundred Poles to the BEGINNING Containing four Hundred Acres Together with all Rights Members and Appurtenances thereunto belonging ROYAL MINES EXCEPTED and a full third part of all Lead Copper Tinn Coals Iron Mines and Iron Ore that shall be found thereon To have and to hold the said four hundred Acres of Land Together with all Rights Profits and Benefits to the same belonging or in any Wise Appertaining Except before Excepted to him the said Alexander Mathews his Heirs and Assigns therefore Yielding and Paying to Me my Heirs or Assigns or to my certain Attorney or Attorneys Agent or Agents or to the certain Attorney or Attorneys of my Heirs or Assigns Proprietors of the said Northern Neck yearly and every year on the Feast Day of St. Michael the Archangel the Fee Rent of One Shilling Sterling Money for every Fifty Acres of Land hereby granted and so proportionably for a greater or Lesser Quantity PROVIDED That if the said Alexander Mathews his Heirs or assigns shall not pay the before reserved Annual Rent so that the same or any Part thereof shall be behind or unpaid by the Space of Two whole years after the same shall become Due if Lawfully Demanded That then it shall and may be Lawful for Me my Heirs or Assigns Proprietors as aforesaid my or their certain Attorney or Attorneys Agent or Agents into the above Granted Premises to Reenter and Hold the same so as if this grant had never Pass'd. Given at my office in the County of Fairfax within my said Proprietary under my Hand and Seal DATED this fourteenth day of September in the Twenty Third Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c. AD One Thousand seven Hundred and Forty Nine.

FAIRFAX

Alexander Mathews's Deed for
400 acres of land upon Flint
Run, Augusta County.

I, T. D. Young, Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the land grant in the name of ALEXANDER MATHEWS for FOUR HUNDRED (400) ACRES in Augusta County, as shown by the records of this office in Northern Neck Book "G" at page 321.

GIVEN under my hand and the Lesser Seal of the Commonwealth, at Richmond, this 31st day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-five and of the Commonwealth the one hundred and sixtieth.

T. D. Young
Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth

(Seal)

The first census list made in Shanandoah County in 1783 gives: Alexander Mathews a family of 3; his son James, family of 7; his son John, family of 6. That same year Alexander Mathews drew up the following will: --

IN THE NAME OF GOD, Amen, I Alexander Mathes of Shanendoh County and Colony of Virginia, considering the mortality of my body and that it is appointed for all men once to die, Do think it proper to leave my temporal affairs in as settled a manner as I can, and for this purpose I make alast will and testament; and being of a sound mind and memory, I first of all recommend my soul to God who gave it, with an humble Resignation; and my body to the Earth to be buried in a desent and Christian like manner; I will as followeth viz:
Expence That all my just debts and funeral charges be first paid and satisfied.

Item. I give and bequeth to my beloved sons James and John to them their heirs and assigns forever, that Tract of Land whereon they now live, to be divided in this manner, by a line that is alredy Run beginning at a whiteoak marked thus AM on the North line or side; thence South some degrees west to the back line near the Bruchey Mountain; containing 132 acres each less or more.

Item. I give and bequath to my four sons, Alexander, Jeremiah, Benjemin and George to them their heirs and assigns for ever all that tract of Land whereon I now live containing 400 acres According as it is now laid off and Devided amongst them only making this reserve that my beloved wife Grizzel Mathes shall have the use of and injoy one third peart of the said Land During her Natural Life including the house and plantation where I now live.

Item. I give and bequath to my Beloved wife a third peart of all my Movabls of evry sort and kine.

Item. I give and bequath to my well beloved son Benjmine Mathes two pearts of all my Movables to him his heris and assigns.

Lastly I do Nominate and apoint my two sons James and Benjmin Executors of this my last will and Testament and Revoaking all and every other will or wills heretofore made Declaring this only to be my last will and testament; in Testimony whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seal this 5 day of September anno Domeni 1783.

His
Alexander X Mathes
mark

Signed sealed published and declared by
the Testator to be his last will and
testament in the presence of us.

Abraham Kellar
John Hutchison
John Netherton

At a court held for the County of Shanandoah on Thursday the 30th day of October 1788.-

The last Will and Testament of Alexander Mathes, Decd. was exhibited to the Court by James Mathes & Benjamin Mathes Executors therein Named and was proved by the oaths of John Netherton & John Hutchison witnesses thereto & ordered to be recd., on the motion of said Executors a probat thereof in due form is granted them they having Given bond and secubity according to law.

Test

Will Book B, page 499

John Williams, CS.C.

It was in the fall of 1783 or the following year, that Alexander, Jr., Jerimiah, and George (sons of Alexander, Sr.) and possibly their sister Nancy (Mathews) Nelson, wife of John Nelson, left their home in Shanandoah County and moved to eastern Tenn. Alexander Mathes, Jr., and John Nelson settled at Limestone, Tenn. adjacent to Martin Academy, where Alexander Mathes became especially **active in the interests of Martin Academy and Salem Presbyterian Church.** Jerimiah and George went on further southwest and stopped in Jefferson County. There Jerimiah became a Justice of Peace and lived some 4 miles west of Dandridge. His house was still standing in 1940, and was pointed out as the place where the first session of the Court was held on June 11, 1793 at which meeting John Blackburn was also present as one of the presiding magistrates. (Ramsey, pp 576).

Mr. Wm. A. Lyle of Dandridge, Tenn., now deceased, told the writer that there were four Mathews brothers who settled in eastern Tenn., and that before they left their Virginian home and their father and other brothers, they changed the spelling of their name by dropping the "w", in order that their descendants might know each other. To this change in the spelling of the family name the father, Alexander Mathes, Sr., must have agreed as we note in the Land Grant it is spelled "Mathews" in 1749 and in the will in 1783 spelled "Mathes". The contemporaneous execution of the will and the departure of the brothers for the frontier seems to have a definite connection and indicates a complete family agreement upon the future spelling of the name. The fact that no daughter is mentioned in the Will does not necessarily indicate that there were no daughters; for we recall that it was the custom in that day to give to the daughter her "dot" or inheritance at the time of her marriage and departure from the family circle. We think there were at least these two daughters - Janet who married John Blackburn in 1765 and Nancy who married John Nelson. At the time of the execution of the will (1783) Janet (Mathews) Blackburn was living on Beaver Creek some 300 miles southwest in Washington County, Va., where her husband had settled some ten years previously, and any communications between the two families must have been rare. We can imagine how heartily she must have welcomed the coming of her brothers and sister, Nancy, to the southwest country, and how that fall or the following summer of 1784 the Blackburns accompanied the Mathes on down into Jefferson County, which became their permanent home.

No authentic authority has been found which states that Janet Mathews was the daughter of Alexander and Grizella Mathews. However in support of our belief of that relationship, we present the following arguments:

1st - John & Janet Blackburn named their eldest son, "Alexander"; their second daughter, "Grizelle". The second son was called "Benjamin" and the first daughter "Mary." We know that Benjamin and Mary were the names of John's parents; is it not logical to assume that Janet would wish to show as great filial honor to her parents as was shown to her husband's? Moreover Alexander was not a common name in the Blackburn family at that date, and Grizelle certainly was a very uncommon name; therefore there must have been some very close family ties indicated in these names. (As you follow the lineage of John & Janet, I know you will be surprised at the number of Johns, Janes, Nancys, Alexanders and Grizelles that will appear hereafter.)

2nd - John Mathews, who is assumed by several students of the Blackburn lineage as the father of Janet, settled in 1737 on Mill Creek, a tributary of the James River some 150 miles south of Winchester, Va., where Benjamin Blackburn settled about 1746 on Mulberry Run. Alexander Mathews, however, settled on Flint Creek, only 20 or 25 miles from the home of the Blackburns; quite near enough for John to meet and court Jane - while the home of the other Janet Mathews, daughter of John & Anne Mathews was 150 miles to the south, and a long way to go courting on horseback.

3rd - George Mathes, a pioneer in Jefferson Co., N.C. (now Tenn) son of Alexander and Grizelle Mathes, and his wife Nancy (Wood) Mathes had a son, William Mathes, who in turn was the grandfather of James Harvey Mathes of Memphis, Tenn. This James Harvey Mathes in material collected by him on his lineage states that "James Blackburn was a first cousin of my grandfather, William Mathes." James Blackburn (1782-1860) who was referred to, was a son of John & Janet Blackburn; therefore that would make Janet the daughter of Alexander & Grizelle Mathes according to that authority.

4th. - In a letter received from Wm. A. Lyle of Dandridge in 1936, Mr. Lyle stated that "he had reliable information that Jane was a sister of four pioneer brothers, Alexander, Jeremiah, George and Allen Mathes." (Note: we find that Alexander has a son named Allen, but no brother by that name, - we think Mr. Lyle was in error about a fourth brother coming to Tenn.)

5th - John Nelson was a witness to the will of Archibald Blackburn in 1823: Edward Blackburn, son of John & Janet, named his eldest son "John Nelson Blackburn" which has some slight indication that John Nelson, husband of Nancy Mathes, might have been an esteemed uncle of Edward.

6th - Miss Vandevanter states that Janet Mathews, daughter of John & Anne (Archer) Mathews married Capt. Audley Paul (see pp 56).

While the above statements do not positively prove the parentage of Janet Mathews, we consider them very convincing.

Alexander Mathes, Jr. (1740-1806) md Ann Leigh, 3-21-1769: Issue: -

- 1) Jane(Jennie) Mathes, b. 1770 in Va. md John Houston, a student at Washington College.
- 2) Miriam Mathes, born 1771 in Va.
- 3) Allen Mathes, born 1773 in Va.
- 4) Alexander Mathes, 3rd., born 1775 in Va.
- 5) George Leigh Mathes, b. 1779; md Phoebe Weir, dau of Ann Blackburn Weir.
- 6) Grace Mathes, born 1782 in Va.
- 7) Jeremiah Mathes, born 1784 in Tenn.
- 8) John Mathes, born 1786 in Tenn; md. Rosannah Blackburn, dau of Archibald B.
- 9) Ebenezer Mathes, (1789 - 1868).
- 10) Elizabeth Ann Mathes, born 1792
- 11) Rachel Mathes, born 1795; md. Benj. Blackburn, son of Archibald Blackburn.

Children of John & Rosannah (Blackburn) Mathes and of Benj. & Rachel (Mathes) Blackburn have been given on previous pages. Also you will note that Lavinia Evelyn Mathes, dau of John & Rosannah, married James Harvey Blackburn, son of James Blackburn (1782-1860), her second cousin. The statement that Grace Mathes was born 1782 in Va. and Jeremiah was born 1784 in Tenn., gives us approximate date of the family's removal to Tenn.

A Helen Mathis is a student at Blackburn College (1942). A family by the name of Mathis live about eight miles west of Carlinville, Ill.

Nancy Mathes, who married John Nelson, died July 25, 1833 (tombstone record Old Salem Cem. Washington Co., Tenn.)

Jeremiah Mathes, Sr., md 10-9-1788 Mrs. Elizabeth Leeth, widow of Josiah Leeth, (see Green Co. Tenn., rec.)

Benj. Mathes md 9-6-1783 Rachel Kellar, dau of Abraham Kellar (probably the same Abraham Kellar who witnessed the will of Alexander Mathes, Sr. on Sept 5, 1783. Will of Benj. Mathes, (Will Bk E, p. 81, Shen.Co. Va.) mentions wife Rachel; children Abraham, Isaac, William, Betty Rebeckah and Sally.

The will of Alexander Mathes, Sr. was not probated in Shen. Co. until Oct. 1788
MARRIAGES:

Jane Mathews married John Blackburn at Winchester, Va., in 1765

Anne Mathews married Gen. Saml Blackburn (probably while they were in Ga.)

George Leigh Mathes married Pheobe Weir (dau of Nancy Blackburn Weir.)

John Mathes married Rosanna Blackburn, dau of Archibald Blackburn.

Rachel Mathes married Benj. Blackburn, son of Archibald Blackburn.
Lavinia Evelyn Mathes, dau of John Mathes, married James Harvey Blackburn,
a son of James Blackburn, a grandson of John & Janet.

JOHN BLACKBURN (1740-1808) and JANE MATHEWS BLACKBURN (1747-1818)
and their descendants.....

A chronological list of facts we have learned concerning the life of said John Blackburn.

- 1740 - born Dec. 24th, son of Benj. and Mary Blackburn; place of birth probably in Chester County, Penn.
- 1742-46 - moved down to Frederick County, Va., with his father and other members of the Blackburn Family.
- 1764 - Feb. 9th; received a grant of at least 200 acres of land in Frederick County on Mulberry Run from Lord Fairfax.
- 1765 - April 2nd, married Jane Mathews, aged 18 years, who lived 15 or 20 miles east of Mulberry Run on the Shenandoah River south of Front Royal.
- 1766 - January 14th, their first son, named Alexander, was born.
- 1767 - March 8th, son Benjamin born.
- 1768 - November 1st, daughter Mary born.
- 1769 - August 1st, John and Janet sold the land on Mulberry Run to Thomas Early for 80 pounds; and probably moved that fall with his father's family to the north line of Rockbridge Co.
- 1770 - December 13th, son Andrew born.
- 1772 - October 7th, son William born.
- 1773 - probably in the fall, left Augusta Co, and moved down into southwest Va., and settled on "Beaver Creek" between Abingdon and Bristol.
- 1774 - February 24th, had a survey made of 78 acres on Beaver Creek.
- 1774 - October 27th, daughter Grizelle born.
- 1776 - March ___ appointed by the Court with two others "to view the way from Camp Union to _____ Mountain and make report to the Court whether a bridle way can be had or not". *(pp 251)
- 1776 - May 26th, son George born.
- 1778 - March 24th, son John born.
- 1778 - May ___ served on the Grand Jury of Washington Co., Va. (pp 1144)
- 1778 - August - witness to the will of Samuel Vance. (pp 998 & 1144).
- 1779 - June ___ served on the jury. (pp 1033).
- 1780 - June 3rd, twins, Edward and Jane, born.
- 1780 - October 7th, took part in the Battle of King's Mt.
- 1780 - November 24th, appointed administrator of the Estate of Lt. Wm. Blackburn, who was killed at King's Mt. (pp 1065).
- 1781 - March, appointed by the Court as one of the appraisers of the estate of James Curry. (pp 1071).
- 1781 - May, served on the Grand Jury. (pp 1071).
- 1782 - mentioned as one of the elders of the Presbyterian Church of Abingdon, Va., the "Sinking Springs Congregation". (pp 605).
- 1782 - May, served on the Grant Jury. (pp 1101).
- 1782 - July 16th, in the will of Arthur Blackburn, John Blackburn is mentioned as one of the legatees and also one of the executors; his wife "Janet Blackburn" was one of the four witnesses to the will.
- 1782 - August 21st, on the jury in the case of Cotter vs Galbraith. (pp 1110).
- 1782 - August 21st, entered proof of the will of Arthur Blackburn and gave bond for 200 pounds as executor. (pp 1111).
- 1782 - October 2nd, son James born.

- 1782 - November 19th, foreman of the Grand Jury. (pp 1124).
- 1782 - November 19th, made report on the estate of _____ and distribution to widow and child. (1124).
- 1783 or 1784 - moved from "Beaver Creek" to his future home on Long Creek in Jefferson Co., Tenn., (then Green Co., N.C.).
- 1785 - April 7th, daughter Nancy Glorian born.
- 1785 - 1787 - served as Justice of the Peace appointed by John Sevier, Governor of "State of Franklin". Gideon Ritchey was also a J.P. (N.C. Rev. Vol 22 page 702).
- 1787 - Elder of the Hopewell Presbyterian Church, organized at Dandridge.
- 1787 - September 20th - received Land Grant, probably for Rev. War services, from State of N.C. (Grant #265, Book B, pp 36, Land Office, Nashville, Tenn.)
- 1793 - August, "Commonwealth of Virginia to John Blackburn and Garrot Fitzgerald of Jefferson Co., in the territory of the United States south of the Ohio River. Authority to take acknowledgement of Susannah Lathim, wife of John Lathim." (pp 1324).
- 179 - appointed by John Sevier, first Gov. of Tenn. as Justice of the Peace.
- 1805 - August 27th, made his will.
- 1808 - February 9th, died and buried at the old cemetery at Dandridge, Tenn. (see marker).
- 1818 - April 23rd, Janet Blackburn, wife of John Blackburn died, and was buried at Dandridge, Tenn.

*The above page-references are to Summer's Annuals of Washington County, Va.)

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN BLACKBURN, deceased, Feb. 9, 1808.

In the name of God Amen.

I, John Blackburn, of the County of Jefferson and State of Tennessee, being in perfect health, mind and memory calling to mind the mortality of my body; Knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die, do this twenty seventh day of August in the year of our Lord One Thousand eight hundred and five, make, ordain and declare this as my last will and testament, and do hereby dispose of my estate real and personal in manner following, VIZ:

First, I give and bequeath unto my son Andrew Blackburn that part of land surveyed off to him including his improvement where he now lives, be it more or less within said lines to be his and his forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son William Blackburn that tract or parcel of land I bought of Doherty where the said William now lives to be his and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son John Blackburn that part of land surveyed off to him including his improvement where he now lives be it more or less within said lines to be his and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Edward Blackburn that part of land surveyed off to him including his improvement where he now lives be it more or less between said lines to be his and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son James Blackburn that part of the plantation whereon I now live from Andrew's line to Edward's line be it more or less between said lines to be his and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Moyers one silver dollar to be given her out of my Estate.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Grizey Blackburn one silver dollar to be given her out of my Estate.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Nancy Carson one silver dollar to be given her out of my Estate.

Item - I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Jenney the young sorrel mare which is called hers and her saddle; a good bed and furniture; and two cows such as her mother may think proper; with such other household furniture her mother may think fit to give.

My will is that my well beloved wife Janet during her natural life or widdow hood be furnished with a good horse and saddle which shall be kept for her use at her pleasure, also a good cow; a bed and furniture; all provided out of my estate; which James shall always keep for her and if her horse or cow die or become unfit for use then James shall provide one for her; and also shall provide all things needful for her support as diet and raiment that she may live a comfortable life, free of all worldly cares as possible. I will that my well beloved wife have command of the house and so much of the house furniture as she may think proper for her use during her natural life or widow hood and at her death James shall have all that she possessed, her wearing apparel excepted, which shall be at her disposal at her death and if she should marry her horse, saddle, cow, bed and furniture and half of the House furniture shall be hers.

I will that James pay unto his brother George the balance of three hundred dollars as compensation for his part of the land, and in consideration thereof the said James shall have and possess all my personal property not otherwise disposed of in this will, such as horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, waggon, and all farming utensils, I do hereby make and ordain my well beloved wife, Janet Blackburn, and my two sons Andrew and William Blackburn, Executors of this my last will and testament and also I hereby make void all wills, testaments and legacies by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I John Blackburn have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year above written.

Signed, sealed and declared by the said John Blackburn the Testator as his last will and testament in the presence of us.

Matthew Samples,
William Samples
Joseph Ritchey

Jno. Blackburn (Seal)

John Blackburn & Janet Mathews were the parents of twelve children, whose lineal descendants we will undertake to give as fully as we have been able to learn them.

	born	died	married
1. Alexander.....	Jan 14; 1766	...about 1786	-----
2. Benjamin.....	Mar 8; 1767	...about 1785	-----
3. Mary.....	Nov 11; 1768	...about 1846.....	James Moyers 1789
4. Andrew.....	Dec 13; 1770	..... 1844.....	Catherine McGirk 1802
5. William.....	Oct 7; 1772	..... 1856.....	Amy Samples 1798
6. Grizelle.....	Oct 27; 1774	..... 1862.....	Gideon Blackburn 1793
7. George.....	May 26; 1776	..... ? .....	Martha Neeley 1800
8. John.....	Mch 24; 1778	..... 1868.....	Elizabeth McGirk 1802
9. Jane.....	June 5; 1780	..... 1840.....	Thos H. Snoddy 1804
10. Edward.....	June 5; 1780	..... 1853.....	Margaret McGirk 1804
11. James.....	Oct 2; 1782	..... 1860.....	Catherine Jamieson 1805
12. Nancy.....	Apr 7; 1785	..... 1851.....	John Carson 1804
13. ? "Samuel" Blackburn - ?			

Benj. Blackburn, Sr., in his will executed Aug. 10, 1786 included two items: to wit: "Item: I do bequeath to each of my grandsons named Benjamin one good school Bible." "Item: I do bequeath to my son John Blackburn's son Samuel one good school Bible." In the list of twelve children given by Wm Wirt Blackburn out of the "family Bible", no mention is made of a Samuel. Since John Blackburn's son Benjamin

died the year that the grandfather drew up his will, doubtless the grandfather wished to give a Bible to one of the living sons of John. We note that at that date each of his other children had a living son named Benjamin. But who was Samuel? While in Jonesboro in 1940, we took a good look at the record, and it certainly looks like "Samuel" on the record.

List of Descendants of the children of John and Jane Blackburn as far as known to the writer.

ALEXANDER BLACKBURN (1766 - cir 1786); named after his maternal grandfather, Alexander Mathews; killed by the Indians near the large island below Dandridge, Tenn., about 1786. Said to have been the first man buried in the old cemetery in Dandridge.

BENJAMIN BLACKBURN (1767-1785); "died at 18 yrs of age". Named for his paternal grandfather, Benj. Blackburn. Cause of his death not known.

MARY (POLLY) BLACKBURN (1768 - circa 1846); md Nov. 3, 1789, James Moyers:

Mary Blackburn & James Moyers were the parents of: -

1. John Moyers..... m. Mary Snoddy, 1812.
- 2 Susannah Moyers..... m. Enoch Willoughby, 1813.
- 3 Grizelle Moyers (1796 - c 1830) m. John M. Patton.
- 4 James Moyers..... m. 1824 Cynthia Carson, Dandridge, Tenn.
- 5 Alfred Jefferson Moyers (1811-18??) m. Jane Reams

We think there were other children; also uncertain whether James was a son of James and Mary Moyers.

(John Moyers, who married Mary Snoddy, Oct 1812 (dau. of Thos Snoddy ?)

((Thos Snoddy Moyers (1818-1914) m 1846 Martha Jane Billingsby (1822-89)

(((John C. Moyers (1848-1914) m 1874 Susan Edna Hill (1853-1917)

((((Flora E. Moyers, m. L. S. Gillentine, Pikesville, Tenn.

((Other children ? ?

(Susannah Moyers who married, May 6th, 1813, Enoch Willoughby; Issue ?

(Griselle Moyers, m. John M. Patton, 3/14/1813. Griselle died circa 1830.

((James Patton

((Mary Patton, m. Jan 2, 1832, Henry Massengill.. Lived (1871) in Calhoun Co. Ala.

(((John A. Massengill

(((Martha (Massengill) Porter

(((Darthula (Massengill) Broyles

((Eliza S. Patton, m. Aug. 1, 1834, Jonathan S. Ward

((Susan Patton m. Aug 29, 1839, Morgan Ryan.

((Samuel Patton, b. 1823, m Sept 15, 1845 Martha Pearman (issue at least 2).

(((Mary E. Patton; b. 1846

(((Isaac C. Patton, b. 1849; living (1850) in Jefferson Co., Tenn.

((John William Patton, soldier in Mexican War; md _____ Lyons.

(("supposedly two sons besides."

(Alfred Jefferson Moyers, b. 1811, m. Jane Reams

((David Nelson Moyers

((John Tate Moyers

((Thomas Benton Moyers

((Richard Calhoun Moyers

((Alfred Jefferson Moyers, Jr.

((Mary Jane Moyers

((Sarah Ann Moyers

((James Bartlett Moyers (1834-1877); m. Mrs. Elizabeth (Moore) Robinson (37-93)
 ((Sarah Moyers, b. 4-17-1866
 ((Laura Moyers, b. 10-8-1870
 ((Susan Moyers, died age 2 yrs.
 ((Mabel Moyers, died aged 1 wk.
 ((Nancy Jane Moyers (1864 -), m. Jas. A. Carpenter (1854-1929) in 1881.
 ((Eva Carpenter, b. 1882; m. Dr. F. A. Pierce
 ((Ollie Carpenter, b. 1884; m. Wm. L. Curtis, Atty.
 ((Kathryn Curtis
 ((Viola Carpenter, b. 1887, m. Richard A. Mayes.
 ((Richard A. Mayes, Jr.
 ((Lola Carpenter, b. 1890; m. Shelby S. Hurlburt
 ((Natalie E. Hurlburt
 ((James C. Hurlburt
 ((Lola Jane Hurlburt
 ((Ruth Carpenter, b. 1892; m. 1st, Gaston A Shumate; 2nd, L. B. Hall.
 ((Nancy Jane Shumate
 ((Gaston A. Shumate, Jr.
 ((Lesta Carpenter, b. 1895; m. Archibald B. Patterson
 ((Archibald B. Patterson, Jr.
 ?(James Moyers who married Cynthia Carson, Sept. 24, 1824, at Dandridge, Tenn.,
 supposed to belong to this family.

ANDREW BLACKBURN (1770-1844), m. 1st Margaret Samples, 1791, 2nd Catherine McGirk,
 Andrew was a farmer and a large land holder. Said to have been 1802.
 quite successful.

Andrew Blackburn and Catherine McGirk were the parents of : -

1. John Blackburn (1803-18??) who married "Sept. 22, 1822" to _____?
 2. Alexander Blackburn (1805-1846), 1st Priscilla Morrow; 2nd Harriet Campbell
 3. Sally Blackburn (1808-1892) m. Samuel Campbell
 4. Mary (Polly) Blackburn (1808-1848), m. David Campbell.
- 1(John Blackburn, b. Mch 23, 1803; "married Sep. 22, 1822" to _____.
 2(Alexander Blackburn, "General in 6 wks war against the Indians". b. 2-23-1805;
 (died 2-2-1846, m. 1st Priscilla Morrow, 2nd Harriet Campbell.
 ((Andrew Blackburn (1827-1859) son of Alexander & Priscilla, was a Pres. Minis-
 (ter at Chattanooga; died "Aug 22, 1859 aged 31 yr 10 mo. 24 da"; was
 (buried in Westminster Cemetery, Dandridge, Tenn. m. Anne Elizabeth Gilles-
 3(Sally Blackburn, twin (1808-1892) wife of Samuel Caldwell, 1830. pie.
 ((Marcissa Caldwell (1831-1860) - other children ? ?
 4(Mary (Polly) Blackburn, (1808-1848) wife of David Caldwell, 1831, (bro of Saml).

WILLIAM BLACKBURN (1772-1856) m. Anna (Amy) Samples in Dandridge, 1798; she died
 c. 1818; the first six of the eleven children are supposed to be children of Wm and
 Anna. In 1805, William was living on a farm adjacent to his father's farm. He
 probably came to Franklin, Tenn., about 1812 and settled south of Franklin near
 Spring Hill. When the Spring Cove Pres. Church was organized near Medora, Ill., in
 1834 five of his nephews were made elders. William wrote them a letter of congrat-
 ulations to their elevation to that office. The writer's mother said that William
 sometimes "preached" altho not an ordained minister.

William Blackburn married 1st, 1798, Amy Samples; 2nd 1819 Mrs. Nancy Hankins

1. John Blackburn (c1800 - 18??) died in Illinois Hassell.
2. Andrew Blackburn (1804-18??) m. Mary Ann Mitchell.
3. Moses Bluford Gatis Blackburn, (1807-1866) m. 1828 Elizabeth Gray
4. Jane Blackburn (18?? - ??) m. John McColpin
5. Narcissa Blackburn - - - m, 1841 Joshua Hardison
6. Tabitha Blackburn - - - m, 1837 Harvey Lockridge.
7. Wm. Anderson Blackburn (1822-1855) m. 1855 Susan Sellers
8. Alexander H. Blackburn (1824-1906) m. Emarintha Mays
9. Nancy Grizelle Blackburn (1825-??) m. David Ferguson Blair, c 1848.
10. Thomas Blackburn (1828 - ??)
11. Ann Blackburn (1830 - ??)

1(John P. Blackburn - "died in Illinois" (NGC)left two or three children, names and
(destiny unknown. John P is mentioned in his father's will, 1856 as deceased.

- 2(Andrew Blackburn (1804-1858) m. Mary Ann Mitchell, 3-29-1824, Franklin, Tenn.
((Mattie A. Blackburn, m. Thos Locke before 1858 - Issue ?
((Wm G Blackburn, m 1st Elizabeth Walker, May 1855; 2nd m. Mary Ann Hartley, '58.
((*Mary E. Blackburn, m Hargis Clemons, Oct. 8, 1849.
((*Mary Ann Blackburn, m Theophilus N. Allen, Dec. 26, 1850.

*supposed to be children of Andrew. In settlement of the estate of Andrew,
Oct. 1858; "Mattie A. Locke, wife of Thos Locke, and Wm G. and Mary A." are men-
tioned. "Six shares of \$462.08 each". (The wife probably got one-third or two-
sixths, and the four children one-sixth each. WAC). "The sales bills equalled
\$2189.41 and \$1386.25 to be divided in six shares."

- 3(Jane Blackburn, b. 1806, m John McColpin (McAlpin)
((Ann McColpin, m. Joseph Smith.
(((Susan Elnora Smith, b. 8/25/1852, m _____ Renshaw.
(((_____ Renshaw, m. Chas A. Lacy (244 N. McNeill St., Memphis, Tenn.)
((Elizabeth McColpin - - - m. John Robinson
((Isabelle McColpin - - - never married
((William McColpin - - - m. Emily Parales Tomlinson
((John McColpin - - - - - killed at the Battle of Shiloh.
((Mary McColpin - - - - - m. Jackson Garrett
((Semina McColpin - - - - m. Andrew Forsyth
((Boze McColpin - - - - - died at 16 years of age.
((Lally McColpin - - - - - m. John Tomlinson
((Elisha Hassel McColpin - m. Rebecca McKissack Cason.
(((Lucile McColpin m, Ray B. Hall (were living in Greenwood, Miss, in 1939)

- 4(Moses Bluford Gatis Blackburn (1807-1856) m 1st, 3/6/1828 Eliz. Gray. (10-47)
((Robert G. Blackburn (1832-1889), m. Mrs. Martha (Allen)Lester (30-83)
(((Mollie Blackburn, b. 1867, m. Logan Hood; no issue.
(((Nettie Blackburn (1869-1910) m. Chas Carter (both deaf mutes) Aug 1901.
(((Christine Blackburn Carter, m. Clifford V. Jones.
(((Clifford V. Jones, Jr.
((Bluford Blackburn, m. Mollie Booker
(((Bluford Blackburn, Jr. - died in infancy.
((Ruth Jane Blackburn (1834 - 1909), m 3/17/1857, Wm. Peter Thweat (1836-1916)
(((Betty Thweat, b. 1858, m. John Collins
(((Leroy Collins (1879-1939) m. Annola Gee, no issue.
(((Harry Collins (1881-1938) m. Nell Seaton, no issue.
(((George Collins b. 1883; md. Ruth Lively
(((Lucy Collins, b. 1884; m. Robert Evan Green
(((Robert Evan Green, Jr. m. Irene Grimes
(((Ernest Collins, b. 1886; - - - single.

William Blackburn (1772-1856) continued.

(((Lulu Collins, b. 1887, m. Edgar Baker Layne, 1914.
((((Edw. B. Layne, Jr. b. 1915
((((Harry Layne, b. 1917, md. Lucile Zumbro, 1940.
((((Elizabeth Layne, b. 1921, m. Vernon Beard, 1941
((((Jas. Richardson Layne, b. 1923, U. S. Navy (Iceland) 1941.
((((Bailey Collins, b. 1889, m. Jessie Floyd.
(((Martha Thweatt, b. 1860; m. George McRea (1857 - 1939)
((((Herman McRea, died 1939; m. Mary Patterson.
((((Georgia McRea, m. ?
((((Irvin McRea, m. Patty Zea
((((Jean Bailey McRea, m. _____
((((Jane McRea, deceased.
(((Tabitha Thweatt, 1862, m. Richard Robinson
((((Beulah Robinson, m. ?
((((Charles Robinson, m. _____ Sparkman.
((((Sallie Robinson
((((Ruth Robinson
((((Sam Robinson
(((William Bluford Thweatt, b. 1864, m. Mollie Cotton
((((Wm. Peter Thweatt, b. 1887, m. Irbý Jenkins.
((((Wm. Jenkins Thweatt, b. 1910; m. Geraldine Deal, Oct. 1941.
(((Ellis Thweatt, b. 1889, m. Lila Thornton, 1915.
((((Harry Thweatt
((((Janice Thweatt
((((Bluford Thweatt
((((Mary Thweatt
(((Clarence Thweatt, b. 1891, m. Sarah Fly.
((((Elizabeth Thweatt, b. ____
((((Sarah Thweatt, b. ____
(((Myrtle Thweatt, b. 1893, m. John Jordan, 1913
((((John Jordan, Jr. b. _____, m. Tilly Philpot
(((("Robbie" Thweatt, b. 1895, m. Sanford Veatch; no issue.
(((Henry Thweatt, b. 1866, m. Fanny Allen
((((Jessie Thweatt - - - - m. Ollie Cook
((((Lenora Thweatt - - - - m. Polly (?) Simmons, Mt. Pleasant, Tenn.
((((Mary Lou Thweatt - - - m. Walter Jones of Nashville, Tenn.
((((Henry Thweatt, Jr. - - m. ?
(((L. Peay Thweatt, b. 1868, m. Kate Kirkpatrick
((((Leo P. Thweatt, Jr, m. ?
((((Sarah Thweatt - m. Wm. Q. Crichlow, 1941
((((Ruth Thweatt - - - m. Orrin Davis
((((Enoch Thweatt - - - m. _____ Tubberville.
((((Catherine Thweatt
((((Eugenia Thweatt
((((David Thweatt
((((Ashley Thweatt
(((Annie Thweatt, never married, died Oct. 1, 1936.
(((Edward Thweatt (1873- 1914) m. Mary Gee (she md 2nd Edgar Shaw)
((((Lera Thweatt, b. ?. m. Terrell Akin
((((Ted Akin, b. 1917
((((Marion Akin, b. 1927
((((Annolla Thweatt - - m. _____ Ruddle.
((((James Thweatt

William Blackburn Continued

((Annie Blackburn, b. 1836, m. John A. Butler
 (((Bud Butler, b. 1858, m. Nettie Harrison
 (((Harry Butler
 (((John A. Butler, Jr. b. ? , deceased
 (((Bettie Butler; died in infancy
 (((Willie Butler, died in infancy
 ((John William Blackburn (1839-1906) m. Lila Tennessee Neely (1839-1928)
 (((John Wm. Blackburn, Jr. (1862-1889) never married
 (((Dan Ella Blackburn (1865-1903) m. Thos Bruce Bearden, 1886.
 ((((Annilu Bearden, b. 1886; m. Wm. F. Odil (b 1885) 2/11/1908
 ((((Ethel B. Odil, b. 1909, m Jas Wm Richardson in 1935
 ((((Margaret Richardson, b 1936
 ((((Wm. F. Odil, Jr. b. 1913, m. 1st Ruth Parks, 1930, 2nd Christine
 ((((Nancy Willis Odil, b. 1940 Willis, 1939.
 (((Marguerite Blackburn Odil, b. 1921
 (((John Edwin Bearden, (1888-1889)
 (((Mary Dixie Bearden, b. 1889, m. Geo. A. Brown, 1912
 ((((Geo. A. Brown, Jr. b. 1914, m. Nellie Walters, 8/17/40
 ((((Mary Dixie Brown, b. 1917
 ((((Thos Bruce Bearden Brown, b. 1925
 ((((Ethel Bearden, (1891-1896)..... buried in Franklin, Tenn.
 ((((Sallie Craig Bearden (1894-1896). buried in Franklin, Tenn.
 ((((Wm Henry Bearden, b. 1896; m. Geraldine Hill, 1920, no issue.
 ((((Thos. Bruce Bearden, Jr. (1898-1909), buried in Franklin, Tenn.
 ((((Claude Palmer Bearden, b. 1899; m. Willie Lollar, 1921
 ((((Hazel Roberta Bearden, b. 1922
 ((((John Thos. Bearden.... b. 1926
 ((((Claude P. Bearden, Jr. b. 1928
 ((((Carolyn A. Bearden, .. b. 1930
 ((((Charles M. Bearden (1901-1901)
 ((((Robert Lyle Bearden (1902-1903)
 (((Dixie Irene Blackburn, b. 1867; m. David J. Wagner (1861-2/18/42) 12/21/1892.
 (((Charles Blackburn (1870-1870)
 (((Letitia V. Blackburn, b. 1872, m. Martin Givens, Dec. 21, 1892 (double wedd-
 ((((Margie Givens, b. 1893 ing.)
 ((((James Blackburn Givens, b. 1896, m. Elva Farish, 1918. no issue.
 ((((Wm. Maxfield Givens, b. 1898; m. Flora Bell Essex, 1921, no issue.
 ((((John Henry Givens, b. 1900, m. Alma Fay Murray, 1924
 ((((Wm. Martin Givens, b. 1926
 ((((John H. Givens, Jr. b. 1930
 ((((Virginia Ruth Givens, b. 1937
 ((((Martin Lowell Givens, b. 1903
 (((Louise Blackburn, b. 1874; m. Wm Lee Quarles, 1912. (WLQ died 1938) no issue.
 (((Jessie Blackburn, b. 1877; m. Robert T. Allen, 1907. no issue.
 (((Blanche Blackburn, b. 1879; m. Dr. Walter M. Giles, 1912. no issue. Dr. G.
 (((Henry Rolfe Blackburn, b. 1882-1934. Never married. died 1939)
 ((Mandy Blackburn, b. 1841, d. ?; m ? no issue.
 ((Elizabeth Blackburn, (1843-1912); blind, never married.
 ((Tennessee Blackburn, b circa 1845, d. cir 1874; m. Loving Harvey Baugh, 1864
 (((Wm. Lee Baugh, 1868, m. Willie Stacy, b. 1868; Moulton, Texas.
 ((((Edgar Anthony Baugh.... b 1888; m. Mary Crow.... 1907, Trickham, Texas
 ((((Tennessee Baugh..... b 1890; m. Ellie Campbell.. 1904
 ((((Lelie Baugh..... b 1891; m. Roy Crow..... 1904
 ((((John Olin Baugh..... b 1893; m. Alice Williams.. 1924

William Blackburn (1772-1856) cont'd

((((Dixie Baugh..... b. 1896; m. Wm. Cupps, 1918
 ((((Pauline Baugh.....b. 1898; m. Elmer Cupps, 1915
 ((((Annie May Baugh...b. 1900; m. Stube Phillips, 1919
 ((((Nolen Baugh..... b. 1901; m. Alice Beulah Harris, 1920
 ((((Lora Baugh..... b. 1904; m. Loran Brooks, 1925
 ((((Ruth Baugh..... b. 1906; m. Bruce Hiblits, 1925
 ((((Dick S. Baugh.... b. 1907; m. Camilla Flores, "12/21/23" ?
 ((((Eula Baugh..... b. 1910; m. Clyde Bigham, 1928
 ((((Lorayne Baugh.... b. 1912; m. Claude Richly, 1936
 (((Jas Richard Baugh.....b. 1870, m Ellen Riley, 1895. (Scina, Texas)
 (((Oscar Baugh, b. 1874; died early
 ((Sally Blackburn, 1847-1916); m. Stephen Cunningham
 (((John Cunningham, 1881, m. Jennie Slinkard
 ((((3 children, names unknown
 (((Charles Cunningham, b. 1878 - no issue.
 (Elizabeth (Gray) Blackburn died in 1847. (First wife of M.B. G. Blackburn)
 (Moses Bluford G. Blackburn, cir 1849, married, 2nd, Diana V. Allen
 (Myra Blackburn (1850-1938) m. B. Mays
 ((Hattie Mays (1873-1882)
 ((("Jimmie" Mays (1876-1926) m. Ed. Hold (1873-1936) in 1897, no issue.
 ((Gustave Mays, b. 1880; m. Jennie Reese, no issue.
 (Tabitha M. Blackburn (1852-1906); m. Newton J. Anglin (1843-1921) of Hickman
 ((Annie F. Anglin, b 1870, m Geo E. Vaughan (1869)(RFD# 3, Co. Tex.)
 (((Gertie Anglin.... 1891-1898 Franklin, Tenn.)
 (((Newton Anglin, Jr. b. 1893
 (((Geo. H. Vaughan....b. 1895, d. 1896
 (((Lena C. Vaughan....b. 1897
 (((Josie B. Vaughan...b. 1899
 (((Clarence Vaughan...b. 1901
 (((Alex G. Vaughan....b. 1905
 (((Annie M. Vaughan...b. 1906
 ((Jasper W. Anglin (1872-1872), died aged 11 months
 ((Newton F. Anglin..... b. 1873; m. Lula Smith, 1897 (Franklin, Tenn)
 ((John Blackburn Anglin..b. 1875; m. Leah Anderson, 1903, (Franklin, Tenn)
 ((Madilda Diana Anglin..b. 1878; m. John Smith, 1897
 ((Mellie M. Anglin.....b. 1882; m. Wm R. Smith, 1900
 ((Tabitha (Susie) M. Anglin, b. 1885, d. 1915; m. W. C. Kennedy of Franklin,
 ((Beulah Anglin.....b. 1886; m Albert Finn of Franklin. (Tenn. 1907.
 ((Twins.....(1888-1888)
 (Diana Blackburn (1854-1920); m. Wm Carter (1856-1924)
 ((Wm. Carter, Jr (deceased) m. Annie Sellers
 (((Thomas Carter
 (((Innis Carter
 (((Christine Carter
 ((Walter Carter...m. Mattie Kelly (1885-1918)
 ((Dixie Carter... m. _____ Stephens
 ((Martin Carter.. m. _____ Carson
 ((John B. Carter (1898-1918) m. Middie Heathcocke. (John B. died in France,
 (((A E F 114th Field Art. Bat. F. Tenn Reg.)
 (Moses Bluford G. Blackburn, Jr. (1865-1935) m Addie Smith, (1854-1925)
 ((Nancy Blackburn, b. 1876; m. Thos. Stanley (d. 1941)
 (((Hubert Stanley, m. _____?
 (((Louise Stanley, m. Evans Byrd.
 ((((10 children, names unknown.

William Blackburn (1772-1856) continued.

- ((Seamon Blackburn (1878-1906)
- ((Jennie Blackburn, b. 1880; m. Perkins Lunn, 1897.
- (((Clarence Lunn, b. 1899
- (((Paul Lunn, b. 1905, m. Clara Davis, 1926
- ((((Paul Davis Lunn; b. 1927
- ((((Evelyn Ann Lunn, b. 1934
- (((Lucile Lunn - - - m. John Martin, 1935, no issue
- (((Addie May Lunn - m. Harry Moore.
- (((Robert Lunn; m. Aline Puckett (Robert broadcasts over WSM, Sat. night,
- ((((Robert Edw Lunn "Grand Ole Opry")
- ((((Peggy Jo Lunn
- (((Ralph Lunn; m. Nellie _____ 1940
- (((Charles Blackburn (1882-1918) m. Odilene Young, 1909
- (((Bluford Blackburn; m. Ann Southall, 1940
- (((Charles Blackburn, Jr.; m. Alpha Derryberry, 1939
- (((Gentry Blackburn, b. 1884; m. Maud Moore Terry, 1911.
- (((Clem Blackburn, b. 1927
- (((Cora Blackburn, 1887; m. Sam Bolling
- (((Ruby Bolling, died 1927
- (((Sam Bolling, Jr.
- (((Harry Bolling
- (((Leslie Bolling; m. _____ McKee
- ((((?
- (((Leonard Bolling.
- (((Pearl Blackburn (1896-1911) m. George Young.
- (Narcissa Blackburn, b. about 1810; m. Joshua Hardison
- ((issue ??
- (Tabitha D. Blackburn, born cir 1812; m. Harvey Lockridge, 1837
- ((issue ??

October 1, 1819 - William Blackburn (1772-1856) married Mrs. Nancy (Hankins) Hawsel, widow of ElizhaHassel; in will of 1856 "James Hassel and Elisha Hassel got \$500 each".

- (William Anderson Blackburn (1822-1905); m. 1855 Susan Elizabeth Sellers (1838-1902)
- (buried in Maury Co., Lanton Brick Church Cemetery. (note - he was 32, she 16.)
- ((Nancy A. Blackburn (1856-1911); m. Wm Montgomery Blair (1854-1938)
- ((Mack Blair
- ((Lillie Blair, died 1940; m. Frank Green, no issue.
- ((Susie Blair, m Ulna Rainey
- ((William Rainey
- (Mary Elizabeth Blackburn; m. Andrew Polk Odil (1861-1926) on 9-27-1883;
- (buried at Spring Hill.
- ((Susan Elizabeth Odil, b. 1884; m. Wm Jackson, 1924, no issue.
- ((Wm. Fountain Odil, b. 1885; m. Annilou Bearden, 1908 ($\frac{1}{2}$ - 4th cousins).
- (((Ethel Bearden Odil, b. 1909; m. Jas Wm. Richardson, 1935
- (((Margaret Bearden Richardson, b. 1936
- (((Wm. F. Odil, Jr, b. 1913; m. 1st Ruth Parker, 1933; 2nd Christine Willis
- (((Nancy Willis Odil, b. 1940 1939.
- (((Marguerite Blackburn Odil, b. 1921
- ((Jas Polk Odil, b. 1888, m. Mrs Carrie (Jones) Roberts, 1936, no issue.
- ((Guy Blackburn Odil, b. 1890, m. 1st Bessie Little, 1920; 2nd Marguerite
- ((Mary Alvira Odil, b. 1892 Watson, 1938.
- ((Eva Rose Odil, b. 1895; m. Arch McVey Giles, 1932, no issue

William Blackburn (1772-1856) continued

(William Hardy Blackburn, (1859-1932) m. Della Kinnard, 1886
 ((Ophelia Blackburn, b. 1887, m. T. D. Cathey, 1911
 ((Elizabeth Cathey
 ((Honor Cathey
 ((Willie, Della & James Cathey, deceased infants.
 ((Anna Blackburn, b. 1888; m. Evan P Chappel, Columbia, Tenn, in 1909
 ((Collin - Clayton, Clyde - Anna - William and Clinton Chappel.
 ((Novie Blackburn, b. 1896; m. B. Dodson, Columbia, Tenn. in 1914.
 ((Sue Dell - Beatrice & William Dodson.
 ((Anderson Blackburn, b. 1898; m. Mrs. Van Gunter, Baton Rouge, La; no issue.
 ((Ann Eliza Blackburn (1861 - 1867)
 ((James Thomas Blackburn(1863-1867)
 ((John A. Blackburn, (1866-1894), m. Evie Sellers (his 1st cousin)
 ((James Blackburn --- married Nell Jones
 ((Audrey Blackburn - - Married Frances Skelley
 ((Madge Blackburn - - married _____ Peevy
 (((Betty Ann Peevy, born 7/3/40
 ((Lois Blackburn
 ((Evie Blackburn
 ((Alexander H. Blackburn (1824-1906); m. Amarintha Mays, 18??, Santa Fe, Tenn.
 ((James Blackburn, md. 1st _____ no issue; m. 2nd _____; m. 3rd Fanny Hogan.
 ((Thompson Blackburn - - child by second marriage
 ((John Blackburn - - - - " " " "
 ((James Blackburn, Jr. - child by third marriage
 ((Birton Blackburn - - - - " " " "
 ((Bud _____; m. _____ Gray, - issue, one child.
 ((William G. Blackburn, (1868-1938), farmer, widely known throughout Maury Co.,
 ((Tenn., for his ready wit and his jovial disposition. Was a lover of practical
 ((jokes and a story teller with a style peculiarly his own. Buried in Sante
 ((Fee, Cemetery, married Susan Etta Robinson, 1885. Lived all his life near
 ((Sante Fe, Tenn.
 ((Mayme Blackburn (1893-1939), m. John Roach - no issue.
 ((Mathew Blackburn, 1st m. _____? two children; 2nd m. _____? three children.
 ((Francis Blackburn, 1st m. _____? no issue; 2nd m. _____? one child.
 ((Bessie Lee Blackburn; m. Aaron Miller, Sante Fe, Tenn. (Wm G was survived
 ((Aaron Miller, Jr. (by his wife
 ((Snow Blackburn m. W. C. Wren of Wolf City, Texas. (two daughters
 ((William Francis Blackburn - - Sante Fe, Tenn.. (two sons, Matt, W F
 ((R. Dodson Blackburn, m. Letty Beasley, Sante, Fe, Tenn. (20 grd children
 ((Addie Blackburn (2 gt grd "
 ((Emily Blackburn, m. _____Coleman (1 bro. R D B
 ((Abbie Blackburn
 ((Louise Blackburn
 ((_____? Blackburn
 ((Mollie Blackburn, m. 1st _____Fleming; 2nd md. Van Shouse
 ((John Fleming - m. _____Pigg.
 ((_____Fleming
 ((Raleigh Shouse.
 ((Amanda Blackburn, (1867-1939)m. Clark Gidcomb
 ((Etta Gidcomb, md. Maxy Woody
 ((Robert Woody, b. 1908; m. Illa Anderson
 ((Illa Lou Woody
 ((Robert Woody, Jr.

William Blackburn (1772-1856) continued.

(((Ruby Woody, b. 1909; m. Sam Bolton, 1937
((((Betty Ann Bolton, b. 1939
(((((Oscar Thos. Bolton, b. 1941
((((Carrie Woody, b. 1910; m. Robert Daryl Gray
(((((Robert D. Gray, jr. b. 1938
(((((Ronnye Gray - - b. 1940
((((Fulton Woody, b. 1912; m. Bonnie Howe, 1937
(((((Fulton Woody, jr. b. _____
(((((_____ Woody . b. _____
((((Laura Mae Woody - - - -b. 1914; electrocuted in bath room, 1930.
((((Pauline Woody - - - - -b. died in infancy
((((Maxy Woody, jr. - - - - -b. 1918
((((Jean Woody - - - - -b. 1920
((((Howard Woody, twin...- -b. 1922
((((Herbert Woody, twin - -b. 1922, deceased
((((Billy Woody - - - - -b. 1924
((((James Woody - - - - -b. 1926, deceased
(((Walter Gidcomb, b. _____ m.; 1st Lena Cayce; 2nd Bessie Cayse, her sister.
((((Walter Gidcomb, jr. (child of Lena)
((((Elizabeth Gidcomb, (child of Lena)
(((Will Gidcomb, m. Estelle Smith
((((J. W. Gidcomb
(((Lula Gidcomb; m. Austin Nix
((((Odell Nix; m. _____ Hardison
((((Bessie Lee Nix, m
((((Jerry Nix
((((Clark Nix
(((Clarence Gidcomb, m, Sadie Chaney
((((Byrum Gidcomb, b. 1934
((((dau Gidcomb.
(((Emma Gidcomb, deceased
((Thomas Blackburn (deceased); m. Abbie Shipp - no issue
((Sally Blackburn, m. Thos Jenkins
(((dau Jenkins; m. Scott Irvin
((((_____ Irvin.
((Cora Blackburn; m. Cornelius Booker
(((Rebecca Booker; m. Dr. Bruce Douglas, Nashville, Tenn.
(Nancy Grizelle Blackburn, (1825-18??); m. David Ferguson, Blair. He was the grand-
(son of her father's sister, Nancy Blackburn Carson. Ferguson Blair went to Ill-
(inois with his parents in 1844; came back on a business trip in 1848; since his
(parents were married 2/23/1823, D. Ferguson Blair was probably born in 1824.
(Tradition has it that they moved to Colby Co., Kansas, where they made their
(permanent home.
(Thomas Blackburn, b. 1828 - no data concerning this man
(Ann Blackburn, b. 1830; m. John Lockbridge, 1856. (no further data).

Will of WILLIAM BLACKBURN (1772-1856)

I, William Blackburn, do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made. First, I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid, as soon as possible after my death, out of any money that I may die possessed of, or may first come into the hands of my Executors.

Second - I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Nancy, 100 acres of land on which I now live, to be laid off as here in after directed, to wit: beginning at my south-

west corner, thence on the line between me and my son William A. Blackburn, to the spring branch in said here: Thence down said branch to a new crop fence, thence with said fence northward far enough to include all cleared land; thence due east running to the east boundary line, by running north to the north boundary line, so as to make the 100 acres. I also give and bequeath to my said wife 6 of my slaves, to wit: Susan, Mahala, Jane, Columbus, Bob, Margaret, I also give and bequeath to my wife all of my household and Kitchen furniture of every description, also one yoke of oxen, 1 ox wagon, 2 plows, 2 pairs of geers, singletrees, 2 clevises and 10 head of sheep, 10 head of hogs and corn enough to support on, until a crop can be made; 10 bu wheat, 500 bundles of oats and same amount of fodder, all of which property she is to have and hold during her natural life and at her death, for the property to be equally divided amongst my heirs, after giving to James Hassel and Elizha Hassel, 500 each.

Third - My will and wish is that the remainder of my property be equally divided amongst my several children to wit: Andrew Blackburn, Jane McColpin, Moses Blackburn, Narcissa Hardison, W. A. Blackburn, A. Blackburn, Nancy G. Blair, Ann T Blackburn, T. B. Blackburn.

My slaves I wish divided amongst my children without selling, the land and other property to be sold.

Fourth, - I will and bequeath that the sum of 100 be paid to each of the children of my son John P. Blackburn, deceased, or so many of them as are living.

Lastly - I hereby nominate and appoint my son Wm. A. Blackburn as executor; in witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this 18th day of June 1855.

Test: John Glenn.

William Blackburn, seal.

(Found in a tin box of wills marked "Old wills A-E" in court house of Maury Co., Tenn. & copied by his gt-gt-gd-dau Annilu Bearden Odil.)

Snyopsis of wills of ANDrew Blackburn (1770-1844)
Alexander Blackburn (1805-1846), son of Andrew
Andrew Blackburn (1827-1859), grandson of Andrew.

Taken from the records in Jefferson County, Tenn.

Will of Andrew Blackburn (1770-1844): Will Book 4, pp 96- - -

mentions: "Son, Alexander Blackburn

Son-in-law, David Caldwell and his wife, Polly, my daughter

Son-in-law, Samuel Caldwell and Sally, his wife, my daughter

Executors; my son Alexander Blackburn and my worthy friend,

Benjamin Blackburn."

Sept 27, 1837

Signed, Andrew Blackburn

Witn. John N. Blackburn

Andrew Blackburn

Recorded Feb. 3, 1845.

Will of Alexander Blackburn, son of Andrew (Will Bk 7, pp 171) probated Mch 1846.

He mentions "His wife, Harriet, and son Andrew.

"In case both my wife and son die, my property is to be put in the hands of a trustee who is to be selected by the Union Presbytery or whatever Presbytery may embrace Jefferson County, to be employed by said trustee to assist some indigent young man in the preparatory course for the Sacred Ministry."

"To my wife - certain books, by title.

"The balance of my Library to my son(son now a minor).

Executors: Samuel Meek with my wife to be executors.

Witness: James Carson

Isaac Crider

Signed

Alexander Blackburn

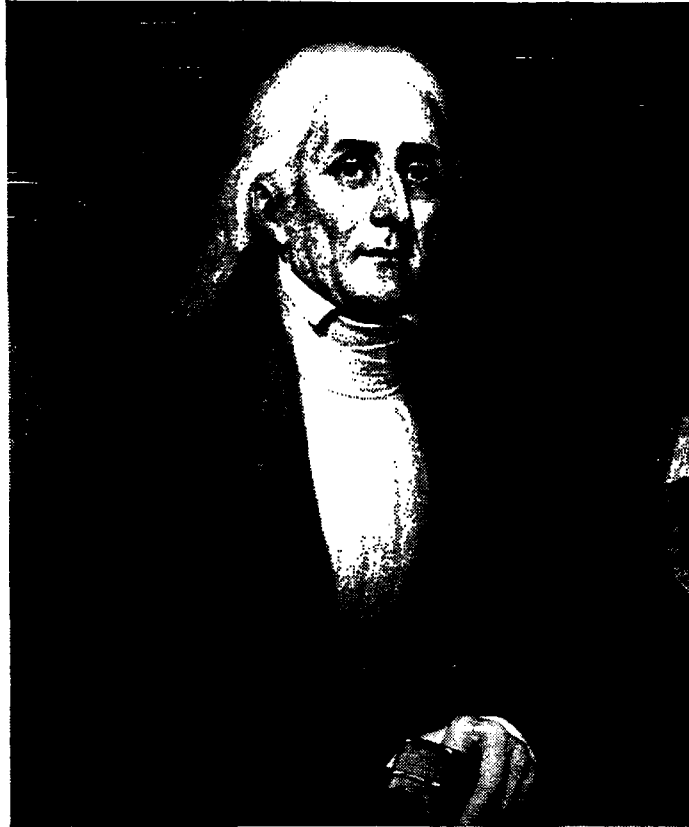
Rev. Andrew Blackburn, "son of Alexander & Priscilla (Morrow) Blackburn, was born in Jefferson County, Tenn. Sept. 28, 1827; Scotch-Irish descent. He preached at Eusebia Church, Blount Co., Tenn., in 1850; took charge of a church at Chattanooga Oct. 5, 1850, Rutledge Church; edited the "Calvinistic Magazine and Presbyterian Witness"; died Aug. 22, 1859; buried in Westminister Cemetery; married Miss Anne Elizabeth Gillespie."

GRIZELLE BLACKBURN (1774-1862)

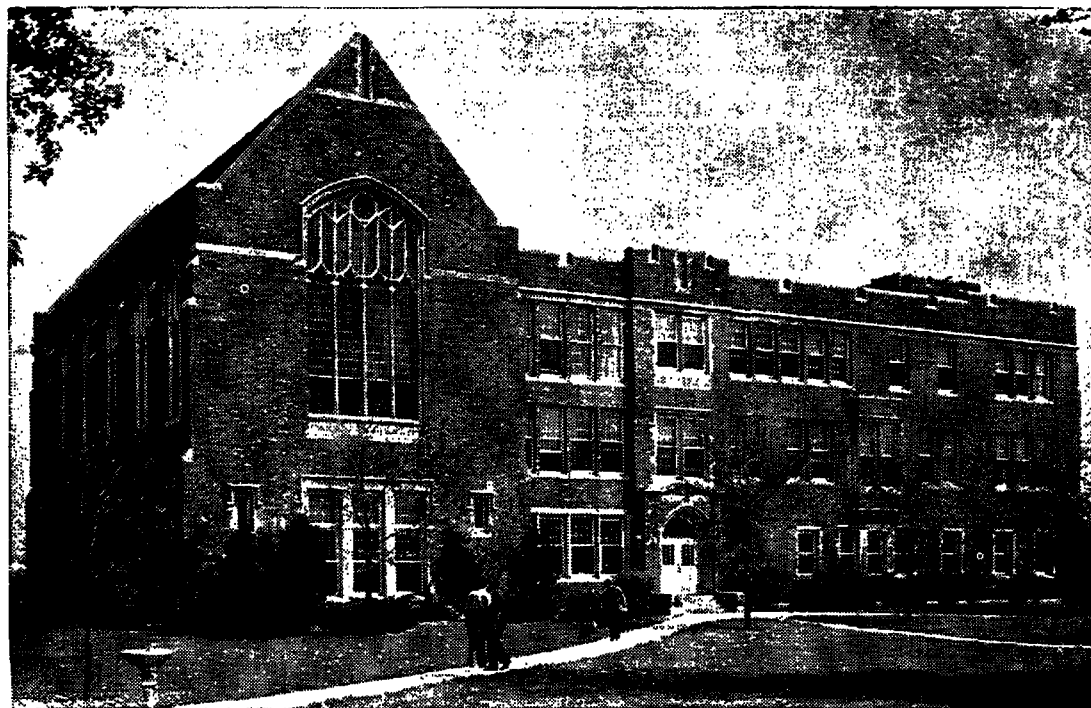
GRIZELLE BLACKBURN (1774-1862) the second daughter of John and Janet Blackburn was born near Abingdon, Washington County, Virginia, on Beaver Creek, where her parents had settled in the fall of 1773. She married her cousin Gideon Blackburn at Dandridge, Tenn., October 3, 1793.

GIDEON BLACKBURN

Was born August 27, 1772, in Augusta County, Virginia, near Steele's Tavern (present name 1941) and Providence Presbyterian Church. They were neighbors of the Steele and McCormick families (McCormick of reaper fame.) His father was Robert Blackburn, third son of Benjamin Blackburn, and Margaret Ritchie. Robert Blackburn and Margaret Ritchie were married probably at Winchester, Va., early in the year of 1766, where their eldest child, Thomas, was born, July 4, 1767. About 1769 Robert Blackburn moved down into the lower part of Augusta County and lived some five or six years near Providence Presbyterian Church and then when Gideon was about four years of age they moved down into Washington County, N. C. (now Tenn). It would appear that the family lived for a time near Bristol, Tenn., and later on the east branch of the Little Limestone creek and the Nolichucky River. At twelve years of age Gideon went to live with his grandfather, Benjamin Blackburn, who had also moved down from Augusta County, Va., and in the year 1784 purchased 200 acres about one mile south of Limestone. This move afforded Gideon the opportunity to attend Martin Academy which had been organized and taught by the Presbyterian minister, Dr. Samuel Doak, under whose tutelage Gideon received the foundation of his education. When his grandfather died about 1790, Gideon and his uncle, Gideon Ritchie, who seems to have taken a personal interest in the education of his nephew, left Limestone and went about 70 miles southwest to Dandridge, Tenn. Here Gideon Ritchie secured a military grant on the Nolichucky River, and Gideon Blackburn was taken into the home of his uncle, John Blackburn, who is spoken of as a "man of rare excellence". Gideon continued his studies under the Rev. Robert Henderson, pastor of the Hopewell Presbyterian Church at Dandridge. That meant a daily walk of five or six miles to the home of the pastor, but in those days of his youth and approach to young manhood, Gideon was no idler or "star-boarder" at his uncle's home. For a time he tended a saw mill at night and studied his Latin verbs by the light of a pine torch; he also did surveying for the early settlers, slept out in the cane breaks at night to avoid the Indians and took his pay in horses. We are told that he sold these horses in Knoxville and on the proceeds attended ⁱⁿ Dickson College in Penn. Dr. Silas E. Henry writes that in his youth an uncle pointed out to him a ravine near the Blackburn home to which Gideon was wont to retreat for secret prayer. In 1792 Gideon was ordained to the Presbyterian ministry in the Hopewell Presbyterian Church at Dandridge... It is stated that he immediately set out with a company of soldiers who were visiting the forts in the surrounding territory. With Bible and rifle in hand he accompanied them, preaching to them on the Sabbath and taking part in their campaigns against the hostile Cherokees. From certain references we are led to believe that on some occasions, he was in command of the troops. It is quite certain that in his youth



GIDEON BLACKBURN, D. D.
1772-1838



HUDSON HALL, BLACKBURN COLLEGE
Carlinville, Illinois

Gideon Blackburn had a definite inclination toward a military career. An erect military carriage marked his bearing throughout life. His ability to lead and influence men would have carried him far in such a vocation. In those contacts with the Cherokee Indians, he was convinced that the only solution for a permanent and enduring peace with the Indians lay in the leading of them to accept a Christian faith and the ways of the white man's civilization; therefore as soon as peace was established with the Indians, Gideon Blackburn appeared before the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church at Philadelphia in 1801 and in an ardent plea for the Indians carried the Assembly by the eloquence and enthusiasm of his appeal and was appointed by the General Assembly as Missionary to the Cherokees. He set about at once to establish schools among the Cherokees. He taught them not only in spiritual matters but also how to farm their lands with plows, to build roads; while his wife instructed the girls in sewing and domestic arts. In October 1793, shortly after he was ordained to the ministry, he married his cousin, Grizelle Blackburn, daughter of John Blackburn. He made a settlement at Craig's Fort where Maryville is now located. He built two log cabins - one for a home, and the other to serve as a school and a church. He became pastor of New Providence and Eusebia Churches, which he served until he moved to central Tennessee in 1810. His labors as pastor of these two congregations were interspersed with extensive trips on horseback throughout the settlements in eastern Tennessee and northern Alabama organizing churches and preaching to the people wherever he could get a number of the pioneers together. The writer has in his possession Dr. Blackburn's laconic diary in which he notes the number in attendance at his meetings, children baptized, response of the people to his message and some comment on the character of the land. Under the strenuous demands of his labors as pastor of two churches, leader of camp meetings, itinery preacher to the outlying settlements, and missionary to the Indians his strength and constitutional vigor were taxed to the limit. His chief "thorn in the flesh" was a lameness in one leg caused by the fracture of his hip in early youth. This resulted in a permanent injury from which he never fully recovered and affected his walk so that he always had a slight limp in his gait, and at times brought on a swelling from which he suffered great agony. When unable to ride his horse, he made for his journeys a two wheeled cart, in which he assayed to make his trips, but in places the state of the roads made even the use of a wheeled cart impossible. At these places, he would dismount from the cart and with the leading strap of his horse in his teeth proceed on crutches over the obstacle. Such was the perseverance and determination of this pioneer minister and missionary; it is no surprise that in 1810 his health broke down completely and he had to give up his favorite work among the Indians and seek a field of less strenuous labor. The affliction in his leg never fully left him. The writer's mother told him that she remembered Dr. Blackburn in the pulpit sitting on a chair with his afflicted leg resting on a cushion while he preached with his usual vigor and eloquence. He left eastern Tennessee and moved first to Manry County, then to Franklin, Tenn., where in 1811 he took charge of Harpeth Academy and served as pastor of five churches in that vicinity. He was wont to mount his horse and set out Friday evening for his appointment; often preaching on Saturday and twice on Sunday and be back for his classes on Monday morning. During his residence at Franklin he made many trips throughout Tennessee, Kentucky and even into Illinois and Missouri. A record is left of a visit in St. Louis in 1816. In 1823 Dr. Blackburn took charge of the Presbyterian Church at Louisville, Ky. While pastor at that place he organized a church and a school at Goshen, Ky, of which his eldest son, Rev. John N. Blackburn, was in charge until the latter's death in 1838. In 1826 Dr. Blackburn became President of Center College, but only remained there for about three years. The probable reason for his resignation as President of Center College was due to conflict with the Trustees over his views concerning a gradual emancipation of the slaves. We find that he took charge of the Presbyterian Church at Versailles, Ky, in 1828 and remained there until he moved to Illinois in the fall of 1833. In the Spring of 1833 he made a trip to Macoupin County, Illinois,

where in March 1833 he took up about 600 acres of Government land in Chesterfield Township. He returned to Kentucky and made arrangements to move his family to this new country. Before he set out for Illinois, he freed his slaves; of whom two came along as his hired servants. The bonds of their freedom are to be found on record in the Court House at Carlinville, Illinois. The limited space we have allotted to this sketch will not permit us to enter into the narrative of the sympathy extended by women of the Kentucky home to the Blackburn ladies on leaving "civilization and going into the wilds of a frontier", nor of the crudeness of their first home on the banks of the Macoupin Creek in Illinois, but suffice it to say that they only stayed about a year in the log cabins in the Chesterfield Township until Dr. Blackburn bought 500 acres on the east side of Carlinville, the county seat of Macoupin County and moved there in the fall of 1834 or early in 1835. Dr. Blackburn was made a trustee of the Congregational College at Jacksonville, Ill. that year and also became financial agent for the school. Due doubtless to the fact that Illinois College by their charter of 1829 was limited in the amount and kind of Biblical Instruction they could give, Dr. Blackburn conceived the plan of establishing a Presbyterian institution of learning at Carlinville, the State Legislature in the meanwhile having taken a more liberal attitude toward religious teaching. Therefore he approached his friends in the east with the proposition that if they would buy Illinois land at \$2.00 per acre, he would act as their agent and buy the land at \$1.25 per acre, set aside 50¢ per acre for a Presbyterian Institution of learning and reimburse himself for his labor and expenses out of the balance of 25¢ per acre. By this means he was able in 1837 to deed over to a Board of Trustees the title to over 16,000 acres of land in Macoupin, Madison, Montgomery and Sangamon Counties, for the establishment of the College at Carlinville, Illinois.

Dr. Blackburn is known chiefly for his eloquence as a pulpit orator. Besides his zeal for Indian missions and ministry to the people of the frontier, he devoted much of his energy to the establishment of Presbyterian churches in Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky and Illinois, and the preparation of young men of promise for the service of the Presbyterian ministry. He frequently had young men in his home under his instruction for the ministry for months at a time. On one occasion he passed by a negro service and heard a young slave addressing his race. Dr. Blackburn was so impressed with his apparent ability, that he sought out his master and purchased him and took him into his own home and trained him for the ministry, then gave him his freedom and sent him to Philadelphia where he and his sons became effective workers among their people in that city.

Tall of stature, of military carriage, dramatic in delivery, possessed of a melodious silver-toned voice, with facial expression and brilliant eye following every passionate phase of his theme, he captivated his hearers. He excelled in the power to dramatize his subject with vivid word-pictures and imagery, so that people thronged to hear him and forgot time and fatigue under the spell of his eloquence even though he was wont to speak for two hours at a stretch. In the fall of 1837 when the opposition to the publishing of a paper in Alton, Illinois, by the Rev. Elijah P. Lovejoy, a Presbyterian minister, advocating abolition of slavery, was at its height, Dr. Blackburn was present at a meeting of the supporters of Lovejoy's press and was made chairman of the meeting. We gather from several sources that Dr. Blackburn did not approve of the violent acts of either side of the controversy, but was a thorough supporter of the "freedom of the press". The writer has a copy of a letter written by a Mr. Buchanan of Carlinville to Rev. Hurlburt of Alton, in which he cautions the latter not to count too heavily on Dr. Blackburn's support on the cause of abolition, but states that Blackburn's interests lay more in the maintenance of the freedom of the press.

Due to a cancer on his face that assumed malignant proportions and the chronic hip-trouble that at times caused him severe pain, his latter years were years of suffering. In the winter of 1837-1838 a fall upon the ice caused a

fracture of his hip, he was confined to his bed often in great pain. His son, Anderson, left record that once in the delirium of his suffering he sat up in bed and imagining himself again before the throngs that gathered to hear him in his prime, he preached one of the most eloquent sermons he ever heard his father preach on the text, "Why will ye die, oh house of Israel", (Ezek. 18:31). "His only prayer was for patience and resignation to enable him to wait the Lord's time to take him home. Mostly his mind was clear and his hopes were always bright. No cloud seemed to dim his mind. He only longed to go home." He died August 23, 1838. The funeral sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Allen of Huntsville, Ala. He was buried in the Goode graveyard (now called the Cook Addition of the Cemetery) in Carlinville, Ill. The exact spot of his original interment is not known to the present generation. Dr. Duncan McMillan, graduate of Blackburn University in 1870 and well-known Presbyterian divine, in a letter to the writer, said that he remembered seeing Dr. Blackburn's grave on this tract in 1856. The City Cemetery was laid off in 1851 and when Mrs. Gideon Blackburn died in 1862, she was buried in this part. About 1870 the Trustees of Blackburn University, according to their minutes, requested the heirs of Dr. Blackburn to permit them to remove the bodies of Dr. Blackburn, his wife and son Gideon to the College Campus and there they would set up an appropriate monument to his memory. This proposition was apparently rejected. They then proposed buying the lot on which Mrs. Blackburn was buried and asked permission to remove the remains of Dr. Blackburn and his son Gideon to said lot and there erect a monument to their memory. For some reason this lingered in committee for two or three years and the record does not definitely state just what action was finally taken. Whether the family objected to the act of disturbing the grave of Dr. Blackburn, or whether after the lapse of some 25 years they could not find any remains, lies in doubt. They did however erect a monument which may today be seen in the Carlinville City Cemetery. Along the east side thereof three mounds were visible - apparently locating three graves. At our request, the sexton of said cemetery dug a shallow ditch across the same, and definitely proved to our satisfaction that there was only one grave there. However the remains of Dr. Blackburn and his son may have been placed in Mrs. Blackburn's grave or they might have been put under the monument. There is no one alive today who can clear up this mystery for us.

The likeness that has been left to us of Dr. Blackburn was gained by stealth. His friends had often appealed to him to have a portrait made, but he thought such an act to be forbidden by the Second Commandment and to be an undue display of personal pride. However a lady in Boston determined to have a portrait and invited the Doctor to call on several afternoons and engaged him in his favorite theme concerning the cause of the Cherokee Missions; meanwhile she had a portrait painter behind a curtain taking off the Doctor's likeness. It is said that when he found out the deceit that had been practiced on him, that he was very angry and harshly condemned the betrayers of his trust, but later became reconciled to the deed and forgave the lady. During the last years of his life one sorrow after another fell upon him. His favorite son, James, died at Maryville College while preparing for the ministry; his daughter Nancy Glorian was taken by death on the threshold of young womanhood; his son-in-law the Rev. John T. Hamilton, died shortly before they came to Illinois; his son, the Rev. Samuel Blackburn, died in 1835 while on a trip to Kentucky to visit his wife's people and was buried at Shawneetown; his son Gideon died in 1837, aged 21 years, and his eldest son, the Rev. John N. Blackburn, pastor at Goshen, Ky., died in early part of 1838. One can sympathize and excuse the aged father in the sufferings of his latter days, if at times he called in question his own acts and thought perhaps the Lord was punishing him. One thing that seemed to rise and trouble him was the question whether he sinned by marrying his own cousin. That fact came to me from two widely different sources, and seems to be quite authentic.

Dr. Blackburn died intestate. His estate was estimated to exceed \$45,000.00. He was probably the wealthiest man in Macoupin County at the time of his death. It is said that Dr. Blackburn had drawn up a will, that was particularly favorable to his youngest son, A. M. Blackburn, but failed to sign or have the same properly witnessed, and therefore did not serve in the distribution of his estate. We understand that the heirs of said A. M. Blackburn still have this will in their possession

GIDEON & GRIZELLE BLACKBURN were the parents of ten children: to wit:

1. John Newton Blackburn (1795-1838) m. 1st Isabel Berryhill, 2nd Catherine Edwards
2. Elizabeth Henderson Blackburn (1797 - 1880) m. Rev. John T. Hamilton
3. James Harvey Blackburn (1799-1818), single
4. Samuel Emmons Blackburn (1803-1836) m. Sarah Glass
5. Jane Mathews Blackburn (1805-1827) m. Rev. Wm. M. King.
6. Nancy Glorian Blackburn (1807-1825), single
7. Grundy H. Blackburn (1812-1891) m. Eliza McClure
8. William Whitfield Blackburn (1814-18??) died in infancy
9. Gideon Hervey Blackburn (1816-1837), single
10. Anderson Montgomery Blackburn (1818-1871) m. Margaret Hoxsey.

(John Newton Blackburn (1795-1838) was a Presby. minister and teacher; almost if not all his ministry was in the vicinity of Goshen, Ky., a few miles northwest of Louisville, where he died and is buried. Here his father had established a church and school, which he turned over to the care of his son, John, who first married Isabel Berryhill - issue: -

(Mary Anderson Blackburn, wife of Thos. F. Thornton
((Mary Belle Thornton, m. Jas. A. Edwards, May 1860
((Agnes Thornton, m. William M. Goerge
((David L. Thornton, m. Lucy Mathews in 1892
((Elizabeth Thornton, M. Henry George
(((A. H. George of Meridian, Miss. - (son of Wm. or Henry ?)
(Elizabeth Blackburn; probably died in early infancy.
(First son, born Jan. 18, 1822 - lived five days.
(Second son, born May 17, 1824 - lived six weeks
(Lavinia Blackburn, born July 11, 1828 - lived 1 yr, 2 mo. 21 d.
(2nd wife of Rev. J.N.B. was Catherine Edwards
(Margaret Blackburn, (1833-1901); married Dr. M. H. Head, Carlinville, Ill.
((Eugene Head, M.D. (1854-1914) married _____; no issue
((Hadley B. Head (1856-1910) married Belle Stephenson, she died in 1937.
(((Florence Head married Walter Keune, Virden, Ill., farmer
((((Virginia Keune, m. 1940, _____
((((Nell Blackburn Head, single
((((Maurice Head, m. Gertrude Gowin - no issue.
(Eugenia Blackburn (1837-1912), spinster

(Elizabeth Henderson Blackburn (1797-1880) m. Rev. Jno. T. Hamilton, a Presby Minister, who shared the pulpit with his father-in-law at Franklin, Tenn. about 1816.
(Elvira G. Hamilton (1816-1859) first wife of A. McKim DuBois.
((Elvira G. DuBois, died 1859, aged three months.
(Susan J. Hamilton (1819-1846), married James White, who ran a saw-mill in Carlinville in the early days. Went back to Ky after the death of his wife.
(Susan is buried in Cook Addition, Carlinville Cemetery.
((Robert White
((James White, Jr.

Gideon & Grizelle Blackburn

(Mary Isabelle Hamilton (1821-18880, second wife of Robert Glass (09-75)
 ((John H. Glass
 ((Orvel Glass
 (((2 dau and 1 son live near Arlington, Ky.
 ((Charles Glass (1844-1914), druggist, bachelor, buried in Carlinville
 ((Clarence Glass (died in infancy), buried in Carlinville
 ((Robert Glass, (1841-1915), deaf and dumb, bachelor, buried in Carlinville.
 ((Henry Glass, died in infancy, buried in Carlinville.
 ((Zadie E. Glass (1856-1938) spinster; Grad of Blackburn Uni. 1875,
 ((Frank Blackburn Glass (1861-1934) bachelor.
 ((Glorian Hamilton (1824-1855) m. Wm. Weer, atty, Carlinville, buried in C'Ville.
 ((Elizabeth Weer, died 1855, aged 3 years.
 ((Mary Josephine Weer (18)m. Chas. P. Wise, atty, Alton, Illinois
 (((Henrietta Wise; nun "Sister Loretto".
 (((Chas. E. Wise, m. Helen Hudden
 (((Chas E. Wise, Jr.
 (((Helen Wise; m. Henry D'Arcy
 (((Helen D'Arcy, Jr.
 (((Albert R. Wise; Jesuit priest.
 (((Blanche Wise, m Ignatius McMenemy, St. Louis, Mo. (no children)
 (((Frank Wise, bachelor
 (((Marie Wise; m. Walter H. Averill, St. Louis, Mo. (Marie is dec'd.
 (((Mary Josephine Averill, m. James George
 (((Harriet Averill; m. John L. Porter
 (((Harriet Averill Porter
 (((Jeanne S. Porter
 (((Walter H. Averill, Jr. m. Margaret Loring
 (((Margaret Averill
 (((Willis Weer Averill, Jesuit Priest, ordained June 21, 1942
 (((Alexander Morton Averill, is or has been in the Movies."Anthony Averill"
 (((Louise T. Averill, m. Dr. Wm. Korfmacher
 (((Cyril Wise, m. Carleen Guinotte
 (((Cyril Wise, Jr. m. _____
 (((Carleen Wise
 ((John Hamilton; buried just north of Mrs. Weer in Carlinville Cem. no stone.
 ((Mary Hamilton (1858-1902); m. Barney McCann, Carlinville, Ill., farmer.
 (((Blanche McCann; m. Geo. Brockmeier, shoe merchant, Carlinville, dec'd.
 (((George Brockmeier, Jr.
 (((Russell Brockmeier
 (((William Brockmeier, m.
 ((Frank Hamilton, died in New Orleans, 1926 - history unknown to writer.
 ((Lily Hamilton, m. Edward Steidley, live in St. Louis, Issue ??
 ((Said to have been seven Hamilton children when they came to Illinois in 1833 -
 ((other two probably died in infancy and buried on Challacombe farm, 1st Cemetery.
 (James Harvey Blackburn (1799-1848) died while a divinity student at Maryville College
 (said to have been a very brilliant young man. Dr. Anderson, President of Maryville College, is reported to have said that he thought him to be even more brilliant than his gifted father.
 (Samuel Emmons Blackburn (1803-1836) Pres. minister; 1st pastor of Spring Cove and Carlinville Pres. Churches in 1834; died on Ohio River while enroute to his wife's folks in Ky.; m. Sarah Glass of Ky. (Saml buried at Shawneetown, Ill.)
 (Joseph E. Blackburn (1831-1838), died at 7 years.
 (Jane Blackburn (1830-1928), m. 1st Washington J. West.
 ((Julia A. West (died 1929) wife of Andrew Washburn, florist, Bloomington, Ill.
 (((Edna Blackburn Washburn, m. Ralph E. Bundy, Beloit, Wisc.
 (((Katherine Washburn Bundy, m. Lt. Walter J. Berger, Dec. 16, 1941.
 (((Lucy Marian Bundy

Gideon & Grizelle Blackburn

- (((Lucy Spencer Washburn; m. Leonard O. Prather
- ((((Constance Ann Prather, b. 1920
- ((((George Richard Prather, b. 1922
- ((((John Washburn Prather, b. 1928
- ((2nd husband of Jane Blackburn, Philander Y. Stuart, Alton, Ill.
- ((Emmons Stuart, died early.
- ((Margaret Stuart; m. Chas. R. Rode, Chicago, Ill.
- (((Marcia Rode; m. Fred Kennedy
- (((Augustus Maxwell Rode; m. _____
- (((Barbara Stuart Rode
- (((Charles Stuart Rode.
- ((3rd husband of Jane Blackburn, Rev. J. A. Ranney, Presb. - no issue.
- (Jane Mathews Blackburn (1805-1827) m. Rev. Wm. Montgomery King
- ((Jane M. King () m. James Burton, Woodburn, Ill.
- (((Elizabeth Burton (1849-1887) m. Rev. A. N. Parks (1844-1911) in 1873.
- (((Edna Blackburn Parks, (1874-1915) m. Rev. Alexander Waite, 1905. (Edna
- (((was a graduate of Blackburn College, 1892, and for many years a
- (((missionary to China.)
- ((((Robert James Waite
- ((((John Calvin Waite
- ((((Jerome Waite
- ((((Elizabeth Waite
- ((((Mabel Martha Waite
- ((((Maude Burton Parks, (1875-1875)
- ((((Mabel Parks, b. 1878, lives in Hutchison, Kansas (1939)
- ((((James Adolphus Parks (1884-1903)
- (((Ella Jane Burton (185?-1919) Waco, Tex.
- (((Carrie King Burton (185?-1930), Waco, Tex.
- (((Lucy Blackburn Burton (1861-1863)
- (Glorian Blackburn (1807-1825) (Name, possibly, Nancy Glorian) Died in Kentucky.
- (Grundy H. Blackburn (1812-1891); was an elder of the Spring Cove Pres. Ch, farmer,
- (later moved to Pana, Ill. where he practiced medicine, married Eliza McClure
- (of Carlinville.
- ((Adelaide Blackburn, died in her teens, buried in Carlinville, Illinois
- ((Emogene Blackburn, died in her teens, buried in Carlinville, Illinois
- ((Charles Blackburn, died as a young man, never married.
- ((Emmons Blackburn (?) might be the same person as Chas. died in Pana while young.
- ((Grizelle Blackburn, m. a Mr. Lawrence of Pana, Illinois
- (((Adelaide Lawrence, m. _____ had two children, lived in Washington State
- (((Hal Lawrence - three children - Washington state.
- (William Whitefield Blackburn (1814 - ??) probably died in infancy
- (Gideon Hervey Blackburn (1816-1837) buried in Carlinville, Illinois.
- (Anderson Montgomery Blackburn (1818-1871) named by his father as one of the Trustees
- (of the College Fund in 1837; lived in Carlinville, Virden, and Godfrey; mostly
- (real estate business; m. Margaret Hoxsey.
- ((Maria Blackburn (1841-1872) 2nd wife of Mr. Noyes
- ((Charles Blackburn, stu. Blackburn College; was an M.D.; lived & died in Montana
- (((two or three children
- ((Mary Blackburn, married a Mr. White - no other information
- ((Emma Blackburn, died in 1830; wife of Judge ~~Henry~~ ^{S.T.} Corn, Ogden, Utah.
- (((four or five children.
- ((Flora Blackburn; grad. of Blackburn College in 1875; never married, teacher in
- ((William Blackburn, killed in a fall from a hotel window in the south. (Utah.

GEORGE BLACKBURN

GEORGE BLACKBURN (1776 - 18??); died after 1835; married Martha (Patsey) Neeley in Dandridge, Tenn., October 8, 1800 (John Fain Blackburn gave Elizabeth Vance as the name of the wife of George; however "Patsey Neeley" is the name given in the marriage license records in Dandridge) Very little is known of the movements or business of this man; mentioned in his father's will to receive \$300 balance due him; also was living in 1835 at the time of the distribution of the estate of Gen. Saml Blackburn.

- (George Blackburn "father of the Kimmundy, Ill. Blackburns".
- (James Blackburn
- (John Blackburn - John and James were in Medora, Illinois at the beginning of
- (the Civil War but left for St. Louis about that time because of their sympathy
- (for the southern cause. Their names are found on the roll of members of the
- (Spring Cove Presbyterian Church (Summerville.) Other children?

JOHN BLACKBURN (1778-1868)

John Blackburn, son of John and Janet Blackburn, married Elizabeth McGirk (1782-1867) on Sept. 23, 1802. They lived and died on the farm given to John by his father, John Blackburn, Sr., in his will in 1805. John grew up in the Hopewell Presbyterian Church in Dandridge, of which he became an elder. His father was one of the charter members in 1787 and also one of its first elders. John and Elizabeth are buried in the second cemetery, near the Hopewell Presbyterian Church. His father, the Rev. War veteran lies in the old cemetery in the center of the town. The names and the order of the birth of the Children of John and Elizabeth, as far as we could learn, were as follows.

1. Jane Mathews Blackburn (1803-1805)
2. Benjamin Ardra Blackburn (1805-1877) m. 1827 Isabelle Caldwell
3. Matilda Blackburn, b. about 1807 - - m. Rev. Jas Gass in 1839.
4. Mary (Polly) Blackburn (1809-1841) m. Wm H. Steele in 1833.
5. Maria Blackburn, b. ab. 1812 - - m. Wm. Alexander Caldwell in 1833
6. Andrew Alvy Blackburn (1814-1891) m. 1st, 1839, Isabel Lowry Blackburn, "cousin"
2nd m. 1846, Ellen Elizabeth Dick.
7. Catherine Blackburn
8. Gideon H. Blackburn
9. Nancy Eliza Blackburn, b _____; late in life m. John Clark, "a middle age
10. Mathias (Mack) Blackburn, b _____, never married. (widower".

Jane Mathews Blackburn was born July 1, 1803; died Feb. 22, 1805 "aged 1yr 7 mo 22 da"

Benjamin Ardra Blackburn (1805-1877) married Isabelle Moore Caldwell (1806-1887) on February 19, 1827; They were the parents of eleven children: Rufus, 1828; Eleanore, 1829; Mary about 1831; Roselle Louise, 1833; William Wirt, 1838; Martha Miranda, 1840; Catherine, 1842; Harriet, 1844; John Fain, 1846; Joseph H. 1849; Sarah D., 1852

(Rufus Blackburn, b. 1828, died young.

(Eleanore M. Blackburn, born Oct. 4, 1829, m. Jan 26, 1848 Wm. Baxter Gass, farmer

(Milton Baxter Gass, their son, m. a Miss Hawk. Milton was a photographer.

(William Baxter Gass

(Anna Belle Gass married John Doak, farmer - no children

(Benj. Gass m. _____?, farmer, then carpenter & contractor "good citizen, strong

(Wm. Gass, unmarried, painter, Knoxville, Tenn. (character.

(John Ross Gass, m. Elsie _____ of Iowa, prominent Presby. minister.

((two sons living in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

(William Gass - "a promising young man; died of pneumonia while at Tusculum College."

John Blackburn continued

(Mary Ann Elizabeth Blackburn, born about 1831; m. Silas H. Henry, farmer 2/10/1858.

((Emma Rosalie Henry, b. Dec. 13, 1858; m. Hugh Eckel, carpenter, Knoxville.

(((Henry Virgil Eckel, (11/12/79 - 5/21/1903) mechanic, killed in accident.

(((Mack Leroy Eckel (1882-1884)

(((Elizabeth Richard Eckel, b. 2/14/85, m. Wm H. Rule - no children

(((Mary Lenore Eckel, b. 11/13/87, m. Raymond W. Worsham

((((Hugh Eckel Worsham, b. 1911; m. Gertrude Swatts - no children

((((Raymond W. Worsham, Jr., b. 1913; m. Esther Garstang

(((((Raymond W. Worsham, III, b. Nov. 30, 1941

((((Mary Rose Worsham, b. 1916, m. Wm H. Black

(((Nancy Bell Eckel, b. 9/23/89; m. Eugene Fender - no children

(((Beulah Love Eckel, b. 2/8/93; md. J. Luther Frantz - no children

(((Wm Hugh Eckel, 11/5/96; killed in France 11/3/18. Grad of Uni of Tenn.

(((Ray Eadevia Eckel. b/ 9/21/99; m. Warner Ogden

((((Alfred Eckel Ogden, b. 5/20/1925

((((Frances Elizabeth Ogden, b. 7/14/29

((((Julia Ruth Eckel, b. 1/2/1902; m. Oscar M. Carrier

((((Hugh Carrier, b. 7/29/1925

((Nancy Henry married James Williams, farmer

(((Emma Williams married J. E. Bettis of Dandridge, Tenn.

((((two or three children - names unknown

(((Charles Williams, married; died of heart attack.

(((Bertha Williams, married Mr. Lewis

(((George Williams, died in early manhood.

(((Nina Williams married and moved to Ohio

(((Bessie Williams, married _____?

(((Ross Williams, married, lives in Tampa, Fla.

((((has two sons - one married; names ?

((John R. Henry, born May 1865; m. Lucille Formwalt about 1888.

(((Kathleen Henry (1889-1899)

(((Formwalt Henry, born about 1900; m. Ruth Conway (she died about 1932); lives

((((on home place 4 miles east of Dandridge.

((((John Henry, b. 1927

((((Joe Henry, b. 1929

((((daughter, born ab. 1940 by 2nd wife, sister of 1st wife.

(Louisa Rosillia Blackburn, born Sept. 12, 1833; m. John Henry, farmer, New Market,

(about 1858. In early youth she united with the Hopewell Pres. Church and after

(marriage transferred her membership to the New Market Presb. church where her

(husband was an officer of the church.

((Wm Anderson Henry (1859-) m. Florence Rush, 2/7/1884

(((Nelle Haseltine Henry, b. 1884; teacher Knoxville; single, Presbyterian

(((Georgia Rush Henry, b. 1888; m. Herbert J. Buell, 1921 (Indianapolis, Ind.)

((((child, who died in infancy

((((Elizabeth (Betty) Buell -- born 1924

((((Margaret (Peggy) Anne Buell -- born 1931.

(((Ralph Edward Henry, b. 1890; m. Ada Polly Douglas in 1926, farmer, New Market.

(((Geneva Estelle Henry, b. 1892; m. Glenn Summers, agri advisor - no issue

(((Mary Ruth Henry, b. 1892; m. Chas A. Bales, 1923, Johnson City, Tenn.

((((Virginia Nelle Bales, born 1924

((((Dorothy Jeanne Bales, born 1926

(((John Wm. Henry, b. 1904; m. Mary Lou Yates, 1926 - Presbyterian

((((Betty Lou Henry, born 1927.

(((Virginia Katherine Henry, b. 1910, single, Secy to M. D. in Johnson City.Pres.

((Hester Isabelle Henry (1860-1903) Presby. organist at New Market - spinster

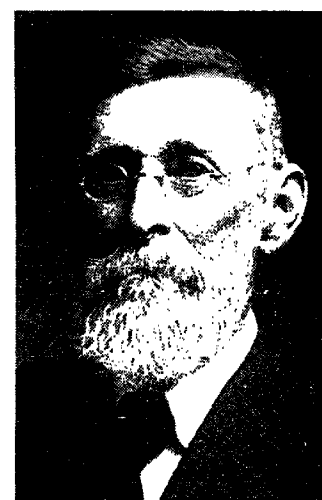
((Jas. Benj. Henry, b. 1864, m. Lucy McSpadden, 1905 - farmer, Presby.



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Wm. Wirt Blackburn
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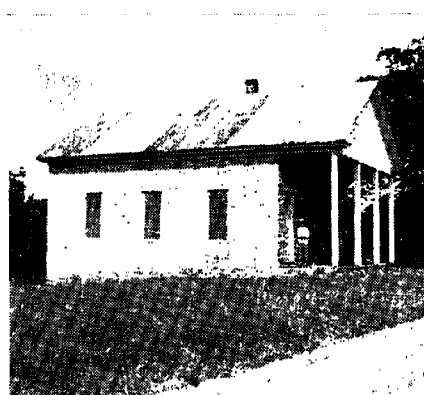
Seven Blackburn Brothers, sons of Wm. Wallace Blackburn. Taken August, 1940. Left to right: Thomas, Wert, Ernest, Ben, Roy, "Brownny", and John. pp 83.



Rev. Wm. M. Hudson, D. D.
President of Blackburn University
1912—



John Wm. Blackburn
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Cedar Creek Presbyterian Church.
Organized 1762. Taken Aug., 1940.
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Chas. Ardra Blackburn
Pres. of Blackburn Family
Organization. pp 84

John Blackburn Continued

- ((Edward McSpadden Henry, b. 1906; m. Margaret _____ no issue. Presby-
- ((Silas Edward Henry, b. 1867; Pres. minister, m. 1st, Anna Laura Adams*, 1907
- ((Anna Lou Henry, b. 1909; m. Oscar A. Jose, 1930 - no issue
- ((Laura Margaret Henry, b. 1910; m. W. Jim Roberts, Indianapolis, Ind.
- (((Marianna Roberts, b. 1934
- (((John Henry Roberts, b. 1941
- (((*Anna Lou (Adams) Henry died 1910; Rev. S. E. Henry m 2nd Virginia Colbert
- (((Virginia (Colbert) Henry died 1929. (1918.
- ((John Henry, III, b. 1870; Pres. Min. m. Elizabeth Armstrong, 1898
- ((Emma Henry, b. 1899; m Emmitt Armstrong, 1924 - no issue
- ((Russell Blackburn Henry, b. 1901; Pres. Min. m. Mildred Doty, 1925
- (((Jean Marie Henry, b. 1927
- (((Elizabeth Anna Henry, b. 1931
- (((John Henry, IV. b. 1935
- (((Jas. Russel Henry, b. 1941
- ((Ruth Henry, b. 1906; m. Roger Carlin, 1927; Noblesville, Ind. no issue
- ((Louise Harriet Henry, b. 1917; m. Harold Thorne, 1941
- (William Wirt Blackburn (1838-1915) m 1st Harriet E. McSpadden (46-71); Jan 13, 1869
- ((William Wallace Blackburn (1869-1927) m. Ida A. Harrison, 1892
- (((Thos McSpadden Blackburn, b. 1893; m. 1919 Cassandra Saffel
- (((Thos McS Blackburn, Jr., b. 1920
- (((Hugh Saffel Blackburn, b. 1922
- (((Hugh Harrison Blackburn, (1895-1915)
- (((Harley Wirt Blackburn, b. 1897; m. Eloise Eledge (1st wife)
- (((Hillis Eloise Blackburn, b. 1919
- (((Elda Augusta Blackburn, b. 1922
- (((William Lester Blackburn, b. 1925
- (((Elizabeth Lois Blackburn, b. 1929
- (((Norma Lee Blackburn, b. 1938; (by 2nd m. to Lula Huddleston)
- ((Wm. Ernest Blackburn, b. 1899; m. 1928, Mary L. Douglas
- (((Barbara Douglas Blackburn, b. 1937
- (((William Joseph Blackburn, b. 1938
- ((Benjamin Alvah Blackburn, b. 1901; m. Mary R. Marston, 1929
- (((Ida Katherine Blackburn, b. 1930
- (((Ruth Ellen Blackburn, b. 1931
- (((Anna Margaret Blackburn, b. 1936
- (((Odie Roy Blackburn, b. 1903; m. Alice Stinecipher, 1930
- (((Charles Roy Blackburn, b. 1932
- (((Alice Marie Blackburn, b. 1935
- (((James Wallace Blackburn, b. 1940
- ((Mabel Ellen Blackburn, b. 1905; m. A. E. Fox, 1936
- (((James Roy Fox, b. 1939
- (((Elbert Arthur (Brown) Blackburn, b. 1907; m. Edith Cash, 1934
- (((John Kenneth Blackburn, b. 1910
- (((Anna Louise Blackburn, b. 1912
- (((Harriet Grace Blackburn, b. 1915
- ((Benjamin Rufus Blackburn, b. 1871; m. Effie Yarborough, 1898
- (((Hattie P. Blackburn, b. 1902; m. Steve A. Kappe, 1923
- (((Carolyn Elizabeth Kappe, b. 1935
- (((William Charles Blackburn, b. 1905; m. Elva Conrad, 1935, (Roy Etie, stepson)
- (((Benj. Ralph Blackburn, b. 1908; m. Elois Ramsey, 1927
- (((Geraldine Yvonne Blackburn, b. 1928
- (((Betty Fay Blackburn, b. 1930
- (((Joseph Lawrence Blackburn, b. 1913
- (((Clifford Wesley Blackburn (1918-1935)

John Blackburn Continued

- (- 2nd wife of Wm. Wirt Blackburn was Harriet Miller (46-1921) m. in 1874.
- ((Horace Edmond Blackburn, (1876-1919) m 1st Ida Bell Rankin, 1902. (she died 1905)
- (((Edward Earl Blackburn, b. 1903; m. Almeda Haun, 1929
- ((((Betty Gean Blackburn, b. 1930
- (((James Wirt Blackburn, b. 1905; m. Dolly Edmons, 1925
- ((2nd wife of Horace, Adel Ireland, m. 1909
- (((Horace Ireland Blackburn, b. 1910
- ((Nellie Margaret Blackburn, b. 1877; m. Roy Rankin, 1907; Jefferson City, Tenn.
- ((Charles Ardra Blackburn, b. 1878; m. Edith Blanche Rankin, 6/8/1904; was in the
- (Hardware business 28 yrs; now special agent for New York Life Ins. Co. Has
- (been ruling elder since 23 yrs of age; commissioner to Gen. Assembly in
- (Cleveland in 1939; has been President of the Blackburn Family Organization
- (for several years. Address 502 Gay St., Knoxville, Tenn. Children -
- (((Wm. M. Robert Blackburn (1905-1905)
- (((Orrill Louise Blackburn, b. 1907; m. Dillon R. McClary, M.D. Hartsville, S.C.
- (((Edith Harriet E. Blackburn, b. 1911; m. 1936, Fred McM Andrews (1935
- (((Linda Judy Andrews, b. 11/2/1940
- ((Effie Belle Blackburn, b. 1880; m. Mack C. Franklin, 1904 (Jefferson City, Tenn.)
- (((Frederick George Franklin, b. 1910; m. Burnice S. Edgar, 1933
- (((Hal Dean Franklin, b. 1915
- ((Frederick Alexander Blackburn, b. 1881; m. 1910 Nema M. Demings, (decd 1935)
- (((Eloise Blackburn, b. 1911, m. 1932, Harry Jas. Thayer
- (((Nema Margaret Blackburn, b. 1916
- ((Katherine Louise Blackburn, b. 1882; m. C. Sawyers Needham, 1909
- (((Katherine Louise Needham, b. 1914
- (((Anna Grace Needham, b. 1916
- (((C. S. Needham, Jr., b. 1919
- ((Ralph Blackburn, b. 1884; m. Alice M Hale
- (((Grace Evelyn Blackburn, b. 1918
- (((Alice Harriet Blackburn, b. _____
- ((Anna Estelle Blackburn, b. 1885; m. Fred Caldwell, 193__
- ((Eva Elizabeth Blackburn, b. 1886; m. Benj. W. McMurray, 1908
- (((Mildred Joy McMurray, b. 1910; m. Ralph Rankin, 1932
- (((Myra Elizabeth McMurray, b. 1915
- (((Harriet Jeannette McMurray, b. 1917
- ((Mary Leta Blackburn, b. 1889; m. Rev. Chas. H. Babb, 1917
- (((Chas. H. Babb, Jr. b. 1918
- (((Harry Chase Babb, b. 1930
- ((Nina Moore Blackburn, b. 1892; m. Fred B. Cowan, 1921, White Pine, Tenn.
- (((Dorcas Ann Cowan, b. 1923 also (Infant Cowan, b Oct.4 1924
- (((Elinore Cowan - - b. 1926 (Infant Cowan, b.Mch.7 1930
- (((Fred B. Cowan, Jr. b. 1928
- ((Martha Miranda Blackburn, (1840-1875), spinster
- ((Catherine Blackburn, (1842-1896), 2nd wife of Silas Henry, sister's husband
- ((Harriet Isabelle Blackburn, b. 1844, d. 193__; m. 1869, John Lonie Moore, farmer
- (and colporteur for Bd of Ed of Pres. Church. Elder in Tusculum Pres. Church.
- (very devout man.
- ((Mary (Mabel) Isabelle Moore, Grad. of Tusculum, taught in Home Missions schools
- ((in N. C. - state worker, fine woman; unmarried.
- ((Jere Ardra Moore, D.D., Presb. Min. - pastorates; Johnson City, Tenn., Atlanta,
- ((Georgia, Greenville, Tenn.
- (((Mary Moore
- (((Paul Moore
- ((Henry Moore, died in infancy.

John Blackburn Continued

(John Fain Blackburn (1846-1920), farmer, born near Dandridge, Tennessee and lived all of his life near his birthplace. He served as deacon in the Dandridge Presby. Church for many years. He possessed a keen mind and was greatly interested in Civil Gov't. He married Julia Eckel November 16, 1870. To them were born three sons and six daughters. John Fain Blackburn was buried in the Eckel Graveyard near White Pine, Tennessee.
(Priscella Velma Blackburn, who married Mel Slote, farmer
((two dau. names unknown
(Eliza Jane Blackburn, unmarried, connected with the Federation of Churches in New York City. "She is a noble woman and has upheld the Blackburn tradition faithfully. " S.E.H.
(Martha Miranda Blackburn who married Mr. Newman, farmer - to this union three daughters were born - names unknown.
(William Eckel Blackburn, bachelor, lives at the old home place, farmer.
(Ada Elnora Blackburn, who married Harry Lyle, farmer. She died 1940, no issue.
(Peter Samuel Blackburn, bachelor, farmer, lives at old home place.
(Lucy Mae Blackburn - died in infancy
(Mamie Blackburn - died in infancy
(John Blackburn - died in infancy
(Joseph Hamilton Martin Blackburn, b. 1849; died 1904; m. 1st Anna Eliza Eckel on Nov. 22, 1872; m. 2nd Elizabeth Fudge about 1878.
(Frank Blackburn (1876 - 1915), son of JHMB and Anna, married Dora Smith
((Francis Blackburn
(Ray Clinton Blackburn, b. 1879, married Dessa Edith Neurath.
((Ray Clinton Blackburn, Jr.
((Ruth N. Blackburn
((Harry William Blackburn
(Joseph _____ Blackburn, b. 1891; married Pansy Burton
((Joseph Ardra Blackburn
(Mary Blackburn (1886-1912)
(
(George Cline Blackburn (1894-1937) married Anna Templeton
((George Templeton Blackburn
((Charles Franklin Blackburn
(Sarah Darthula Blackburn (5/2/1852-7/8/1854)

Biographical:

BENJAMIN ARDRE BLACKBURN, the eldest son of John Blackburn, II, and Elizabeth McGirk, was born June 8, 1805, on their farm on Long Creek, 5½ miles northeast of Dandridge, Tenn. He attended the neighborhood subscription school, and grew up in the Hopewell Presbyterian Church, in which his father and grandfather had been elders and in which he also later became an elder and church treasurer. He was a man of strong character, honest, upright, fearless and deeply religious. One of the beautiful things about him was his devotion to his wife, Isabelle Caldwell, whom he married Feb. 19, 1827. She had grown up with him in the Hopewell Church and was always the queen of his heart and the inspiration of his life. Isabelle is described by her grandson, the Rev. Dr. S. E. Henry to whom we are indebted for the facts of this biography, as "a beautiful woman, winsome and attractive." Benjamin and Isabelle were the parents of twelve children, three of whom died in infancy. We have listed the names of ten on the foregoing pages and what information we have concerning their families. Reverend Dr. Henry gives us a very interesting incident in the life of Benjamin A. Blackburn.

"When the Civil War broke out my grandfather Blackburn was a very strong Union man. Tho he was a southern gentleman of the old school, and liked the southern way

of life, he loved the United States as a Union better than he loved the South as a section, so he took his stand on the side of the Union. All his brothers and at least two of his sisters threw their influence into the Southern Cause. This caused a break between him and his brothers and sisters. But true to his colors he unfurled a large United States flag from the top of a tall white pine tree that stood in his front yard. East Tennessee was the battle ground between the contending forces and the region frequently changed masters. It was no safe place for a Union man to unfurl his flag. Toward the close of the war, in a running fight between a small company of Federal soldiers and a small force of Confederate soldiers in a meadow just south of the Blackburn home, the Confederates drove the Federal soldiers off and as some of the younger Confederates were returning to camp from the skirmish they saw my grandfather's flag floating from the top of his big pine tree. They halted in front of the house and ordered him to have the flag taken down. He refused and said it was the flag of his country and it would not be taken down except over his dead body. They replied, "If that is the way you feel about it, we will hang you under it." He answered, "I can't keep you from doing that." They placed a rope around his neck. He asked for the privilege of having prayers with his family. His request was granted. He read a chapter from the Bible and all knelt in prayer. His prayers were never short and on this occasion he saw no need of making an exception. After a while one of the gang said, "Cut it short, old man, cut it short." When he had finished praying, he arose and said "I am ready". They took him out to the tree, threw a rope over a limb and pulled him off the ground, then let him down and demanded that he lower the flag, but he refused. Again they pulled him up and again let him down and for a third time demanded that he take down the flag. Again he said "No". A third time they pulled him up and almost kept him up too long. He was nearly dead when they let him down. Just then an officer rode up and saw what the young fellows were up to and ordered them to cease persecuting the old man. They replied that they were just trying to make him take his flag down. To this the officer said: "If the old fool thinks so much of his damned rag let him keep it there." So the flag was left floating in the air, but my grandfather never could stand anything with gray in it after that. Sometimes when he would speak bitterly of the "Rebells", grandmother would say, "Now, now, Benjamin, I wouldn't talk like that". And he would reply, "Yes, yes, Ibby, but you were never hanged."

This is a correct account of the incident as my mother often told it to me in later years. I repeated this incident in the presence of an older cousin, Mrs. Rose Eckel, Knoxville, Tenn., recently, (1940). She remarked that she was present in my grandfather's home when the incident happened and that my narrative is correct."

WILLIAM WIRT BLACKBURN, son of Benjamin and Isabelle Blackburn, was born April 9, 1838. In eastern Tennessee during the Civil War every young man was compelled to take an active part or "hide out" when the opposing forces were in command of the neighborhood. William Wirt was in sympathy with the cause of the Union. With others he determined to enlist in the Federal Army. They were compelled to walk by night to Lexington, Ky., to carry out their purpose. He became a Lieutenant in the 9th Tenn. Cavalry, Co. C. He was in the siege of Knoxville, at Fort Sanders, where thousands of the Confederates were killed, was in the battles of Cumberland Gap and Morristown, Tenn. He was in a number of very close places but came through without a scratch. As outlined above, he was married twice, having two sons by his first wife, and four sons and seven daughters by the second wife. He was a member of the Hopewell Presb. Church of which he was an elder and a clerk of the Session for many years. As commissioner from Union Presbytery he attended the General Assembly at Philadelphia. He was an outstanding citizen and a prosperous farmer. He died in 1915.

Because of its special reference to family history, we include a copy of a letter by William Wirt Blackburn:

Dandridge, Tenn.
April 20, 1909

Senator J.K.P. Blackburn
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

I am very glad to make your acquaintance. I have been reading of your proceedings in the Senate and wondering if you are a relative of mine, and it seems that you are. Gideon Blackburn, that you spoke of, was a great Uncle of mine by marriage. He married Griselda Blackburn, who was a great aunt of mine, also his first cousin. My great grandfather partly raised him; he worked on the farm by day and studied by pine knot by night and went 8 miles to recite to old Dr. Henderson, I think it was, who lived below Dandridge.

My great great grandfather's name was William(*) as near as we can tell; he came from Scotland and settled in Rockbridge County, Virginia. He had two sons, Samuel was a General in the Revolutionary War and was a very eminent lawyer, but as we have it had no children. John B. was the second son and my great grandfather, he raised Gideon Blackburn. He came from Rockbridge Co., Va. and settled in Jefferson Co., 6 miles east of Dandridge on Long Creek, was the first Justice of the Peace in Jeff. Co., and an elder in the Presbyterian Church. You thought there were 4 sons but I was under the impression that there were only two. Here is the record of my great grandfather's family taken from his Family Bible, which I have in my possession.

John Blackburn and Jenat Mathis were married April 2, 1765. Their children:

Alexander Blackburn was born Jan. 14, 1766 - killed by the Indians.

Benj. Blackburn Mar 9 1767

Mary Blackburn Nov 1 1768

Andrew Blackburn Dec 3 1770

Wm Blackburn Oct 7 1772

Grizzell Blackburn Oct 27 1774

John Blackburn Mar 24 1778

Geo. Blackburn May 26 1776

Jenny & Edward June 3 1780

James Blackburn Oct 2 1782

Nancy Blackburn Apr 7 1785

(John was my grandfather)

Copied from the family record by W W. Blackburn

Benjamin Ardery, oldest son of John, was my father. He died the 20th day of Sept. 1877, aged 72. He had 4 sons and 8 daughters, only two sons and one daughter living. John, living near Jefferson City, Harriet Moore, Atlanta, Ga., Rev. John Moore, her son, is pastor of Presb. Church there. Four of my father's grandsons are Presby. Preachers. Andrew was 3rd son of my grandfather's, had 1 son and 1 daughter who died in Live Oak, Fla. His son Henry is a merchant and lives in Live Oak, Fla. Henry has a large family of fine people.

Gideon H. Blackburn, 3rd son, lives at Coal Creek, Tenn., married in Va., is 80 yrs old and has no children. Mac never married, died in Ga. We have 6 sons and 7 daughters, 7 children married. I was 71 years old, the 9th of April. If you write to Rev. Geo. Blackburn of Columbia, S. C., I think you will find out lots about the Blackburn Family. He was here some time ago and was getting up a history of the Blackburn Family and was going to get it put into book form and said he would send me a copy, but I have not received it yet. He has gone to quite a good deal of pains to get it up. He is a brother of Rev. Asa Blackburn, who is pastor of the Stranger's Church, N.Y.; they are sons of the Rev. John Nelson Blackburn, son of my uncle

Edward Blackburn.

I want to congratulate you on the part you took in State-wide Prohibition. Thought you were made of the right material. I would like to hear from you again. I hope you will succeed in tracing your family history. Wish I could help you more. I always have taken great interest in my father's ancestors.

I would be glad if you would use your influence for the New Charter Bill for Greater Knoxville.

Very respectfully yours,
William Wirt Blackburn

*NOTE by WAC. He is in error about William being his great great grandfather; the will of Benjamin Blackburn, found elsewhere in these papers proves without doubt that Benjamin was his great great grandfather and that he (Benj.) had at least 5 sons surviving him, namely; Benjamin, Jr., John, Robert, Archibald, and Samuel, and 2 daughters, Elizabeth and Ann.)

WILLIAM WALLACE BLACKBURN (1869-1927) was born on a farm four miles NE of Dandridge. He was the eldest son of Wm Wirt Blackburn and Harriet McSpadden. He had one full brother and thirteen half-brothers and sisters - all living in 1942 except one half-brother. At the age of 22 years he married Ida Harrison and went to live on a farm belonging to his maternal grandfather, Alvah McSpadden. They were the parents of eleven children, eight sons and three daughters. One son, Hugh, died in 1915; the other seven sons and three daughters live in eastern Tenn., near the place of their birth and are a fine lot of people. William Wallace Blackburn died Dec. 24, 1927, and was buried in the cemetery at the Hopewell Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Ida Blackburn and her three youngest children still live at the old McSpadden home, which has a history extending back over 125 years.

Among the descendants of Benj. Andre Blackburn we note the following who became successful and influential ministers in the Presbyterian Church: John Ross Gass, Silas Edward Henry, John Henry, Jere Andra Moore, Russell Blackburn Henry.

John Blackburn continued

(Matilda Blackburn, born cir 1807 (dau of John (1778-1868) m. Rev. James Gass, a Pres. minister, who served in Jefferson Co. and upper east Tenn. Issue?
(Mary M (Polly) Blackburn (1809-1841), married Wm. H. Steele in 1833; went to visit her brother Andrew near Dandridge, took a congestive chill followed by typhoid fever, died Sept. 3, 1841; aged 31 yr 10 mo 7 da, buried in Dandridge; left two little sons, John A. and Thos. L. They went to live with their maternal grandfather, John Blackburn and his wife Elizabeth, at the Blackburn home. After two years the father, Wm. H. Steele, having married, decided to take the boys with him to the wilds of Missouri. This was too much for the grandparents who locked the children in to prevent the father from taking them. The father however took them by writ of Habeas Corpus and first settled at McGirk, Moniteau Co., Mo.; afterward moved to Cooper Co; where their stepmother having died and their father having married the third wife, the boys left their paternal home and made their own way working for farmers.
(John Alexander Steele, born 1835 in Jefferson Co., Tenn. m Eliza Jane Batten of Howard Co., Mo., in 1858; lived six miles south of Boonville, Mo. Died 1917.
((John Thomas Steele, b. 9/7/1859; m. Dora E. Sims 8/24/1887
(((Infant daughter, b. 1888-1888
(((Homer Sims Steele, (1889-1891)
(((Alma Steele, b. 1891, m. 1916 Prof. J. Ray Cable, St. Louis, Mo.
(((John Chas Cable, b. 1918
(((Dorothy Ann Cable, b. 1924
(((John Thos. Steele, Jr, twin, (1893-1896)
(((Clarence Barnes Steele, twin, (1893-1894)

John Blackburn continued

(((Annette Steele, b. 1895; m. 1918 Geo. W. Catts
(((Vivian Lee Catts, b. 1921
(((Roger Wm. Catts, twin, b. 1925
(((Barbara Ann Catts, twin, b. 1925
(((Lillian Steele, b. 1897, m. 1937 Emil T. Munson
(((Grace Steele, b. 1899; m. 1920, Guy H Woodward
(((John Allison Woodward, b. 1922
(((Robert Lewis Woodward, b. 1924
(((Elizabeth Vivian Steele, b. 1904; m. 1927, Alfred M. Smith
(((Gerald Monroe Smith, b. 1931
(((Elizabeth Carol Smith, b. 1935
(((Mary Magdalene Steele, b. 1862; m. 1885 M C Toler, Boonville, Mo.
(((Gertrude Toler, b. 1886; m. 1906, Harry Snider, " "
(((Eugene Snider, b. 1907; m. 1929, Louise Stegner, " "
(((Karl Eugene Snider, b. 1930
(((Geraldine Louise Snider, b. 1936
(((Georgia Ann Steele, b. 1864; m. 1890, J. E. Rennison; no issue.
(((Frances Almira Steele, b. 1866, m. 1886, W. T. Toler
(((Harl Leslie Toler, b. 1887; m. 1911, Cora B. Riley
(((Lillian Marie Toler, b. 1915; m. 1938, Thos. R. Smith
(((Harl L. Toler, Jr. b. 1917; m. 1938, Muriel Bain.
(((Martha Virginia Toler, b. 1920
(((William Riley Toler, b. 1923
(((Viola Toler, b. 1890; m. 1910, Claude Vanatta
(((Margaret Vanatta, b. 1912; m. 1934, Jerry J. Halsher
(((Mary Ann Halcher, b. 1936 (adopted)
(((Robert Vanatta, b. 1918
(((William Richard Vanatta, b. 1924
(((Corinne Toler, b. 1895, ; m. 1919, Ralph Loomis Horine
(((Ralph Loomis Horine, jr., b. 1923
(((William H. Steele, b. 1869; m. 1895, Cordelia C. Rennison
(((William Estill Steele, b. 1898; m 1918, Dollie Brewer
(((Deborah Nadine Steele, b. 1920; m. 1938, Ed. Worst
(((infant dau. b. 1900, died at birth.
(((Marteen W. Steele, twin, b. 1902; m. 1921, Ethel Long
(((Wm. Lee Steele, b. 1922
(((Ruby B. Steele, b, 1923; m. 1938, Mr. _____ Royce
(((Barbara Lee Royce, b. 1939
(((Mary Aleen Steele, twin, b. 1902; m. 1923, Philip Bergman
(((Philip Harold Bergman, b. 1924
(((Charles William Bergman, b. 1926
(((Earle Bergman, b. 1928
(((Margie Aleen Bergman, b. 1930
(((Bettie Ann Bergman, b. 1934
(((Elsie May Bergman, b. 1935
(((Donald Estill Bergman, b. 1939
(((Edith Jane Steele, twin, born 1905, ; m. 1933, Wm. T. Reaves
(((Elliott Jas. Steele, twin, b. 1905; m. 1926, Agnes Hotsonpiller
(((Doris Ann Steele, b. 1934
(((John Harvey Steele, b. 1907; m. 1933, Emma Stephens
(((John Harvey Steele, Jr. b. 1934
(((Emmett Sanderson Steele, b. 1912, m. 1935, Laura Belle Woolery
(((James Emmett Steele, b. 1936
(((Charles Ephraim Steele, (1872-1939); m. 1904, Mattie Shouse
(((infant son and mother died in 1905
(((Claude Wesley Steele, (1875-1902); m. 1898, Frances Trau
((("daughter (1877-1877) aged 1 mo.

John Blackburn continued

- (Stanton Lillard Steele, (1879-1881)
- (Lavinia Steele, b. 1884; m. 1912, John Muntzel
- (Thomas Leonidas Steele, second son of Polly Blackburn and Wm. H. Steele, was born
- (near Dandridge, Tenn. Sept. 25, 1837; He came to Mo. in 1843; he married
- (Elizabeth Jeffres, Boonville, Mo., 3/2/1862; Thomas died 3/6/1924, buried at
- (Sedalia, Mo. Issue:
- (Bruce Downing Steele, b. 11/6/1863; m. Emma F. Borman, 1893; died 1922, buried
- (Colorado Springs, Colo.
- (Jessie Belle Steele, b. 8/28/1866; unmarried, teacher.
- (Ella Nora Steele, (1868-1930); m. O. H. Lawson, in 1890 - buried Sedalia, Mo.
- (Elsie May Lawson, b. 1896; m. Sam Scott in 1920
- (William Samuel Scott, b. 1922
- (Frederick Lawson Scott, b. 1923
- (Leona Lawson, (1897-1897) aged 1 mo.
- (Marietta Steele, (1870-1873)
- (R. Della Steele (1873 -); m. Harry Dick Harvey in 1910.
- (Margaret Elizabeth Harvey, b. 1912; m. Frank Wm. Murphy in 1938
- (Richard Lee Murphy, b. 1939.
- (Ernest Monroe Steele (1876-1907) m. Tillie Ginsel in 1901; no issue; buried at
- (Colorado Springs, Colo. Was R. R. Engineer, killed in wreck in 1907.

Biographical:

John A Steele and Thos L. Steele were taken to Missouri after the death of their mother in 1843. When he became grown, John A. married and bought a farm six miles south of Boonville, Mo., where he lived 50 years until his death in 1917. His eldest son, John T. Steele taught country school in Cooper Co., Mo., ten years, then took up the undertaking business which he followed for 40 years. He retired in 1932 and lives in Webb City, Mo. Of his daughters all five have been teachers. His wife also was a teacher. Alma Steele's husband is associate professor of Economics in Washington Uni. St. Louis. Annette's husband is head of the Chamber of Commerce of Kansas City, Mo. Lillian was a teacher for 15 years; she was married on her parents' golden wedding day. Her husband is a steel furniture equipment engineer. Grace's husband is one of the legal staff of the Standard Oil Co. They live in Tulsa, Okla. Elizabeth's husband served in World War #1 and is salesman for the Cornelli Seed Co. of St. Louis.

Wm H. Steele has always been a farmer. He now owns the old J. A. Steele farm near Boonville, which has been in the Steele family for 73 years.

Chas. E. Steele, third son of John A. Steele was a successful teacher in Cooper Co., Mo., for 16 yrs. He served two terms as County Supt. of Schools. Afterwards he became President of the Farmer's Stock Bank of Blackwater, Cooper, Co., for 18 years. He was active in Civic, educational and religious circles, and highly appreciated by the community.

Claude Wesley Steele was a telegraph operator and died in early manhood of T.B.

Thos. L. Steele, 2nd son of Polly Blackburn Steele, was first a fireman on a R.R. during Civil War days drove a cattle wagon across the plains to Idaho; after 2 years returned to Cooper, Co., Mo., married and farmed near Boonville for a few years; then moved to Pettis Co., in 1871 where he farmed for 10 years and then moved into Sedalia where he had a grocery store. His eldest son, Bruce, was engineer on the Midland Terminal R. R. running from Cripple Creek to Colorado Springs. Jessie Belle Steele, the oldest daughter, taught for 51 years, 41 of these years in Sedalia, 37 of these she served as principal.

Ella Nora's husband, O. H. Lawson, was a R R conductor, Elsie's husband, Sam Scott, was a teacher of Math in Hyde Park School, Chicago. Ernest M. Steele was an engineer on the Midland R. R.

William H. Steele, husband of Polly Blackburn, was a staunch Republican; served in the Mexican War and in the Civil War on the Union side.

Present addresses (1940) of the older members of the Steele Family:

John T. Steele, 114 S. Penn St., Webb City, Mo.
 Mrs. M. M. Toler, RFD 4, Boonville, Mo.
 Mrs. Georgia Ann Rennison, 818 Spring St., Boonville, Mo.
 Mrs. Frances Toler, 413 N. Williams St., Columbia, Mo.
 W. H. Steele, Jr., RFD 1, Boonville, Mo.
 Mrs. Lavinia Muntzel, 4523 Lewis Place, St. Louis, Mo.

(Maria Blackburn, born about 1812; m. Wm. A. Caldwell in 1833. He was born 1812.
 (Issue: "Large family of boys and girls - moved to Bristol, Tenn."

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(Andrew Alonzo Blackburn, sixth child of John and Elizabeth McGirk Blackburn was born May 18, 1814, died July 13, 1891; married on Oct 22, 1839 Isabelle Lowery Blackburn (born Dec. 1823, died May 4, 1844, "aged 20 yr, 4 mo 25 d") Isabelle was a first or second cousin of her husband-according to data from her grandchildren. ("Her mother was Nancy J. Blackburn, who died Dec. 24, 1839, aged 47 yrs 5 mo.") We see from the above dates that Andrew was 25 yrs old and Isabelle 16 yrs at the date of their marriage. We have never been able to locate Isabelle on the Blackburn Family Tree. She is reported to have been a "granddaughter of one of the McGirk sisters". We suspect that she was the daughter of John Blackburn, son of Andrew and Catherine McGirk Blackburn, who "was married Sept. 22, 1822" - we have never been able to learn the name of John's wife; could it have been Nancy J. Lowery? Andrew married the second time to Ellen Elizabeth Dick of New Market, Tenn., on Dec. 26, 1848. Andrew started out as a farmer, but about 1850 opened a mercantile establishment in New Market, Tenn., with his younger brother, Mack. During the Civil War his sympathies were with the Southern Cause and that sympathy cost him the loss of his business, so at the close of the War he moved first to Georgia and then to Florida where he located on the Sewanee River at Live Oak. Here he conducted a farm and also opened a store in the new town of Live Oak, which under the supervision of his son, Henry, became an enterprising business. He was instrumental in erecting a Presbyterian Church in the town and was the first elder of the church and continued in that office until his death. He was a fine Christian gentleman and a most highly respected citizen, much loved and fondly spoken of by his grandchildren. His son, Henry, followed in his footsteps, was a successful business man, honored by his fellow citizens and active elder in the Presbyterian Church for many years. Henry spent the last six years of his life in Tampa, Florida. Andrew and his wife, Ellen; his daughter, Charlotte, and her husband Julius Allen and his brother Mack Blackburn are all buried at Live Oak, Fla.

(Andrew A. Blackburn (1814-1891) married Isabelle Lowery Blackburn (1823-1844) 1839.
 ((Charlotte Isabelle Blackburn, born Apr 14, 1844, m. Julius Allen, Oct. 28, 1866.
 (((Claude J. Allen, "a splendid man, much like his mother". (N.B.A.)
 ((((Claude J. Allen, Jr.
 ((((Eleanor Allen, married Huston Varner, of Fairfield, Ala.
 ((((Julius Allen
 ((((("four grandchildren"
 ((Henry Alonzo Blackburn, son of Andrew & Ellen E. Dick, b. Jan 28, 1850; died 1893.
 ((married Jennie Dickenson, (1855-1927)
 (((Nellie Blackburn, b. 1877, m. Dr. W. S. Airth of Tampa, Fla.
 ((((Henry Airth, born _____
 ((((Harry D. Blackburn, b. 1878
 ((((Frank Blackburn, b. 18____ (Treasury Dept. Washington, D. C.)
 ((((Charles Blackburn, b. 18____ (In New York City)
 ((((Julia Blackburn (1883-1935) m. Mr. Ansley (he died in 1934)
 (((((____Ansley, (son) b. 19 ____ m. 1935 to ____?
 (((((Eleanor Ansley, b. 1925
 ((((Lottie Blackburn, b. 18____; m. _____ children ?
 (((?
 (((?

(Catherine Blackburn, 7th child of John & Elizabeth McGirk - no record.

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(Gideon H. Blackburn, b. 1829 - died ab. 1910; m. Margaret Britton, was a soldier in C.S.A. - after war opened a store at Coal City, Tenn; was deeply religious; built with his own funds a small Presbyterian Church; was for some time its only ruling elder; never had any children; left his wife well-provided and left a nice sum for the support of the church, to which he contributed \$500 annually during his life time.

(Nancy Eliza Blackburn, b. ab. 1831; "was a proud lady, very fond of clothes, fastidious in her appearance, came into the room with an air of a grand lady, lived in the brick home her grandfather had built soon after the close of the Rev. War on the land he received from the State of No. Carolina for his services; she married late in life, John Clark, a widower; was waited on by a colored woman named Jennie who had been a slave in her father's family. Her sympathies were wholly with the south. She was never "reconstructed"; was Confederate to the end had no children." (S.E. Henry)

(Mathias M. (Mack) Blackburn, born ab. 1833, bachelor, "attended Maryville College in pre-war days, from which institution he graduated about 1850; taught in an academy in Brooklyn, Ala., for a number of years; in 1856 joined his brother Andrew at New Market, Tenn., where they operated a store; when the Civil War came on he went to N. C. and became a teacher once more; after the Civil War he went with his brother, Andrew, to Georgia, then to Live Oaks, Fla., where he opened a Law office, became a state Legislator, left a record for honesty and straightforwardness; was called "Judge" in his later years - whether honorary title or because of office uncertain. He never married. He left three small diaries which are very interesting because of their human point of view. In these diaries he speaks of his trips to Brooklyn, Ala.; of the country and the people; of a girl in New Market whom he evidently expected to marry, but something occurred at the beginning of the Civil War that separated them - he broken-hearted - they see no more of each other until after the War when they meet again in Georgia - but for some reason they never married. His three diaries are tied up with a fourth diary written by the girl that he loved but never married. They are in possession of a great niece by marriage, Mrs. Allen of Lake Wales, Fla." (S.E.H.)

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JANE BLACKBURN (1780-1840?)

JANE BLACKBURN, was the third daughter of John and Janet Blackburn, She was a twin of Edward and was born June 3, 1780 while the family still resided on Beaver Creek in Washington County, Va., near Abingdon. In the 24th year of her age she married (Sept 6, 1804) Thos H. Snoddy, a prominent citizen of Dandridge, Tenn. It would appear that Jane was his third wife. Mr. Snoddy had several children; one son, named James Snoddy may have been Jane's son, but we are not certain whether Jane had any children. Her mother Janet Blackburn, in a letter to her daughters in 1813 speaks of "Thomas Snoddy and family" and of a son James, who injured his knee in a foot race. According to a letter written by her brother James to his sisters in Illinois in 1846, Jane and Thomas were both dead at that date.

EDWARD BLACKBURN (1780-1853)

EDWARD BLACKBURN was the seventh son of John & Janet Blackburn. He was a twin of Jane and was born Jan. 5, 1780. He died Sept 26, 1853 having spent his entire life-time in the vicinity of Dandridge. On Sept. 5, 1804, he secured a license to marry Margaret ("Peggy") McGirk. On the following day, Sept. 6, 1804, Thos H. Snoddy secured a licence to marry his twin sister, Jane Blackburn. We wonder if there was a double wedding? According to the date we took off of the stone in the Dandridge Cemetery, Peggy McGirk was born Oct. 19, 1772. Could we have mis-read the inscription? That would have made her eight years older than her husband and would have placed the year of her birth the same as that of her sister, Catherine McGirk, who married Andrew Blackburn, April 23, 1802. Peggy died Oct. 1, 1850. Edward and Peggy are buried up on the hill in the second cemetery of the Hopewell Presbyterian Church, of which Edward was a ruling elder for a number of years. Of him his grandson, the Rev. W. E. Caldwell, has this to say: "Grandfather Blackburn seemed to me as near a perfect model of a man as I ever have known. In all the relations of life, cheerful and affable in the family and social circle, earnest, and devout in religion."

Edward and Peggy (McGirk) Blackburn were the parents of seven children:

1. Catherine Blackburn (1805-1849) who married James Harvey Caldwell in 1823.
2. Cinderella Blackburn (1807-18??) who married Wm. Caldwell in 1829
3. John Nelson Blackburn (1809-1886) who married three times.
4. Sally Blackburn, born about 1812, who married Jos. C. Bradshaw
5. Andrew Blackburn (date of birth unknown) who married Letitia Morrow.
6. Margaret Blackburn (date of birth unknown) who married Thos R. Bradshaw in 1838.
7. Wm. I. I. Blackburn (1822-1852) who married Bethiah Ann Howell in 1848.

(Catherine Blackburn, b. Aug 26, 1805, died Feb. 26, 1849; m. Jas Harvey Caldwell on Feb. 13, 1823; they were the parents of nine children -
(William Edward Caldwell, born Sept 13, 1824; became a Presbyterian minister -
(no data as to marriage or children. (Autobiography to follow later.)
(Margaret Ellen Caldwell, b. Mch 19, 1826
(Mary Caldwell, twin, b. Dec. 19, 1828; died Oct. 4, 1847
(Martha Caldwell, twin, b. Dec. 19, 1828; died May 25, 1878; m T. H. Henderson
(They had at least one child -
(O. B. Henderson
(Albert Harden Caldwell, born Jan 30, 1831; died June 15, 1832
(Gideon Blackburn Caldwell, born May 10, 1833
(Isaac Nelson Caldwell, b. Mch 4, 1836; died May 16, 1867
(Oliver Benjamin Caldwell, born Oct. 15, 1838
(Rufus Andrew Caldwell, born Feb. 14, 1841; died Nov. 6, 1873
(Cinderella Blackburn, born 1807, m. William Caldwell on Dec. 30, 1829; no data
(John Nelson Blackburn, born Sept 3, 1809; died Sept 2, 1886; became a Presbyterian minister of some note; was married three times; 1st on Feb 28, 1831 to Martha Jane Morrow (1809-1844); the 2nd wife of Rev. J.N.B. was Eliza Armbrister; the 3rd wife was Mrs. E. A. Jones.
(John Nelson married Nancy Mathews, a sister of Edward Blackburn's mother, Janet Mathews. We therefore assume that John Nelson Blackburn was a name-sake of this great uncle, John Nelson, who was living near Limestone, Tenn. in 1809.
(To John Nelson & Martha Blackburn were born three children:
(Calvin C. Blackburn, born Feb. 26, 1832; died young.
(Sarah P. Blackburn, born Dec. 10, 1833; married Rufus McClary. They were the parents of "six children". They lived for a time in Birmingham, Ala. We have the names of only two of the children -
(John B. McClary - "He was married and had a family". (D.M. Blackburn, auth.)
(Albert McClary, bachelor

Edward Blackburn continued

(Edward Alexander Blackburn, b. July 16, 1840; died 1899; m. Anna W. Crenshaw, 1872
((John Nelson Blackburn, Jr. born June 14, 1875; m. Stella Horner in 1914.
((no children; John is a Presbyterian minister at Houma, La., where he
((recently celebrated the 40th year of his service as pastor in that city.
((Elizabeth Glenn Blackburn, b. 1878; m W. L. Acuff, in 1901 (Ashville, Ala.)
((Edward Blackburn Acuff, b. 1902
((Annie Glenn Acuff, b. 1910
((Edward Morrow Blackburn, born in 1879; m. Mave Calvin 1913, live 5 miles
((west of Athens, Alabama.
((Edward Alexander Blackburn, b. 1920; now (1942) at Rantoul, Ill in service.
((Annie Letitia Blackburn, b. 1881; m. J. W. Woolfolk, 1905 (Ft. Valley, Ga.)
((Ann Elizabeth Woolfolk, b. 1910; m. 1938, Rev. E. P. Moge, Presby. Min.
(((Letitia Moge, b. 1939 (Batesburg, S.C.)
(((Julia Dean Moge, b. 1941
(((Jacqueline Eugenia Woolfolk, b. 1914; m. 1937, Rev. Alfred Mathes, Presby.
(((minister, located at Meridian, Miss. (1942)
(((Rachel Mathes, b. 1941
(((Anita Blackburn Woolfolk, b. 1919
(Rev. John Nelson Blackburn (1809-1886) and Eliza Armbrister had two children; to wit-
((George Andrew Blackburn (1861-1918) who married Annie Girardeau, 1886. He was
((a prominent minister in the Presbyterian Church. Published a Presbyterian
((paper at Columbia, Ga. for a time.
((Bertie Chaney Blackburn, b. 1887 m. Rev. McDonald, 1922; no issue
((John Cavit Blackburn, b. 1889; m. Edith Willingham, 1918
((Edith Blackburn
((Ann Blackburn
((Laura Armbrister, 1891, single
((Ann Girardeau Blackburn, b. 1894; m. Rev. J. Hutchinson; no issue
((Asa Blackburn, (1864-1909) also a Presby. minister, was pastor of "Stranger's
((church" in New York City, - never married.
(Sarah (Sally) Blackburn, b. about 1812, married Jos. C. Bradshaw, 9/22/1833; Issue?
(Andrew Blackburn, b. about 1814; died 1881; m. Letitia Morrow (1824-1901) a sister
(of Martha, first wife of Rev. John N. Blackburn, his brother.
(Meppie Blackburn (1846-1874) m. William Kilgore
((Frank Kilgore, b. 1869, m. Kate Roddy
((Carol Kilgore, b. _____
((Ernest Kilgore, b. 1873; m. Georgia Samples
((Ernest Samples Kilgore, b. _____
((Earl Henderson Kilgore, b. _____
(Molly Blackburn (1848-1927) m. Sam Lewis, in 1870
((Gussie Lewis, b. 1873; m. C. A. Ewing, no issue
((Fred Lewis, b. 1877; m. _____ Clark:
(("one son, name unknown" (DMB)
(David Edward Blackburn (1852-1915) m. Linnie Lewis in 1874.
((Edward Blackburn (1877-1917); m. Alice Allen
((Mildred Blackburn
((Nell Blackburn (1880-1921) m. William Evans, no children
((David Morrow Blackburn, born 1884; married three times; 1st Dewie Allen,
((2nd, Elizabeth Wilson; 3rd, Mrs. Fann Crowder, widow with 2 children.
((D.M.B. and Dewie Allen were the parents of 2 children; (Birmingham, Ala.)
((Morrow A. Blackburn, b. 1904
((Robert Fields Blackburn, b. 1905
((Ernest Lee Blackburn, b. 1893; m. Mamie Wipper, no children (Birmingham, Ala.)
(Margaret Blackburn b. _____, d _____ m. Thos R. Bradshaw in 1838; issue?

Edward Blackburn cont'd

(Wm. Isaac Irvin Blackburn (1822-1852) m. Bethian Ann Howell, Nov. 4, 1846
(Albert Howell Blackburn, b. Sep 8, 1847; d. Dec. 25, 1932; m. Catherine Eliza-
(beth Byus, b. Nov. 20, 1848; d. Sep 9, 1891; m. Dec. 26, 1866
(John William Blackburn, b. Sept. 29, 1867; m. Mattie Coile - no issue
(Franklin Sylvanus Blackburn, b. Jan 26, 1869; d. Dec 14, 1936; m. Emma Austin
(William Ervin Blackburn
(Patton Howell Blackburn
(Leon L. Blackburn birth, marriages etc, unknown.
(Edwin Blackburn
(Muriel Blackburn, deceased
(Margaret Elizabeth Blackburn, b. Dec. 23, 1870, d. Feb. 21, 1898; m. Wm. A.
(Jenkins, 10/28/91
(Rheta Savilla Jenkins, b. Oct 3, 1892; m. E. J. Newgent 1/4/15
(Mary Ruth Newgent, b. Sept. 19, 1915
(Dorothy Jean Newgent, b. Sept. 7, 1917
(Edith Lucille Jenkins, b. Sep 27, 1894; m. Jas F. Craig, 1/15/15
(John William Craig, b. Nov. 15, 1915
(Evelyn Naomi Craig, b. Nov. 13, 1917
(Jas. F. Craig, Jr. b. Sept. 18, 1919; m. Rose Allen Lambert, 10/18/41
(Francis Jane Craig, b. Oct. 12, 1923
(Betty Jean Craig, b. Mar. 24, 1930, twin
(Kenneth Dean Craig, b. Mar. 24, 1930, twin.
(Clarence Allyne Jenkins, b. Oct. 10, 1896, m. Lucille Jenkins, 6/10/18,
(she died Dec. 12, 1918,
(Monte Hughston Blackburn, b. July 30, 1872; d. Nov. 16, 1895; m. Ida Boyd ___?
(Monte Louise Blackburn, b. Mar. 2, 1896; m. J. Coleman Jones, ___?
(boy - deceased
(boy - deceased
(Evelyn Annie Jones, b. Jan 12, 1923
(Monte Lucille Blackburn, b. Mar 2, 1896, twin of Monte Louise, m. H.L.
(boy, name unknown, b. Aug 28, 1920 (Lee ___?
(girl, name unknown, b. Aug. 10, 1923
(Edward Blackburn, b. Feb. 25, 1874; d. Apr 8, 1874.
(Rondo Judson Blackburn, b. Mar. 19, 1875; m. Victoria D. Carroll, Dec. 21,
(she died Aug 27, 1941. (1892.
(Maude Louise Blackburn, b. Sept. 27, 1893; m. Clyde Lee Justice 9/25/15
(Lee Rondo Justice, b. July 30, 1917, d. Dec. 25, 1917
(Elizabeth Louise Justice, b. June 29, 1919
(James Kenneth Justice, b. Dec. 8, 1926; d. May 21, 1927
(Chas. Lee Justice, b. Jan 9, 1929
(Robert Samuel Blackburn, b. Dec. 26, 1895; m. Mary Lou Ellen Wallace
(Margaret Catherine Blackburn, b. 7/9/16; m. Herbert (8/8/15.
(F. Lindsey, Aug 31, 1940
(Robert Samuel Blackburn, Jr. b. Feb 22, 1918; d. ___ 1919
(Mildred Lou Blackburn, b. Feb. 23, 1920
(Bobbie Louise Blackburn, b. Mar 14, 1922
(David Wallace Blackburn, b. Dec. 20, 1927
(Billy Edward Blackburn, b. July 10, 1929
(Jackie Herbert Blackburn, b. May 24, 1932
(Bessie Cordelia Blackburn, b. Feb. 13, 1898; single
(Albert Franklin Blackburn, b. Feb. 23, 1900; m. Dorothy L. Gilmore,
(Shirley Mae Blackburn, b. July 19, 1929 (2/26/26
(Albert Edmund Blackburn, b. Aug 23, 1935
(Donald Jay Blackburn, b. June 30, 1939
(Ruby Catherine Blackburn, b. Apr. 14, 1902; m. Jessie David Dees, 8/11/24
(Jessie David Dees, Jr., b. June 16, 1925
(Doris Dees, b. Nov. 24, 1929
(Sandford Allen Dees, b. Apr 11, 1932

Edward Blackburn continued

(((Horace Alton Blackburn, b. Feb 3, 1905; m. Margaret Reed Range, 9/19/41
(((Mary Mae Blackburn, b. June 19, 1907; d. Feb. 17, 1908
(((Shelby Moore Blackburn, b. Jan 13, 1909; d. Jan. 24, 1909
(((J. Will Taylor Blackburn, b. Jan 30, 1911; m. Mary Jean Lyday, 12/10/35
((((James Taylor Blackburn b. Feb. 25, 1940
(((Lucy May Blackburn, b. May 23, 1877; m. Andrew Jackson Carr, no date-no issue
(((Robert Alexander Blackburn, b. June 22, 1880; md Julia Silcox, 10/18/1908
(((Alvah Granville Blackburn, b. July 16, 1909; m. Etta Saunders Hurt, 3/1932
(((Robert Alexander B.'s second wife was Mazie Frieda Barnthouse, whom he
(((married Mar. 15, 1918; children -
(((Mary Emma Blackburn, b. Mar. 4, 1920; m. Harold Magnuson, June 30, 1940
(((("Robt Alexander, jr., b. Sept 7, 1921 is now adopted and carries the name
(((of Robert James Olmutz."
(((Flora Belle Blackburn, b. Jan..17, 1884; m. Robert Bailey, Jan. 28, 1904
((((Conant Oppenheimer Bailey (Feb. 21, 1905-June 30, 1905)
((((Leonard Cassell Bailey, b. May 24, 1906; m. Mildred E. Moreland, 8/30/30
((((Elizabeth Ann Bailey, b. July 26, 1932
((((Albert Alton Bailey, b. Oct. 25, 1908; m. Mary Grace Clark, 7/2/33; no
((((Donald Robert Bailey, Jr. b. 8/26/11; m. Eleanor Milnor, 6/28/41 (issue
((((Edmee Bernice Bailey, b. Jan 26, 1916; m. Kenneth D. Hatcher, 9/30/35 -
((((Jackson Westley Bailey, born Oct 3, 1917 (no issue.
((((Mary Louise Bailey, b. Jan. 5, 1919; m. John W. Evans, May 5, 1937
((((Frances Alberta Evans, born, Feb. 26, 1938
((((Frances Margaret Bailey, b. Aug. 24, 1920
((((Ella Mae Bailey, born, Jan, 18, 1922
((((Mary Jane Morgan Blackburn, b. Feb. 13, 1887; m. Wm. C. Johnson, _____?
((((Clarence Austih Johnson, b. May 18, 1906; m. Frances O'Connor _____?
((((Clarence Austin Johnson, Jr., b. Aug. 9, 1927
((((William Michael Johnson, b. July 25, 1929
((((Mary Jean Johnson, born. Feb. 9, 1933
(((Sylvanus Blackburn, b. July 16, 1849; no other data on hand
(((Margaret Elizabeth Blackburn, b. Sept. 23, 1851; no other data.
(Also near the graves of Edward & Peggy, we found a stone marked "C.O.B. 1841, aged
(3 mo.", probably a granddaughter?

WILL OF EDWARD BLACKBURN (1780-1853) see Will Book 5, p. 314
dated April 21, 1845; probated Oct. 3, 1845

mentions: my wife, Margaret

my son, John Nelson Blackburn, 180 acres in Jefferson Co.

my daughter, Catherine, who married James Harvey Caldwell, \$5.00

my daughter, Cinderella, deceased, who married Wm. Caldwell.

my daughter, Sally, who married Joseph C. Bradshaw

my son, Andrew - - - - 64 acres and much other land.

my daughter, Margaret, who married Thos. R. Bradshaw

my son, William Isaac Irvin Blackburn.

Books to my wife during her lifetime, then to son William.

Executrix - wife Margaret

Executor - son William Isaac Irvin Blackburn.

Witness:

Signed

Alexander Blackburn

Edward Blackburn

Benjamin A. Blackburn

Autobiography of Rev. W. E. Caldwell
written at Goliad, Texas, in 1880.

Preface:

To my beloved children these recollections are especially dedicated.

This record is not of such a nature as to interest strangers. It may be interesting to loving hearts; children and brothers and sisters may find pleasure in these simple annals.

It is not fame, but affection that dictates this narrative; affection for the living that they may emulate the sterling virtues of worthy pregenitors; affection for the dead that I may in this humble record, obey the scriptures, honor my parents and ancestors, who were deserving of more honorable mention than these brief pages can give.

Maternal Grandparents:

My mother's maiden name was Catherine Blackburn; her father was Edward Blackburn. Her mother's maiden name was Margaret or Peggy McGirk.

My grandfather Blackburn was an elder in the Hopewell Presbyterian Church at Dandridge, Jefferson Co., Tenn.

My grandmother Blackburn was brought up a Baptist, but was a communicant in the Presbyterian Church with her husband.

My grandfather Blackburn was a cousin of Rev. Gideon Blackburn, a great pulpit orator of East Tenn.

Dr. Gideon Blackburn married my grandfather Blackburn's sister, whose daughter became the first wife of Rev. W. King of Waco, Texas. Grandfather Blackburn had three brothers in Jefferson Co; Andrew, Thomas and John, and perhaps two in Kentucky. Catherine, Sarah, Cinderella, and Minerva were his daughters; John, Andrew, and Alex were his sons.

My great-grandfather McGirk, whose name was John, married Catherine Whittmore. My great-grandfather Blackburn's name was John. He married Jennette Mathews.

Grandfather Blackburn seemed to me as near a perfect model of a man as I ever had known in all the relations of life; cheerful and affable in the family and social life, earnest and devout in religion.

Edward Blackburn died Sept. 26, 1853. The chief features of his character were delineated in an obituary notice written by his kinsman, Rev. A. Blackburn and published in the Presbyterian Witness of which he was the editor.

This obituary or memorial can be found in my private record book containing my college compositions, orations, and with several other notices of my family & friends.

PARENTAL GRANDPARENTS:

My father was born of William and Nellie Caldwell, her maiden name was Moore. I knew her brother, David, of Greene Co., Tenn., whom I visited with my grandmother Caldwell, when I was quite small, perhaps in the Spring of 1841; also her sister married to Robinson Rankin, Temple and Brewer of Greene Co. My grandmother Moore's maiden name was Peggy Copeland.

My grandfather William Caldwell was born of John and Jennie Caldwell, whose maiden name was Kennedy or Cannedy and they were married as tradition has it, on board the ship that brought them to America, immediately after landing. She was Irish, and he Scotch-Irish.

Grandfather Caldwell had two sisters, Sallie never married; Polly married Clemmons. He had five brothers, Anthony, and Alexander lived and died members and ruling elders of New Market Church, Jefferson Co. Tenn., James and Samuel probably moved to Ky.

Grandfather Caldwell was also a ruling elder in the New Market Church. He has five sons; viz: James H. (my father), Samuel, David, Anthony and Alexander. All I think were elders in the Presbyterian Church. The youngest and last survivor, Wm. Alexander, died last year (1879) near Bristol, Tenn. He had two daughters who lived to be grown and have large families. Father's eldest, Jennie, married John Newman. The youngest, Isabella or Ibby, married Benj. A. Blackburn. They both survived their husbands at this date, 1880, I think.

All the Caldwells of the United States are said to be descended from the three brothers: James, Alexander and Oliver of Scotland, who about three or four hundred years ago obtained from the king a grant of land, on which was a famous well of deep cold water; hence the name Caldwell (originally Cauldwell, perhaps.)

My grandfather was a soldier in the war for the American Independence 1776-1782. When a mere child, I remember to have heard him relate incidents of a battle with the British. He was also frequently called out to drive back the Indians. Grandmother related to me how at one time when he was away she through the long night was left alone and for fear of the Indians she built a large bright fire, left the door open and concealed herself a short distance from the door to watch their coming, but the Indians did not come that night.

Grandfather Caldwell was the owner of a few slaves and was a very kind and indulgent master. After his death the slaves were not allowed to be sold to strangers or to any one out of the Family. Even though the Presbyterian minister, Rev. W. Minnis, was not allowed to bid at the sale, though he wished to purchase one of them. My father would not own any of them.

MY FATHER

James Harvey Caldwell, was a laborious farmer, his education was adequate to his business. A very quiet, different man and of few words on any subject, though his thoughts were always clear and pointed. He occupied no political or official position. He served the church in the capacity of ruling elder at the New Market Pres. Church; attending the meetings of his Presbytery and Synod very frequently, and leading the congregation in prayer and praise, for he was counted a good leader in sacred music. The hymn book was always a companion of the family bible that lay on the stand and were used in morning and evening worship in our home.

My father was born May 2, 1800 and died June 27, 1850

MY MOTHER

Catherine, daughter of Edward and Peggy or Margaret Blackburn, was born Aug. 26, 1805 and died Feb. 26, 1849. Father and mother were married Feb. 13, 1823. She was a meek, patient, and quiet mother. She and father, it seemed, were made for each other, and to my mind had never been other than what I saw and knew them. Her life and soul seemed given to the love and care of her children, that they should know and do no evil, and grow up in the way of godliness and usefulness. Both parents were indulgent and encouraged mirth and sport with each other and other children when

present, so that the house was often given up to childish romp in such games as hide-and-seek, blind-fold brily bright, etc. Then father and mother would claim possession, and we children would come to order and keep it too. They could command as well as indulge.

I, William Edward Caldwell, was born Sept. 13, 1824 in Jefferson Co., Tenn., on a small stream known as Lost Creek, two miles from New Market, on the road leading to Dandridge, the county seat, about eight miles from that place.

BROTHERS AND SISTER -

were as follows in the order of their ages, viz;

Margaret Ellen born March 19, 1826

Mary and Martha, twins, born Dec. 13, 1828 (Mary died Oct 4, 1847; Martha died May, 25, 1818 sic.

Albert Harden born Jan 30, 1831; died June 15, 1832

Gideon Blackburn born May 10, 1833

Isaac Nelson born March 4, 1836; died May 16, 1867

Oliver Benjamin, born Oct 15, 1838

Rufus Andrew born, Feb. 14, 1841; died Nov. 6, 1873.

"In the year 1857 I was commissioned again by Kingston Presbytery to represent it at the General Assembly at Cleveland, Ohio. That was a stormy session, in which the Assembly divided on the slavery question. For a number of years the northern wing of the church insisted on the doctrine that slave holding was a "sin per se", i.e. a man could not be an owner of slaves and at the same time a fit communicant in the church; that he must put away slave holding with all other sins before he could be a worthy of church fellowship with Northern Christians. The Southern members of the General Assembly felt that for the sake of peace and to be free from the sharp and perpetual censures of their Northern brethren that they ought to separate and they did so. The Southern signed a paper and withdrew in a body."

"Great(*) grandmother Caldwell married William Caldwell Sept. 1, 1791. He came just before the Rev. War from Virginia, camped at the spring where W. A. Henry lives. He married Nellie Moore of Greene County, Tenn., about 1793.

Their children were:

Peggy M. Caldwell, born Jan. 28, 1794

Jane K Caldwell, b. 1796, m. June 18th ____ to John Newman, son of Aaron.

Anthony Caldwell, b. 1798, m. Feb. 20, 1826; to Polly Berry McSpadden

James Harvey Caldwell, b. 1800, m. Feb. 13, 1823 Catherine Blackburn

David Caldwell, b. 1802, m. in 1832 to Mary Blackburn, dau. of Andrew Blackburn

Samuel Caldwell, born 1804, in 1830 m. Sarah, dau of Andrew Blackburn

Isabelle Moore Caldwell, born 1806, on Feb. 21, 1827 married Benj. A. Blackburn.

Eleanor Caldwell, born 1808

William Caldwell, born 1812, in 1833 m. Maria Blackburn, dau of John Blackburn.

*He doubtless means his grandmother, not his great grandmother. He seems to have two dates of their marriage.

These three pages were taken from a manuscript of 7½ pages loaned to W.A.C. by Mrs. N. Airth, 911 S. Rome Ave., Tampa, Fla.

Deeds that may be of interest,
Jefferson County, Tenn.

Deed Book A. pp 186; (Sept 20, 1794)

Land Grant to John Blackburn

Richard Dobbs Spraight, Esq. Governor etc - - at Newbern, N. C.
registered Sept. 20, 1794 No. 1144 - - 5 shillings for every 100 acres - - 360
acres to John Blackburn in Greene County on the head waters of Carson's Creek - -
Jan. 12, 1795

(Note - Am uncertain whether this is John Blackburn, husband of Janet Mathews)

Deed Book B pp 67 (Feb. 11, 1794)

Andrew Blackburn of the County of Jefferson of the Southwestern Territory
of the - - - (balance of notes on this deed lost.)

Deed Book O pp 54 (Oct 9, 1816)

Deed of Gift: John W. McGirk, Sr., to his son-in-law Edward Blackburn for him
and his wife, Peggy Blackburn (formerly McGirk), their children, heirs etc.

- - - 215 acres in Jefferson County, Tenn.

Witness: Andrew Edgar and Charles F. Keith

Deed Book R pp 272 (registered Jan 16, 1829; written 1822)

Deed to John Blackburn for 60 acres:

William Mathes of Jefferson County to John Blackburn of the same county
and state - - consideration \$130.00 - - 60 acres on Long Creek.

Witness:

Signed

Alexander Nicholson

William Mathes

James Nicholson

Deed Book S pp 54 (Dec 31, 1829)

Edward Blackburn to James Blackburn - - sells land in Jefferson County on waters
of Long Creek - - - 100 acres corner to John Blackburn to the "old line of the old
tract of land granted to John Blackburn by the State of North Carolina", surveyed
Aug. 11, 1811, and granted to the said Edward Blackburn June 10, 1812. Second tract
touches land laid off by said John Blackburn and given to his son said Edward Black-
burn by last will of said John Blackburn - - 80 acres.

Witness:

Signed

Alexander Blackburn

Edward Blackburn

George D. Morrow

Deed Book W. pp 275 (dated Apr 29, 1840; reg. Apr. 12, 1841)

Andrew Blackburn, Sr, David Caldwell, and Saml Caldwell make deed to Alexander
Blackburn, Carey Snoddy and James F. Blackburn, Trustees of the Westminster Meeting
House at Long Creek:

"In consideration of the love and esteem they have for Zion and the prosperity
of the Church and congregation belonging to said Meeting House, have given and con-
veyed unto said Trustees a certain tract of land $3 \frac{3}{4}$ acres on Long Creek near a
spring - - for the use and benefit of said church as long as they continue with what
is called "the Constitutional or new school of the General Assembly of the
Presbyterian Church".

Witness:

Signed

Andrew Scott

Andrew Blackburn

Benjamin A. Blackburn

David Caldwell

Samuel Caldwell

JAMES BLACKBURN (1782-1860)

JAMES BLACKBURN, the eleventh child of John and Janet Blackburn, was born Oct 2, 1782; died Nov. 13, 1860. He married Catherine Jamieson (1784-1867) on Jan 10, 1805. He spent his life on a farm east of Dandridge, Tenn., and was "a ruling elder of the Westminister Presbyterian Church for forty years". He and his wife are buried in the Westminister Cemetery about two miles northwest of White Pine . . . Tenn., The church was moved from the south side of the cemetery to White Pine . . . some years ago. According to the Family Bible of James Blackburn, they were the parents of nine children:

1. John H. Blackburn, b. Feb. 10, 1806; m. Christine Branner, 1827.
2. Nancy Blackburn, b. Oct. 3, 1808; died Sept 23, 1809.
3. Elvirah Blackburn, b. Dec. 7, 1810; m. Thos C. Rankin
4. William Blackburn, b. Dec. 11, 1813; died in 1814.
5. James Harden Blackburn, b. June 17, 1815; died Jan. 18, 1818
6. James Harvey Blackburn, b. Jan. 15, 1818; m. Lavinia Evelyn Mathes, 1840
8. Thomas Snoddy Blackburn, b. Aug. 28, 1823; m. Mary L. Minnis, 1847
7. Alexander A. Blackburn, b. Dec. 4, 1820; m. Sarah P. Biddle, 1844
9. George E. Blackburn, b. May 12, 1828; died Sept. 5, 1829

(John H. Blackburn, b. Feb. 10, 1806; m. Christine Branner, Nov. 1, 1827; no data on
(Nancy Blackburn, b. Oct. 3, 1808; died Sept. 23, 1809 (issue
(Elvirah Blackburn, b. Dec. 7, 1810; m. Prof. Thos C. Rankin in 1829; we have very
little concerning the Rankin Family, probably what we give below is inaccurate.

(James Rankin, father of
((Prof Thos Rankin of Tusculum College, who died about 1938 after some 50 years
(of service in that college.
((John Rankin
((James Rankin
((Julia Rankin
(Robert Rankin
(Alexander Rankin
(Mary Rankin
(Julia Rankin

(William Blackburn, b. Dec. 11, 1813; died in 1814

(James Harden Blackburn, b. June 17, 1815; died Jan 18, 1818

(James Harvey Blackburn, b. Jan. 15, 1818; died ___?; m. Lavinia Evelyn Mathes
(in 1840. Evelyn Mathes was a dau. of John Mathes & Rosannah Blackburn, who
(was a dau. of Archibald Blackburn, a great uncle of James Harvey Blackburn.
(Concerning their children, our information is fragmentary - the following
(was taken off of stones in the Westminister Cemetery:

("Iantha E., dau of JH and IE Blackburn 49-54". (These might have been child-
("John A. son of JH & IE Blackburn 52-52". (ren of John H above. JH & IE
("Wm H. , son of JH & IE Blackburn 59-64" (however, seem to indicate
on another stone in Westminister Cemetery (JH & LE. - -

("James M - - 49-49

("Wm Minnis - 61-61 children of James"

("M.J.J. - - 68-68

(James Archibald Blackburn, son of James & Evelyn, date of birth unknown,
(m. Anna Helen Province; they had six children, we have the names of three;
(Mary Blackburn, who m. James H. Scott, they had at least one son -
((William Scott

(Kate Blackburn, who married a Mr. Brooks: issue?

(Rice M. Blackburn

(Archibald & family moved to Oregon and lost track of.

(Catherine R. Blackburn - mentioned in grandmother's will, dated 6/3/1865

James Blackburn (1782-1860) cont'd

(Alexander Anderson Blackburn, b. Dec. 4, 1820; died Feb. 20, 1893; m. Sarah Phina Biddle (1822-1906) on Feb. 15, 1844; parents of 3 children
(William Emmons Blackburn, b. Dec. 29, 1844; d. Jan 17, 1917m. Sarah Jane Rankin (11/30/44 - 12/13/1925) on Dec. 21, 1865.
(Ella S. dau of Wm E & S.J. Blackburn 66-68" (stone, Westminster Cemetery)
(Mary Clementine Blackburn, b. Dec. 18, 1868; m. Jas L Lyle (1865-1935)?
(Lucile Lyle, b. 2/16/92; m. Herbert Haydow, no children
(Sarah Porter Lyle, b. 1/19/94; single
(Carl Blackburn Lyle, b. 7/30/96; m. Marguerite Robinson in 19__.
(James Lyle - - b. June 16, 1920
(Nancy Eleanor Lyle, b. Dec. 29, 1928
(Carl B. Lyle, Jr., b. Mch 19, 1931
(Paul Alexander Lyle, b. 2/21/00; m. Grace Pridmore, June 14, 1927
(Paul A. Lyle, Jr., b. Apr 3, 1930
(Charles Alexander Blackburn, b. Nov. 27, 1873; m. 1st Georgia Franklin (1874-1908) on Mar 16, 1895; m. 2nd Leola Gass Martin (1887-1927) in 191__
(Benj. Ross Blackburn, b. Dec. 15, 1896; m. Mary Donahue in 19__
(Francis Blackburn, b. ____
(Glenn Douglas Blackburn, b. Oct 2, 1903; m. Katherine Cate in 19__
(Barbara Blackburn, b. ____
(Glenna Blackburn, b. ____
(William Blackburn, b. ____
(Georgia Inez Blackburn, b. Sept. 17, 1908; m. Chas M Hale in 19__.
(William Leland Blackburn, b. Jan 30, 1917 (son of Chas A. & Leola Blackburn.
(W. Edward Blackburn, b. Sept 27, 1877; m. Bessie G. Newman 2/26/13 (burn.
(Infant son - - born, Feb. 8, 1914; died Nov. 8, 1914
(Donald Blackburn, b. Aug 25, 1918; in U.S.Army (1942) in or near Australia
(Margaret Blackburn, b. Feb. 13, 1920; Secy of Blackburn Assn
(Stanley Blackburn, b. Mch 26, 1922
(Jennie Blackburn, b. ? ; m. O.H. Franklin, Oct 10, 1914 - no issue
(Mary Ann Blackburn, b. Feb 13, 1849; d. May 21, 1925; m. Wm P Hammer (1843-1927) on Sept. 14, 1864
(Melville Blackburn Hammer, b. 6/26/65; d. in 1939; m. Lillie McGuire 11/16/86
(Robert Rhea Blackburn, b. Jan 18, 1888; m. Othe Burn in 1936; issue?
(Charles W. Hammer, b. Mch 28, 1893; m. Reva Rankin in 1926; (P.O. inspector
(Chas W. Hammer, Jr. b. Aug 7, 1927
(George Hammer, b. Jan 4, 1929
(Joy Maria Hammer, b. May 17, 1937
(Mack R. Hammer, b. ____; m. Nancy J. Ward, May 17, 1924, children?
(Marguerite Hammer, b. ____; m. Chas L. Gammon, Mch 14, 1921
(Edwin F. Gammon, b. Apr 30, 1923
(Mary Ellen Gammon, b. June 12, 1925
(Robert W. Gammon, b. Mch 14, 1927
(Marjorie Gammon, b. Apr 18, 1930
(Lois Gammon, b. Sept 6, 1931
(Mary Hammer, b. Feb. 10, 1900; unmarried
(Frank L. Hammer, b. Mch 30, 1903; unmarried
(Mildred Hammer, b. ____; m. Frank J. Andre, Aug 19, 1929
(Marie Jacolyn Andre, b. ____
(Frank J. Andre, Jr, b. ____
(Elizabeth (Lizzie) Blackburn; never married, died in first decade of 1900.

James Blackburn cont'd

(Thomas Snoddy Blackburn, b. 8/28/1823; d. 3/11/1903; lived in vicinity of Dandridge,
(Tenn., during his entire life; followed farming; in 1847 married Mary Louise
(Minnis, dau, of the Presbyterian Minister, Rev. Wm. Minnis. To Thomas & Mary
(were born eight children:
(James Melvill Blackburn, b. Jan 29, 1849; died Oct 15, 1849. Of this boy, his
(grandfather, James Blackburn, in a letter written Apr 17, 1850 to his sisters
(in Illinois, says "son Thomas and his wife, Mary, lost won of the most promis-
(ing sons that I ever sene, about eight months old, which was a hard trial on
(us; they live in the hous with us, but it is all for the best for he that
(gave has a rite to take away."
(Sarah Anna Blackburn, twin, born Aug 23, 1851; died 1930
(Catherine Emma Blackburn, twin, born Aug 23, 1851; d. Mch 25, 1938; m. Saml B.
(Bell on May 30, 1877; parents of five children -
(Thomas Minnis Blackburn Bell - b. Oct. 30, 1879; d. Aug 10, 1910, bachelor
(Mary Jessie Bell, b. Nov 20, 1881; m. Dec. 24, 1902 Hy S. Williams, White
(Johnnie Eureka Williams, b. 10/18/03; m. Dr. Y Alvin (Pine,, Tenn.
(Jackson, 8/18/28
(Mary Frances Jackson, b. 11/17/32
(Sarah Anne, b. Aug 15, 1940
(John Calvin Bell, b. 12/22/84; m. 4/14/1910, Eva Jones
(Edna Deane Bell, b. 1/28/1915; m. 7/29/39, John Brown Harrison, Jeff Co.,
(Rolf Rufus Bell, b. 9/4/1890; m. 12/29/1910, Margaret Godwin (Tenn.
(Anna Ernestine Bell, b. 11/29/1893; d. 4/8/1919; single
(Julia Blackburn, b. 11/26/1853; m. George Franklin
("one child, died in infancy".
(Jennie Blackburn, b. 10/18/1857; m. Rufus Bell in 18__
(Rhea C. Bell - - b. ____?
(Estella Jeanette Bell, born ____?
(Ida Blackburn, b. 1864; d. 1940; m. 6/1/1881, Dr. W. G. Snoddy, for 40 yrs
(practicing physician at Newport, Tenn. Dr. Snoddy died in 1915.
(Ethel Snoddy, born 12/10/82; m. R. Porter Barnett, 6/25/13; (Knoxville, Tenn)
(Mary Snoddy, b. 8/17/87; m. Richard Fain Smith 6/27/12
(Robert L. Smith, of Asheville, N.C.
(Ethel Louise Smith, who married H. Bradford Jones, Knoxville, Tenn.
(William Minnis Blackburn, b. 11/5/1861; d. 12/22/1861
(Jessie Blackburn, b. 3/28/68; d/ 5/19/68
(George E. Blackburn, son of James & Catherine Blackburn b. 5/12/1828; d. 9/5/1829.

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Jefferson County, Tenn: Will Book 6, page 127

Will of James Blackburn (1782-1860) dated May 30, 1845; probated Jan 7, 1861

Mentions: my wife - - Catherine
my son - - "John Blackburn has received his part".
my daughter - Elvira Rankin
my son - - James Harvey Blackburn
my son - - Alexander Anderson Blackburn
my son - - Thomas Snoddy Blackburn

Executors: wife, Catherine and son John H. Blackburn

Signed James Blackburn

Witnesses:

E. B. Snoddy, Robert A Sims.

Will of Catherine Blackburn, Will book 6 page 185, dated June 3, 1865; recorded
October 1867.

Mentions: daughter - - Elvira Rankin
son - - Harvey Blackburn
son - - Alexander Blackburn
grandchildren - Harvey Blackburn's children - James A
Blackburn & Catherine R. Blackburn, granddaughter, Catherine
E. Blackburn, daughter of Thos S. Blackburn.

Witnesses: James H Scott, Thomas Crase

Signed Catherine Blackburn

NANCY BLACKBURN (1785-1851)

NANCY GLORIAN BLACKBURN was the fourth daughter and the twelfth child of John and Janet Blackburn. She was born April 7, 1785, the year following the probable arrival of the Blackburn Family on Long Creek in Jefferson County. She died at her home southeast of Summerville, Macoupin County, Illinois, Sept. 26, 1851, and was buried in the cemetery northeast of the present location of the "Blackburn Bridge" on present Route #111. On June 21, 1804 she married John Carson, a teacher of subscription schools and at times surveyor and farmer, at Dandridge, Tenn. They were the parents of nine children:

	born	died	sons	Dau.
1. Jane Mathews Carson.....	4/14/1805	12/25/1886	1	1
2. William Harvey Carson.....	12/16/1806	3/10/1883	2	4
3. John Blackburn Carson.....	3/26/1809	3/22/1885	2	1
4. Elizabeth Henderson Carson.....	9/27/1811	1902	4	3
5. Mary Anderson Carson.....	2/ 5/1814	4/ 2/1856	0	0
6. James Montgomery Carson.....	3/8 /1816	1891	3	5
7. Margaret Grizelle Blackburn Carson.....	10/26/1818	9/8/ 1863	5	3
8. Nancy Glorian Carson.....	5/ 2/1822	9/27/1824	0	0
9. Gideon Blackburn Thomas Emmons Carson.....	12/11/1824	1880	6	3

Jane M. Carson (1805-1886) m. 1st Thos S. Blair, 2/21/1821 in Franklin, Tenn. At the semi-centennial celebration of the Spring Cove Pres. Church, on June 14, 1884, held in Summerville, Macoupin Co., Ill., in an address on the History of the Sunday School, N. Chaltacombe, the writer's father, said, "In the year 1844 Thos S. Blair and family moved into the neighborhood and his wife, Jane M. Blair, or "Aunt Jane" as she was familiarly called, took the lead in all S.S. work. She was perhaps one of the most efficient and faithful teachers that this S.S. ever had." Thos S. Blair died of the cholera Aug. 18, 1849, aged 52 years. In 1851 Aunt Jane married John Cramer, a widower of Carlinville, Ill. She died in 1886 and was buried in Rural Cemetery about 6 miles east of Carlinville, Ill.

Jane & Thos Blair were the parents of:

(David Ferguson Blair, born about 1824; married Nancy Grizelle Blackburn, his cousin, dau. of Wm. Blackburn (1772-1856) of Franklin, Tenn. about 1847.

(we have no data on their children; we understand that they moved to Kansas.

(Nancy Blair, born about 1826, married Richard Baker and lived near Nilwood, Ill.

(there were three or four Baker boys who were mixed up in a murder charge.

William Harvey Carson (1806-1883) married Mary ("Polly") Goff (1808-1880) in Franklin, Tenn., on Sept 11, 1828. He was made one of the ruling elders of the Spring Cove Pres. Church at its organization on June 14, 1834. This office he held until his death. He and a number of his immediate relatives arrived in Illinois late in October 1833; he took up land from the Government east of Summerville in Nov. 1833 and lived there the rest of his days. He followed farming but also was financially interested in a store in the village of Summerville for a time. The writer also remembers distinctly that he owned a horse-power and thrasher outfit and in the seventies threshed grain for his neighbors. Some day to stand on the central platform of a horse-power and crack the whip over six or eight horses seemed to that small boy to be the acme of all ambition. Grandfather Carson left Tenn. because of his opposition to slavery and "walked the floor" in agitation when the news came of the killing of the Rev. Elijah Lovejoy at Alton in 1837. He was a strict observer of the Sabbath, as the writer has occasion to recall, when as a small boy our family went to grandfather's home for Sunday dinner after the morning services, and young Wesley thought it would be great fun to turn the old horse-power, but the noise soon brought out the grandfather who sternly said: "Must not do that. This is Sunday." Sport of any kind or reading of any book or paper except of a strictly religious nature was positively forbidden. How times have changed. "Uncle Harvey" and "Aunt Polly" as they were

known among their neighbors lived to what was thought to be a good old age; highly respected, industrious and active in all good things; They are buried in the Summerville Cemetery. Six children were born to them: Nancy, Thomas, Edith, Gideon, Margaret and Asenath.

(Nancy Glorian Carson, eldest Dau of Wm. H. Carson (1829-1920) & Nicholas Challacombe (1824-1896) were the parents of twelve children:

- ((Isabelle Agnes Challacombe, b. Feb 9, 1848; d. Dec 24, 1904; m. Horace B. Warner a civil war veteran, Oct. 27, 1870
- (((Hervey E. Warner, b. 8/2/71; m. Florence Hartwell, 1894 (farmer, later carpenter.)
- (((Howard Warner (1896-1938) m. Nellie Orr 1917 (World war vet.)
- (((Bernice Warner, b. 1920, m. 1939 George Embley, Jerseyville, Ill.
- (((Wendell Warner, b. 1924
- (((Russell Warner, b. 1897; m. Nadine Moore, 1819 (banker, Jerseyville, Ill
- (((Dorothy Lee Warner, b. 1919; m. 1938, S. Jack Rice, Jerseyville, Ill.
- (((James Warner Rice, b. 1940
- (((Edwin Warner, b. 1903; m. Marie Cockran, 1927 (Oil business, Greenfield Ill.)
- (((Joan Warner, b. 1940
- (((Alberta Warner, (1908; m. Gilbert Van Camp, 1928, Wood River, Illinois
- (((Rosella Van Camp, b. 1928
- (((Roland Van Camp, b. 1930
- (((Doris Van Camp, b. 1932
- ((Grace Warner (1873-1876)
- ((Ray E. Warner, b. 1877, m. Harriet Richardson, 1906; Elder Spring Cove Pres. Church; farmer.
- (((Helen Irene Warner, b. 1910; m. Roy Marshall, 1935.
- (((Donald Ray Marshall, b. 1936
- (((Paul Leslie Warner, b. 1913; m. Henrietta Ritchie, 1935 (mortician, Brighton, Ill
- (((Marie K. Warner, b. 1937
- (((Thelma J. Warner, b. 1940
- ((Stella N. Warner, b. 1880, unmarried
- ((Mary Elizabeth Challacombe, b. Oct 16, 1849; d. Jan 1, 1935; m. Arthur Hartwell, civil war vet. Mch 3, 1868
- (((Ralph Waldo Hartwell, b. 8/5/70; m. Dorothy Taylor, 1904 (mechanic US Arsenal
- (((Janice Hartwell, b. 1906; m. Ferris Purdy, 1929
- (((Diana Purdy, b. 6/5/32
- (((Roger Purdy, b. 4/25/40
- (((Mary Ida Hartwell, b. 1910; Hugh Metz, 1936
- (((Lucille Hartwell, b. 1912; m. P. H. Ficke, 1933
- (((Janice Ficke, b. 1935
- (((Myrtle May Hartwell, (1872-1919) m. Arthur R. Hartwell, 1898, no kin.
- (((James A. Hartwell, b. 1902; m. 1937 in S. Dakota
- (((Arthur R. Hartwell, Jr., b. 1938
- ((Medora Jane Challacombe, b. Oct 17, 1852 (still living 6/7/42) m. John K Butler, on Apr 24, 1873. J. K. Butler died 1916; buried in Alton, Illinois
- (((Ethel Anna Butler (1874-1922) m. Chas L. Beall, Jan 31, 1900
- (((William Beall, b. 1900; m. Frances Borger, 1933 (bank clerk, Detroit)
- (((Paul Beall, b. 1902; m. Beatrice Chase, 1931 (Tel Co. Detroit)
- (((Geo. Challacombe Beall, b. 1906; m. Katherine Brooks, 1935 (hotel Mgr.
- (((Louis Beall, b. 1909; m. Margaret Meakin, April 1942. (Fisher Body Co.)
- (((Clay Preston Butler, b. 1875; m. 1st Della Johnson, 1903; 2nd Sadie Brown, '28
- (((Clay Preston Butler, b. 1904, m. Delilah Barber, 1933 (Smithsonian Inst)
- (((Alice Kathleen Butler, b. Nov. 27, 1941

Wm. H. Carson

(Nancy Gloriam Carson & Nicholas Challacombe cont'd

3 (Medora Jane Challacombe

(Clay Preston Butler

(Glorian Butler, b. 1906; m. Bert Thomas, 1928 (Research chemist)

(David Thomas, born 1929

(Nancy Glorian Thomas, b. 1937

(Lawrence Thomas, b. Mch 1942

(Kathleen Butler, b. 1917, m. Lawrence W. Thayer, 1939 (lawyer, Seattle)

(John William Challacombe, b. May 11, 1855; d. Oct 6, 1938; m. 1st Rosalie Hartwell, in 1877; 2nd Mary Fenton, in 1883. Farmer, elder Pres Church, Spring C.

(James Nicholas Challacombe, b. 1878; m. Georgia Miner, 1900 (Spanish War vet, R R engineer, at present, carpenter, elder Spring Cove Pres. Church, Medora, Illinois.)

(George Challacombe (1902-1902)

(Rosalie Challacombe (1903-1934, m. Pres. Minister, Rev. Lee, Ferry, 1926

(James Ferry, b. 1927

(Margaret Ferry, b. 1931

(Margaret Challacombe (1906-1909)

(Edith Grace Challacombe (1884-1940) m. 1st Milton Peek, 1913, no issue;

2nd, Wm. Flentje, 1934, no issue.

(Lorena Challacombe, b. 1886; m. 1st Louis McRae, 1913, Everett, Wash. (divorced

(John McRae, b. 1914; m. 1940, Alma Koski, (Reader, Hollywood, Calif)

(Raymond McRae, b. 1920 (in U S Army)

(Rosalie McRae, b. 1922

2nd husband of Lorena, Chas. Hounsley, m. 1937, Chesterfield, Illinois

(Harvey E. Challacombe, b. 1889; m. Irma Brinkmeyer, 1912 (farmer, carpenter)

(Harold Challacombe, (1916-1922)

(Wayne Challacombe, b. 1919; grad of State Normal, m. Mary Jack, 4/12/42.

(Ione Challacombe, b. 1922

(Annabelle Challacombe, (1892-1892)

(Clifford F. Challacombe, b. 1898; m. Nellie Reu, 1920 (electrician, Detroit)

(Dorothy Helen Challacombe, b. 1921

(Evelyn Irene Challacombe, b. 1923

(Frances Grizelle Challacombe, (1858-1920) m. 1st Richard Odell, 1876; 2nd John S. Searles on 2/1/1886.

(Roy H. Odell, b. 1877, m. Mae Beeby, 1905 (prominent farmer, large land owner)

(Frances Odell, b. 1907; m. Orville Lahr, 1935

(Donald Odell Lahr, b. 1941

(Richard Odell, twin, b. 1913; m. Margaret Craig, 1937

(Sylvia Mae Odell, twin, b. 1913; m. Herschel Fritz, 1940 (double wedding)

(Russell T. Odell, b. 1915; m. Florence Turner, 1940 (double wedding)

(Katherine C. Odell, b. Mch 1942

(Paul Odell, b. 1917; m. Helen Kasten, Apr 4, 1942

(Bertha Agnes Odell, (1879-1888)

(Esther Ann Odell, (1880-1941); m. Edw. Reno, 1905

(Jerome Reno, b. 1906; m. Evelyn Nagel, 1933

(Dolores Eileen Reno, b. 1934

(infant, deceased

(Rita Marie Reno, b. 1941

(Eva Searles, b. 1886; m. Albert F. Brown (dec'd 1942) in 1922.

(Eldon Searles, b. 1888; m. Bee Harney, 1914 (banker, Tacoma, Wash.)

(Robert Searles, b. 1916 - musician

(Dorothy Searles, b. 1919

Wm H. Carson

(Nancy Gloriann Carson & Nicholas Challacombe Cont'd

5 (Frances Grizelle Challacombe

(6 (Grace Searles (1890-1917); m. Wm. Hobkirk, 1912

((Dorothy Hobkirk, b. 1914; m. Ralph Lanham, 1935

((Gary Donald Lanham, b. 1936

((Wm. Lewis Lanham, b. 1938

((Ralph Delos Lanham, b. 1939

((Richard Lee Lanham, b. 1940, died 1940

((Mildred Hobkirk, b. 1915; m. Wm. Johnson, 1933

((Donald Carroll Johnson, b. 1936

((Alan Lee Johnson, b. 1939

((Donald Hobkirk, b. 1917 (raised by his aunt, Marie Searles Rand)

((Gertrude Searles, b. 1892; m. Milton Eastham, 1919; no children

((Marie Searles, b. 1896; m. Earl Rand, 1917, no children.

((Kenneth Searles, b. 1894; m. 1st Zelda Hunt, 1916 (divorced) (clothier)

((June Searles, (1923-1924)

((Joan Katherine Searles, b. 1934; by 2nd wife, Mahala Wachter, m. 1933

((Glorian Searles (1898-1901)

((Lucile Searles (1901-1929) m. Erwin Morris, Everett, Wash, 1925

((Frances E. Morris, b. 1929.

((Nicholas Bartles Challacombe, (Nov 18, 1861-Sept 7, 1932) mortician, Everett, W.
(elder Pres. ch. good singer, active, strong character, m. 1st Anna Dannels,
(1889; she died on a trip to Honolulu. He later married his wife's niece,
(Mary Dodge.

((Lathey Stowell Challacombe, b. 1890; m. Emily Irvine, 1912 (mortician)

((Eileen Challacombe, b. 1915; md. Lt. Wm G. Robb, 1938 (divorced 1941)

((Katherine Ann (Nan) Challacombe, b. 1919; m. Lt. Jas L. Winecoff, 1938.

((David F. Winecoff, b. 1939

((son, , , , b. Mch 1942.

((Arthur Dannel Challacombe, b. 1896; m. Gwendolyn French, 1919 (Major of Marine

((Arthur Challacombe, Jr., b. 1920 (Cadet at Annapolis)

((Joseph Emmons Challacombe, twin (Mch 15, 1865 - Nov 25, 1865)

((Sophia Asenath Challacombe, twin (Mch 15, 1865- May 16, 1865)

((James Edwin Challacombe (Dec 7, 1867- May 8, 1868)

((Mabel Grace Challacombe, (May 30, 1869 - July 13, 1920) m. A. L. Birchard, 1896,
(no children; Mabel lived in Springfield, Ill., Fair Oaks, Calif.; Everett, Wash,
(was asphyxiated in bath room; buried in Everett, Wash. She was very popular
(among her friends, excellent singer, active in social circles.

(a son, still-born, Feb. 2, 1872

((Wesley Adams Challacombe, b. Feb. 17, 1873; m. Elsa Andel, July 26, 1904;

(entered Blackburn Academy in Sept. 1889; graduated B. S. June 1894; retained
(as teacher of Math., Sept 1894, taught continuously to 1937, except during
(1919-1923 when was appointed Postmaster at Carlinville by Pres. Woodrow Wil-
(son; however, during those years kept up the work as Asst. Treasurer which
(he had taken over in 1913. On the resignation of A. L. Hoblit as Treasurer
(and Financial Agent of Blackburn, was elected to that office; has been elder
(of the local Presbyterian Church since 1910; attended General Assembly in
(Atlantic City in 1910; in Dallas in 1917, and in Baltimore in 1922. Became
(interested in Blackburn genealogy in 1925 when daughter, Nancy, wished to
(join D.A.R. - two children:

((Nancy Caroline Challacombe, b. Nov 21, 1905; m. C. M. Peebles, June 21, 1928:

(husband teacher in Brookfield-Riverside High School and choir leader of

(Pres. ch. choir. Nancy has excellent soprano voice. They have one child.

((Charles Robert Peebles, b. May 31, 1929.

((Carl Nicholas (Nick) Challacombe, b. July 31, 1907; m. Ophia Kealy of Emporia,

(Kansas, July 27, 1941; Nick is research physicist at Elgin Watch Co.,

(Elgin, Ill. Blackburn College, Uni. of Ill., B.S., M.S., Ph.D. in Physic

Wm. H. Carson
 2(Thomas Carson, son of Wm H. Carson, was born July 22, 1833; died July 5, 1903; m. 1st wife was Cynthia Belle Leaton, (34-70), a 1st cousin on his mother's side; 2nd wife, Mary Howell; 3rd wife, a Mrs ____, mother of his son Robert's wife. buried in Missouri.
 (M. Blanche Carson (3/14/56-2/9/96) m. John Goff, son of Andrew & Martha Goff, her 1st cousin.
 (Eula B. Goff, b. 1877
 (Wm. Clare Goff, b. 1879
 (Winnifred Bell Goff, b. 1881; m. ____ McKay - issue?
 (Howard P. Goff, b. 1885
 (Edward Emmons Carson, b. 1859; m. ____ in Mo., in 1887 (present address, Dayton, Washington.
 (Forrest Edw. Carson, b. 3/29/88; m. Gussie Reynolds, 1913
 (Emery Edw Carson, b. 11/21/13; m. Katherine Olsen
 (Winnie Ellen Carson, b. 10/14/15; m. Venard Moncur - 2 children
 (Lois Maxine Carson, b. 10/9/17; m. Lloyd Dockstader - 2 children
 (Fred Frank Carson, b. 2/17/19; m. Eleanor Acock
 (Richard Verl Carson, b. 4/13/21
 (Wilma Jean Carson, b. 5/18/23
 (Joy Carson, b. 3/16/26
 (Marjorie Carson, b. 10/16/28
 (Stella Florence Carson, b. about 1890; m. Lindsey L. McGill, 1908.
 (Robert E. McGill, b. 1909
 (Earnest E. McGill, b. 1911; m. ____
 (Lindy Kay McGill, b. Oct 18, 1941
 (Fred Frank Carson, b. ____ killed in France 1918
 (Arthur Wright Carson, b. ____; m. Ina Crofford, 1927.
 (Delmar Wright Carson, (6/5/28 - 8/30/30)
 (Vera Jean Carson, b. 12/5/29
 (Loren Arthur Carson, b. 10/24/32
 (Lester Linsy Carson, b. ____; m. Donnis Watrons
 (Maxine Elaine Carson, b. 11/2/35
 (Nellie M. Carson (May 10, 1861 - Aug 11, 1913) m. Eugene Perry, 1883, Leaton, Mo
 (Grace Perry, b. 1885
 (Blanche Perry, b. 1887; m. Glen Brown, 1908 (Columbia, Mo.)
 (Idell Brown (adopted) b. 1912
 (Kenneth Brown, b. 1918
 (B. Lucille Brown, b. 1921
 (Frank W. Perry, b. 1889; m. Eula Poaque, 1913.
 (Ruth Perry, b. 1918
 (John P. Perry...b. 1920
 (Gene Perry, b. 1923
 (Robert Anderson Carson, b. Sept 8, 1866; m. ____ in Mo.; moved to West Palm Beach, Fla.
 (Roy Carson
 (Franklin Eugene Carson
 (Robert Carson, Jr. twin
 (Russell Carson, twin
 (Edith Jane Carson (1840-1871), dau of Wm H Carson, m. Wm J. Elliott (carpenter)
 (Laura Elliott, died in early childhood
 (Jessie Elliott (1868-1934)m. Lewis N. Haynes, 1886
 (Earl Haynes, b. 1888; m. Gladys Knapp, 1914
 (LaMoine Haynes, b. 1918; m. Florence Hechler
 (son ____ born 1938
 (son ____ born 1941

Wm H. Carson

(Edith Jane Carson, m. Wm J. Elliott

(
(Jessie Elliott
(2(Alonzo Curtis Haynes, b. 1890; m. Lizzie Wright, 1917
((Bernice Haynes, b. 1924
((Muriel Haynes, b. 1898; m. Cecil Barnes, 1917
((Helen Barnes, b. 1918; m. Paul Knight, 1938
((Edith Haynes, b. 1909; m. Lewis Purnell, 1930
((Lewis M. Purnell, Jr. born. 1933
((John Purnell, b. 1935
(Mamie Elliott, (cir 1870- cir 1896?) m. _____ Campbell
((children??

(Gideon Gallagher Carson (1842-1920) single

(Margaret Carson (1845-1872) m. Daniel Challacombe, 1871

(Harry Edwin Challacombe, b. 1872; lived 14 days

(Asenath Carson (1847-1929) m. Ves. McCrory, about 1876

(Margaret McCrory, b. 1878; single, lives in Pasadena, Calif.

(Jennie McCrory (1880-1941) m. Claire Taylor, 1922, no children

(Sadie McCrory (died in infancy, buried in Summerville, Ill.

(Flossie McCrory (1883-1920) m. Edw. McMannus, Pasadena, Calif.

((Winifred Eugene McMannus, b. _____?

(Elise McCrory (1891-1931), m. Ned Fordyer, 1913

((Margaret Irene Fordyer, b. 1923

((Harvey Eben McCrory, deceased, b. _____?

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JOHN BLACKBURN CARSON, third child of John & Nancy (Blackburn) Carson was born in eastern Tenn., Mch 26, 1809; died in Woodburn, Macoupin Co., Ill., Mch 22, 1885; married Elizabeth Walker, Franklin, Tenn., April 21, 1831; came to Illinois in fall of 1833. He entered 80 acres in Sec 28, T 9 N, R 9W, Chesterfield Tp.; he was one of the original elders of the Spring Cove Pres. Ch., organized June 14, 1834; moved to Woodburn, Ill., where he had a farm on the edge of town; three children -

(William Thomas Carson (1832-1912) m. 1856 Abbie Colcord (1837-1913)

(Eula E. Carson (1857-1936); single, interested in genealogy; buried in Greenville

(Clarence Carson (1860-1923) m. Carrie McKinley; teacher; buried in Marengo, Iowa

((Clarence McKinley Carson

(Frances P. Carson (1862-1923) spinster, buried at Greenville, Ill.

(Ella Carson, b. _____? deceased

(Will C. Carson, b. Aug 7, 1874; died June 6, 1942; m. 1st Louise Seawell, 1900

(2nd wife was Mrs. Lucy Keller Fritz, whom he married in 1926

((Mildred Carson, dau of Louise, b. _____; m. _____ McKee; lives in Atlanta, Ga.

((William McKee

(Will C. Carson was editor of the Greenville, Ill Advocate for about 30 yrs.

(Harriet Carson b. _____?; died in April 1942; m. Willard S. Bass, Wilton, Me.

((children??

(Mary Frances Carson (1842-1922) m. Restores Smalley, 1865

(Wm. R. Smalley (7/4/1868 - 8/4/1940) m. Rosa E. Hallows, 1894. (Elder in Carlin-

(ville Pres. Ch., carpenter; then bank bookkeeper.

((Agnes E. Smalley, b. 1896; unmarried, Librarian in Montana (?)

((John Rolland Smalley, b. 3/1/1897; m. Lena Forrester, Calif.

((Alice Fay Smalley, b. about 1934

((June Ellen Smalley, b. about 1939

((Helen F. Smalley, twin, b. 8/5/1900; m. John Ash, Brighton, Ill.

((Dorothy F. Ash, b. ab. 1922

((John L Ash, Jr, b. ab. 1927

John Blackburn Carson cont'd

2(Mary Frances Carson, m. Restores Smalley

- (((4(Hazel Smalley, twin, b 8/5/1900; m. Dr. J. B. Liston, 1927, Carlinville, Ill.
- ((((Albert Morris Liston, b. 1940
- (((Marjorie A. Smalley, b. 2/1/1902; m. Chas Peebles, Carlinville, Ill.
- (((Winifred Peebles, b. ab. 1923
- (((Mildred Peebles, b. ab. 1931
- ((Frances E Smalley, b. 9/28/1875; m. Jas W. Pennington, 1907
- (((Jas. Lawrence Pennington, b. 1908; m. Lois Sawyer,
- ((((Jas. Pennington, Jr., b. ab. 1934
- (((Joyce Pennington, b. ab. 1937
- (((Janice Pennington, b. ab. 1939
- ((((a daughter, b. 1940

(Henry Carson (1845-1855) buried in Woodburn (according to W R. Smalley; Harlan Carson said Henry was buried near the location of his father's home in Sec. 28.

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ELIZABETH HENDERSON CARSON, 4th child of John and Nancy Carson, was born in eastern Tenn., Sept 27, 1811; died at the home of her daughter, Emma Pentzer, in Lincoln, Neb., and buried in the garden, since she hoped to be brought to Summerville or Plainview for her final resting place. Aunt Lizzie Brown was full of fun and wit; always ready for a joke. When she was about 80 yrs of age she lived for three or four years at the writer's home. She often talked of "Uncle Gid" (Dr. Gideon Blackburn) and the family; - we wish we had listened more attentively. She died in 1902 or 1903, being over 91 years of age. She married John J. Brown, Feb. 21, 1833; they came to Illinois in fall of 1833; her husband died of Cholera Aug 10, 1849
Issue: seven children

(John Carson Brown (1834-1912) died at Medford, Okla

((Roy Brown

((Frank Brown

(Jane Brown (1836-1890?) m. Samuel Brown of Plainview, Ill.; widower, father of

(Gilbert Brown - no children

(William T. Brown (1839-1923) civil war vet. wounded at Shiloh, Elder in Pres Ch.

(at Carlinville; m. Ellen Barrick, 1866; farmer for many years.

((Clarence Brown (1868-1892) unmarried, killed in coal mine accident.

((William Barrick Brown, b. 1869; unmarried; newspaper reporter & asst editor.

((Josephine Brown, b. 1871; unmarried

((Alex C. Brown, b. 1873; m. Bird Wheeler (2nd m. Mrs. Jessie Hart)

(((Clarence Brown, b. _____ m. Beatrice Dial of Texas

(((Betty Lou Brown, b. 1928

(((Ebba Bird Brown, b. 1936

(((Fred Brown, died in his teens

(((Donald Brown, twin, m. Ruth Hall, 1941 in Texas

(((Dorothy Brown, twin, teacher in H.S. in Illinois

((Sarah Elizabeth Brown, b. 1875; m. Clay P. Butler in 1928

((Thad Brown, b. 1877; m. Hester Bowman, lives in Arkansas; rice grower

(((Thad Brown, Jr. b. _____

((James S. Brown (1879-1939) m. Ella Schroeder, New York City

(((James Brown, Jr. m. _____

(((James T. Brown, b. 1935

((Jane Marie Brown, m. Franklin E. Horner

((Stanley J. Brown, b. 1883; m. Clara Bunkie, (with Carson, Pirie Scott & Co.,

(((Stanley Brown, Jr. m. Mary Lee

(((Judith Lee Brown, b. 1939

((Mary Ellen Brown, married Raymond Clark

(((Connie Clark

(((Patsy Clark

Chicago)

Elizabeth Henderson Carson; m. John J. Brown

3(William T. Brown

(9(Ellen (Nellie) Brown, b. 1884; married Jesse P. Orr, 1917, Chicago.

((John Wm. Orr, married Irene E. Kent, 1940

(Gideon Brown, (ab. 1842-1900), son of John J & Elizabeth Brown, lived and died in
(Denver, Colo., had two daughters - names not known.

(Daniel Brown, twin, (1845-1935) m. Susan Stone of Girard, Ill, in 1871.

(Ethel Brown

(Leslie Brown,

We have no data on the family of Daniel Brown;
reported to have had four children; lived in Okla.

(Margaret Brown, twin (1845-1927) m. Alex V. Squiers, widower (father of Wm T. Squiers

(- - - family lived in Chanute, Kan.

(Roscoe Squiers

(Herman Squiers, (was an engineer on R R - retired in 1940)

(Samuel Squiers

(Emma Brown (c. 1849-1930) m. John C. Pentzer, 1871; (moved to Lincoln, Neb.

(A. T. Pentzer, of Pasadena, Cal. - children?

(Jennie Blackburn Pentzer, married C. O. Bruce of Lincoln, Neb.

((Nine Bruce children

(((three gr children.

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MARY ANDERSON CARSON (1814-1856) spinster, mentally afflicted, buried in Blackburn
Bridge Cemetery.

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JAMES MONTGOMERY CARSON (1816-1891) married 1st Eliza Gulick in 1842

(Harlan Page Carson (1845-1932) married three times; 1st Elizabeth Holliday, 2nd

(Sarah C. Keatings; 3rd Hattie Vanarsdale. He entered Blackburn College in the

(early sixties, then responded to Lincoln's last call for volunteers like many

(of the Blackburn students, returned after the war and graduated in the first

(class in 1870. In 1872 he began teaching at Hardin, Ill; in 1880 he went to

(S. Dakota as pastor of the church at Scotland; for 45 years he was stated clerk

(of the Synod; for many years trustee of the Pres. College at Huron, S. D.

("His ardent faith, his optimism, his energy, made him a great pioneer leader".

(Rollin Carson, b. 1874; lives at Davenport, Iowa.?

((Harlan Carson

((Elizabeth Carson

((Lynn Carson, married in 1935

((Vesta Carson, married in 1935

(((2 more children

((Bessie Carson, b. 1877; m. Wm. Barrett (adopted two children)

((Harriet Carson, b. 1892

(John William Carson (1846-1910)m. Mary Chisholm (teacher in country schools)

((William N. Carson (1883-1897); buried in Carlinville City, Cem.

(Medora Josephine Carson, infant, buried in Blackburn Bridge Cem.

(Medora Jane Carson, infant, buried in Blackburn Bridge Cem.

(2nd wife of Jas M. Carson, Lavinia Jane Collins

(Julia Elfreda Carson (1855-1927) m. Chas Palmer; lived in Belleville, Kan.

((3 children, died in infancy.

((Ethel Palmer, b. cir 1889; m. Otto Hodgkinson

(((Arthur Hodgkinson

(((Gladys Hodgkinson

(Lenora Belle Carson (1857-1936) m. A. L. Briggs, 1884; 2nd husband, Lyman Palmer,

((Ina Briggs, (1885-1908) single 1916.

((June Briggs, b. 1886; m. Alice Compton

((Warner Briggs, b. 1913; m

((Everett C. Briggs, b. 1917

((Norman E. Briggs, b. 1919

((Lorana Alice Briggs, b. 1921

((Donald Edw Briggs, twin, b. 1927

((Doris Elizabeth Briggs, twin, b. 1927

James Montgomery Carson cont'd

- 6(-Lenora Belle Carson, m. A. L. Briggs
 - (3(Ernest Hadley Briggs, b. 1888; m. Margaret Pierce, Sioux City, Iowa
 - ((Willard Briggs, b. 1917
 - ((Catherine Ina Briggs, b. 1918
 - ((Ernest H. Briggs, Jr., b. 1921
 - ((2nd wife of Ernest Briggs's was Lillian Crispin, widow of his cousin, Earl.
 - (Ernest Clellan Carson, b. 1859; m. Ada Miles, Belleville, Kansas
 - ((Iva Carson
 - ((2nd daughter -
 - (Emma Carson, b. 1869; m. George Crispin
 - ((Earl Crispin, who married Lillian _____
 - ((Earline Crispin, b. 1917
 - ((Billy Crispin, b. 1919

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- MARGARET GRIZZELLE BLACKBURN CARSON (1818-1863) m. Wm Harrison Vanarsdale, 1838
 - (Ella Vanarsdale (1840-1928); m. Ed Miner, 1861 (lived in Carrollton, Ill. died in
 - (Pueblo, Colo.)
 - ((Edward Miner, Jr. (1863-1928) m. Agnes McMullin; no issue.
 - ((Ida Bell Miner, b. 1865; died early
 - ((Nettie Louise Miner, b. 1869; unmarried - lives in Pueblo, Colo.
 - ((William Miner, b. 1874; m. Catherine _____ (lives in Memphis, Tenn
 - ((Lucy Valentine Miner, b. 1878; unmarried; lives in Pueblo, Colo.
 - (James Anderson Vanarsdale (1842-1862) killed at Shiloh; looked over breastworks and
 - (a sharpshooter shot him in center of forehead; brought home and buried in C'ville.
 - (John Madison Vanarsdale, bachelor; buried in Jerseyville, Ill.
 - (Elizabeth (Libby) Vanarsdale (1845-1894) m. Sol Hopson, Girard, Illinois.
 - ((Kate Hopson, b. 1867; m. Dan Bell.
 - ((Clarence Bell, b. 1884; died of T.B.
 - ((Clyde H Bell, b. 1886
 - ((Katie Bell, married a Mr. King
 - ((Delbert King, b. 1912
 - ((Edith Bell, b. 1890
 - ((Bartie Hopson, married Cora Cramp, 1894
 - ((Emmett Hopson, b. _____; m. Ada Pheil whom he met at Blackburn College
 - ((daughter
 - ((Earl Hopson
 - ((Bartie Hopson, Jr.
 - ((Marjorie Hopson
 - ((Thelma Hopson
 - ((Robert Hopson, b. _____; m. Irene Allen, 1937
 - ((Byron Hopson
 - ((Charles Hopson, m. Stella Cramp
 - ((two sons and a daughter, Stella Hopson
 - ((Cora Hopson, married Jake Slater
 - ((Jas Herbert Hopson, married Lena Jennings
 - ((Melvin Hopson
 - ((Glenn Hopson
 - ((Herbert Hopson, Jr.
 - ((Lottie Hopson, married Alvin Werner
 - ((Gerald Werner
 - ((Esther Werner, who married Nelson J. Stroop
 - ((Roger Nelson Stroop, b. 1937
 - ((Stanley Werner

Margaret Grizelle Blackburn Carson; m. Wm Harrison Vanarsdale cont'd
 5(Bellie Vanarsdale (1847-1930) m. George Miner, 1874 (bro. of Ed Miner, lived in
 (Jerseyville, Illinois. Farmer)
 ((Georgia Miner, b. 1875; m. Jas. N. Challacombe, 1900
 ((Geo. Wm. Challacombe, (1902-1902) aged 3 mo.
 ((Resalie Bell Challacombe, (1903-1934) m. Rev. Lee Ferry, Pres. Minister
 (((Jas. Orin Ferry, b. 1927
 (((Margaret Ann Ferry, b. 1931
 ((Margaret Challacombe, (1906-1909)
 ((Ida Bell Miner, b. 1878; m. John I Pasek, 1904 (Treas of Huron College, S. D.)
 ((Mary I Pasek, (1905-1908)
 ((Geo. Newell Pasek, (1907-1907) aged 1 mo.
 ((Dwight M. Pasek, b. 1909; m. Helen Julson, 1934; Ph D. Physics -
 (((Ann Louise Pasek, b. 1935
 ((Richard C. Pasek, b. 1911; m. Florence Shouse, 1934
 (((Geo. Richard Pasek, b. 1939
 ((John Harlan Pasek, b. 1913
 ((Grant Evans Pasek, b. 1918; m. _____, 1941
 ((Maude Miner, b. 1881, single
 (Gideon Harvey Vanarsdale, (1849-1932); m. 1st Ann _____ 2nd, Jennie _____.
 ((Lewis H. Vanarsdale, b. 1873; m. 1914, Stella _____
 (((Lewis H. Vanarsdale, Jr.
 ((Wayne Vanarsdale
 ((Charles T. Vanarsdale, (1878-1918) m. Alma Byers, 1906
 ((Charles Vanarsdale, Jr.
 ((Louise Vanarsdale
 ((Bert Vanarsdale, b. 1880; m. Emma Day
 (((Erma Martha Vanarsdale, b. 1910
 (((Celia May Vanarsdale, b. 1920
 ((Leslie Vanarsdale, twin, b. 1886; m. 1st Lillian _____ 2nd Sybil _____
 (((Marjorie Vanarsdale, b. 1926
 ((Bessie Vanarsdale, twin, b. 1886; m. Dr. _____ Singer, 1908
 (((William Singer, twin (the other twin died)
 (((Jack Singer
 (((David Singer
 (((Virginia Singer
 (((2nd dau - -
 ((Mary Vanarsdale (1893-1935) m. Homer Dunham (Mary was blind; was a fine musician.
 (Addison Vanarsdale, b. ab. 1852 - no history on him.
 (William (Willie) Vanarsdale (1855-1876)
 (Harrison Vanarsdale, Margaret G B C Vanarsdale, his wife, James A & Willie are
 buried in the Carlinville City Cemetery.

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NANCY GLORIAN CARSON, born May 2, 1822, died Sept 27, 1824.

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GIDEON BLACKBURN THOMAS EMMONS CARSON, youngest child of John and Nancy B. Carson, born Dec. 11, 1824. The writer's mother, Nancy G. Carson, was his niece, but only five years younger. Of the pioneer days around Summerville, Ill., mother used to tell how she and Gideon would go together to the singing schools and to other country amusements on horseback - she perched up behind him. He married Catherine Kemper, Oct. 30, 1855, in the 31st year of his age and the 20th yr of her age. To them were born:-

Gideon Blackburn Thomas Emmons Carson

(Lowell Mason Carson, b. 1857; m. Flora Schaub; d. 4/16/1942

((Edgar Carson, b. 1887; m. Florence Williams

((Edgar Mason Carson, Jr.; m. Sue Sonneday

((Florence Ethel Carson, m. Wm. Brown

(Ethel Carson, b. 1891; m. Cecil Cleek

((Cecil Lowell Cleek

((Robert Carson Cleek

(Carlyle Carson, b. 1895

(Alfred Carson, b. 1897; m. Lucile Meridath, 1921

((Barbara Ann Carson

(Henry Lincoln Carson (1859-1861)

(James Anderson Carson, b. 1862; m. Minnie Hewes, 1891. Taught music for 60 years; lives in Carrollton, Ill., celebrated their 50th wedding anni. Dec. 24, 1941.

((Gerald Hewes Carson, b. 1899; m. Sara L. Gay, 1923. Gerald has made a marked success in the Advertising business in New York City. Is much interested in the preparation of this history of the Blackburn Family; has in his possession his grandmother, Nancy Blackburn Carson's Family Bible with the record of births, marriages, etc. ; has also his grandfather, John Carson's account book of his fees for teaching subscription schools beginning back at Jonesboro, Tenn., in 1799. They have two children:

((Nancy Gay Carson, b. 1927

((Sara Ann Carson, b. 1930

(Laura Gertrude Carson, b. 1864; m. Rev. Warren Goff, Pres. minister, in 1893

((Lillian Goff, b. 1894; m. Lawrence Taylor, 1917

((Robert Taylor, b. 1918; m. _____ 1941.

((Harold N. Taylor, b. 1923

((Bruce Carson Taylor, b. 1938

(Helen Goff, b. 1895; m. Claude Roberts, 1915

((David E. Roberts, b. 1919

(Gladys Iola Goff, b. 1897; m. Rev. B. N. Covert, 1922, Pres. Minister

((Catherine L. Covert, b. 1923

((Carolyn Iola Covert, b. 1929

(Newell Frederick Goff (1901-1920)

((Catherine May Goff, b. 1903; m. Orval Walker, 1927

((Marilyn Walker, b. 1931

((James Warren Walker, b. 1935

(Dovie Carson (1867-1868)

(Otto Butler Carson (1869-1870)

(Rosa Iola Carson, b. 1871; unmarried, teacher retired, lives in Medora, Illinois.

(Howard D. Carson (1873-1874)

(Carl Curtis Carson (1875-1932) m. 1st in 1899, Rena Brikenmeyer (she died 1900)

((Jean Carson, b. 1900; m. Betty Porter in 1920

((Jean Dale Carson, b. 1920

((Gerald Carson, died aged 7 mos.

(2nd wife of C. C. Carson, Mary List, married in 1917

NANCY GLORIAN BLACKBURN CARSON

NANCY GLORIAN BLACKBURN, twelfth child of John & Janet Blackburn, was born April 7, 1785 in Jefferson County, Tenn.; she died in Summerville, Illinois, "Sept. 25, 1851 aged 66". She was married to JOHN CARSON in Dandridge, Tenn., June 21, 1804. Her husband conducted a "subscription school", did surveying and some farming. In 1812 they left Jefferson County and moved to Franklin, Tenn., Williamson County; whither Dr. Gideon Blackburn and his family had moved the previous year. Their church letter was received at the Franklin Presbyterian Church, July 12, 1812. John and Nancy (Blackburn) Carson were the parents of nine children. Of these we have spoken at length elsewhere in this narrative. "John Carson died Jan. 28, 1826, age 50". He was doubtless buried in the cemetery of the Franklin Presbyterian Church. A diligent search in 1935 by the writer failed to discover any stone to his memory. In this cemetery as in many other old cemeteries in Tenn., there were many native stones set up to mark the location of graves but bore no discernable engraving. In his will John Carson left all his property to his wife and named her as executrix. For some reason she did not choose to serve. Her renunciation is signed by "her mark". That she could read and write we have several proofs. In the first place she married a school-teacher; she received letters from her folks in Tenn., after her arrival in Illinois, which are still in the hands of her great grandson, Gerald Carson; she also received a book of sermons endorsed as follows "Widow Carson will please accept these writings as a testimony of the sincere and unfeigned respect of her sincere and affectionate friend, Robert Henderson - the friend of her childhood, the friend of her youth and riper years". Dr. Harlan Carson (1845-1932) a grandson, told the writer that he learned the alphabet at his grandmother's knee. Why she made her mark on this occasion remains a mystery. On Oct 1, 1833 church letters were granted by the Franklin Presbyterian Church to "Nancy Carson, M. Grizelle Carson, James Carson, Wm. H. Carson, Mary Carson, John B. Carson, Elizabeth Carson, John Brown, Elizabeth Brown". That was the approximate date of their departure from Tennessee for Illinois. They came by wagon and the old dutch oven and other articles they used enroute are still in the possession of the writer. They arrived in Chesterfield Township, Macoupin County about the 1st of November. Grandfather, W. H. Carson entered the NE¹/₄ of section 32-9-9 west of 3rd P.M. on the 13th of November, 1833. His home stood about one-half mile SE of the present village of Summerville. His mother and four unmarried children lived in a log cabin about 400 ft south of grandfather's residence. Uncle John B. Carson entered land in section 28, about one mile north of grandfather's place, and aunt Lizzie Brown and her husband lived west of Uncle John according to our information. We understand that aunt Jane Blair and her family did not come to Illinois until 1844. Cholera broke out in the neighborhood in August 1849. Uncle John Brown and uncle Thos. Blair died within a week of each other. My father waited upon them in their last illness. It was prophesied that father would also take the cholera, but he escaped the malady. Grandfather Carson had a light attack but recovered. Because of his recklessness and heedlessness to danger, great grandmother Carson said of father: "Nicholas will die with his boots on". In 1896 he did die with his "boots on", but not from recklessness but from a heart attack. Nancy Carson and her two sons-in law were buried in the NE corner of the SE¹/₄ of sec. 21-9-9, where a graveyard had been started near the second location of the Spring Cove Presbyterian Church. No stone marked her grave that the writer ever saw or heard of.

NANCY GLORIAN CARSON CHALLACOMBE

NANCY GLORIAN CARSON was the eldest child of William Harvey Carson and Polly Goff, and a granddaughter of Nancy Blackburn Carson. She was born in Franklin, Tenn., on Aug. 26, 1829, and died at her home on "Locust Hill" on April 6, 1920. On Mch 22, 1847, she married Nicholas Challacombe, a native of Devonshire, England, who had come to America in 1833. They started housekeeping in a log cabin on "Locust Hill Farm" which her husband had acquired from the heirs of Dr. Gideon Blackburn in February, 1845. There she spent 75 years, living to see the automobile replace the ox-cart, the reaper the heavy cradle, and a telephone in the home and airplanes flying overhead. She was wont to tell with zest the experiences of the pioneer days in Chesterfield Township, when the wolves broke the silence of the night with their howling, and a sight of an occasional deer or bear was not an uncommon sight, and how the loss by fire of a log-cabin brought about her romance. It seems that father Challacombe had written a letter to Jane Blackburn, a granddaughter of Dr. Blackburn, proposing marriage, but before opportunity came to send the letter on its mission, the cabin took fire one November night and father and his sister who was keeping house for him had only time to get out with few of their personal belongings, and the proposal went up in smoke. While he was rebuilding he had the misfortune to fall off the roof and sprain an ankle. During his convalescence the neighbors took him in and in the round of visits he spent a time at the home of Harvey Carson, and then and there he fell in love with "a small black-eyed girl" (as Aunt Bell described her in a letter to her aunt in England). The romance seemed to grow rapidly, and was brought to a happy climax when Nicholas by letter told Nancy to read I John IV:7; and Nancy sent back word to look up II Samuel XII:7. Among mother's papers I found this ACROSTIC, which some of her grandchildren will find interesting:

"G ood and gracious is the Lord God on high;
L ove Him for in Him you can live and never die.
O f all the ways and means that unto you are given,
R eligion and His Holy Word is the way to heaven.
I n Him you live, move and have your being here below,
A nd through His Son He doth every good gift bestow.
N o earthly power can take from thee His gifts away,
N or lead thee from His paths astray.

C urb thy evil passions and unto thee shall be given
A ll honour and glory and life everlasting in heaven.
R emember thy Creator in the days of thy youth
S erve the Lord always abounding in His love and truth
O shou'dst thou forget to love Him, my fair friend,
N one would then intercede for thee in thy latter end".

Nicholas Challacombe,
Spring Cove, Nov. 21, 1846.

Father Challacombe was an austere man, silent in the family circle, but surprisingly voluble when company came. Mother always addressed him as "Mr. Challacombe", and spoke of him to us as "your pa". He called mother by her nick-name "Dode"; he was generous to his children, thoughtful of his neighbors and always doing some helpful act for those in distress from illness, death or financial difficulties. In politics he first supported the Whig Party, then joined the Republican Party at its inception and for years was a staunch supporter of that party, but when the Republican Party refused to take a stand against Intemperance, he joined the Prohibition Party. He was baptised in the West Down Episcopal Church in Devonshire, England, but when he came to Chesterfield Township he threw his lot in with his wife's church and became, without question, the most active member of the Spring Cove Presbyterian

Church in its entire history. Sunday morning, Sunday evening, midweek services always found him making the three-mile trip to the church, in rain or shine, cold or heat, through mud or over frozen roads with a regularity and promptness as punctual as the old Seth Thomas Clock on the family mantle-piece. The old family carriage, capable of seating nine grown persons comfortably, was always full and on time. In stature and weight he was a powerful man. He stood at least six feet and weighed 200 lbs and not an ounce of fat on his frame. When he was 70 yrs of age, and we were 21, he would pitch hay to us on the wagon in an amount and at a pace that was amazing. Mother, on the other hand, was small of stature but a bundle of energy and vitality. As we think back over the days when company came at unexpected times and added to her already large family, we cannot recall that she was ever perplexed or disturbed or at loss to provide for the hospitality of her guests or family. Relatives and friends came to "Locust Hill" and spent weeks but if they were ever a burden, we never heard a murmur from her. The long walnut table was drawn out to the limit and loaded, the spare-room was always ready and the welcome was ever cordial and sincere. Sister Dora, now in her 90th years, was recently speaking of the occasion when father came home with the news that Lincoln was shot, how grieved they were over his death, but to the fact that he met his death in a theatre they were irreconcilable. For their children and grandchildren they left an example for piety, service and faith, that has been a source of constant inspiration.

SPRING COVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

It is fitting at this place to give a short sketch of this church, whose origin and continued existence has been so intimately tied up with the Blackburn and Carson families. Spring Cove Presbyterian Church was organized by Dr. Gideon Blackburn in his home June 14th, 1833 on the banks of the Macoupin Creek near a spring - hence its name. Dr. Blackburn visited this region in the Spring of 1833 and entered some 560 acres of land near this location. He purchased a cabin and "squatter rights" of a squatter near this spring and it was to this cabin, he brought his family late in October of that year (1833). A cabin was purchased of a neighbor and a third cabin was added to the two, so that the three cabins stood end to end under one continuous roof with an open space between two adjacent cabins. This description the writer had from his Mother who remembered distinctly the location and construction of the cabins. This location had been a favorite camping ground for the Indians. Much Indian pottery and flint chips of partially prepared arrows were found there. The first log church building was erected about one-half mile north of Dr. Blackburn's cabins, on the west bank of the Macoupin Creek. At this point the creek makes a square turn from the east to the north. Here may be seen a large outcrop of limestone and about 200 feet west of this outcrop on the high bank was where the first church building stood. It was made by setting tall uprights in the ground for corner posts and to these were nailed the siding and finished with a clapboard roof. Of the twenty original members, eighteen were of Dr. Blackburn's immediate kin. We give herewith a list of their names, kinship, place of burial and year of death:

Anderson M. Blackburn.....	son of Dr. B.....	Carlinville.....	1871
Gideon H. Blackburn.....	son.....	Carlinville.....	1837
Sarah G. Blackburn.....	dau-in-law, (wife of REV Saml..?).....	?	
Elizabeth Hamilton.....	daughter.....	Carlinville...	cirl880
Margaret G. B. Carson.....	niece.....	Carlinville.....	1863
Susan J. Hamilton.....	gr.-daughter.....	Carlinville.....	1846
M. Isabelle Hamilton.....	gr.-daughter.....	Carlinville.....	1888
Elvira G. Hamilton.....	gr.-daughter.....	Carlinville.....	1839
Grizelle Blackburn.....	wife.....	Carlinville.....	1862
Nancy G. Carson.....	sister-in-law.....	Blackburn Bridge...	1851
* John J. Brown.....	nephew-in-law.....	Blackburn Bridge...	1849
* James Tull.....	no kin.....	1st graveyard.....	1834

Sarah Tull.....	no kin.....	?	.....	?
* John B. Carson.....	nephew.....	Woodburn, Ill.....	1885	
Elizabeth Carson.....	wife of JBC.....	Woodburn, Ill.....	?	
* Wm. H. Carson.....	nephew.....	Summerville.....	1883	
Mary Carson.....	wife of WHC.....	Summerville.....	1880	
* Grundy H. Blackburn.....	son.....	Pana, Ill.....	1891	
James M. Carson.....	nephew.....	Belleville, Kansas.....	1891	
Elizabeth H. Brown.....	niece (wife of JJB.....	Lincoln, Neb.....	1903	

*These five were appointed elders. Within six weeks after the organization of the church, Elder James Tull died (Aug. 6, 1834) and "was the first person buried in the cemetery started about 200 ft southeast of the first church building". "Here also were buried several children of the Blackburn's, Carson's and Hamilton's; also the mother of Robert Bacon". The land on which this first church-building stood was entered by Dr. Blackburn, and in 1845 passed from the Blackburns to Nicholas Challacombe and has been in the possession of the Challacombe family to this date. About 1887 the writer and his father, Nicholas Challacombe, were repairing the fence near the location, and his attention was called to a post still standing, being one of the uprights of the old church, and also to the sunken graves that marked the graveyard. No stones were in this old graveyard, and today no marker of any kind fixes the location of either the church or the graveyard. However the above description with regard to the bend in the creek and the outcrop of limestone ought to approximately establish the location for any one interested in the matter.

The following year (1835) or in 1836, the crude church building was abandoned and a new and more modern structure was erected on a three-acre tract of land deeded to the Trustees of the Spring Cove Presbyterian Church by Dr. Blackburn. This tract was 24 rods north-and-south by 20 rods east-and-west located in the northeast corner of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 21-9-9, and about one mile southeast of the location of the first church-building. The new building stood on the north line of this tract and faced the public road on the north. A cemetery was started in the southeast corner of this three-acre tract. Here were buried many of the Blackburn-Carson connection and other residents of the vicinity. Of the following we have fairly trustworthy information of their interment in this cemetery: to wit: John J. Brown, Aug 10, 1849; Thos. S. Blair, Aug 18, 1849; Nancy B. Carson, 1851; Mary A. Carson, 1856; Mrs. Eliza Gulick Carson, wife of James M. Carson, and two infant daughters of James and Eliza Carson, both named "Medora J. Carson"; a Miss Mary (?) Gilmore; two or three children of a Dr. Thos Brown; also members of the Dowland Family. Originally a few stones marked several of the graves, but within the past fifteen years these stones were taken up and "laid against the east fence", and the ground taken into the adjacent field. Diligent search by the writer has failed however to bring these stones to light. We were on the tract in the summer of 1941 and thought we could still detect several sunken graves.

About 1848 eight members of the Church withdrew and formed the Congregational Church at Chesterfield, Ill. This left the house of worship across the creek and at one side of the parish. Therefore, that year or the year following the building was taken down in sections and moved to Summerville. The congregations continued to use the cemetery for several years after the church-building was moved to its new location. When a cemetery was started in the yard of the Baptist Church at Summerville, they ceased to use what we have called "the Blackburn Bridge Cemetery" - so called because the splendid bridge over the Macoupin Creek, dedicated in 1931 and named the "Blackburn Bridge" is located about one-half mile southwest of the three-acre tract mentioned above. In fact, the state highway #111 passes diagonally across the said three-acre tract, so that the former location of the church lies to the west of the highway and the cemetery on the east side at the top of the hill. After the cemetery at Summerville came into use, little attention was given to the old cemetery.

The writer remembers making at least one trip with his father to the cemetery to repair the fence and cut the brush. In 1871 the Trustees of the Church sold all of the three-acre tract to George Palmer, except a "plat 5 rods north-and-south by 4 rods east-and-west in the southeast corner of the three acre-tract". This took in all the graves. The title to this cemetery still rests in the Trustees of the Spring Cove Presbyterian Church (name recently changed by the Presbytery to "the Summerville Presbyterian Church"). We had hoped to get the County to take steps to mark off and preserve this old graveyard, but it seems that few are interested in the matter. The description of the location given above will enable posterity to locate it if there be any who may desire to do so.

The old church building continued to serve as a place of worship for fully 75 years. Time making it necessary to repair the building and desiring a larger and more modern church building, the Congregation purchased the abandoned building of the Congregationalists at Kemper, Ill., and re-erected it at Summerville, on the site of the old church. But it will never seem like home to us. The old church with its dignified, plain, austere outlines, the walnut pulpit that extended across the entire platform, the old wooden pews with straight backs and seats, the large heating stoves on either side with benches facing the heat, the walnut communion table beneath the pulpit; the large pewter cantor from which the wine was poured on communion days, the large pewter goblits that were passed from person to person, the pew on the east side where grandfather Carson sat and solemnly looked up at the preacher, the pew on the west side where father Challacombe sat and sometimes nodded, the short pew in the center of the church barricaded by a post where mother Challacombe herded the youngest member of her flock, the fervent prayers of Deacon Wilton in his Welsh accent, the shrill soprano of Mrs. Hill, as she sought to drown out the younger set, the solemn sermons by such men as Dr. A. T. Norton, blind Dr. David Diamond, Dr. E. L. Hurd, President of Blackburn University, and Rev. W. R. Adams, to whom we are indebted for our middle name - - what potent pleasant memories. Would that we could turn back the hands of time once more to those days. Occasionally we visit the church but the places and faces are strange, the seats in semi-circle face the speaker, the pulpit is of modern type - everything and everybody seem unfamiliar - scarcely a face of fifty years ago is present - all have gone to join that host of innumerable throng in that bourne from which no traveller ever returns.

The Blackburns in America

The Blackburn family has a long, long line of able, honest, God-fearing men and women. A record of which to be proud. A lineage of which to speak with pride. Of early pioneers who were the equal of the Puritans in the practice of their faith. To whom Sabbath observance was a strict ritual, the theatre an institution of the Devil, and the dance his chief lure to destruction. Dr. Blackburn was often solicited to sit for a portrait, but he constantly refused, as he deemed such a course against the Second Commandment, and only by deceit was a portrait finally secured and preserved to us of his keen and inspiring face. Over the deceit practiced on him he felt very bitter but afterwards fully forgave the betrayers of his trust.

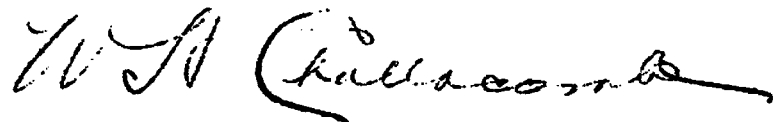
The number of preachers and teachers in the Blackburn Family has been legion. The great majority of them have been members of the Presbyterian Church and the record of every generation since Benjamin, the patriarch, has been replete with his sons and grandsons down to the tenth generation who have served the Church as elders, preachers and teachers. They have always stood for law and order, justice and righteousness, and the Kingdom of God, which some of them called the Presbyterian Church.

FINIS

This Blackburn saga must come to a close. To you who wish for more definite information on certain lines, we bequeath the pleasure of search and discovery. Concerning the ancestry of Benjamin Blackburn, when and why they left Ulster, Ireland; on what ship they sailed, at what port they landed, where they first settled, at what exact date they came to Winchester, Va., who was Benjamin's father, and how many brothers and sisters came over - all this might be found, if one knew where to look.

We have made one or two attempts to write this paragraph and express our thanks and indebtedness to the Blackburn kin who have helped us assemble this lineage, but in order not to omit anyone to whom credit was due, the list began to look like a telephone directory, and we have decided that the wisest thing was not to try to enumerate those to whom we owe so much, but to merely add that we are indebted more than we can find words to express, and hope that the gratitude of many of the Blackburn kin, who find pleasure in this narrative may be their adequate reward.

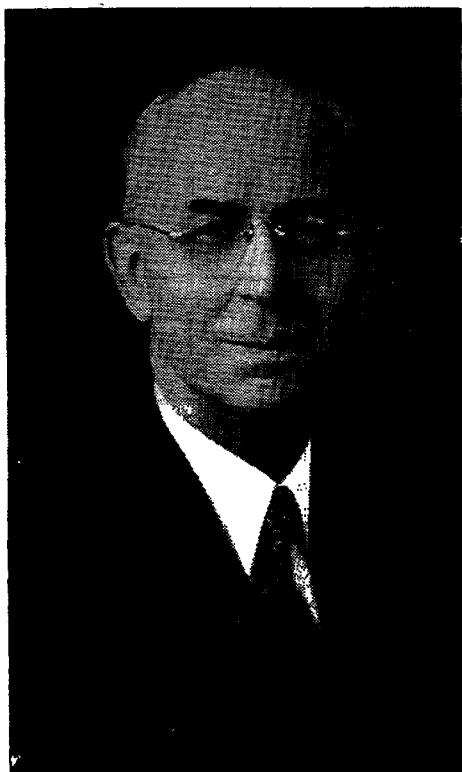
That there are many errors herein, we are well aware. For them we ask your kind indulgence. If you feel disposed to do so, you might drop us a line calling attention to errors. We are sorry that we could not connect with anyone of the family of Benjamin, Jr (1738-1834) and learn something of the family records in the "Great Bible There must be some of that family in Alabama. Of the lines of the two daughters of Benjamin, Elizabeth Blackburn Bays, and Nancy Blackburn Weir, we made no attempt to trace. We find that of the Revolutionary veteran, John Blackburn (1740-1808), we have listed 12 children, 74 gr-ch, 212 gt-gr-ch, 417 gt-gr-gr-ch, 197 gt-gt-gt-gr ch, 43 gt-gt-gt-gt-gr ch, and 1 gt-gt-gt-gt-gt-gr-child - total 1421, and probably that is not more than 70% of all John Blackburn's descendants.



W. A. Challacombe
Carlinville, Illinois
June 22, 1942



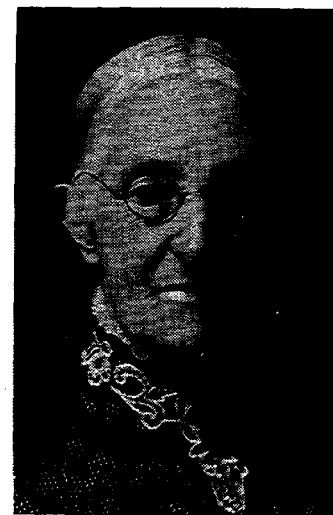
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Wesley A. Challacombe
Blackburn College
Student, Teacher and Treasurer
since 1889



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A D D E N D A

In June 1942, when I "closed the book" at the 120th page, I was well aware that I should add an INDEX. But the thought of the work involved seemed too great a task to undertake and would delay for some time the privilege of placing this book in the hands of my many friends. However the past twelve months has convinced me that without an index the book is but half complete, and since the call for the book had exhausted the supply that I ran off in June 1942, I am running off forty more copies and adding a few notes that have come to my attention in the past year, and also adding an index and several cuts, which I hope will lend much interest to the material herein.

I am indebted to Mrs. Minna Hyman of Hyman, Texas, for the most of the notes that follow. She has done extensive research work on her ALBROSE BLACKBURN line as well as on the BENJAMIN BLACKBURN FAMILY. To me she has committed her "precious Blackburn file" and the task of compiling the same into a book similar to the BENJAMIN BLACKBURN FAMILY. The task seems a large one as it now faces me. I cannot say at the present writing whether I can accomplish it or not.

NOTES

(1) Under the will of Gen. Samuel Blackburn, who died March 2, 1835, each of 46 nephews and nieces then living received a legacy of \$326.08.

(2) The executor of the estate of Gen Saml Blackburn reported that "All of the testator's slaves with the exception of two accepted their freedom upon the prescribed condition of emigrating to Liberia."

(3) Nancy Blackburn, sister of Gen. Samuel Blackburn married John Weir, a veteran of the Rev. War. We note that the name is spelled Weir in the settlement of the Samuel Blackburn Estate, but in later years is spelled "Wear" and "Weare" by the children of John and Nancy.

(4) Augusta Co., Va., May 8, 1839 - Benj Crawford testified that "he saw Thomas Blackburn, son of Archibald, four or five years ago in the State of Alabama. Relatives saw Thos. last fall and he was in good health".

(5) District of Columbia: to wit: This day Wm. D. Seaton made oath before me a J.P. that the annexed order has been inserted in the National Intelligence published in the City of Washington, once a week for eight successive weeks commencing the 8th of January 1839---then follows a list of the supposed heirs of Gen. Samuel Blackburn.

(6) On page 40 "Molloy" should be "Malloy" according to Mrs. Hyman's notes.

(7) Franklin, Tenn., June 11, 1835 - Benj. Weare in letter states "eight of our family alive as far as I know - Sally and Jean dead. ---Uncle John's family I know little about, except that George(Blackburn) lives in Alabama. ---I have six handsome daus. alive and one died when small - Marianne, Salina, Nancy, Une (sic), Sarah, & Eliza Jane. _____ is married; the rest is yet with me. Two sons alive one died young. John C. and Wm. M. Calvin, travelling preacher (or preachers) in Alabama 3 years."

(8) J. W. Wilson son of John Wilson and Margaret Weir - writes from Green Co., Tenn. - "my mother departed this life April 12, 1835".

(9) Thos Snoddy writes from Snoddyville, Tenn., Jefferson Co., May 22, 1839 - "My wife, Jane Snoddy, formerly Jane Blackburn, dau of John Blackburn, brb. of Gen. Samuel Blackburn, departed this life Sept. 11, 1834 - my wife's brothers, Andres, John, Edward & James and their sister May Moyers all live in this Co."

(10) On Aug. 12, 1839, John Meek and his wife, Rachel Blackburn Meek, dau of Robert Blackburn sold all their right to the remainder of the estate of Gen. Saml Blackburn to John L. D. Blackburn for \$225.00. (John L. D. Blackburn was their nephew, a son of Edward Rose Blackburn, see pp 40.)

(11) Jane Blackburn, dau of John & Janet M. Blackburn, born June 3, 1780; md. Sept. 6, 1804 to Thos Snoddy, died Sept. 11, 1834. (This Snoddy died before 1846.) Their children were: Edward B. Snoddy; Carey Snoddy; Grizelle Snoddy, Margaret Snoddy.

(12) McDonough Co, Ill., August 30, 1940 -

Dear Cousin:

"Received money - - Hard times all caused by the nasty lying Whigs". Your friend till death.

Hugh Weare.

(13) Guernsey Co. Ohio. - - Wm Reynolds testifies - "have known since infancy Thos Bay & Eliz. his wife & their children: Benj., Robert, William, Thos., Eliza, Sam, John, James, & Arch, & that the most of them lived in Washington Co, Pa. (?) until 1812 when they removed to Guernsey Co., Ohio, to which the undersigned had settled about 1810 2 years before. About 1817 Samuel (Blackburn) visited his sister's home; he left articles of friendship and remembrances - had not seen her for 40 yrs.

Wm Reynolds.

(14) Letter of Beulah Leone Blackburn Hargett, of #216 N. Pecan St., Arlington, Texas. Nove. 2, 1937 to Mrs. Hyman: "Archibald Alexander Blackburn, born near Knoxville, Tenn., 1819 - his father had 7 girls and 5 boys - I can't recall all the names, my father, James, William, John, Mathes - girls, Lizzie, Lucinda, Louisa, Isabel, Nancy, Sarah, I think. My father married Jane Elizabeth Northrop of Alabama, Chambers Co., in 1851. They came to Smith Co., Texas near Tyler, in 1854; then to Wood Co. where he bought 640 acres around where the town of Hawkins lies. He had 5 children to be grown - Emma, John, Minnie, Edward & Beulah (myself) - I was the youngest - there were 8 born - 3 died in infancy. Ed is the one in Pearsal. He and I are the only ones living. I am 65; Ed is 71. I do not know the given name of his father (she apparently means her father's father) but I know my aunt said he was one of 12 brothers. I remember 2 names, Sam & John - they were old bachelors and Sam left quite an estate to his 45 nephews & nieces - my aunt & father never rec a bit - it was not justly divided - my aunt Nancy in Jeroldstown, Tenn. rec hers - She is dead but she did have a son in Greenville, Tenn. His name is Chas. Jerolds. His father was a Dr. - - I know Gov. Joe Blackburn of Ky was a cousin of my father - - I have an own hiece 5 yrs younger than I - she is living 18 miles on Poteet road from San Antonio - - her name is Mrs. Bessie Wylie Moss. She was my bro John's oldest chil

(15) Letter from John Chalmers Jeralds, Greenville, Tenn., 11/8/37 - my mother was a Blackburn - have forgotten her father's name - my mother's parents died when she was small so she was taken by her uncle (E. Mathes) & lived with him till she married in about 1855 - my mother spoke of two brothers, John & Archy.

(16) Remarks on items 14 & 15 above. Archibald Alexander Blackburn was evidently the son of Benj. Blackburn (son of Archibald Blackburn 1751-1823) & Rachel Mathes, dau of Alexander Mathes. (See pages 43 & 44). The quotation on pp 44 - "Archibald died at home" which implies that he died in his father's home, is evidently a mistake. Also Mrs. Hargett's statement about the 12 brothers and the two old bachelors is not borne out by evidence elsewhere in this book. We note again the tradition cropping up that Gov. Joe Blackburn and his family in Ky were related to the Benj. Blackburn family. Since we have definitely traced the Ky Blackburns back to 1740 to Edward & Ann Blackburn of Middlesex Co., Va., and our Benjamin Blackburn line back to 1753 in Frederick Co., near Winchester, Va., the relationship would have to appear in their fathers. (see pp 5 & 27). According to Mrs. Hargett, Benj. & Rachel Blackburn were the parents of 12 children; you will note that on pp 44 we had only the names of 10.

(17) Error on page 65 - - Sally and Mary Blackburn, sisters, married brothers, namely, Samuel and David Caldwell, not Campbell. Harriet Campbell is wife of their brother Alexander, I think, is correct.

(18) Roy H. Odell (page 106) died March 25, 1943, aged 65 yrs 3 mo. He was a man of sterling qualities, prominent in County Farm Organizations, active in his church & Sunday School, and a very successful farmer and stock raiser. His helpful guidance and efficient help will be sorely missed by his wife, children & church. In the summer of 1940 he accompanied the writer in a trip down thru Virginia & Tenn and was present at the Blackburn Family Reunion at Dandridge.

(19) Linda Maude Thayer, first child of Kathleen (Butler) Thayer (pp 106 and her husband, Larry Thayer was born April 2, 1943.

W. A. Challacombe, May 1943

Further Notes from Mrs. W. F. Odil, Spring Hill, and Mrs. John Trotwood Moore, Nashville, Tenn., from the Family Bible of Miss Mary Blackburn, (1857-1942).

WILLIAM ALFRED BLACKBURN, said to have been the eldest son of Ambrose Blackburn, Jr., was born in Wilkes Co., N. C., Sept. 27, 1788; died in Lawrence Co., Arkansas, July 15, 1827; married Ruth Cawthorne (born 9-30-1789; died 2-1-1837); their children were:

1. Elizabeth Ann Blackburn, b. Franklin Co., Ga., 2-27-1814
2. Louisa Marion Blackburn, b. Rhea Co., Tenn. 6-2-15.
3. George Washington Blackburn, b. Rhea Co., Tenn., 1-23-17
4. Benjamin Franklin Blackburn, b. Wayne Co., Mo., 1-9-19
5. William Jasper Blackburn, b. Wayne Co., Mo. 7-24-20
6. Newton Cleveland Blackburn, b. Wayne Co., Mo., 1-30-26.

GEORGE WASHINGTON BLACKBURN married Margaret Bingham Aug. 2, 1858 in Columbia, Tenn. He served as Comptroller of Tenn 1866-1870; was known as "Honest George". Children:

1. Mary Blackburn, b. 7-9-57; d. 1-11-42. She taught in the city school of Columbia, Tenn. for many years, and also in Columbia Institute. Able and intelligent woman.
2. Ruth Blackburn, b. _____, d. 1-23-94; m. M. B. Parham, who died 1900. They had a son John Parham (1890-1928) of Asheville, N. C.
3. Edwin C. Blackburn, b. _____ d. 8-24-1900; Spanish War Vet.
4. Washington Blackburn, b. 1865; d. 7-5-1910; Columbia, Tenn. - "a person keenly alive to honesty, truth and just dealings". Married Jennie Gilbert.
5. William Augustine Blackburn, b. 1870; d. 8-11-93, Columbia, Tenn.

MARY HANNAH BLACKBURN, (probably a sister of Wm Alfred Blackburn) married Ambrose Cameron about 1800; died about 1814. Ambrose Cameron died about the same date, leaving six small children. Tradition has it that Wm. Alfred Blackburn took the youngest son, Austin Cameron, back home to Mo. with him and that Austin "was raised by his uncle, Wm. Jasper Blackburn". (However we think Hannah could not have been a daughter of Wm. Lewis Blackburn settled in Forsythe Co., Ga., and lived about 10 miles apart.

1. Robert Cameron, b. 1802, m. 1st Hinton; 2nd Hinton. Robert's descendants have his Bible.
2. William Alfred Cameron, b. 1804, m. Eliza Dacus of Newton Co., Ga.
(Elizabeth Cameron, m. W. W. Whitesides - she died 1949; she remembered
(that her mother said they were descendants of Pocahontas.
((Cooper Whitesides
((Kenneth Whitesides, "m. a Newton Co. girl Oct. 14, 1915").
((Has a daughter living in Etoriah, Tenn.
3. Lucinda Cameron, also has Pocahontas tradition, m. Elijah Davis, Forsythe
4. Ashley Cameron went to Mo. when a young man; raised a family. (Co. Ga.
5. Austin Cameron went to Bolivar, Polk Co., Mo. to live with his uncle William Blackburn.
6. Elizabeth Cameron, told Pocahontas tradition, m. Wm Shipley; leaves many descendants.

ANDREW BLACKBURN, son of William Blackburn & Amy Samples, pp 66; m. Mary Ann Meacham not Mitchell as given on pp 66. Mary Ann Meacham Blackburn died in 1879; in her will she mentions her dau. Martha Ann Locke; her grandchildren, W. H. Locke, J. M. Locke, Jesse N. Locke, Mary Ann Robinson, Mary Ann Blackburn, and "Willie" H. Blackburn. (The last two probably daughters of Wm. G. Blackburn.)

You will note that the date of birth of Wm. Alfred is given as 1788; on pp 18, 1788 is given as the date of birth of his twin brothers. We cannot explain the discrepancy.

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