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## Winship

LANTON WINSHIP, Major U. S. A., b. in Macon, Georgia, 23d November, 1869; son of Emory and Elizabeth (ALEXANDER) WINSHIP of Macon, Georgia.

BLANTON WINSHIP, Major and Judge Advocate U. S. A.; served in Spanish and Philippine Wars as First Lieutenant and Captain Volunteers; Lieutenant of Infantry and Artillery, Regulars; stationed in Havana, Cuba; Judge Advocate Army of Cuban Pacification; Member of Commission to revise laws of Cuba.

## Lincage

EDWARD WINSHIP, b. in New Castle, England, 1611; d. 2d December, 1688; emigrated to America in 1634, coming over on the Defense, and settled in Cambridge, Mass.; freeman 4th March, 1635; Selectman, 1637, and many years thereafter to 1684; Member Ancient and Honourable Artillery Co., 1638; Deputy from Cambridge to Massachusetts General Court, 1663, '64, '81, and '86; Ensign, 26th May, 1647; Licutenant, 1663; m. (firstly) Jane, probably dau. of Isaac Wilkinson; m. (secondly) Elizabeth ————, d. 19th September, 1690.

### ISSUE BY IST m.

L. Mary, d. young.

- IL Sarah, b. 6th April, 1638.
- m. Mary, b. 2d July, 1641.
- IV. Ephraim, b. 29th June, 1643.
- v. Joanna, b. 1st August, 1645; d. 19th November, 1707; was schoolmistress.
- VI. Edward, b. 8th June, 1648; d. same day.

## ISSUE BY 2D m.

- L EDWARD, b. 3d March, 1654; d. 1718.
- n. Abigail, b. 13th February, 1656.
- III. Samuel, b. 24th October, 1658.
- IV. Joseph, b. 21st June, 1661; bap. 25th August, 1661.
- v. Elizabeth, b. 15th April, 1662.
- VI. Margery, b. 11th December, 1665.
- VII. Mehitabel, bap. 17th November, 1667.

EDWARD WINSHIP of Cambridge, Mass., b. 3d March, 1654; d. 10th June, 1718; m. 14th May, 1683, Rebeckah Barsham, d. August, 1717; dau. of William Barsham of Watertown; both are buried in Harvard Square Churchyard, Cambridge, Mass.

### ISSUE

- 1. EDWARD, b. 9th January, 1684.
- u. Elizabeth, b. 19th June, 1686.

- III. Ephraim, b. 4th February, 1688.
- IV. Nathaniel, b. 16th February, 1690.
- v. William, b. circa 1691.
- 17. John, b. circa 1697.
- vii. Jason, bap. 29th October, 1699.

EDWARD WINSHIP, b. in Cambridge, Mass., 9th March, 1684; d. Lexington, Mass., 15th May, 1763; m. 1705 Sarah Manning.

#### ISSUE

- 1. Edward.
- 11. Rebeckah.
- III. Sarah.
- IV. Jonathan.
- v. Isaac, b. 8th June, 1724; d. 1783.

ISAAC WINSHIP, b. Lexington, Mass., 8th June, 1724; d. 1783; served in Captain William Reed's Co. of Lexington, 1755, and in Capt. Benjamin Reed's Co., 1759; also served in the Revolutionary War; m. Hannah ————.

## ISSUE

- 1. Hannah.
- II. Isaac.
- III. Hannah.
- iv. Sarah.
- v. Phebe.
- vi. Hannah.
- VII. Eunice.
- VIII. Grace.
- ix. Rebecca.
- x. Richard.
- xt. Martha.
- xii. Prudence.
- XIII. BENJAMIN, b. 30th September, 1766; d. 1848.
- xiv. Nehemiah.
- xv. Lydia.

BENJAMIN WINSHIP, b. 30th September, 1766; d. 1848; m., wise's name unknown.

### ISSUE

- t. Benjamin, moved to Little Valley, New York, taking his father and mother with him.
- II. Isaac, b. 29th April, 1802; d. 23d November, 1885; moved to Georgia in 1821.

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- III. Joseph, moved to Georgia in 1821.
- IV. Mary.
- v. Hannah Boutelle.

ISAAC WINSHIP, b. New Salem, Mass., 29th April, 1802; d. at Macon, Ga., 23d November, 1885; m. Martha Pearson Cook, dau. of Major Philip Cook, U. S. A., and sister of General Philip Cook, C. S. A.

#### ISSU E

- 1. EMORY, b. in 1829; d. 1888.
- II. Martha, m. John Lovejoy.
- mi. Anna, m. J. A. FLOURNOY.
- IV. Victoria, m. George W. HEAD.
- v. Mary, m. Russeil GLENN.
- vi. Ida, m. Colonel and Brevet Brig. Gen'l Thomas W. MANGHAM, C. S. A.
- VII. Irene, m. Louis F. Anderson.
- VIII. Emily, m. Joseph W. CABANISS.
  - IX. Nathan Robinson, m. Mary North.

EMORY WINSHIP, b. in Forsyth, Ga., 1829; dy at Macon, Ga., 1888; Captain and Aide-de-Camp, C. S. A.; m. Elizabeth Alexander, dau. of William Alexander of Virginia and Alabama, and Mary Blanton, his wife.

#### ISSUE

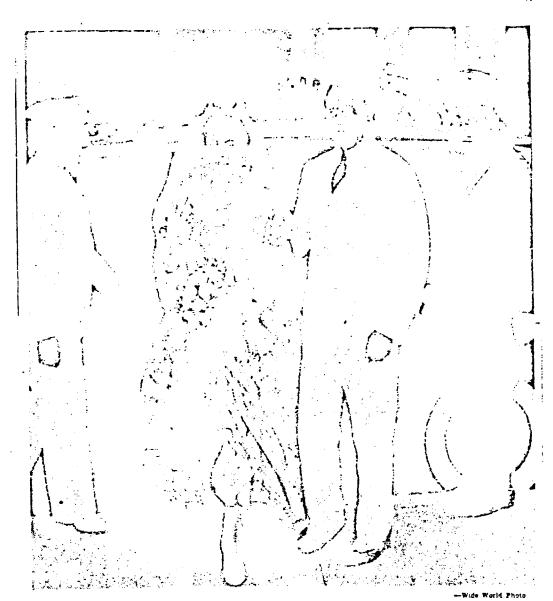
- I. Sarah Reid, d. young.
- II. Isaac, b. 1861; m. Minnie Custis RALLS.

## ISSUE

- 1. Fannie Ralls.
- 2. Julia Rogers.
- 3. William Redding.
- III. BLANTON, b. in Macon, Ga., 23d November, 1869; the subject of this memoir.
- Iv. Emory, d. young.
- v. Emory, d. young.
- VI. Emory, b. in Macon, Ga., 19th February, 1872; Senior Lieutenant U. S. N., retired; received five wounds in fight at Malabon, P. I., 1899; presented with a sword by City of Macon, Ga.; promoted by Congress for gallantry; m. Katherine DILLON.

## 1SSU E

- 1. Harry Dillon.
- VII. Herring, M.D., of Princeton, N. J., b. in Macon, Ga., 26th August, 1875.
- VIII. Mary Elizabeth, b. 9th March, 1878; d. 1894. Residence—Army Posts.



Governor Blanton Winship of Puerto Rico is pictured as he escorted his niece, Miss Katherine Winship, into St. Augustine's Charch at San Juan recently to be married to Lieutenant Thomas H. Hayes of the Sixty-fitth United States Infantry. The descendant of a long line of American patriots who have fought in every war for the United States since 1776, Miss Winship is the daughter of the late Lieutenant-Commander Emory Winship and Mrs. Winship. She is a native of Macon, Ga.

Major General Elanton Winship was born Nov 23 1869-Macon Gov. of Puerto Rico on Feb 5, 1934. Ga.

BENJAMIN BLANTON (son of Charles) was born December 1765, Virginia died 5 September 1845, Oglethorpe County, Georgia.

Married 1st: Miss HUET who died shortly thereafter, left no children. 2nd: 12 Dec 1801 Oglethorpe Co GA, Sarah FREEMAN d aft Aug 1810.

3rd: 8 Jul 1811, Sparta, Hancock Co GA. Susanna b 29 Apr 1774 Dublin, Ireland. Susanna was a daughter of John DAVIS. She was twice widowed. Her first husband was Capt WM SWAINBORNE of the British Army, who died at sea in a shipwreck. Susanna's second husband was SOLOMON ROUNTREE by whom she had two children:

George R ROUNTREE b 24 Apr 1805 m 15 Nov 1827 Permelia WOLFOLK, lived in New Orleans, LA Eliza S ROUNTREE b 25 Sep 1807 m 15 Nov 1827 Benjamin POPE of Athens, (a double wedding) GA.

OLD PZTERSBURG and The BROAD RIVER VALLEY of GEORGIA by Ellis Merton Coulter:

"Lorenzo DOW, an old pioneer Methodist Minister, first appeared in Petersburg in February 1802 with an introduction to Solomon ROUNTREE, who opened his house for a meeting, and as Dow wrote, 'showed me the greatest kindness of any man since I came to the South.'"

Ch. 11. Education & Religion

The Augusta Herald, Mch 19, 1800.

"In Petersburg itself there were schools run by a Mr REID and Nathan WARNER, and there was Mrs. Solomon ROUNTREE'S school catering especially to 'young ladies.' Mrs Rountree being the wife of a Petersburg merchant, ROUNDTREE & TAYLOR, who had come down from New York, advertised herself as having had great success in teaching in that northern city, and thought that she should merit the patronage of a generous public. The purpose of her school was for 'Educating young ladies in the useful and ornamental arts of Tambor Embroidery, Lace work, Plain work, and also Reading, Writing, and Drawing.'"

Children of Benjamin Blanton and his 2nd wife Sarah FREEMAN

 James A Blanton b 18 Sep 1804 d 2 Aug 1837 Pontotoc, Mississippi Guring an Indian uprising. He was a merchant in New York; later settled in Mississippi. 20 July 1839. Notice in the Southern Banner, Holly Springs, Marshall County, MISS. "James A Blanton, Estate."

Having died unmarried and without children, the Estate of James A Blanton became the property of the State of Mississippi.

2. Mary M Blanton b 29 Aug 1806 m 27 Jan 1825 William ALEXANDER, settled in Alabama. There were several children. A daughter, Elizabeth, married Emory WINSHIP of Macon, GA. Their son BLANTON WINSHIP born 23 Nov 1869, bore a striking resemblance to his forebear the Rev Benjamin Blanton.

See: COLONIAL FAMILIES of the UNITED STATES of AMERICA, by MacKENZIE Vol I. p 608 for WINSHIP Genealogy.

3. Sarah F Blanton b 13 Aug 1810 m 13 Aug 1830 John B REID of Griffin, GA. John B Reid sold two hundred acres of land for the establishment of Mount Zion Campground.

Children of Benjamin Blanton (1765 VA-1845 GA) and his 3rd wife Susanna:

- 4. Ann T Blanton b 28 May 1812 m 5 Feb 1843 Payton ALEXANDER (brother of William). She died the following year, left no children.
- 5. Benjamin Blanton, Jr. b 3 Jul 1815 m 13 Jul 1843 Lucinda M (dau of Thomas HILL.

Thomas HILL of Oglethorpe Co GA m 28 Jun 1799 Sarah, dau of Micajah McGEHEE. A son Blanton M HILL b 1802 m 16 Jun 1825, Elizabeth Ann HILL. See: 1850 US Census Clarke Co GA, Athens, P.O. #73 Blanton M HILL Age 48 b GA. Merchant. Property Value \$12,000.00

Thomas Hill's sister Malinda married John McGEHEE a brother of Sarah. The eldest daughter of John and Malinda McGEHEE was Emaline McGEHEE, who married her cousin Thomas HILL of Oglethorpe County. GA. Among the issue was Lucinda M HILL who on 18 Jul 1843 married Benjamin Blanton, Jr. of Griffin, GA.

Their daughter Sue Blanton married \_\_\_\_\_\_
VEAL of Barnesville, GA. She lived to an old age.

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Pollowing the death of Benjamin Blanton, Jr. in 1852, Lucinda M HILL Blanton married Henry WILLIAMSON of Williamson, GA. Lucinda was deeply interested in genealogy. Many valuable clippings and notations were found in a scrapbook kept by her. In 1955 the old Benjamin Blanton home was still standing near Williamson, Georgia.

- 6. William McKendree Blanton b 13 May 1818 d 12 Mar 1906 m 10 Nov 1840 Greene Co GA Julia Elizabeth b 9 Apr 1821 d 27 Sep 1902 GA dau of Thomas (and Lucy dau of Samuel and Elizabeth (GREENWOOD) HESTER) THOMPSON. Thomas THOMPSON was born 1780 VA d 1856 Ga buried Greene Co GA. In 1848 William M Blanton and wife Julia E, settled in then Pike, later Spalding County, GA. about ten miles west of Griffin, and 40 miles south of Atlanta, Georgia, where both are buried. They had eleven children:
  - 1. Clara Pope Blanton b 8 Aug 1841 d 31 Mar 1886 m 24 Jan 1861 Daniel S REDDING, lived near Forsyth, GA. Their nine children were:

REDDING, Charles Daniel b 17 Aug 1862 m 19 Jun 1907 Zena BUTLER.
William Blanton 26 Nov 1864 m 1st: Sophie CLAY.

m 2nd: Anna CHANCELLOR.

They had three children: Ruth; William; and Mary.

Mary L b 22 Jan 1867 m 9 Sep 1896 C W KILPATRICK.

Mary L b 22 Jan 1867 m 9 Sep 1896 C W KILPATR.

Clara Julia 15 Aug 1869 m 4 Dec 1896 J P SUTTON.

They had three children: Carl; Dan; and Ruth Suttoh.

nnie E b 4 Jan 1872 m 2 Jun 1898 J F McGEE.

They had two sons, Herbert; and Frank McGEE.

Alice S b 23 Jul 1874 m 22 Feb 1893 Redding HOWARD.

They had: Clara; Julia; Joe; John; Alice; Dorothy; Ralph.

Rosa M b 21 Jan 1877 m 8 Dec 1897 J L McGEE.

They had Gladys; Ventress; Rosa; and Sarah McGee.

Arthur T b 15 Apr 1879 m Lillie Mae ADAMS.

James A b 35 Jul 1881 m 26 May 1896 Lillie WILLIAMSO

Children of William McKendree Blanton (1818-1906) continued:

ii. Ann Elizabeth Blanton b 1 Aug 1843 d 14 Jan 1897 m 7 Feb 1866 Charles Powell DANIEL of Senoia, GA. Their five children were:

DANIEL, Bertie Pope b 29 Jun 1870 m 27 Dec 1898 Sally PERDUE.

They had three children: Charles; Frank; and Marjorie.

William Mills b 5 Mar 1873 m 1896 Lula HAND.

Henry Carlton 24 Dec 1875 m 20 Aug 1905 Lena HOUSTON.

They had two children: Helen; and Henry Daniel.

Charles Roswell b 24 Dec 1877 m 17 Mar 1904 Hattie L BLOUNT.

They had 5 children: Anna B; Asa; Hinton; Harietta; Rosalyn.

Emory Jones b 24 Mar 1883 m 12 Sep 1925 Grace HOWARD

- iii. Benjamin P Blanton b 13 Apr 1845 d 23 Apr 1845.
- iv. Lucy Permelia Blanton b 24 May 1846 d 29 Oct 1879 m 20 Sep 1865 Clarke DICKINSON of Williamson, GA. Their three children were:

DICKINSON, Alvan b 15 May 1870 m 2 Feb 1898 Myrtie BEAUCHAMP.

Horace Reese 5 Nov 1874 m Eva Pearl NIPPER.

They had one daughter Marjorie Dickinson.

Lucy Belle b 12 Feb 1878 m Boothe MADDOX

They had: Carlton; Andrew; and Lucy MADDOX.

v. William Parks Blanton b 25 Mar 1849 d 24 Jan 1919 Griffin, GA. m 1st: 7 Nov 1872 Martha NELMS, had 6 children. m 2nd: Dallie MANLEY, had seven children. The children were:

BLANTON, Myrtice Irene b 26 Aug 1873 Albert Nelms 14 May 1876 James Austin 24 Jan 1878 m 16 Dec 1902 Mary WILLIAMS They had Emily; Mary; James; and Parks Blanton. Susie Amanda b 24 Jan 1881 Annie Ruth 18 May 1883 Willie Parks 28 Jan 1885 m 22 Dec 1907 Estelle ALLEN They had Susie; Evelyn; Louise; Lucille; and Albert L. 19 Feb 1890 m 20 Mar 1912 Sandy B CARTER Julia Ava They had Billy; Sandy; and Manley CARTER. Richard McKendree b 29 Jan 1892 m 30 Sep 1917 Julia MOORE. They had Dorothy; Richard, Jr.; Charlotte; and Elizabeth. Homer Claude b 15 Jan 1894 \*Martha 23 Dec 1895 Charlie Benjamin 11 Mar 1898 Sarah Alice 11 Apr 1900 Helen Elizabeth 21 Mar 1902 m 22 Dec 1930 Harper N CHERRY.

\*Miss Martha Blanton, and her sister Sarah have continued to live in the old William McKendree Blanton Homplace, and have contributed much information for the Blanton Family Records, from the many valuable documents in their possession. Children of William McKendree Blanton (1818-1906) continued:

vi. Julia Susanna Blanton b 18 Jul 1851 d 16 Sep 1921 m 7 Dec 1871 William V MADDOX, lived near Griffin, GA. Their ten children were:

MADDOX, Clifton Lee b 11 Apr 1873

Clara Belle 21 Mar 1875 m 28 Nov 1899 Emory P EDWARDS.

They had two children: William; and Clara EDWARDS

Marie b 7 Jun 1877

Esther Claire b 1879

Katie Sue m 23 Nov 1904 Walter C WELDON
They had: Marie; George; Frank; Florence; Phillip; Lewis;
and Bobby WELDON.

Eunice Blanton b 24 Jul 1884 m 26 Jun 1906 Herbert A BOLTON They had: Eunice; Ruby; Herbert; Julia; Mary; Maddox; and Arthur BOLTON.

Willie C b 22 Jul 1886 m 23 Dec 1912 Irene LINDSEY.
They had: Dorothy; Billy; and John LINDSEY.

Arthur K b 12 Aug 1888 m 10 Nov 1926 Olivia BROWN.

They had: Arthur K; and Julia MADDOX.

George L b 8 Oct 1890 m 16 Aug 1921 Dimple Mae McEWIN.
They had: Esther Mae; George L; and Robert MADDOX.
Julia Susanna b 29 Apr 1895

vii. Mary Louise Blanton b 18 Jun 1853 d 23 Feb 1914 buried Griffin, GA m 22 Feb 1872 James Rousseau ELLIS b 26 Nov 1851 d 27 Jul 1930 son of Dr James Thomas ELLIS and his wife Nancy Jane DUNN. Their children were:

b 13 Jun 1873 d Jul 1949. Had 4 children. ELLIS, Jesse Taylor 1 Mar 1878 d 5 Feb 1968. Had 3 children. James Thomas Julia Elizabeth 13 May 1880 d 7 Oct 1956. Had 6 children. William Blanton 2 May 1882 28 Apr 1887. Killed by lightning. 14 Jul 1884 Had 10 children. George Pierce 1951. Had one son, Frank. 12 Oct 1886 d Frank Cook 9 Nov 1888 d 25 Sep 1959. Had eight children. Hubert Rousseau Riley Edwards 21 Jun 1891 Had several children. 7 Oct 1894 d 22 Apr 1919 Unmarried. Otis Bertrand Unmarried. Mary Louise 22 May 1897

viii. James Thomas Blanton b 8 May 1856 d 10 May 1874

ix. Lovic Pierce Blanton b 12 Jun 1859 d 4 Nov 1928 m 22 Mar 1883 Imogene GREEN. Their eight children were:

BLANTON, Leila Alice b 25 Dec 1883 m 28 Nov 1914 Dr O B HOWARD.

They had: Margaret; Dorothy; and Carolyn HOWARD.

Rosa Mae b 18 Apr 1885 Unmarried
Lovic P 18 Dec 1886
Lewis G 18 Jun 1888

George G 25 Sep 1890 m Feb 1927 Tillie MOORE.

Mary I 11 Jul 1893 m December 1917 Lew SESSIONS.

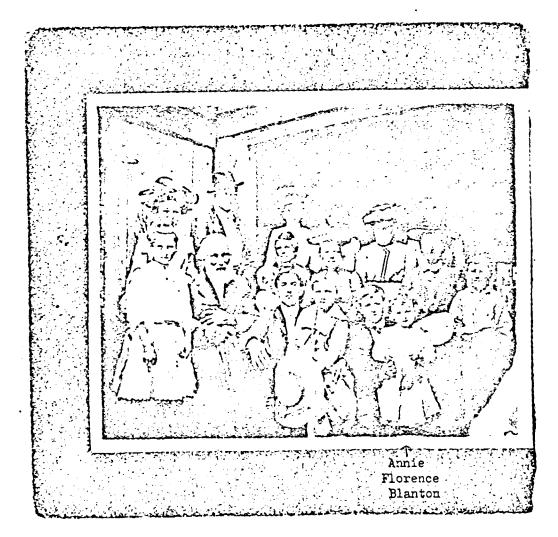
They had: Mary Pat; Moultrie; and Gloria SESSIONS. Jimmie P b 5 Mar 1895 m Katherine SHAVER.

Annie Florence b 25 May 1900 m February 1921 Marion EAKES.

They had: John Tilman; and Marion Ernest EAKES.

Children of William McKendree Blanton (1818-1906) continued:

- ix. Annie Florence (dau of Lovic P) m 2nd: Arthur KREILING. He adopted the two EAKEN boys and they have gone by the name KREILING.
- x. Samuel Blanton b 18 Jun 1861 d 29 Jun 1861.
- xi. George Taylor Blanton b 26 Jul 1863 d 7 Oct 1873.



The above picture was taken in August 1902, at Mount Zion Camp Meeting, near Griffin, Ga. Top Row: (1. to r.) Julia A Blanton; Lovic P Blanton; Eunice Maddox; Myrtice and Ruth Blanton; Katie Sue Maddox. 2nd Row: Lovic's daughter; Grandpa William McKendree Blanton at age 85 years; Mary Frances Hall; Mary Louise Blanton Ellis; Julia Susanna Blanton Maddox; Imogene Blanton. Front Row: Emory Daniels; Martha Blanton; three children of Imogene and Lovic P Blanton, George; Annie Florence; and Jimmie Blanton. \*Annie Florence Blanton Kreiling's grandson RANDALL A KREILING married Helen, a daughter of H L HUNT, Oilman - is named in Mr Hunt's Obituary.



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# H. L. Hunt Dies at 85

## Billionaire's Cause of Death Unconfirmed

By LYKE THOMPSON

Oilman H. L. Hunt, one of the world's richest mon. died here Friday at Baylor Hospitas. He was 85.

Hunt entered Baylor Sept. 14, but staff members gave conflicting reasons Friday for his hospitalization.

HUN1 M. L. Survived by wife, Mrs. Ruth Rav Hunt. Dallas, sons, Hassie Hunt. Neison Bunker Hunt, Villiam Hitcher Hunt. Lamar Hunt, Rav L. Hunt. daimter Hunt. Hunt. Rav. L. Hunt. daimters, Mrs. At G. Hill, 17th. Hud Scholloof. Jr., Aviss June Hunt. Mrs. Pendall A. Kreiling, Mrs. Mark. A. Mecks. 10x11/2 Tips andchidens for ceal-crange chidden Services 2 p.m. Nichaday. First Baobist Church. Dr. W. A. Criswell officialing The family would annectal remotials to the charity of your choice.

COICE. SPARKMAN-HILLCREST NORTHWEST HIGHWAY 353-540.

Hunt's doctor could not be reached.

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Haroldson Lafayette Hunt left a fortune estimated by outsiders at between \$2 billion and \$5 billion. Hunt would never confirm the figures.

"LOTS OF people have talked flatteringly about how rich I am," Hunt said. "I don't want to disappoint them by denying anything."

His fortune began with a small Arkansas farm, which Hum bought with a \$5,000 inheritance from his father. He quickly branched into buying oil leases, then began drilling the leases and won tremendous wealth in the fabulous East Texas oil strikes of the

Ultimately, Hunt's industrial empire included petroleum, canned feeds, asphalt, drug items, real estate and pecans.

Hunt refused to invest in firms he did not own, and as a result much of his money was invested in real estate. Py some estimates, he is one of the largest individual landowners in the nation.

He was famous for his frugality, which led him to drive only a medium-priced car. He said he "felt like a

II. L. Hunt . . . fortune estimated between \$2 and \$5 billion.

sucker paying \$3 for a hotel break-fast."

BUT HE did own an oversized replica of George Washington's Mount Vernon, at 4409 Lawther Drive, on the shores of White Rock Lake. However, he bought the house at bargain prices during the Depression.

In his younger years he was also renowned for his gambling, but later he gave it up, along with smoking and drinking. He replaced them with yoga, health foods what he called creeping. This involved crawling around on his hands and knees several minutes a day. He claimed it was as good an exercise as swimming.

Hunt was an ardent supporter of right-wing causes. He sponsored the radio-TV program Facts Forum and wrote a newspaper column, Hunt for Truth.

"In 1933, I became obsessed with the danger of a Communist takeover," Hunt said in 1971. "I have devoted fully half my life to avert it."

THERE WERE anomalies though, as when in 1900 he supported John F. Kennedy for president.

A native of Ramsey, Ill., Hunt moved to Tyler in 1931 and Dallas in

Hunt was married twice. His first wife, the former Lyda Buner, died in 1955. His second wife, Ruth Kay Hunt, survives him.

He is also survived by five sons and five daughters. He had 25 grand-children and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services are set for 2 p.m. Monday at the First Baptist Church here. Burial will be at Sparkman-Hill-crest Memorial Park.

Memoir of William McKendree Blanton by G. W. Farr, Methodist Minister Griffin, Georgia March 1906

On the roll of "our illustrious dead" no name is more worthy than that of William McKendree Blanton. He began life surrounded by the helpful and holy influence of a Christian home, in Oglethorpe County, Georgia, May 13, 1818. His long and useful life closed peacefully at the old home in Spalding County, Georgia, March 12, 1906.

Not often a man more unique or attractive in character, more generously endowed and loved, hath lived and died among us. He stood by his church in liberal giving and loving service for nearly three quarters of a century. He was sincere and true as a Christian, and honorable and just as a citizen. He was never in disguise. He was the soul of honor. He had a contempt for everything low, mean or sordid. Being richly endowed by nature, and his own training, and possessing so many estimable traits of character, his influence over men was great. His friends of his early days were the staunch friends of his declining years. The period of his last suffering was wreathed in his admiration and love. He was warm-hearted, genial and social in his nature and enjoyed the companionship of friends, and made it both pleasant and agreeable for them to be with him. He treated everyone, both high and low, in fashion becoming a Christian gentleman. He was in every respect a most · lovable and remarkable man, and all who came in close acquaintance or contact with him became his friend and admirer. He was happily married to Miss Julia Elizabeth THOMPSON, Nov 10, 1840. His wife a most excellent and devoted woman of sterling Christian character, who several years ago went to her rest and reward above.

Brother Blanton professed religion in early life, and became at once an active member of the M. E. Church South. His conversion was thorough, his experience of a real and glorious change unquestionable. His faith in Jesus never faltered because he was perfectly conscious that He had saved him from his sins, and had become his constant companion. The great reason for his constant communion with his Lord is found in the fact that he habitually used the means of God's appointments to that end. He loved the Church and attended all of her services. He was a man of faith and prayer. He believed God's word and was a mighty man in the Scriptures. He could quote whole chapters without effort. His large and liberal gifts added much to the material prosperity of the Church. He gave \$500.00 one time for missions. No man more truly won through faithful labor and filial obedience and devotion his place of greatness in the church of God.

His efficient services on the official boards of his church, Mt. Zion, through many long years, will not soon be forgotten, not while this generation of people and their children live. Many of them will come up in that great day to bless him for his prayers and his beautiful, blameless life.

He was one of the largest and most successful farmers in Spalding County. By appointment he administered on some very large estates and his public record covers a period when great ability and absolute integrity were required to meet grave and important exigencies. It is a proud satis-

faction to know that all of the business transactions with which he was connected, were wholly honorable to himself, and conspicuously serviceable to those whom he served. He never would accept any compensation for these services.

He was one of the trustees, after 1848, of Mt. Zion Campground. This camp, in some respects is one of the greatest of its kind in the state. They have there available resources by which they hope to perpetuate this good work for years to come. His wise management made this great work possible. Our church never had a more loyal and consecrated member or one who was more thoroughly in love and sympathy with every department of church work than Mr. Blanton. His splendid life work will shine forth in increasing brightness as time goes on.

The writer was with him the last Sabbath in January, and saw him again for awhile that evening. He talked freely of his approaching death. He believed it was near at hand and would soon come. He was confident and ever joyous. There were no clouds of doubt to dim the sunset hours of his pure saintly life, and like a tired pilgrim he simply "fell on sleep" and with the spirits of just men made perfect, he was entered into the fullness of his reward.

If words of comfort were needed by his children in these long hours of affliction they would be offered by thousands of friendly tongues; but this comfort is not needed. The heritage of a loving father's life is wealth enough for his offspring. By the memory of his wise words they will direct their ways. We therefore commit this stricken household to "the God of all grace and comfort who guided their father and to the memories of his noble saintly life." Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth, yea saith the spirit that they may rest from their labors.

Griffin, Ga. March 1906 G. W. Farr,

Methodist Minister

Rev Benjamin Blanton (1765 1845) Born in Virginia Reared In North Carolina Died in Oglethorpe Co Ga

WILLIAM M. BLANTON, one of the pioneers of Coweta county, was born in Oglethorpe county, Ga., May 13, 1818. His father, Rev. Benjamin Blanton, was born and reared in North Carolina. He was a minister of the M. E. church, preaching in Charleston, S. C., in 1796, coming thence soon after to Georgia, where he located on a farm, combining farming and merchandising. His wife, Susannah, was born in Dublin, Ireland, her father, John Davis, a Welshman by birth, and an officer in the British army. Mrs. Blanton died February 19, 1844, and her husband Sep. 5 of the next year. The son, William, spent his early years on the farm, obtaining as much of an education as the opportunities of those days afforded. In May, 1836, he enlisted with Capt. Hills for the Creek war, under the command of Col. Porter; two years later he joined the company of Capt. Cook and served through the Cherokee war. He draws a pension for his service in these wars. After his return from the latter war he attended school for three years in Athens, Ga. Shortly after he served as justice of the peace for two years. During the late war he served in what is familiarly known as "Joe Brown's pets." In 1873 and 1874 he represented Spalding county in the state legislature. Although he started in life with but little pecuniary means, by persevering effort he has acquired a competency and, moreover, has given his children a good education, and a fair start in life. He has had eleven children, five of whom are now living: William P., L. P., Anna, Julia and Mary. His wife was Miss Julia Thompson, whom he married Nov. 10, 1840. She was born in Greene county, Ga., April 9. 1821, and is the daughter of Thomas and Lucy Hester Thompson, North Carolinians, who were among the early settlers of Georgia. Mr. and Mrs. Blanton are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and they and their family have the respect and good will of all who know them.

Mr Wr. M. Blanton Haralson, Ga. Decherd, Tenn. Jan 17. 1903

Dear Brother and Cousin:

I address you as cousin because I have been taught from childhood that all Blantons in the United States are related, having sprung from an old Virginia family of that name. I thank you for your letter and contribution and am rejoiced to hear from you. You did not give me your father's name but I guess you to be a son of Rev. Penjamin Blanton an old pioneer preacher of Georgia and the Carolinas - for awhile he was the traveling companion of Bishop Asbury and is mentioned in the latter's journal.

Sometime ago I wrote several letters of inquiry concerning Benjamin Blanton and received a sketch of his life from the Secretary of the South Carolina Conf. Historical Society. I see from this sketch that he died in 1845 which corresponds with your data given of your father's death. Am I not correct?

If so, I see from the sketch that Benjamin Blanton had a library. Will you not only kindly write me all you know about him but also send to my address Decherd, Tenn. a copy of one of his books. Would prefer an old Book of Discipline of the M. E. Church or an old history of some sort.

My grandfather JOHN BLANTON came from North Carolina to Middle Tennessee about the year 1820. He had five sons:

Carter; Thomas; Coleman; William; and Richard Blanton.

The latter (Richard) was my father's name. My Grandfather had a brother named WILLIAM who came from North Carolina about the time he did. They left some brothers in North Carolina, one of them was named RICHARD, and another, I think, was named EURWELL.

My Grandfather's family emigrated from Virginia to North Carolina, soon after the War of the Revolution. There are many Blantons in Tennessee descended from my Grandfather's, and his brother William's families; also from a family of Blantons who came from Virginia about 1810 and settled at Murfreesboro, Tenn. The Blantons in Tennessee were always democratic. The old stock of them were Baptist but many of their descendants are Methodists.

I am 54 years old - have been a member of the Tennessee Annual Conference for 32 years. I am now in regular pastorate, - am also at present Chaplain of the lower House of the Tennessee Legislature in session now at Nashville, Tennessee.

I trust I will hear from you soon and that you will be able to send the book I mentioned above.

Very truly yours,

John Owen Blanton

W. M. Blanton Haralson, Georgia House of Representatives Nashville, Tenn. Jan 31, 1903

Dear Relative:

I thank you very much for your letter of the 24th inst., and the books mailed to my address. So you are the son of the Rev. Fenjamin Blanton who occupies a high place in the annals of early Methodism in Georgia and the Carolinas.

God has been good to you in giving you long life and doubtless many friends and innumerable blessings. Your father died at 80 and you will soon reach 85. Your father once said at love feast, 'I thought that when I had been forty years in the Wilderness I would have been called to cross the Jordan, but now over forty years in it, I am still browsing on the banks of the river.'

I suspect that I know more about the Blanton family than anyone else for I have made it a matter of study and research.

The Blanton's are not given much to the ministry but I know of several who are ministers. George W Blanton whose family came from Virginia is a member of our Conference - Tennessee. M. L. Blanton, a second cousin of mine has done great work as an evangelist but is now in charge of a circuit at our Conference. I have a full cousin John C Blanton who is a Cumberland Presbyterian preacher in Alabama.

The Blantons as far as I know are high toned respectable people. I never heard of one of them being guilty of any great crime. I think good blood flows in our veins.

I trust you will write me often. Tell your son of whom you speak to write to me. I am very busy at present. Pastor of a charge and also Chaplain of the Tennessee House of Representatives at Nashville. May God abundantly bless you and yours.

Yours sincerely,

John Owen Blanton

P.S. In 1896 I wrote and published a small book entitled "Prehistoric Men in Tennessee." I will send you a copy of the book soon. B.

Envelope: From J. O. Blanton

Decherd. Tenn.

Addressed to: Wm. M. Blanton, Esq.

Haralson, Ga.

Postmarked: Jan 31, 1903

Decherd, Tenn.

Original of the above letter is in possession of Miss Martha Blanton, Rt 3, Box 77, Griffin, Ga. Miss Martha is a granddaughter of Wm M Blanton (born 1818, died 1906).

Griffin Ga., Dec-8, 1973. Dear Louise, It was so good to have some news from you once more. It seems so long since I have heard from you. We often think of you an other members of your family. I am sorry virginia is having thank tro Darah has had a lot of trouble with her back the past year and Charlie is almost helpless at times with arthritis but at present we are doing fairly well but we are much slower than a few years ago I am still interested in our Blanton history but I never do any more seatrching- Seems all my time now is taken up in doing the necessary chores and trising to clean house. I spent most of the tall working on our upper floor rooms that have been packed up so many years to see if I could destroy some things and salvage others but I still an in a dilemma as to what is best to keep, give away, or destroy. I won be here always and I want to

cear up some things while I am here. Hope Mrs. Ramey and brother 223 will be able to untangle some of the Blanton relationship. Those learly Blantono had to be closely related because there were no great numbers of them in colonial days. The old Dr. Blanton in Richmon'd, Va. used to tell some of the Blantons that the early Blantons In Va. were closely related but I don't know that he ever proved it to anyones satisfaction. There is still Ker. Blanton in Richmond who must be a son or grand son of Dr. PM EISERHOWER-USA PM PM Mortha Blanton Route 3, Box 258 Briffin, 2a.30223 Mrs. R.J. MedOonald 34041 Granada dor. dlana Point, Cal. 92629 Too late. Wishing for you we best in the

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This certifies that the following information is recorded in a manuscript volume located in this Bepartment titled "Aevolutionary Army Accounts" (Holume Book B., Page 207., Folio.—...):

Heading: Comptroler's Office. Kinston.

For Sundries allowed by a Committee of Claims as P Report dated

April 1780.

Number: 134

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To whom and for what paid: Christopher Blanton, for sundries

Currency: 59 pounds

Other information: None

Kaleigh, Airth Carolina

18 December . 19 68.

State Archivist

CHRISTOPHER BLANTON was allowed Claim No 134, dated April 1780, as recorded in Ek B, p 207 titled "Revolutionary Army Accounts" on file in the State of North Carolina Department of Archives and History, Raleigh, North Carolina.

CHRISTOPHER BLANTON married Patty THOMPSON on 4 Oct 1780 in Warren County, N.C.

Early Records of Georgia - Davidson. P 185 BLANTON, Christopher, and wife Patty, sell to H BUSSEY, 200 acres adj. Bussey. Original grant to said BLANTON 1784. Nov 20, 1787. Wilkes County, Georgia. This was land granted to Christopher Blanton for Revolutionary Service.

Early Records of Georgia, page 22

CHRISTOPHER BLANTON - Wilkes County, Georgia 2 polls; 2 slaves; 200 acres.

Wilkes County, Ga. was formed 1777 from Washington Co Lincoln County, Ga " 1796 " Wilkes County.

Lincoln County, Georgia Ordinary Minute Book N (c-1)

18 Jan Letters of Administration on the estate of CHRISTO-1800 PHER BLANTON "Late of this county" deceased, were granted to Charles ELANTON; John GORLEY; Alexander JOHNSON, Sec.

A warrant for the appraisal of the Estate of Christopher BLANTON, deceased, was issued on this date to John WALKER; Moses MATTHEWS: and James ESPEY. Elizabeth - widow.

31 Jan Sale of the Estate of Christopher BLANTON, deceased. 1800 Charles BLANTON was among the purchasers.

18 May An order from the Ordinary of Lincoln County, Ga.
1800 was directed to Robert WALTON; James ESPY; John McCOPD; and Zachariah SPIRES to divide the estate of
CHRISTOPHER BLANTON. Each beneficiary received 1/4 part:

Elizabeth AYRES; Nancy; Charles; and Benjamin BLANTON.

18 May Charles PLANTON, Administrator of the estate of 1801 Christopher PLANTON, dec'd, madehis annual return.

4 Jan Charles PLANTON made a return as Administrator of 1802 the Estate of Christopher BLANTON, deceased.

Jan Charles BLANTON, Admin., made a return of the Estate of Christopher ELANTON, deceased.

BENJAMIN ELANTON born around 1790 died 1832 Jefferson County, Mississippi

Married 7 Mar 1817 Jefferson County, Mississippi Narcissus WATSON born 5 Jan 1796 died 21 Apr 1823, a daughter of James (b 1772) and Sarah (WANTLAND) WATSON born 12 Dec 1775.

Children of Benjamin and Narcissus (WATSON) BLANTON were:

l James W Blanton born 9 Jan 1818; died 20 Aug 1821

Several miles south of Port Gibson, Miss. off highway #61, is a cenetery on a knoll near the site of the old plantation home, formerly considered one of the finest in Claiborne County. The bodies in this cemetery had been placed in vaults made of brick and fine marble. There is an inscription:

JAMES WATSON BLANTON
son of B & N Blanton
died Aug 20, 1821, aged 3 years. 7 mos. 11 days

2 Martha Eliza Blanton born around 1819 Claiborne County, Miss. marr 12 Jun 1836, Louis Cable WATSON, son of Jas. H.

Their children were:

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a. Benjamin Watson born 1837
b. Earnestine Watson 1841
c. Louis Watson 1844

Miss Catherine SIMPSON of Port Gibson, Miss. is a descendant of BENJAMIN FLANTON who died 1832 Jefferson Co Miss.

1805 Land Lottery Georgia. #1705

Benjamin Blanton, Orphan, a resident of Oglethorpe Co. Ga. Entitled to one draw.

Benjamin Blanton, a resident of Oglethorpe County, Ga Entitled to two draws. Lottery # 1704.

24 Jul 1805 The Court of Ordinary, Lincoln Co Ga ordered that JOHN H WALKER, Esq. be appointed guardian for Benjamin ELANTON, Orphan of Christopher BLANTON, deceased. Security in the sum of \$1,000 Alexander

May John H WALKER, guardian for Benjamin Blanton, orphan of CHRISTOPHER BLANTON, deceased, made a return for expenditures and income of the estate of said orphan.

Minute Book M, page 60 Lincoln County, Ga.

COPY

Port Gibson, Mississippi 27th Feby 1820

Dear Uncle:

I have been enxiously expecting a letter from you for sometime past and particularly on the return of Thomas McALISTER direct from your neighborhood, and as he says from your house. I fell in company with him a day's journey from our homes, and a very agreeable meeting it was..

I have very lately been apprised of my sister Betsey's death, a death my dear uncle I very much regret for in my infancy she was to me a mother and a kind affectionate sister but she has gone to that bourne from which no Traveler returns, exchanging this for a much better world no doubt.

A few years more and my Father's family will be extinct. O that I was ready prepared as I think she was to bid adieu to a world of afflictions and troubles. On a subject of this kind I have thought very seriously on of late and it appears very strongly impressed on my mind that if I had you to set me some of your good old religious examples, I would pattern them, though at so great a distance and not within the sound of your voice I will call to mind your very excellent religious instructions to me in my youthful days... Uncle Blanton, that I with my own ear could hear and receive your admonitions on this religious subject which I would fondly dwell.

I make no doubt but that Mr. McAlister informed you who I married and my situation in this country. I have a lovely little family - 2 children, a son and a daughter. James Wantland and Martha Eliza are their names.

After many scenes of hardships of late years I have finally settled myself on a little Farm and by the assistance of divine Providence I will endeavor to raise my little family in the paths of rectitude, trusting that at my death they may say that I have acted towards them as a Father.

Should you ever think of writing to me direct your letter to Port Gibson, Mississippi, but I am fearful that you have forgotten me.

Present my love to your family and accept of my best wishes for your health and prosperity,

farewell.

Yours Respectfully,

B. Blanton

We have a touch of hard times in this country, money is in great demand. People have involved themselves in debt when cotton was a good price and now that article is at a low ebb and unfortunately to get a little shead I am one of that number.

Facts concerning the letter written 27 Feby 1820, Port Gibson Mississippi, addressed to the Revd Benjamin BLANTON of Lexing ton, Oglethorpe County, Georgia, salutation "Dear Uncle" by BENJAMIN BLANTON.

THOMAS McALISTER referred to, is a brother of Harriet Byron McAlister (born 1798 Ga. died 1888 (age 90 yrs.) Miss.) wife of William Whittaker BLANTON (1789 SC-1838 Greenville, Miss.) a son of Colonel JOHN BLANTON (born 1752 Va. died 1811 Miss.)

Reference in the letter written 27 Feby 1820 to his sister Betsey's death, concerns ELIZABETH AYRES, daughter of Christopher Blanton, who died 1800 Lincoln County, Georgia. "In my infancy she (Betsey) was to me a mother and a kind affectionate sister" proves that Benjamin Blanton's mother Patty THOMPSON Blanton, died when he was an infant.

Reference by Benjamin Blanton to "the bourne from which no Traveller returns" proves that he had a knowledge of the "To Be or Not To Be" speech from William Shakespeare's play HAMLET. Act III sc. i, line 80.

The handwriting in the letter of 27 Feby 1820, proves furthe that Benjamin Blanton of Port Gibson, Miss. was a well educated man.

Reference to "my youthful days" and "though at so great a distance and not within the sound of your voice" indicates that Benjamin Blanton, in his youthful days, was within the sound of the voice of the Revd. Benjamin Blanton of Oglethor County, Georgia.

The Rev Benjamin Blanton was born December 1765 in Virginia (a son of Charles Blanton who died prior to 1799 Halifax Co (North Carolina.) The Rev Benjamin Blanton died 5 Sep 1845 Oglethorpe County, Georgia.

See: Page 196 Autobiography of the Rev Joseph TRAVIS, A.M Page 66 Early Methodism in the Carolinas Page 524, Vol I. Memoirs of Georgia

Pages 320-329 MISSISSIPPI AS A PROVINCE, STATE & TERRITORY by Claiborne.
P 331. Lt W(m) W(hittaker) ELANTON.

Letter to Gen. Ferdinand L Claiborne. 22 Mar 1813
Baton Rouge, La. Says "they are leaving service."

Aug 12, 1813. Ensign BENJ BLANTON serving in La & Miss. Prigade of Regiment of Mississippi Volunteers Brig. Gen. Ferdinand L Claiborne in Command.

12 Sep 1815. EENJAMIN W BLANTON in 4th Regiment Mis Militia, Appt. Captain. Commanded by Col. Ely K Ro

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- CHARLES B BLANTON Served on Jury 1 Dec 1797 Lincoln Co. Ga.
- 18 Jan 1800 Letters of Administration on Estate of Christopher Blanton were granted to CHARLES BLANTON. He was one of the purchasers at Christopher Blanton's sale.
- 18 May 1800 CHARLES BLANTON beneficiary of Christopher Blanton. Will Ek b, p 257 Lincoln Co. Georgia.
- 1801, 1802, A return of the estate of Christopher Blanton 1803. Was made by CHARLES ELANTON, Admin.
- 24 Jul 1805. Nancy Blanton vs. the Executors of CHAPLES BLANTON's will. The widow claims a third part, or dower of the Estate. The Court of Ordinary sustained the objection to the will and ordered that the will be set aside. Letters of Administration granted to Nancy Blanton.

  Ordinary Minutes Ek N, p 35, Lincoln Co. Georgia.

March 1805. Will of CHAS BLANTON. On Wednesday, 24 Jul 1805, NANCY was widow of CHAPLES BLANTON. Charles Blanton had given Nancy one-fifth of Estate, and speaks of "all of my surviving children" but does not name them.

Note: One-fifth may indicate a "child's share" in which case there were four children of CHARLES BLANTON who died 1805.

Lincoln County, Georgia was formed 1796 from Wilkes County.

Four children known to have been born in Wilkes County, Ga., were:

Mary Blanton born 5 Feb 1797
William Blanton "20 Sep 1798 - Lineage on next page.

James Blanton "27 Jan 1801
Elizabeth Blanton "25 Dec 1803

- 19 Dec 1805 Appraisers of the Estate of CHARLES BLANTON:
  Hezekiah Spires, Cornelius Johnson; and Elijah
  Loflin. John H Walker, Justice of the Peace.
- 1806) Nancy Elanton, Administratrix of the Estate of CHARLES 1807) BLANTON, deceased, made return of said Estate for Expend-1808) itures, etc. Ordinary Minutes Bk M2, p 53 Lincoln Co Ga.
- 5 Feb 1810 Wm G Gregory made a Return of money paid for the use of the heirs of CHARLES ELANTON, deceased.

WILLIAM BLANTON born 20 Sep 1798 Wilkes County, Georgia marr 26 Dec 1830 Matilda WARE born 7 Nov 1807 Lincoln County, Georgia died Mar 1896

## Their Children:

- 1 Nancy Jane Blanton born 9 Oct 1831 marr Samuel FOSTER
- 2 Charles Blanton born 23 Mar 1833 died 1864. Killed in the battle of Kinnesaw Mtns. Near Atlanta, Georgia
- 3 James Blanton born 3 Sep 1834
- 4 William Blanton born 9 Aug 1836. Lived nr. Savannah, Ga.
- 5 Robert Ware Blanton born 3 Jun 1838
  died 16 Dec 1916 Talbot County, Ga.
  marr 21 Feb 1878 Martha Suzanne CURLEY
  born 22 Feb 1853 Talbotton, Ga.
  died 15 May 1944 Buried Talbot Co Ga.
- 6 Martha Elizabeth Blanton born 12 Jul 1841 died 19 Feb 1842
- 7 Benjamin Gregory Blanton born 8 Jan 1843 died marr Leila Frances MARSHALL.
  - A daughter Mamie Eliza marr McAlister. Living in 1955, Texarkana, Texas.
- 8 Mary Frances Blanton born 19 Nov 1845 died 5 Apr 1923
- 9 Samantha Josephine Blanton born 28 May 1848 died 7 Mar 1849
- 10 Matilda Ann Blanton born 6 Oct 1850

1860 US Census Talbot County, Ga. Centra, Ga. P.O.

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ROBERT WARE BLANTON born 3 Jun 1838, Talbot County, Ga: died 16 Dec 1916 marr 21 Feb 1878 Martha Suzanne Curley born 22 Feb 1853; died 15 May 1944 Their children were: 1. Tallulah Gammel Blanton born 1 Jan 1880 marr 14 Feb 1901 Wm H COX 2. William Benjamin Blanton born 26 Sep 1881 died 1 Mar 1933 marr Sara FRYER Children: a. Wm Benjamin Blanton born 12 Oct 1912 b. James Fryer Blanton 6 Jul 1918
c. George Garrett Blanton 4 Jan 1916. Lived Atlanta, Ga. 25 Sep 1921 Had 2 daughters and 1 son e. Pauline Blanton married HOLDEN. Lived Atlanta, Ga f. Betty Blanton PETREE Lived Boyley Ga PETREE. Lived Boxley, Ga 3. Annie Elizabeth Blanton born 6 Jan 1884 marr 30 Apr 1905 W S Kilpatrick Lived at 1085 Boulevard NE, Atlanta, Ga. in 1955 4. Robert Ware Blanton born 18 Feb 1885 marr Bessie NeSMITH Children: a. Franklin Marion Blanton born 9 Dec 1914. Lived Atlanta b. Robert Ware Blanton 3 Jun 1917 " Houston, Tx c. James NeSmith Blanton 10 Feb 1920 " Preston, Ga 5. Matilda Boyd Blanton born 3 Oct 1888 marr George J GARRETT 6. Bessie Gibson Blanton born 11 Jul 1891 marr J Cliff COOK 7. Barney Curley Blanton born 18 Apr 1894 marr Jewell ALLEN No children. 8. Laurie Belle Blanton born 22 Feb 1899 marr J Alsah KELLEY 1880 US Census Talbot Co Ga BLANTON, Matilda A Age 73 Born: Georgia Blanton, Robt W 42 Mattie 30 11 Lula 5/12