

BIOGRAPHY

by Rev Z T Blanton - written 1934

I was born in Rutherford County, North Carolina on Mountain Creek, March 22, 1849. My Grandparents were JEREMIAH BLANTON and HOWELL WESTBROOK. My grandmother Blanton's maiden name was Sarah WOMACK. My grandmother WESTBROOK'S maiden name was Rebecca STROUD. Both grandmothers were Irish ladies. Grandfather Blanton was Saxon. Grandfather Westbrook was Highland Scotchman.

There were born to the union of JOSIAH BLANTON and Lucy WESTBROOK, my father and mother, eleven children, seven boys and four girls. I am the seventh and last son. Two of the seven boys became ministers. In my Grandfather Blanton's house stood a pulpit in which preaching was held regularly for sometime. My grandfather and his sons built a church house near his own home. This church house was named Blanton's Chapel, which name was retained so far as known to the present time. His grandson, the Methodist minister has the honor of a Blanton's Chapel on his own land in Fannin County, Texas, and his Great grandson has the same honor of a Blanton's Chapel in Uvalde County, Texas.

My father, Josiah Blanton immigrated to Tennessee in 1851 where he remained four years. Then to Missouri, stopping in Polk County in 1855; thence to Texas in the autumn of 1855 and on the 9th day of December 1856, he arrived in Fannin County, Texas where I lived until I was 28 years old.

Miss Margaret HILL and I were married on the third day of September 1874. She passed away February the 9th, 1928, being seventy-four years and one month old. To this union, nine children were born. Four of these died in infancy. Five are still living and have homes of their own. I am 85 years old.

EDUCATION. The advantages of an education worthwhile were few. My first schooling in Texas was in a blacksmith shop which had the forge moved out. The seats were made of split logs with pegs driven into the logs upon which they stood. Ed. STOWE was the teacher with limited knowledge himself. The books used were Webster Blue Back speller; McGuffey's reader; and Ray's Practical Arithmetic. The teacher, himself, perhaps knew nothing beyond common fractions.

In the year of 1866 there came into our neighborhood a Confederate soldier. He was dressed in Confederate Grey as worn by the soldiers. His pants were adorned with a conspicuous patch of brown jeans on the posterior part. He walked upright among the people for he was a gentleman and a scholar. His name was Henry LUCK, and it was luck for us that he came. Mathematics were no terror for him. His school was taken for fifteen months, and how well he handled it. There I began to drink at the fountain of knowledge, and my soul thirsted for more. There I learned that if opportunities did not fall around me, that I could make them myself. My father was a poor hard-working man. His word was law. Sometime he sent me out of the field to my books. Days when it was chilly weather and I could not work, I went into the woods, took my books, and built a fire to keep me warm, and there I studied. During these troubles, I gained sufficient knowledge to teach. I would teach a while, then I would attend school until my means ran out. I continued this for several years. Then I placed myself under one of the finest scholars of the south and studied and taught under him. I studied Latin, Greek, and higher mathematics, thus preparing for the ministry.

There were many Mexicans in this country. In the year of 1898 I became interested in the Spanish Language and took it up as a study. My purpose for studying it was for the retention of my memory, because it became necessary that I should register every word, phrase, or idiom of that language in my mind. I took every opportunity to converse with Mexicans so far as I was able. This was done to secure that peculiar softness or flow of speech. I have so mastered the Spanish language that I can read any Spanish book that comes into my hands with ease. I can talk with a Mexican or Spaniard on any subject. I have performed marriage ceremonies when requested without the use of an English word. They are a peculiar and very interesting people to me. When one is converted to the Protestant Religion, he is indeed loyal to it. If he is your friend, he will stay with you and defend you with his life. This language I have taught to many people, sometimes to a faculty of a school, sometime to a group formed in a community where I was, and in the high school of my home town, Blanket, Texas. There were as many as forty students at a time in a class.

In my Bible studies while my sight was good, I studied the Scriptures in four languages, Latin, Greek, Spanish, and English. I am convinced that anyone can, by studious work, master any language or science with the aid of good books, with or without a teacher. I take no honor to myself, but I thank the Lord that I am possessed with a good common mind, and that I have not accomplished anything any more than it was my duty to accomplish. The fact is, that what I have done is due to my wife and my mother, two of the greatest women I ever met.

MY CHURCH RELATIONS

I was regenerated in July 1865 and joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. I placed myself under the care of the White Rock Presbytery in 1870. Then my studies were directed to the accomplishment of as high a standard as possible. My first effort in the pulpit was in February 1874, in the same house where I first studied and taught for several terms. My old pastor gave me one of his appointments named Little Jordan. I held that appointment for a period of five years until I moved from that county. I was licensed to preach October 1874 at Cannan Church where I studied and taught under the scholar above mentioned. I was ordained in October 1876.

In 1878, I moved to Brown County, Texas, arriving the 14th of September. I obtained a school within eight days where I taught and preached when opportunity offered, for fifty-six years. Sixty years have passed since my first effort in the pulpit.

I am a charter member of the Brownwood Presbyteria of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. When the question of union came up, I held myself ready to obey the behest of my church, and without any equivocation, mental reservation, or secret evasion of mind, I became a Presbyterian U.S.A. minister on May 24, 1906. This change, if it may be called such, is one that I have never regretted.

At the Constitution of the Brownwood Presbyteria, I was appointed the Moderator by the Colorado Synod. It was constituted in Brownwood, Texas in a box lumber school building. At that time there was no church house as far as known, west of Fort Worth, Texas. Perhaps no one can fully understand the trials through which a minister had to pass, except one who has experienced them.

The support of a minister was very meager, and he could not depend upon a fixed salary. The meetings were conducted under brush arbors rudely built or in school houses when the weather was cold, but the people were usually eager to hear.

The old time cowboys ranged the country, and in the spring, general Round-ups were frequent, but to their honor it can be said that when they attended these religious meetings, they departed themselves like gentlemen. If a minister visited the ranch and mixed with them naturally, he was treated with all the respect that was due to his office, but he was expected to eat what they ate, and to sleep out on the ground as they did, indeed, to be one of them while he remained with them.

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On January 29, 1968, the original typed manuscript of the Biography of the Rev Zachary Taylor Blanton, was in the possession of Mrs Mary (Blanton) Mauldin, 605 Rosemere Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas, 76111.

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The DALLAS MORNING NEWS - Sunday, January 17, 1943

Z T BLANTON, 93, PIONEER TEACHER, PREACHER, BURIED.

Brownwood, Texas, Jan 16. --- Funeral services were held at Blanket for the Rev Zachary Taylor Blanton, 93, Blanket's first schoolteacher and a Presbyterian minister for sixty-eight years. He died at his Blanket home.

He moved to Blanket on Sept 14, 1878, took a job teaching school at Eureka, two miles from Blanket. He helped build the town of Blanket when the railroad came through fifty-one years ago. He taught in and around Blanket for ten years. He also served as a pastor at Blanket twenty-three years, at Comanche five years, at Rising Star fifteen years and at Zephyr fifteen yrs.

Born in Rutherford County, North Carolina, March 22, 1849, he had been a Presbyterian minister since February 22, 1874.

He was a charter member of the Blanket Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include two sons, Jesse Blanton and Alpha Blanton, both of Blanket; three daughters, Mrs C P MURRY and Mrs Earl FALLS of Blanket, and Mrs Tom STEWART of Florence.

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1880 US Census Brown County, Texas - Blanket Precinct

BLANTON, Zachary Taylor	Age 31	Birthplace: North Carolina
Mar.	26	Missouri
M. A. (dau)	3	Texas
HILL, Melissa	29	Sister-in-law
Minerva	14	" " "

INDIAN WARS NO. 3344
OF JOSIAH BLANTON AND WIDOW LUCY BLANTON

She was paid at the Knoxville Agency commencing 1892 July 27.

She applied in Grayson County Texas May 22, 1892 states she is widow of Josiah Blanton who enlisted under that name May 1, 1838 in Capt. Irvin Company, Col. J.G. Snyum, 78th Regiment of North Carolina volunteers in Indian War known as CHEROKEE INDIAN REMOVAL from Rutherford County (North Carolina) and was discharged at Ashville North Carolina July 7, 1838 or since July 7, 1838. That he died in Fannin County Texas July 9, 1870. That she was married under the name of Lucy Westbrook, to Josiah Blanton 14th February 1833 by Rev. John Padgitt, in Rutherford County North Carolina; that her husband had been previously married, but she was deceased before their marriage. and they had no children under 16 years of age; that her husband never applied or received pension during his life time.

CERTIFIED COPY OF MARRIAGE RECORD IS FILED BY CLERK OF RUTHERFORD CO NORTH CAROLINA, showing marriage license of Feb. 12, 1833 Josiah Blanton to Lucy Westbrook of said county and state.

Affidavit of Ransom Blanton, of Rutherford Co. North Carolina whose address is Ellberboro; North Carolina who was well acquainted with Lucy Blanton for 60 years, and was present at her marriage to Josiah Blanton and Lucy Westbrook; that they were married about 1850 and lived together until they moved to the west, about 1850 and lived together until his death of about 20 years ago (this was filed 1893) and they were married by a John Padgett a baptist minister.

Affidavit in Whitewright Grayson Co. Texas 1894 by W.L. Brinkley of said place age 65 stating he was a near neighbor of Josiah Blanton in 1870 and saw him after his death during that year, and knew Lucy Blanton his widow.

Also deposition of S.F. Blanton of Fanning Co. Texas age 73 in 1894; states that Mary Blanton, the first wife of Josiah Blanton died January 1832, states "I saw her body taken from the house where she died and was present at her burial in BLANTON GRAVEYARD in Rutherford Co. North Carolina. I came to Texas in Jan 1871 6 month after death of Josiah.

III. JESSE BLANTON (son of Jeremiah 1774 Va-1872 NC) was born 25 Aug 1811
Rutherford Co NC. m 24 Jan 1835 Rutherford County, N.C.
Clarissa BIGHAM. Josiah Blanton, Bondsman.

1850 US Census Rutherford County, North Carolina Dwelling #1179

Blanton, Jesse	Age 38, born North Carolina
Clersey	38 " "

James age 12; Martha 11; William 10; Susannah 7; David 5;
Alfred age 2 years. All born NC.

IV. RANSOM BLANTON (son of Jeremiah 1774 Va-1872 NC) was born 23 Jul 1815
Rutherford Co NC. m 1st: Temperance BROOKS. m 2nd: 16 Jan
1841 Anna PAINTER Rutherford Co NC. Riley Blanton, Bondsman. Anna
died 1 Mar 1895 in her 71st year, is buried in Oak Grove Churchyard,
beside her husband RANSOM BLANTON who died 11 Oct 1900, aged 85 years.

A descendant of Ransom and Anna Blanton is Mary Ellen Blanton, wife
of N B GILBERT, living 1969 Spindale, North Carolina.

Indian War Survivor No 1864, Pension Number of RANSOM BLANTON, a
Private who served under Capt. IRWIN's North Carolina Volunteers.
Pension filed in Rutherford County, N.C. Oct 10, 1892 by Ransom Blanton.
He served in the Cherokee Indian Removal. Was in 1892 living
at Ellenboro, N.C. The name of ASBURY J BLANTON appears on the pension
paper. At that time Ransom Blanton had four living children:

Kenneth C Blanton	b 9 Feb 1843
Oliver T Blanton	2 Jun 1849
Franklin K Blanton	3 Jul 1851
Anna M BUTLER	8 Oct 1847.

Kenneth C Blanton m 1866 Roseana HAMRICK. He died 1 Jun 1912, is buried
in Oak Grove Churchyard.

Oliver P Blanton is enumerated in the 1880 US Census Rutherford Co NC.
Age 31, born NC. with wife Peggie M age 35 b NC. and four sons and two
daughters:

William T age 11; Laura J 9; Sarah M 7; James R 5; Joseph
F age 3; George H Blanton age 1 year. All born N. C.

Frank Blanton is enumerated in the 1880 US Census Rutherford County,
NC, as age 27 b NC, with wife Nancy E age 24 b NC, one dau Corra L
age 1 year. In the household was also SARAH HAMRICK, age 51 Mother-in-
Law, born North Carolina.

Franklin K Blanton died 1903 and is buried in Oak Grove Churchyard.

V. WILLIAM JACKSON BLANTON (son of Jeremiah 1774 Va-1872 NC) was born
6 Dec 1817. He was married prior to 1840 when he was enumerated
in the 1840 US Census Rutherford County, N.C. as between ages
20-30 years, wife same age, one daughter under 5 years. In the 1840
household was also one adult male, similar age to William Jackson.

Rutherford Co NC Marriage Bonds.

William J Blanton - Denica L WHITAKER 10 Aug 1839. Josiah Blanton
Bondsman.

VI. Stephen Blanton, son of Jeremiah

Stephen Blanton born 8-12-1820 Rutherford Co., N.C. died 11-11-1900 married Sarah.....born 10-27-1823 died 1-25-1889. Both are buried at Blanton Cemetery between Whitewright and Ely, Texas for which Stephen donated the land.

ISSUE:

1. Julia Ann Blanton born 8-4-1847 Rutherford Co., N.C. died February 1947 Whitewright, Texas. Julia Ann Blanton married Benjamin Franklin Blanton b. 11-11-1843 Rutherford Co., N.C. died 3-2-1935 Whitewright, Texas. This Benjamin Franklin Blanton descended from James, son of Burwell, grandson of George Blanton, Comm. of Peace.

Benjamin and Julia Ann had:

- a. Charles Samuel Blanton b. 11-14-1876 Whitewright, Texas died 12-14-1944 Whitewright, Texas. Married Priscilla Virginia Cowan b. 3-20-1860 Eden, Ala. died 8-1-1940 Jacksonville, Texas, buried at Whitewright.

ISSUE:

- (1) Orbia Blanton b. 12-11-1897 Whitewright, Texas married Addie Williams McDonald. They have a son, John Charles Blanton, 16 years old in 1955.
- (2) Roy Glenn Blanton b. 7-14-1899 at Ardmore, Okla. was in 1955 a rural mail carrier at Whitewright Texas.

Possibly other issue

- b. Walter Albert Blanton b. 9-19-1888 Whitewright, Texas, living 1955 at 2549 N.W. 21st St., Oklahoma City, Okla. married on 9-19-1914 Clyde Miller b. 3-7-1895 Van Alstyne Texas. They have one son Gerald Blanton b. 10-23-1919 at Kiowa, Okla. who married Jean Gunderson of Boston, Mass. Gerald has two children - Cynthia, aged 6 years in 1955 born in Okla. City and Warren aged 4 years in 1955 born in Okla. City.
- c. Mrs. Maggie Badgett, living 1955 on So. Wyrick St., Denison, Texas
- d. Mrs. Addie Sweet $\frac{1}{2}$ Stass Drug Store, Talequah, Okla. Julia Ann was living with this daughter when she died according to Walter Albert.

In same cemetery where Stephen and wife Sarah are buried:

E. S. Blanton b. 6-8-1856 d. 11-12-1934
Fannie, wife of C. M. Blanton b. 9-24-1880 d. 4-2-1901

Excerpt from deed recorded in Rutherford County, N. C., Book 45, page 851 No. 829.

" Stephen F. Blanton and wife Sarah Blanton one of the heirs at law of John McDaniel, Jr., dec'd and heir one of the heirs at law of John McDaniel, Sr., dec'd"

Marriage records Rutherford County, N. C.

S. F. Blanton (Groom) Sarah McDaniel (Bride) 28 Jan 1845

Bondsman: Jas. Blanton
Witness: G. W. Logan, Clk.

Excerpt from letter written to me by my father, Reuben P. Feagans, Route 1, Decatur, Texas.

Stephen Fletcher Blanton b. 1820 d. 11-13-1900
Sarah McDaniel b. 1823 d. 1-25-1889
Grand Pa Daniel Feagans b. 2-20-1847 died 3-6-1922
Mary Ann Blanton b. 2-25-1851 d. 4-24-1935
Married Nov 14, 1867 near Rutherford N. C. by Rue Padgett

Children:

Corrie O'Clara b. Aug 13 1868 N.C. d. June 2, 1931 m. Martin TEEL
Laura Alice b. Jan 9, 1871 Tex. d. Mar 9 1915 md. Monroe CUDE
Mary Etta b. Jan 8 1873 Tex died 9 Apr 1955 md. Milton HARPER
Preston Lane b. Feb 14, 1875 Tex. d. Sep. 3 1963 md.
 Laura Emily BINION 23 Oct. 1893
Lester Wofford b. Nov 30 1875 Tex not dead as of 1965 md.
 Ida Alred MILLER, Oct. 19 ????

Claudius G b. Dec 2, 1873 d. Dec. 5, 1954 md. Idella OLIVER
 Mar 22, 1908

Conrad Plato b. Aug 23 1831 living as of 1965 md. Lee MARTIN
 June 25, 1911

Lula Gertrude b. Apr 13 1883 " " " " md. Albert KINCAID
 Jan. 20, 1907

Eunice Brunetta b. May 13 1885 d. Feb 25, 1965 md. Will JONES
 May 20, 1908

Toka Myrtle b. Nov 2 1887 d. 25 Apr 1925 md. Lee DEASON Aug 8, 1907

Daniel Odus b. Jan 15 1889 living as of 1965 md. Winnie DAVIS
 Nov 17, 1915

Zora Loretta b. Apr 3 1893 " " " " md. Jim SULLARD
 Jan 15, 1915

Della Odessa b. 2 Mar 1895 " " " " md. John RODGERS
 12 Dec. 1915

*Marriages listed above obtained from Mrs. Irene Feagans Jeter and Della Odessa Feagans Rodgers of Wichita Falls, Texas
Mary Ann Blanton and Daniel Feagans are buried in Cannan Cemetery in Grayson County, Texas.

1850 US Census Rutherford County, N.C. Dwelling #1155

BLANTON, Jackson age 32 born N.C.
 Nica 31

Priscilla 10; Spencer 7; Melvin 4; Sara 3; Asa (male) 7 months.

Melvin Blanton, age 35, born N.C. is enumerated in the 1880 US Census with wife Susan age 38, b N.C. Three sons and six daughters in household:

Sarah age 13; Margret 13; Priscilla 11; Madora 9; Joseph 6;
 William 4; James 4; Mary 2; Jennie age 7 months. All born N.C.

Rutherford County NC Marriage Bonds

Melvin C Blanton - Susan WILKIE 31 March 1866. Witness: E HAMRICK.

- VI. STEPHEN FLETCHER BLANTON (son of Jeremiah 1774 Va-1872 NC) was born 12 Aug 1820 m 28 Jan 1845 Sarah McDANIEL Rutherford Co N.C. James Blanton, Bondsman. G W LOGAN, Clerk, Witness.

1850 US CENSUS Rutherford County, North Carolina Dwlg #1216

BLANTON, Stephen age 30 born N.C.
 Sarah 23 N.C.
 Julia 3 N.C.

1860 US Census Rutherford County, North Carolina Dwlg #153

BLANTON, Stephen age 40 "Farmer" born N.C.
 Sarah 37

Julia 13; Mary Ann 10; Samuel 6; Elijah 4; Sarah age 2.

Cinthia PHILLIPS age 60, was also living in the home.

Samuel M Blanton, age 26, is enumerated in the 1880 US Census Fannin County, Texas, with wife Bettie age 19 born Texas, a son Robert 4; and a daughter Elizabeth age 2 years. Also in the home were WM PERKINS, age 14, "Brother-in-law"; and Mary PERKINS age 12 also Georgia PERKINS age 3 years "Sisters-in-law". The PERKINS were born in Texas.

- VII. ELIJAH BLANTON (son of Jeremiah 1774 Va-1872 NC) was born 6 Dec 1823 Rutherford County, N. C. d 11 Feb 1884 buried Oak Grove Churchyard, beside his wife Nancy b 6 May 1816 d 9 Nov 1893. Nearby is the grave of their infant son William A Blanton b 9 May 1862 d 19 Sep 1862.

1850 US Census Rutherford County, N.C. Dwelling # 1206

BLANTON, Elijah age 26 b N.C.
 Sarah 26

Stephen age 3; Eveline age 4 months.

Cyclopedia of Georgia. Vol I, p 192. Pub. Atlanta, Ga 1906.

JAMES C BLANTON born Aug 19, 1873, Columbia, South Carolina, a prominent railroad man, Station Master at the Savannah Union Station. Son of Candler & Evans.

Capt. Stephen T Blanton for 20 years roadmaster of the Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta RR. Born 1847 in North Carolina, and died 1897. Made a gallant record in Civil War. Married Agnes E JAMISON, daughter of Dr C H JAMISON, who was born in Scotland, and passed his closing years in Fairfield County, South Carolina, where he died.

ELIJAH BLANTON, father of Captain Stephen T Blanton, was likewise born in North Carolina, whither his grandfather immigrated from Wales in the early Colonial era.

On December 20, 1898, James C Blanton married Elma Jane OSBORNE of Anderson, South Carolina. Their children were:

Sarah Louise; Elma Osborne; Julian Friday; and Paul Welles Blanton.

Judge W. F. Blanton, County Judge of Dade County, Florida, was born 4 Jan 1891 in Hillsboro County, Florida, son of J. F. and Ellen (HARN) Blanton, a native of Georgia. Lived in Tampa and Miami, Fla. Entered Washington and Lee University. Graduated from Law Dept. in 1911. Married on Feb 14, 1916 Lixanna V ROBINSON of Kansas City, Kansas. Two children: W. F. Blanton, Jr.; and John Robinson Blanton.

ELIJAH and Nancy (HARRILL) Blanton had a son John Admas Blanton born 4 Jul 1857 Ellenboro, N.C. d 29 Sep 1898, Ellenboro, N.C. m Nancy BYERS b 26 Jan 1864, Ellenboro, NC. Their son

Claude Hudson Blanton b 4 Jul 1893 Lattimore, NC. m Mildred COFFIELD born 1 Mar 1899 Ellenboro, N.C. They were the parents of:

Claude Hudson Blanton, Jr. b 27 Jun 1922, Ellenboro, N.C.

John Adams and Nancy BYERS Blanton, also had a son Bascom Byers Blanton born 2 July 1891 Ellenboro, North Carolina.

Miss Reba Blanton, living 1955, Charlotte, North Carolina, is a daughter of John Adams Blanton, and furnished much information on the descendants of Jeremiah Blanton. She says "Elijah Blanton, my grandfather, went to Texas and lived in the home of Stephen Blanton. My father died when I was very young and I faintly remember him, but one memory I have is his relating stories of the cyclones in Texas."

VIII. Temperance Blanton b 11 Aug 1805 d 2 Feb 1879 m 24 Apr 1821 Rutherford County, N.C. GEORGE EDWARDS. Bondsmen: John EDWARDS; Jeremiah BLANTON. Witness: Drury DOBBINS.

A descendant of Temperance Blanton Edwards was Mrs Mary WEBB of the Oak Grove Community, near Ellenboro, N.C. 1956, who had in her possession the Family Bible of Jeremiah Blanton born 1774 Virginia, died 1872 Ellenboro.

IX. Sarah Blanton (daughter of Jeremiah 1774-1872) was born 21 Apr 1827. .

1850 US Census - Rutherford County, North Carolina

<u>Dwelling Number</u>	<u>Head of Household</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
1178	BLANTON, Jerry (Jeremiah)	75	Virginia
	Sarah	64	NC
	Sara A	21	NC
1179	BLANTON, Jesse	38	NC
	Clersey	38	NC
	James	12	NC
	Martha	11	NC
	William	10	NC
	Susanah	7	NC
	David	5	NC
Alfred	2	NC	
1155	BLANTON, Jackson	32	NC
	Nica (Denica)	31	NC
	Priscilla	10	NC
	Spencer	7	NC
	Melvin	4	NC
	Sara	3	NC
Asa (male)	7 mo.	NC	
1206	BLANTON, Elijah	26	NC
	Sarah	26	NC
	Stephen	3	NC
	Eveline	4 mo.	NC
1216	BLANTON, Stephen	30	NC
	Sarah	23	NC
	Julia	3	NC

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R. A. Blanton
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Rappahannock District, Virginia

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CONCERNING VETERAN

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(CONFEDERATE)

Capt. Sale's Co.

Va.

Pvt. R. A. Blanton
Capt. Sale's Co.
Mtd Res Rappk Dist VA.
Appears on a
RECEIPT ROLL

for clothing,

for _____, 186

Date of issue Dec 6, 1864.

Signature

Remarks:

Roll No.

3559

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Copyist.

Family Record

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1890
N.C.



McL. J. Blanton
Jefferson

Doctor Said Half of One Lung Was Gone.



Noel W. Orvin, Esq.

"I was taken sick in July last year and was not able to do any kind of work until November," writes Mr. Noel W. Orvin, of Langley, Aiken Co., S. C. "I had been coughing up hard lumps of phlegm for about a year before I was taken down. I then called on a doctor, who attended me for two months, and he said that one-half of my left lung was gone and advised me to leave my home (Charleston, S. C.), and go to the country. I wrote to you for advice, and took four bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery which I sincerely believe has done me more good than all the other medicines I have ever taken."

Heart Trouble.

"Thank God, I am still living," writes Mr. George W. Trustlow, of Lipscomb, Augusta Co., Va. "Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is what saved my life. I had heart trouble. I was nearly past work, but I ran that out as much work now as any man. I cannot say too much for the benefit I have received."

George W. Trustlow

"Heart Trouble," and Female Weakness.

"About nine years ago," writes Mrs. W. H. Spear, of 25 Race Street, Haverhill, Mass. "I commenced to have a tired miserable feeling all the time which no amount of rest seemed to help and which grew worse every year (being much worse through the warm weather, till last summer, when heart trouble set in, and I had to give up. I think I had some female weakness also. I had one of your small pamphlets and commenced taking your medicine the sixteenth of December. I took five bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. I had not taken this medicine very long before I began to feel better and I improved steadily until April when I felt so much better that I discontinued its use. I have not felt so well any summer for six or seven years as I have this last one."



Mrs. Spear.

1900.		JULY.		1901.	
S	1 8 16 24 31	FROM THIS BOOK I CAN	M	1 8 16 24	MONTH
T	2 9 17 25 31	LEARN THE AMOUNT	T	2 9 17 25	OF MY PERSONAL
W	3 10 18 26 31	OF MY PERSONAL	W	4 11 19 27	EXPENSES.
Th	4 11 19 27 31		Th	5 12 20 28	
F	5 12 20 27 31		F	6 13 21 28	
S	6 13 21 28 31		S	7 14 22 29	

Uncle Bill Blanton
son James Blanton
William B
Blaborn
Jessy
Jefferson
Jackson
daughter Melinda
Sally

WILLIAM "Bill" BLANTON II. (son of William Blanton living 1782 Meherrin Parish, Brunswick County, VA) was born ca. 1779 VA, died after 1850 Rutherford County, North Carolina. m. _____ KETCHERSIDE. William Blanton II. is enumerated in the 1810 US Census, Rutherford Co NC, as being between age 26-45 years, wife same age, 4 boys under 10 years, and one daughter under 10. Entries in the "Little Book" name six sons and two daughters:

James; William III.; Jesse R; Clayborn; (Thomas) Jefferson; Jackson; Malinda; and Sally Blanton.

1850 US Census Rutherford Co NC, Sandy Run Township

William Blanton, age 71. Sally Blanton (daughter) age 49.

1. JAMES BLANTON b 1801 Rutherford Co NC d 29 Mar 1871 Wyandotte County, KANSAS m 26 Feb 1822 Rutherford Co NC, by the Rev D DOBBINS, Mary V JAY b 19 Sep 1803 d 24 Sep 1892 buried Mountain Creek Baptist Churchyard, Rutherford Co NC. Mary's mother's maiden name was ALDERMAN.

James Blanton served in North Carolina Volunteers, as Quartermaster under command of M O DICKENSON in the Indian War. He also served as Sergeant Major under Col John Gray BYNUM, North Carolina Volunteers in the Cherokee Removal, from May 10 to July 5, 1838. Col. James Blanton, and the families of his sons Joseph R. and Edward K. Blanton all "Went West" in 1868 or 1869.

The children of James and Mary V JAY Blanton, were:

1. William Jay Blanton b 1823 NC, d NC during War Between the States. m 24 Jan 1844 Rutherford Co NC Cynthia E HOWARD b 1825, James Blanton, Bondsman. *Coward*

1850 US Census Rutherford Co NC Dwlg #218

William J Blanton, age 27
b NC. Wife: Cynthia E.; son J E age 3; daus. M.E. age 5; M.J. 1 year.

11. Edward Ketcherside Blanton b 1825. Later "Went West."

1860 US Census Yancey Co NC. Enumerated 30 July 1860 by J R NEIL. #873

BLANTON, Edward K	Age 35	Bapt. Clergyman.	Birthplace: NC
Mary Ann	33		NC
Victoria	14		NC
John G(raves)	13		NC
Amelia A	11		NC
Joseph Jay	8		NC
Alfred W	6		NC
Calis K(ing)	3		NC
*James B(er.jamin)	1		NC

*James Benjamin Blanton m Nancy Ann HODGE born ca. 1850 Rutherford Co NC, d ca. 1895 Rutherford Co NC.

(James) Benjamin Blanton (son of Edward K b 1825 NC) is enumerated in the 1880 US Census Rutherford County, NC, with wife Nancy E age 32 b NC., and six children all born NC.:

William L age 10; Cora Estes 9; John 7; Benjamin 6; Monroe 4; Joseph 2.

Cora Blanton b 26 Apr 1871 Rutherford Co NC, m _____ HORTON, was living 1955, Inman, Spartanburg Co, South Carolina with her son Paul Loranzo HORTON who then had two grown children Paul HORTON, Jr. and Shirley. Mrs Cora B HORTON named her ten brothers who lived to manhood:

William Thomas; John Augustin Young; James B.; Monroe Edward; Joseph Jenkins; George Benjamin Franklin; Doctor Robert Andrew; Miles Roland; Noah Loranzo; and Charlie Brisco Blanton. Mrs HORTON said the family moved to South Carolina when she was a young girl. She had lost track of the older ancestors and their families. Her mother's Bible was lost.

Myrtle Minnie Blanton b 10 Oct 1890 near Argentine, KANSAS, wrote in 1956, that she was a daughter of Joseph Jay & Frances (JONES) Blanton. She knew her grandfather Blanton was a farmer and a minister. She remembers Uncles King Blanton and Graves Blanton, and Aunt Amelia Blanton MOORE who lived near Rush Center, Rush County, Kansas.

1880 US Census Rush County, Kansas Center Township

Blanton, John G	Age 32	Birthplace: N.C.
Sarah A	29	Indiana
<u>Charles E</u>	9	Missouri
Edith A	8	Kansas
Ethel M	5	"
Mary E	3	"

In 1901, Charles E Blanton, of Hensel, Indiana gave the names of his ancestors. He spoke of Edward Ketcherside Blanton; and Joseph Blanton who was in Oklahoma. They had a brother in Texas.

- iii. Joseph R Blanton b 1830 NC died 1886 in Kansas m 31 Apr 1851 Rutherford Co NC, Mary E DIMSDALE b 1826 NC.

1860 US Census Yancey County, NC. York Mountain, P.O. Dwlg #1049.

BLANTON, J. R.	Age 30	Baptist Clergyman.	Birthplace: N.C.
Mary E	24		
James F? age 8; Mary E age 4; Cecilia A 7 months.			

1880 US Census Rush County, Kansas Brookdale Township

BLANTON, Joseph R	Age 50	Birthplace: NC
Mary E	45	NC
Celia A	20	NC
William E S	15	NC
Lulu H	13	NC
Joseph R	9	KANSAS
Rosa J	7	"
* <u>Maggie A</u>	3	"

*Mrs Margaret A GARDNER of Belleview, Florida, in 1940, wrote that her father was Rev Joseph R Blanton, he had two brothers, the Rev Edward Ketcherside Blanton; and William Jay Blanton. Their father was Col. James Blanton whose wife was Mary V JAY. Margaret's mother always said that the Blantons came to Rutherford County, NC long before the Civil War. They once lived in South Carolina. Col. James Blanton; Joseph R. and Edward Ketcherside Blanton all went West in 1868 or 1869. Her father died in Kansas in 1886, her mother and the younger children of a family of nine, went back to her folks in North Carolina. Margaret A. had a cousin Wm JAY MILLS, living near Asheville, NC who remembered his mother having mentioned one of her uncles CLAYBORN Blanton, who lived and died in South Carolina. Mrs. Gardner corresponded with Dr M A Blanton of Mosheim, Tennessee, whose ancestors once lived in South Carolina.

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History of Methodism in Texas - Phelan. Page 79. JOSEPH M BLANTON

Page 144. "JOSEPH M BLANTON a member of the Conference had died. We know nothing of his early life. He came to us from the North Texas Conference in 1874, and was appointed to the Palestine Circuit. His health failed after another year or two and he died in May 1878. The people whom he served cherish his memory and still speak kindly of him."

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Sep 29, 1869. Collin County, Texas Marriages. Page 56.

Joseph M Blanton - Mary E MOORE.

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Fort Worth Texas Star-Telegram. 27 July 1969. YOUR TEXAS ANCESTORS. Mrs Bill SHAFFER, Dallas, Texas is seeking data on JOSEPH M BLANTON and Mary Elizabeth MOORE, in Texas in the 1870's. He was a Methodist Circuit rider on the Palestine and Lorissa circuits from 1874 to 1878.

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The family of Joseph M Blanton was living on a farm when Joseph M became ill. The wife took the sick husband and their two young sons, Matthew; and John Robert who was born 1875, down to San Antonio in hopes he would recover. The trip was made in a covered wagon. Joseph M Blanton died in San Antonio, Bexar Co. Texas. His widow, Mary Elizabeth MOORE Blanton died in 1911, Ft Worth, Tarrant County, Texas.

Matthew Blanton married Beall (Belle) SAWYER. She died 17 Jan 1917 Tarrant Co. Texas. They were the parents of Alta Beall Blanton who lived in Fort Worth, Texas, and furnished information about the family.

John Robert Blanton married Addie KING. In later years he told his daughter of the trip in the covered wagon down to San Antonio. He told of Indians, and of Grandma with a gun across her lap, driving the big wagon. Grandpa was sick and was bedded down in the back of the wagon.

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Jessie Belle Blanton, born Arlington, Texas, wrote of a Baptist Minister from North Carolina who preached in Staunton, Virginia. His picture was in the paper. He looked and talked like John Robert Blanton.

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Joseph M Blanton descended from Col. James Blanton (1801 NC-1871 KANSAS).

1850 US Census Rutherford County, North Carolina Dwelling #746

BLANTON, James	age 49	Birthplace: North Carolina
Mary	48	Wife and
Joseph	20	children all
Sarah	17	born N.C.
Louisa	15	
Narcissa	13	
William	12	
Nancy	10	
Hannah	9	
Terrel	2 (male)	
Rachel	4 months	

Additional research is needed to establish the lineage of Col James Blanton's sons William; and Terrel; and the lineage of his daughters.

2. WILLIAM BLANTON III. (son of William II. b 1779 VA d after 1850) was born 1805 NC, is believed to have been one and the same "William" as m 29 Dec 1826 Rutherford Co NC, Elisa WILKEY. Bondsman WM BLANTON, Sr.

1850 US Census Rutherford County, NC. Dwelling #949

BLANTON, Elisa age 40

Five males in household: J W age 22; J A age 20; G I age 18; L 10; William age 7. Two girls: M M age 15; L E age 13. All born N.C.

3. JESSE R BLANTON (son of William II. b 1779) was born ca 1807 N.C.
4. CLABOURN D BLANTON (son of William II b 1779) was born 1810 N.C.

Jesse R and Clabourn D Blanton were apparently very close to each other. Both are enumerated in the 1830 US Census Rutherford County, N.C. Prior to 1840 the two had moved to South Carolina, and were residing in close proximity, one to the other. When enumerated in the 1840 US Census Spartanburg County, S.C., Jesse R Blanton between 30-40 years was living in an adjacent dwelling to Clabourn D Blanton.

1850 US Census Spartanburg County, South Carolina

#1997	Jesse R Blanton	Farmer	Age 43	Birthplace: North Carolina
	Peggy		41	" "
	Elizabeth		19	" "
	Clayborn		15	" "
	Mary A		11	" "
	Martha J		9	" "
	Rebecca		7	" "
	Nancy N		5	" "
	(Wm) Ezekiel		1	South Carolina
#1998	E Dobbins (male)	Farmer	80	
	Rebecca		57	
#1999	Clayborn Blanton	Farmer	40	North Carolina
	Jane		40	South Carolina
	Jane E		14	North Carolina
	William		7	" "
	James		1	South Carolina

Spartanburg County, South Carolina

- 12 Jan 1836 Deed Book W 302. "Claborn Blanton....land on the Meadow Branch of the Waters of Island Creek."
- 17 Oct 1848 Deed CC 2_. "Samuel BRIDGES, Aaron BRIDGES; Claborn BLANTON: and Thomas S WESTBROOK sold land lying on the waters of Thickety Creek of Broad River, Spartanburg Co.SC."
- 9 Apr 1853 Deed CC 489 Mtg. Clabourn BLANTON sold "50 acres where I now live."

1860 US Census Cleveland County, North Carolina

July 10, 1860

#1175	CLAYBURN BLANTON	Farmer	Age 48	Birthplace: North Carolina
	Jane		46	South Carolina
	Jane		22	North Carolina
	William J		17	North Carolina
	James W		9	South Carolina
	<u>Drury D</u>		7	North Carolina
	Samuel BRIDGES		74	

Jesse R Blanton does not appear in the 1860 Census. He probably had died in South Carolina. His brother CLAYBURN had moved back to Cleveland Co. North Carolina around 1853.

1880 US Census Spartanburg County, S.C. Limestone Springs Township.

BLANTON, <u>Drury</u>	age 32	Birthplace: South Carolina
Jane	31	South Carolina

Hasentine? dau. age 8; John H age 6; Calvin D age 5; George W age 3; Martha J age 1 year. Jane Blanton "Mother" age 50. All born S. C.

Many of the descendants of WILLIAM BLANTON II. remember an ancestor named CLAYBORN Blanton. There is a possibility that upon the death of Jesse R. Blanton, his eldest son CLAYBORN born 1835, became head of the household. Or, Jesse R Blanton's brother Clayborn may have taken the responsibility and cared for the children of his brother

Tradition among the descendants of William Ezekiel Blanton is that he went to Greene County, Tennessee from Cowpens, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, around 1870. An ancestor had lived and died in South Carolina.

1870 US Census Greene County, Tennessee 21st Dist. Locust Grove, P. O.

Dwlg 8/438	BLANTON, Mary	Age 60	Birthplace: South Carolina
	Mary A	28	{These three women are enumerated in the 1850 household of Jesse R Blanton, Spartanburg County, S.C. }
	Rebecca	24	
	Nancy N	23	

1870 US Census Greene County, Tennessee 21st District

#61 Household of Wm GUTHRIE Age 59; & wife Clementine Age 54

BLANTON, Adeline	25	Birthplace: South Carolina
EZEKIEL	21	South Carolina

#1 Household of John HOPE

BLANTON, Elizabeth Age 37 (daughter of Jesse R Blanton)

#37 Household of Jerry W DAVIS 59 Birthplace: Tennessee
and wife Lucinda South Carolina
BLANTON, William Age 2 Tennessee

#57 Household of Wm A BROWN (b 21 May 1849. Wf. Mary b 10 May 1850)

BLANTON, Nat (Nathan)? Age 24 Birthplace: Tennessee

1880 US Census Greene County, Tennessee

#73/74	BLANTON, Wm Ezekiel	Age 30	Birthplace: South Carolina
	M A (wf)	35	" "
	Asbury	6	Tennessee
	Margaret C	4	"
	William R	2	"
	Adolphus	1	"
	Elizabeth	45	Sister South Carolina

#74/75	MARTIN, Sarah*	Age 79	Born NC.	Father b NC.	Mother b NC.
**	Blanton, Mary Niece	39	" SC.	" SC.	" SC.
	Rebecca "	35	" SC.	" SC.	" SC.
	Nancy "	33	" SC.	" SC.	" SC.

*Sarah MARTIN (b 1801) is a daughter of William Blanton II. b 1779.

**Mary; Rebecca; and Nancy Blanton, nieces of Sarah Blanton MARTIN, are daughters of Jesse R Blanton, living 1850 Spartanburg County, S. C.

Entries in the Family Bible of WILLIAM EZEKIEL BLANTON, and inscriptions on stones in the Cemetery, give the following facts:

William Ezekiel Blanton born 22 Jul 1851 died 5 Aug 1918, married 26 Dec 1869 at Old Blue Springs Church, Mosheim, Greene County, Tennessee Missouri
Adeline GUTHRIE born 29 Jul 1845, died 3 Feb 1901. The Rev Z B ROMBO officiated at the wedding ceremony. The children of Wm Ezekiel Blanton were:

1. Martin Asbury Blanton b 26 Jun 1873 d 17 Dec 1947 buried Mosheim, Tennessee. Martin A Blanton, M. D. and Eliza Alice (dau of John P BULLINGTON, a Civil War Veteran) born 18 Jul 1871, Mosheim, Tenn., died 19 Sept 1922, were united in marriage on November 25, 1900 at the home of Mr & Mrs Abe MILLER, with the Rev W H HODGE, officiating. Mrs Abe MILLER is the former Lou BULLINGTON. The wedding guests drove to Baileyton, in carriages, from Mosheim, Tennessee.

The children of Dr. Martin A Blanton, and his wife Eliza Alice BULLINGTON, were:

Dr. Martin Ernest Blanton, living 1974 Jonesboro, Arkansas
 Maxine Blanton married _____ STEELE.
 Raymond Miller Blanton b 28 Feb 1905
 Oren Kline Blanton b 21 Feb 1907 d 9 Oct 1961
 Col. Rex L Blanton, Seneca, South Carolina
 Luke H Blanton, Clanton, Alabama
 William Justin Blanton died Sept 1972, Mosheim, Tennessee

- ii. Margaret C Blanton b 26 Jun 1875 d 17 Apr 1937 m John D McGUFFIN
- iii. William "Willie" Robert Blanton b 19 Jun 1877, d 15 Nov 1953
 m Josie Cordelia MAIES b 6 Aug 1881 d 14 Dec 1967. Their children:
- William Francis Blanton m Lena Belle POE
 Carson Blanton b 1905 died 1920
 Orland C Blanton, living 1974, Oak Ridge, Tennessee
 Verda Lou Blanton m Paul BROYLES, living 1974, Chuckey, Tenn.
- iv. John D (Adolphus) Blanton b 14 Feb 1879 d Aug 1955 m Mollie_____.
 A daughter Mary D. died 1922. Other children were Esther; Eula;
 Jay D; Glen; Clarence; Louise; and Ray Blanton of Kingsport, TN.
- v. Sarah Lou "Sadie" Blanton born 9 Aug 1881, died 4 Jul 1959 unmarried.
- vi. Addie Blanton born 7 Apr 1883, died 27 Jul 1967 m _____ BIBLE.

5. THOMAS JEFFERSON BLANTON (son of William Blanton II. born 1779) was born 11 May 1812 NC d 6 May 1864 m 19 Nov 1838 Rutherford County, NC Elizabeth JOHNSON b 4 Oct 1820 d 2 Jun 1878. A. J. Blanton, Bondsman. Thomas Jefferson Blanton enlisted in the Confederate Army at Cleveland Co NC on Aug 22, 1861, served as Pvt. in Co H 28th Reg't N.C. Infantry, was stationed at Camp Leenear, Richmond, VA. On May 1862 he was captured at Hanover Court House, Virginia. His name and physical description appears on a Roll of Prisoners of War, at Fort Columbus, New York Harbor, June 4, 1862. He was age 50 years; height 5 feet, 7 inches. Hair: Brown; Eyes: Blue Complexion: Florid.

The name of T. J. Blanton, Pvt Co H 28 Regt NC appears on a list of non-commissioned officers and privates exchanged at Aiken's Landing, Virginia July. Delivered July 12, 1862.

Thomas Jefferson Blanton was killed in the Battle of the Wilderness on 6 May 1864. His children, named in the Family Bible, were:

- i. James M Blanton b 19 Nov 1839 d 9 Jan 1865. Served in Confederate Army.
 ii. George Washington Blanton b Jan 1842, died 2 Aug 1862 of Measles in a Richmond, Virginia hospital while serving in the Confederate Army.
 iii. Julia Ann Blanton b 25 Nov 1844, died May 1917
 iv. Martin W Blanton b 6 Jun 1855, died 15 Sep 1877
 v. Cynthia M Blanton b 26 Jan 1862, died 6 May 1916

1850 US Census Rutherford County, NC Dwelling #1177

BLANTON, Thomas (Jefferson) Age 38 Birthplace: NC.
Elizabeth 30

George age 8; Julia 5; Amanda 2; Mira age 4 months. All b NC

1860 US Census Cleveland County, NC Enumerated July 10, 1860. #1112

BLANTON, Thomas J Age 49 "Farmer" Born: NC
Elizabeth 41

George W 19; Julia A 16; Amanda 13; Myra E 11; Martin W 8; Susan 2.

6. JACKSON BLANTON (son of William II. b 1779) was born 4 Sep 1816 NC
d 3 Dec 1887 buried Sharon Churchyard, Boiling Springs,
Cleveland Co NC. m Sarah B b 3 May 1821 d 11 May 1898 buried Sharon.

1850 US Census Cleveland County, NC Dwelling #409

BLANTON, Jackson Age 32 "Farmer" Born: NC
Sarah 29

Young A age 8; Hartwell S 6; Mary J 3; Charles T age 1 year.

1860 US Census Cleveland County, NC Dwelling #384

BLANTON, Jackson Age 43 "Farmer" Born: NC
Sarah B 40

Hartwell S 16; Mary J 13; Charles T 10; J ____ (male) 8; Elizabeth P
age 6; Susan C 4; Sarah A age 1 year.

GRAVES in Sharon Churchyard, Boiling Springs, Cleveland County, N.C.

Jackson N Blanton
born Sep 4, 1816
died Dec 3, 1887

Wife Sarah B
1821/1898

Charles Tyrell Blanton
born July 10, 1849
died Dec 8, 1885

7. MALINDA BLANTON (dau of Wm II. b 1779) - her lineage has not been traced.
8. SARAH "Sally" BLANTON b 1801 S.C. (dau of Wm I. b 1779) was, in 1850, in the household of her father. In 1880, at age 79 years, Sarah MARTIN was Head of House #74/75 -adjacent to #73/74 the residence of Wm Ezekiel Blanton- Greene County, Tennessee. In the home of Sarah Blanton MARTIN, were her three nieces, Mary; Rebecca; and Nancy Blanton, all born South Carolina.

Facts pertaining to the life and activities of the Rev Benjamin Blanton born December 1765 in Virginia, died September 5, 1845 Oglethorpe Co GA. .

The "Minutes of the Conferences" for the early days of Methodism in America consist almost entirely of a listing of names. However, the early volumes of the Minutes give the following information:

In 1790 Benjamin Blanton served as pastor of the Methodist charge in Fincastle (i.e.) Botetourt County, Virginia; 1791 Botetourt County; 1792 Franklin County; 1793 Portsmouth, Virginia; 1794 Camden, North Carolina, was ordained as a deacon this year; 1794 also Brunswick; 1795 Greenville County, Virginia, was ordained as an Elder this year; 1796 he was stationed in Charleston, South Carolina; 1797 Charleston and Georgetown, South Carolina. The three following years he was Presiding Elder of a district which embraced the greater part of South Carolina and Georgia, extending as the Minutes show to Natchez, Mississippi. In 1801 he "located through family concerns."

In a volume "The History of Methodism in Georgia and Florida from 1785 to 1865, written by George G SMITH, Jr., is the following information about Benjamin Blanton:

Pages 76-77. "Enoch GEORGE, strong as he was, broke down in the work, and did not return to the Georgia District, but was succeeded by Benjamin Blanton. He (Blanton) was a Virginian, who had been ten years in the work. He began his itineracy in the mountains of Virginia, and ended it in Georgia. After travelling the district the year 1800, he located and settled in Oglethorpe County, where he lived a useful local preacher for many years.

"The Rev Benjamin Blanton had married a Miss HUET. (See volume entitled LIFE OF JAMES JENKINS). As was universally the custom, he ceased to itinerate. He was a pure, good man, who always took the greatest interest in the Church, and did much for it.

"In 1832 he re-entered the Georgia Conference in his old age, and was at once super-annuated. This step he took, to use his own language, 'that he might die with us'. He was thrice married, and his children and grandchildren are at this time (1877) among the most useful members of the Church to which he gave his early life."

 Quotes from The Journal of Bishop Francis ASBURY (1745-1816) the first Methodist Episcopal Bishop in America.

Nov 9, 1799.

"Benjamin Blanton came up with us sick; his famous horse had died of the staggers."

Nov 16, 1799. "We rode to Nash's Meeting House, in Pendleton County, S.C."

Nov 25, 1799. "Benjamin Blanton could go no farther, but went to bed with a high fever.....We had the appearance of the beginning of winter, and were in a cold cabin but with kind people."

Nov 26, 1799. "We came six miles.....Here we had to drop anchor again. Brother Blanton could go no farther this day....I felt it my duty to do as I would be done by, and have been done by, that is, to stay and take care of the sick man."

Nov 27, 1799. "After Brother Blanton had been very ill, and in bed most of the time, I housed him in my carriage, and we proceeded down the Oconee, twelve miles to Burrel POPE'S, after a heavy siege through the woods, from one plantation to another..."

 Quotes from an article by Wm J PARKS, in the Southern Christian Advocate, Athens, Georgia, Nov 12, 1845.

"The Reverend Benj'm Blanton died recently at his residence in Oglethorpe County, Georgia. He was born in December 1765. In 1788 he became a member of the M. E. Church..... Benjamin Blanton, in his best days possessed a strong body, good constitution, a sound mind, good judgment and much practical sense, combined with great energy and enterprise. As a Christian he was devout, sincere and ardent. He attended to all his private and public duties with great uniformity.... His voice was audible and full-toned, his appearance manly and commanding; his gestures unaffected; his every sentence impressive..."

 The AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF THE REV JOSEPH TRAVIS, A. M. Pages 196-7.

BENJAMIN BLANTON. If there has ever been any notice of this great and good man in any of our periodicals, I know it not...
 "The days of Brother Blanton were days of Methodist itinerancy "that tried men's souls."

I was personally and intimately acquainted with the Rev. Mr. Blanton. He was a good preacher - his language in general chaste. He carefully avoided euphuism in the sacred desk. In him were sweetly blended the true gentleman and the humble Christian. He was cheerful, but never frothy; magnanimous, but not supercilious; fixed, but not bigoted; positive, but not dogmatic; flexible, but not pusillanimous. Take him all in all, he was a useful minister, a steadfast Methodist, a worthy citizen, a kind husband, an affectionate parent, and a merciful and equitable master. His house was the young itinerant's home, his library free of access, and the long experience and good judgment of Mr. Blanton was to them an auxiliary of no small magnitude. He lived to a good old age, beloved and respected by saint and sinner, and especially by his neighbors and intimate acquaintances. "And he died" ---with his "record on high;" but, I am apprehensive, none on earth. In his death our Church in Georgia sustained a great loss. And, as one of our Southern pioneers and fathers of Methodism, shall he ever be forgotten by us? God forbid.

 An Article in the Nashville Advocate, by Rev John Owen Blanton, Methodist Minister, Decherd, Tennessee.
 February 12, 1903.

"I have lately received by mail from William McKendree Blanton of Haralson, Georgia, two rare old books. One is "A Journal of the life and Labors and Christian Experience of Rev. John WOODMAN." The book has 432 pages and was published in Philadelphia, A.D. 1775. The other book is a bound copy of the Armenian Magazine for the year 1792. These books were the property of Mr. Blanton's father, the Rev. BENJAMIN BLANTON. Mr Wm M Blanton who is now in his 85th year, writes me that he remembers very distinctly Bishop MCKENDREE as a guest at his father's home."

soldiers without awing their hats and shouted, "Huzza for the Methodist person!" The officers shook his hand at parting, and said "they would share with him their last shilling."

Philip Bruce, leading the entire Conference the past year, 1794, was this year stationed in Charleston, with the oversight of Georgetown and Edisto. He was a Virginian, of Huguenot descent, of fine personal appearance, expressive, calm, dignified, and determined; a bachelor, as were most of the early preachers. It is said that he was once near being married, but on consultation with Asbury he was prevailed on to remain single. The dear old bachelor bishop occasionally feared that "the devil and the women would get all his preachers." Mr. Bruce was but two years in this Conference, returning to Virginia, and dying in Tennessee in 1826.

The locations, as seen, were heavy. Hardy Horbert died. He was a youth of genius, pleasing as a speaker, of easy and natural elocution. He died in the faith.

The tenth session began January 1, 1796, and was held in the Cumberland Church, undoubtedly. Members present, twenty preachers and seven graduates, among them Enoch George, Samuel Cowles, J. Humphries, James Jenkins, Jonathan Jackson, Joseph Moore, and Benjamin Blanton. They "began, continued, and parted in peace." The bishop remained in the city some little time. At noon on Sunday an attempt was made to preach in the streets, opposite St. Michael's Church, but it was prevented by the city guard. The bishop held a religious service in the kitchen, while Blanton held a sacramental love feast in the parlor of Brother Wells's house. The city appeared "running mad for races, balls, and plays." He laments the superficial state of religion among the whites; preaches on Sunday from "God is my record," etc., and at night on "Wolves in sheep's clothing." "Some laughed, some wept, and some were vexed." During this visit he preached eighteen sermons, met fifteen classes, wrote about eighty letters, read some hundred pages, visited thirty families again and again, and asks, "But who are made subjects of grace?"

Cumberland Church had now been used several years; the necessity for Church extension was fully felt, and so another church structure is designed, and a lot for burial purposes sought out. Subscriptions were started, but moved slowly. A wealthy gen-

