

The children of JASPER NEWTON BLANTON and his wife Lucy WILLIS Blanton:

1. William H Blanton born 7 Jul 1848 Tenn.; died 19 Apr 1872, Alabama
2. Sallie E Blanton born 21 Mar 1851 Tenn.; died 16 Apr 1903 Mississippi. Married Bennett M LANG/LONG. There were nine children. Twins Newton and William died in Infancy, and Allie Warren who died young. Houston; Fannie m Joe LOVE; Nancy "Dolcie" m James COLEMAN; Lester; Bessie m _____ LAWRENCE; and Lola m _____ FANT.

3. Susan C Blanton born 17 Jun 1853; died 18 Feb 1863 in childhood.

4. Fannie Almedia Blanton born 1 Jul 1855 Bedford Co. Tenn.; died 2 Apr 1915; m 12 May 1877 at Carrolton, Alabama by Rev J H CURRY _____ COLE. There were four children:

COLE, William born 1879 m Lelia WHITE
Ed 1882 m Minnie MORRIS
Mattie Estelle 1878 m M CHAPPELL -she was living in 1975!
Annie Byars 1895 m _____ BURTON

5. Nancy B "Nannie" Blanton born 7 Dec 1857; died 23 Dec 1901, Pickens County, Alabama. Married John Thomas JONES born 25 Aug 1859; died 27 Mar 1923 Greene County, Alabama. There were nine children:

JONES, Ruby born 12 Nov 1886; living 1975 Pickens County, Ala.
Blanton 28 Jun 1888; died 31 Mar 1957 Greene County, Ala.
Lynn 24 Aug 1889; " 29 Jul 1961 " " "
Lucy 21 Jun 1891; " 10 Jul 1965 " " "
Fannie Mae 10 Apr 1893; " 14 Feb 1953 Pickens " " "
Twins (Samuel R 14 Jan 1895; " 1970 " " "
Sallie 14 Jan 1895; living 1975 Pickens County, Alabama
Angelo 10 Apr 1897; died 16 Jul 1970, Pickens County, Ala
Nannie 7 Dec 1901; " 21 Jan 1902, Greene " "

6. Mary Blanton

7. Irene Adele "Bobbie" Blanton born 28 Apr 1866; died 24 Jul 1955. At Carrolton, Alabama married W H WILLIS, Jr. born 10 Nov 1866. There were nine children:

WILLIS, William Blanton born 1887; died 1971; m Dena SAIN
Bessie 1888 1974 m J Emmet BRAMBLETT
Eddie 1890 1902 at age 12 years
Lucille 1894 m 1st: Tom BERRY; 2nd: Tom HENLEY
Ernest 1896 m Jessie Lee CONRY
Fannie Verneth 1898 m Claude C HENLEY
Clayton Newt 1900 m Gertrude CALDWELL
Carl Huston 1902 m Carrie Lee HILL
Willie Mae 1905 m Thomas Oscar HENSON

A grandson of Willie Mae HENSON is Charles SHERRILL of
Euclid, Ohio, 44117.

8. Eddie Blanton born 27 Nov 1869; died 4 Nov 1882 at age 12 years, buried Pickens County, Alabama.

Chattanooga, Tenn.

Aug. 1955.

Mrs R. J. Mc Donald
1453. Emory Drive
Whittier California

My dear Mrs Mc Donald.

Through Miss Gussie Blanton
I became interested in the book the
record of the Blantons Genealogy
and am sending you a copy of my
Mothers record who was Eliza Christina Blanton
Daniel - She is the daughter of Willis and
Priscilla Caroline Vance - Blanton -
My father was William Short Daniel
I'm sending you my Blanton record which
I presume is the same as Mrs John Kellers
A her ~~Grand~~ father was my mothers brother
and we have the same Grand father.
Willis Blanton.

Thank you very much for the record you sent through Miss Gussie Blanton I've had my record so long it is beginning to show its age.

I should like to have one of the Genealogy (reared) books which Miss Gussie Blanton tells me you are publishing soon.

(of the Blanton -)

Very truly yours

Sallie Daniel Johnson

(Mrs Joe Raudall Johnson)

P.S. In my Blanton record I have included Willis Blanton's father's record William Blanton.

I dont know whether Mrs Keller had it. My record of him came through a methodist minister who was Rev. Mitchell Blanton.

My Address is - Mrs Joe R. Johnson

611 Franklin St.

Chattanooga Tenn.

Page 291. HORACE HARBIN BLANTON, a Lawyer of Vernon County, Missouri was born at Washburne, Barry County, Missouri on April 20, 1860, son of William Horace and Martha Jane (HARBIN) Blanton

William Horace Blanton was a native of Alabama* a son of Horace Blanton and a representative of an old family...

Upon opening of the Civil War the family moved to Austin, Texas where they resided until the close of the war. William Horace Blanton served in the Confederate Army. The childhood days of Horace Harbin Blanton were spent on a plantation in Texas.

In 1866 the family returned to Missouri and established a home in Vernon County, Missouri. William Horace Blanton was engaged in real estate business in Nevada, Vernon County, Mo., with firm Prewitt, Blanton & Poindexter. William Horace Blanton died at Nevada, Missouri in April 1872.

Horace Harbin Blanton married Dec 2, 1885 to Miss Florence, daughter of JOHN MIMS. Their children were:

Florence Blanton
Kathleen Blanton
Elaine Blanton
William Horace Blanton

Horace Harbin Blanton was well grounded in the principles of law, broad minded, liberal and of unquestioned integrity. His record stands like an open book....He was living in 1896.

HISTORY OF VERNON COUNTY, MISSOURI - Johnson

P 700. HORACE H BLANTON born Barry County, Mo., April 20, 1860, son of William Horace Blanton, an Attorney, and native of Alabama,* (*1860 US Census Barry Co. Mo. says W H Blanton born Tennessee) who came to Vernon County, Mo. 1855; represented the County in the Legislature 1857 and 1858; died 1872. The mother of Horace Harbin Blanton was Martha J Harbin Blanton. William Horace and Martha J. Blanton had five children:

Horace Harbin Blanton
Willie Blanton
Mattie Blanton married Chas. H. PREWITT
Mary Blanton
Etta Blanton
James W. Blanton

Horace Harbin Blanton was admitted to the Bar on May 2, 1881; was prominent and successful; married Dec 2, 1885 Miss Florence MIMS, born in London, England, daughter of JOHN MIMS.

Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - Real Estate	Value - Personal property	Birthplace	Father Foreign born	Mother Foreign born	Month born in year	Month Md in year	School in Year	Can't Read or write	Constitutional Relations	Remarks
BLANTON, Wm H	38	m	w	Farmer	11	200	Tennessee								William Horace Blanton
Martha	28	f	w				Missouri								
Horace H	10	m	w				Missouri								
Willie M	7	m	w				Texas								
Mary	5	f	w				Texas								
Henrietta	3	f	w				Texas								
James W	1	m	w				Missouri								
Howard ? W	21	m	w				Missouri								
- - - - -				- - - - -			- - - - -								
1860 US Census Barry County, Missouri - Washburn Precinct															
16 June 1860															
W H BLANTON	29	m	w	Attorney			Tennessee								
Martha	17	f	w				Arkansas								
H H Blanton	1/2	mw					Missouri								
A S HARBIN	59	m	w				North Carolina								

HORACE H. BLANTON.

Horace H. Blanton, widely known and highly respected in Kansas City, is numbered among Missouri's native sons. He was born in Keytesville, Barry county, April 20, 1860, his parents being William Horace and Martha J. (Harbin) Blanton, who were natives of Alabama and Virginia respectively. The father was a lawyer of prominence in his day and became one of the early settlers of Vernon county. He represented his district in the state legislature about the time of the opening of the Civil war, and joined the Confederate army, serving throughout the period of hostilities with a Missouri regiment, with which he rose to the rank of major. He was sent east, serving in that section of the country during the greater part of the war. He was a staunch supporter and admirer of Stephen A. Douglas and did active campaign work in his behalf. At the outbreak of the Civil war Alfred Harbin, the maternal grandfather of Mr. Blanton of this review, took his family to Austin, Texas, where they remained until social conditions were reestablished about 1866, when they returned to their old home in Vernon county, Missouri.

Accordingly the childhood of Horace H. Blanton was largely spent on a plantation in Texas. Upon their return to Missouri his father established a real estate business under the firm name of Prewitt, Blanton & Poindexter, which firm won a place of leadership in their line in that section of the state, Mr. Blanton continuing with the firm until death ended his labors at Nevada, Missouri, in April, 1872. In 1857 he had been admitted to the bar and was appointed commissioner of Vernon county by the court. Along the maternal line, as previously indicated, Horace H. Blanton is also a representative of one of the old families of Missouri. His grandfather, Major Alfred Harbin, was a native of Virginia but came to this state at an early period in its development and served in both branches of the state legislature prior to the war, being a member of the general assembly when the question of Missouri's secession from the Union was under consideration. He voted to submit the question to the people, which they did, and by a majority of eighty thousand the vote was against secession. The Harbin family have through many generations resided in Virginia and many of its members there won distinction in various fields of endeavor.

Horace H. Blanton was a public school pupil at Nevada, Missouri, and for one year attended Henderson College in Rusk county, Texas. Later he pursued a classical course in the Missouri State University at Columbia but before completing the university course began reading law in the office of Hon. Charles G. Burton, of Nevada, Missouri, and on the 2d of May, 1881, was admitted to the bar. In the meantime he was graduated from the State University at Columbia in 1879 with the LL. B. degree. He entered upon the general practice of law at Nevada and was city counselor there in 1881 and filled the office of prosecuting attorney from 1884 until 1886 and again from 1892 until 1894. Further recognition of his capability and public spirit led to his being made a candidate for congress in the fifteenth congressional district on the democratic ticket in 1896, but he was defeated by M. E. Benton, of Neosho. He has always been unfaltering in his devotion to the principles of Jeffersonian democracy.

In October, 1902, Mr. Blanton removed to Kansas City and practiced alone until 1917, when he became associated with Edwin J. J. Shannahan.

JOHN BLANTON (Son of George Blanton, Comm. of Peace, Tryon Co. N. C. 1769).
According to a letter written Jan 17, 1903 to William M. Blanton (1818-1906) of Georgia, by the Rev John Owen Blanton (1848-1913) of Tennessee, "My Grandfather JOHN BLANTON came from North Carolina to Middle Tennessee, about the year 1820. He had five sons:

1. (John) Carter; 2. Thomas; 3. Coleman; 4. William; and 5. Richard Blanton. The latter was my father's name. My Grandfather's family emigrated from Virginia to North Carolina. . . . "

JOHN BLANTON went to Dalonaga, Georgia during the Gold Rush, died of Yellow Fever, and is buried in Georgia. He had five sons:

I. (JOHN) CARTER BLANTON born 1805 North Carolina
marr. Angeline

1850 US Census Franklin County, Alabama, p #246, Dwelling #304.

CARTER BLANTON	Age 45	Planter	Birthplace: N. C.
Angeline	47		N. C.
William	16		Ala.
Nancy A	14		Ala.
John	12		Ala.
Angeline	10		Ala.
Lafayette Thomas	5		Ala.
#126 JOHN Blanton	28	Farmer	Tenn.
Sarah	19		"
John	3/12		Ala.

1860 US Census Franklin Co. Alabama. Western Div. Chickasaw, Ala. P.O.

CARTER Blanton	Age 55	Birthplace: N. C.
Mary	55	S. C.
William Blanton	26	Ala
Carter F Blanton	6 -son of William	Ala

Mr Ed Blanton, living 1970, in San Angelo, Texas is a descendant of Carter Franklin Blanton, whose son William Blanton came to Texas around 1890.

- II. THOMAS BLANTON (son of JOHN from N. C. to Middle Tenn. about 1820)
 was born 1813 North Carolina.
 died 17 Mar 1861 (or 1865 in some records).
 Married 24 Nov 1837 Malissa SHORT born 1818 Tenn.
 died 27 Nov 1870

Thomas Blanton and his younger brother, Coleman, came to Coffee County, Tennessee together, settled on adjoining farms near Manchester, Tenn. The Thomas Blanton home burned many years ago. Robert Blanton, a grandson of Thomas Blanton, in 1955 owned both the Thomas Blanton farm, and the Coleman Blanton farm. The Blanton Family Cemetery in which members of the Blanton family are buried, is on the old Coleman Blanton property. The Coleman Blanton house was occupied by Robert Blanton, in 1955.

The children of Thomas and Malissa Blanton were:

1. Mary Jane Blanton born 5 Oct 1838
 marr 9 Nov 1854, John F THOMAS. No children.
 However, Mary Jane THOMAS reared her youngest brother b 16 Jul 1859,
 who was named John Frederick Thomas Blanton.
2. Vinson Lee Blanton b 12 Oct 1841
 m 12 Dec 1867 Martha Ellen NELSON in Tullahoma,
 Tenn. by G W ANDERSON, M. G.

Their children were:

1. Hassie Blanton b 10 Jul 1870
 m 1 Jan 1889 Peter F RICHEY

Their children:

- a. Anna Booth Richey b 1 Mar 1891, m R G PITTS 26 Jun 1914
 and had Macon Richey Pitts b 20 Apr 1915
 Frankie Booth Pitts b 3 Jan 1918
 Charles Kenneth Pitts b 26 Nov 1920
 Jewell Ruth Pitts b 22 Dec 1922
 Hassie Geneva Pitts b 23 Jun 1926
 Jack Donald Pitts b 17 Sep 1931

- b. Wayne Scott Richey b 8 Apr 1906 m Veda COX in 1935. They
 were living in 1955, in Victory, Texas.

- ii. Mary V "Mollie" Blanton b 1869 Tenn.
- iii. Martha Lee Blanton b 1873 Tenn
- iv. Myrtle Frances "Fannie" b 1876 Tenn
- v. Eugene Porter Blanton b 13 Aug 1880 m. Margaret WALKER.
 Their sons: Eugene Nelson Blanton b 11 Sep 1906; Luther Richey
 Blanton b 2 Feb 1909 lives in Tullahoma, Tennessee.

The name VINSON LEE BLANTON appears on the Roll of Co A 37th Tenn.
 Regiment, CSA, enlisted at Tullahoma, Tennessee in 1861.

3. Martha Richard Blanton born 24 Mar 1844. Tenn.
4. Nancy Elizabeth Blanton born 28 Mar 1847 Tenn.
5. James C Blanton born 12 Dec 1850.

yellow fever during the epidemic and
is buried there - he is not buried in the
family cemetery.

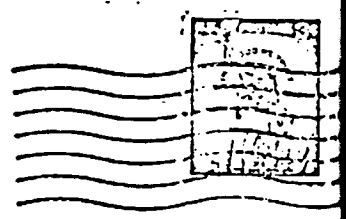
The other members of our family are
getting their respective records together
and will mail them to me, I in turn
will mail them to you.

Thank you for your kindness,

Sincerely,

Gusie Blanton

1901 Willow St.
Chatt. Tenn.



Dr. P. J. Mc Donnell
1453 Emory Drive
Whittier, Calif.

MAC Q. WILLIAMSON DEAD

Veteran Official's Rites Set

Services for Mac Q. Williamson, who served Oklahoma as state attorney general for more than 25 years, will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Oklahoma City's Crown Heights Christian Church.

Graveside services will be at 4:30 p.m. Monday in the Mount Olivet Cemetery at Pauls Valley. Body of the long-time public official will lie in state at Watts Funeral Home, NW 12 and Robinson, until 10 a.m. Monday.

Williamson, who was 75 last Tuesday, died Thursday morning in his Oklahoma City home, 630 NE 13. He suffered a stroke in 1962 and had been in ill health since then.

Williamson had a long and distinguished career of public service. He served seven consecutive terms as state attorney general, but did not run for re-election in 1962 because of his health. He was first elected to the office in 1934.

He resigned the post in 1944 to enter the U. S. Army as an American military government officer. He served two years in Europe and was then reinstated as attorney general by Gov. Robert S. Kerr Jan. 31, 1946.

Williamson was born Oct. 13, 1889, in Nebraska City, Neb. He moved with his family to Mississippi and came to Oklahoma City in 1905. He moved to Pauls Valley a year later, where he had maintained his legal residence ever since.

Williamson was graduated from the University of Okla-



Mac Q. Williamson

signed in 1917 to enlist as a private in World War I. He was discharged as a second lieutenant.

Williamson was elected county attorney for Garvin County for two terms and in 1924 was elected to the Oklahoma state senate from a district composed of Garvin, McClain and Cleveland Counties. He was re-elected for a second term in 1918 and served one session as president pro tempore of the senate.

Williamson was a member of the American and Oklahoma Bar Associations, Rotary Club, Masonic Lodge, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a member of the First Christian Church of Pauls Valley.

homa law school and was admitted to the bar in 1913. He was elected city attorney of Pauls Valley twice but re-

He is survived by his wife, Beulah, and a daughter, Mrs. James T. Blanton, Pauls Valley.

Family No.	Names	Color	Sex	Age prior to June 1st	Month of birth if born in 1880	Relationship to head of house	Single	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Married in census year	Occupation	Misc. Info.	Cannot read or write	Place of birth	Place of birth of father	Place of birth of mother	Remarks
206	BLANTON, John W	w	m	39											Tenn	Tenn	Tenn	John Wm Blanton born 19 Oct 1840 in died 28 Mar 1926 Ok. marr 1 Jan 1865 in Sarah Ellen Short. John Wm Blanton is son of COLEMAN BLANTON b 1817 NC, and grandson of JOHN BLANTON from NC to Tennessee as per the letters of the Rev John Owen Blanton to Wm McK Blanton in 1903.
218	Sarah	w	f	35		wf									Tenn	Tenn	Tenn	
	Coleman	w	m	13		son									Tenn	Tenn	Tenn	
	Fannie	w	f	11		dau									Tenn	Tenn	Tenn	
	* James (Thomas)	w	m	9		son									Tenn	Tenn	Tenn	
	Wm (Walter)	w	m	7		son									Ark.	Tenn	Tenn	
	Richard (Dewitt)	w	m	5		son									Ark.	Tenn	Tenn	
	Florence	w	f	3		dau									Ark.	Tenn	Tenn	
	Charles	w	m	1		son									Texas	Tenn	Tenn	James Thomas Blanton b 1871 is founder of the Blantons of Pauls Valley, Okla. 400 N Pine Street).

Children of James Thomas Blanton II, 400 N Pine St., Pauls Valley, Okla
 Betty Jane Blanton, born 14 Mar 1936 James Thomas III born 11 Oct 1934



A Portrait of
 John Wm Blanton
 1840-1926 hangs
 in the Pioneer Room
 of Oklahoma State
 Capitol.

Excerpts from a letter written November 9, 1956, by Richard Coleman Blanton of Florence, Alabama.

"...This is one matter I have never explored to any extent whatsoever. No doubt, this was brought about by the fact that my father came from Tennessee, 'round Tullahoma, to Clarke County (Grove Hill), Ala., where he met my mother. My dad died at an early age; leaving my mother with five sons.

"My father was Thomas Lee Blanton; my grandfather Richard Blanton. To my knowledge my grandfather had two brothers; Carter and Coleman. Carter was supposed to have gone to Alabama before the civil war and settled in the Northern part of the state. I have often wondered if he was the ancestor of the Blantons in and around New Market, near Huntsville.

"My father served in the Civil War, was discharged after about two years service because of his youth. My mother has been deceased for some twenty-odd years. My father had one brother, John Owen Blanton, who was quite a noted preacher in the Tennessee conference of the Methodist Church. I mention this as you may have run across his name.

"Richard is the most common name among the men of the family and Sue seems to be most common among the women. My full name is Richard Coleman. I knew Judge R L Blanton in Jasper and two of his sons Alton and R. Q. During one of my visits to Tullahoma during the lifetime of my father's sister Aunt Sue (Anthony) who was ninety-three at the time, I asked her about the Blantons in Walker County, and she told me about a Blanton who left Tennessee and settled in Walker County, Ala., long before the Civil War. He had a biblical name, Isaac. I have a faint recollection that Aunt Sue told me her family originally came from North Carolina.

"My father had a first cousin, John William Blanton, who settled in Texas a good many years ago. His son was a congressman from Texas. John William was the son of Uncle Coleman Blanton, for whom I was partially named. My father and mother came from Clarke County to Birmingham, by boat to Montgomery, in 1883 and settled in the village of Elyton.

"I trust this will be helpful to you and will appreciate any information you could give me as a result of your search.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Yours truly

Richard Coleman Blanton

**Richard Blanton,
Ex-Resident, Dies**

Funeral for Richard Coleman Blanton, 66, of Florence, Rt. 4, who died Saturday at the residence of a brother in Sandusky, will be at 3 p.m. today at Ridout's Valley Chapel. Burial will be in Elmwood.

A native of Jefferson County, Mr. Blanton was secretary-treasurer of Cosby-Hodges Milling Co. for 28 years before his retirement. He was a Mason, a Methodist past commander of Shades Valley Post of the American Legion and a member of the Birmingham Bar Assn. He was a graduate of Birmingham School of Law. He moved to Florence 10 years ago. Surviving are the widow; a daughter, Miss Sue Blanton, Knoxville; two sons, R. C. Blanton Jr., Atlanta, and R. L. Blanton, Lafayette, La.; three brothers, S. O. Blanton, Sandusky; L. L. Blanton, Gardendale, and D. N. Blanton, Itome, Ga.

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III. COLEMAN BLANTON (son of JOHN from N. C. to Middle Tenn. about 1820)
was born 1817 in North Carolina.

Married Nancy CAMPBELL, born 1823 Tennessee, lived on a farm near Manchester, Tenn. They had seven children:

1. John William Blanton born 19 Oct 1840 Coffee County, Tenn
died 28 Mar 1926 Rocky, Oklahoma

Married 1 Jan 1865, Coffee Co Tenn. Sarah Ellen SHORT, by the
Rev J W ANDERSON, M. G.

On the Roll of Co. A 37th Tenn. Regiment, C.S.A. is the name of John W Blanton, enlisted 1861. In 1871 John William Blanton left Tennessee, stopped for six years in IZARD County, Arkansas, then went to Cooke County, Texas. In 1880 John W Blanton was in Johnson County, Texas; later went to Oklahoma. A portrait of JOHN WILLIAM BLANTON hangs in the Pioneer Room, Oklahoma State Capitol, Oklahoma City. The children of Sarah E. and John W Blanton were:

- i. Coleman Short Blanton b Coffee Co., Tenn. 1867
m Lenora BULLOCK
- ii. Fanny Blanton b 1869 Coffee Co. Tenn. m. Perry CLACK
- iii. James Thomas Blanton b 25 Nov 1871 Coffee County, Tenn
m Lucile OLIPHINT. The family of their son James T Blanton II. settled in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, where in 1970, descendants were residing at 400 N Pine Street, Pauls Valley, Oklahoma
- iv. Walter Blanton born 1873 IZARD Co. Ark. Unmarried.
- v. Richard DeWitt Blanton b 1875 IZARD Co. Ark., m Sarah MCKINNEY
- vi. Florence Blanton b IZARD Co. Ark 1877, m John HARRIS
- vii. Charles L Blanton b 1879 Texas, m Mary Elizabeth NEILD*
They had a son John Blanton of Liberty, Texas (1956).
- viii. Kirby Blanton b Texas, unmarried.
- ix. Rufus Blanton b Texas, died in infancy.

*Mary Elizabeth NEILD was born 7 Aug 1882, McKinney, Texas, married Charles Lafayette Blanton b 7 Jun 1879, Era, Texas; he died 14 Feb 1947 at Cordell, Oklahoma. Their son John Wm Blanton born 8 May 1903, Lonewolf, Oklahoma, was living in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in 1960.

2. HILL BLANTON migrated along with his brother John William Blanton. Hill's family grew up in Cooke County, Texas near Gainesville. Name of wife _____ His children were:

- i. Hortense Blanton
- ii. Ruth Blanton
- iii. Dee Blanton had 3 sons. A newspaper clipping found some years ago by Adah Daniel GOULD, Fort Scott, Kansas, says: "DEE BLANTON Recent Visitor Here, Dies Suddenly. Dee Blanton, 69, died suddenly at his home in Gainesville, Texas, Wednesday night. He was a native of Coffee County, Tennessee, and, with his wife, had visited his cousin, Mrs J L Lovett, and other relatives here three weeks ago. He is survived by his wife and three sons, and by his father HILL BLANTON, who is a patient in a hospital at Gainesville, Texas."

iv. Lon Blanton; and v. John Blanton were twins; vi. Minnie Blanton;
vii. Grady Blanton.

3. Richard Blanton

One John Thomas Blanton b 28 Jun 1889, Coffee County, Tenn., was living in 1955 in Dayton, Ohio, and wrote:

"I left Tennessee when I was very young. Do not know a lot about my people; however, some of the kinfolk lived in Texas. Hill Blanton and John William Blanton of Oklahoma are of the older generation."

4. Willis Blanton

5. Ellen Blanton

6. Nannie Lee Blanton married _____ HOLLAND. A son K BLANTON HOLLAND lived at Decatur, Alabama

7. Sue Blanton married _____ GOSSAGE.

The seven Blanton's listed above were children of COLEMAN BLANTON.

In this space is listed the family of RICHARD D BLANTON born 8 Nov 1846 died 19 Oct 1939, Heflin, Alabama, whose lineage has not been established. In all probability, Richard D Blanton is related to either the family of Coleman Blanton, or that of Richard Blanton which lineage follows this section of the Blanton Family Records.

RICHARD D BLANTON born 8 Nov 1846; died 19 Oct 1939 Heflin, Alabama
marr Izellar _____ who was born 12 Dec 1852; died about 1940 Heflin, Alabama. The family once lived around Tullahoma, Tennessee.

Their son John D Blanton, Sr. born 9 Jun 1883; d 21 Sept 1954, Heflin, Ala., married Cora Lee ESTERS who was born 17 May 1889. Their children were:

Willie Lee Blanton	born 4 Oct 1907
John D Blanton, Jr	9 Sep 1910
Woodrow W Blanton	29 Sep 1912; died 31 Mar 1913.
Oscar Blanton	15 Jan 1914
Richard Odell Blanton*	16 Jul 1916, Boaz, Alabama
Marshall F Blanton	18 May 1919 -Living Houston, TX
Izella Blanton	14 Jun 1922
Ozella Blanton	14 Jun 1922)twins
Margaret E Blanton	8 May 1925
Rose Lee Blanton	29 Jan 1929
Franklin Leroy Blanton	11 Jun 1931

*In 1955 Richard Odell Blanton was living in Decatur, Georgia.

IV. WILLIAM BLANTON (son of JOHN from N. C. to Middle Tenn. about 1820)

was born around 1818 in N.C. The lineage of WILLIAM Blanton has not been established. There is a possibility he may be one and the same William Blanton as was in Tallishatchee Co. Miss. Deed Bk B p 175-6 Aug 27, 1834. "Wm Blanton of State of Mississippi, County of Tallishatchee, sold to John B Johnson of Bedford Co. Tenn., land on Gages Creek, a south branch of the Beason Fork of Duck River."

1840 US Census Yalobusha County, Mississippi -East of Tallatatchie Co.

William Blanton 1 male under 5; 2 males 20-30
1 fem. " 5; 1 fem. 20-30

V. RICHARD BLANTON (son of JOHN from N. C. to Middle Tenn. about 1820.)
was born 1816; died 1858 Tenn., having lived in Coffee
County, and Bedford County, Tenn. Married Sarah CAMPBELL. Their five
children were: Thomas Lee; Susan; John Owen; Phoebe; and Richard D Blanton.

1. Thomas Lee Blanton born 1844 Tenn., went to Clarke County, Alabama
where on 17 Jul 1879, he married Susan BURGE. A son, Burge Blanton
was born in 1880, Clarke County, Alabama. Thomas Lee and wife Susan,
later went by boat to Birmingham, Alabama; settled at Elyton, Ala.

Thomas Lee Blanton served in the War Between the States. His name is
on the Roll of Co. A, 37th Tenn. Regiment C.S.A., enlisted 1861 at
Tullahoma, Tenn. Thomas Lee Blanton died young; left five sons, Susan
died before 1935. One of the sons, Richard Coleman Blanton was living
on November 9, 1956, at Florence, Alabama, and furnished all of the
facts he knew about the Blanton family.

2. Susan "Sue" E Blanton born 1846; was living at age 93 years.
Married 1866, Taylor ANTHONY, lived near Tullahoma, Tennessee
A son Richard ANTHONY was County Surveyor; there was also a son named
Thomas ANTHONY.
3. Phoebe Blanton born 1855 married Martin BONDS
4. Richard D. Blanton born 1858 went to Alabama; later to Texas.
5. John Owen Blanton b 10 Dec 1848 Coffee County, Tenn
d 20 Jul 1913, buried Percy Warner Park, Nashville;
Married Leonora Josephine SAUDEK, dau of Dr Joseph SAUDEK, of Davidson
County, Tennessee.

The Blanton Family History, as I know it, was furnished on Sept 19, 1955
by Josephine NEEL Wallen, of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, a granddaughter of
the Rev. John Owen Blanton:

"I learned from my mother, Mrs Robert W Neel, oldest daughter of the
Rev John Owen Blanton, that one of his early relatives married a LEE of
Virginia. According to another story handed down in the family, the first
Blantons to come to America were brothers who came from England in their
own ship, one of whom was thought to have been named Richard Blanton.

"John CAMPBELL of Virginia married Ellender NEEL, daughter of Duncan NEEL
by his first wife. James NEEL, my paternal grandfather was a son of
Duncan NEEL by his second wife, and thus, a half-sister of Ellender. The
Blantons, Campbells, and Neels settled in Coffee County, Tennessee around
1810 to 1820, coming from Virginia. John and Ellender Campbell had eleven
children, one of whom, Sarah CAMPBELL married Richard BLANTON. Sarah
Campbell was born in 1820; died in 1894, buried in Coffee County, Tenn.

"Richard Blanton, husband of Sarah, died in 1858. Among the children of Richard and Sarah CAMPBELL Blanton, was John Owen Blanton, born Dec 10, 1848; died July 20, 1913, buried at Cedar Glen, Mother's old home, now a part of Percy Warner Park in Nashville, Tennessee. John Owen Blanton married Leonora Josephine SAUDEK, daughter of Dr. Joseph SAUDEK, in 1876. She was born in 1843; and died in 1880. Two children were born to them:

Willie Blanton born 1877; died 1941
 Leonora Blanton 1880; died 1951

"In Nov 1881, John Owen Blanton married Mary Melissa Burrow BEARDEN, dau of Nimrod BURROW of Bedford County, Tenn. She was born 1848; died 1902. There were two children:

Mrs Pearl Peers (now Mrs B T Jones)
 Mrs Josephine Blanton Sweeney.

"Aunt Pearl has two children: Prentice Peers, and Dorothy Peers Sortino. Dorothy has one son Christopher Blanton Sortino.

"Robert "Bob" Wilburn NEEL, my father, and my mother were married in Decherd, Tennessee on October 28, 1903. Daddy was the son of Col. James NEEL, whose half-sister Ellender, married John Campbell and became the grandmother of John Owen Blanton, my maternal grandfather. Thus, you see, mother and daddy were related.

"Grandpa Blanton had two sisters, Susan and Phoebe; and a brother RICHARD who went to Alabama. Coleman and Thomas Blanton were brothers of Grandpa Blanton's father. I remember Cousin John William Blanton who went to Texas. He often visited us and his sister Nannie Lee Blanton Holland of Coffee County. He was a son of Coleman Blanton. A cousin of Grandpa Blanton was an Evangelist - Mitchell Long Blanton. A Mrs John F Thomas of Tullahoma was also a cousin of Grandpa's.

"The old Blanton cemetery at Blanton's Chapel in the Fifth District has information about some of them. On Grandpa's marker in Nashville, are the words: A Methodist preacher for 42 years.

"My youngest brother, Robert, lives in our old Homeplace in Murfreesboro. My house is on the adjoining lot. Robert has four children: Robert, Jr.; Glenda; Gregory Grant; and Duncan Stewart NEEL.

"I have a lot of information on Grandpa John Owen Blanton, his life and work as a minister.

"A copy of 'Prehistoric Man in Tennessee' by John Owen Blanton is in possession of the Tennessee Historical Society, Nashville. Biographical sketches of him can be found in the Tennessee Conference Journal, 1901-1913. Articles by him appeared from time to time in religious periodicals and newspapers. A graduate of the Theological Department of Cumberland University, Lebanon, he later attended Vanderbilt University. He was a scholar of Greek, Hebrew, and Latin.

"Richard Blanton, father of John Owen, was an early Militia Officer of Coffee County; also a school officer."

Bakersfield Californian Dec 11, '53.

Mrs Josephine Sweeney is daughter of the Rev. John Owen Blanton born 10 Dec 1848 Tenn. d 20 Jul 1913.



—Californian Photo

PREPARING PIANO, ORGAN PROGRAM—Three Christmas numbers will be presented for members and guests of Bakersfield chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution when they meet Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Buerkle on Red Bank Road. The performers will be Mrs. Josephine Sweeney, left, and Mrs. Buerkle, right.

DAR to Hear Organ-Piano Program, Talk on Tuesday; to Be Christmas Observance

Members and their guests will be welcomed Tuesday at 12:30 o'clock, when Bakersfield Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, meets at the home of Mrs. E. G. Buerkle, 5015 Red Bank Rd.

The prevailing Christmas spirit will mark the program of music, which will be given by two members, Mrs. Josephine Sweeney, organist at First Methodist Church of this city, and Mrs. E. G. Buerkle, past regent of the chapter, and organist at Second Church of Christ Scientist.

Three Selections

Mrs. Sweeney at the piano and Mrs. Buerkle at the Baldwin organ, will present three numbers: "The Lord's Prayer," (Albert Hay Malotte); "Jesus Bleibet Meine Freude," from "Cantata No. 147," (Johann Sebastian Bach) and "Fantaisie, for Organ and Piano," (Clifford Demarest).

Mrs. Sweeney studied organ under Dr. Charles Doersam at Columbia University in New York City, and from Dr. T. Tertius Noble, organist and director of music at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, New York City. She has been organist in churches in New York City, Jacksonville, Fla., and Cornus Christi.

Mrs. Buerkle had her musical training in piano and pipe organ at Los Angeles, being a student of Professor Thomas Wilde,

THE REVEREND JOHN OWEN BLANTON
By Josephine Neel Wallen

John Owen Blanton was born December 10, 1848 in Coffee County, Tennessee, the son of Richard and Sarah Campbell Blanton. His maternal grandparents, John and Ellender Neel Campbell, came across the mountains in the early 1800's and settled on Duck River in the 14th District of what is now Coffee County. His mother, Sarah Campbell Blanton, was born January 27, 1820 and died May 1, 1894 and was buried in Blanton's cemetery by the side of her husband who died in 1859. Richard Blanton is referred to in the writings of his son, John Owen, as a "school officer" and friend of John F. Thomas who, as a young man, taught school in the neighborhood before the Civil War.

The paternal grandfather of John Owen Blanton was John Blanton, who likewise migrated to Middle Tennessee. Besides Richard, John Blanton had four other sons: Carter, Thomas, Coleman, and William. John Blanton had a brother named William who came to Tennessee about the same time. They left two brothers in North Carolina: Richard and Burwell. John Blanton's family emigrated from Virginia to North Carolina soon after the Revolutionary War and thence to Tennessee. (Also, a family of Blantons from Virginia settled at Murfreesboro, Tenn. about 1810). Revolutionary War records show that a number of Blantons took part in that war. The Blantons came to America from England. The 1850 census of Coffee County shows that Richard and Sarah Campbell Blanton had three children: Thomas, born 1844; Susan, born 1846; and John Owen, born 1848. Children born later were Richard and Phebe.

John Owen Blanton was a graduate of the Theological Department of Cumberland University, Lebanon. In an article in a Tullahoma newspaper, September 23, 1890, he wrote: "Two decades ago I was a poor orphan boy striving for an education to preach the gospel and did not entertain the remotest idea that I would ever get a college education. In the meantime, I met the Rev. D. C. Kelly. He took me by the hand and said: "Come to my home at Lebanon and go to Cumberland University." I went with a bounding, happy heart and the doctor and his now sainted mother, Mrs. M. L. Kelley, treated me as a son and looked after me while at school. Of course, I have always entertained the highest personal respect for the Doctor and have always voted for him on the Conference floor. But I have taken my pen to say that I have always been a Prohibitionist but not a Prohibition Partyman, albeit I will esteem it a great pleasure to vote for Dr. Kelley for Governor of Tennessee. I will do this because of the principles he advocates, because he is the best man by far in the race, and because no man in Tennessee has done more for Tennessee than David Campbell Kelley."

After graduating from Cumberland University where he studied Latin, Greek, and Hebrew as well as theology, he became a member of the Tennessee Methodist Conference in 1871. He served as minister and

circuit rider of that Conference for 42 years, being stationed at various places throughout Middle Tennessee. The Tennessee Conference Journal of 1901, which contains his picture, gives a list of the charges he served, as follows: Nolensville, Hermitage, Linden, Lawrenceburg, Bethlehem, Johnson Station, Ebenezer, Liberty, Pisgah, Woodbury, Manchester, Booneville, Hillsboro, Sparta, Shelbyville, Tracy City, Decherd, Mont-eagle, Tullahoma, Normandy; he was also a Sunday School Agent.

On September 5, 1876, he married Leonora Josephine Saudek of Davidson County, Tenn., daughter of Dr. Joseph Saudek, surgeon in the Confederate States's Army. They had two daughters: Willie (Mrs. Robert W. Neel) and Nora (Mrs. N. C. Burrow). Leonora died in 1880.

His second wife was Mary Melissa Burrow Bearden of Bedford County who he married on November 29, 1881. She was the daughter of Nimrod Burrow on whom Mr. James R. Blanks of Tullahoma has compiled a genealogical record. To this marriage two daughters were born: Pearl (Mrs. Thomas Peers Jones) and Josephine (Mrs. W. E. Sweny).

In 1903, John Owen Blanton was appointed chaplain of the State House of Representatives. He also served as chaplain of the Reunion Brigade of Confederate Veterans at Sparta; and for a time, in later years, he served as chaplain of the State Penitentiary.

In addition to his pastoral and other duties he wrote a book, Pre-Historic Man in Tennessee, 1896; and a historical sketch of Coffee County and its early families. He was a member of the Tennessee Historical Society.

His fascination with the mystery of the Old Stone Fort since boyhood days in Coffee County inspired him to do research on that subject and write Pre-Historic Man in Tennessee. The date of the construction of the Fort he places at 800 to 900 A. D. - not far from the findings of present day archaeologist using the carbon dating method.

His historical sketch of Coffee County was written from the love he had in his heart for the region and its people, and from the notes and memories he collected. He also collected books. Among them is a small one, A Boy's Battle by Will Allen Dromgoole, autographed by her.

After he retired from the ministry, he spent his last years in Davidson County at his first wife's former home which then belonged to their two daughters. Here, he wrote his notes on Coffee County, and articles for the Christian Advocate and other papers and magazines. He died of cancer July 20, 1913 and is buried in the Saudek family cemetery in what is now Percy Warner Park. The homesite and surrounding acreage on Chickering Road was bought from his daughters by the Nashville Park Board in 1927. But the cemetery is still there. On his tombstone are the words: "A Methodist preacher for 42 years."

Mr Wm. 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. Benjamin 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,

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. Benjamin 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).

Cullum; W. B. Lowery was presiding elder. The Union Methodist Church is located four miles from Lebanon on the Tater Pealor Road.

JOHN B. MOOREHEAD, Pastor

BLANTON'S CHAPEL

MURFREESBORO DISTRICT

Blanton's Chapel has a deed showing that Willis Blanton gave an acre of land for church and school purposes in 1860. A log building was erected on this land and was used until 1900. At this time a frame building was built and used until 1916.

In 1889 two acres of land was given for a school near the church and the school was built.

There are many interesting stories and tales told of things that took place in the early days of the church when it was served by a circuit rider preacher. John C. Blanton was one of the first to serve Blanton's Chapel. He had many duties. Aside from his regular duties of preaching, baptizing and officiating at the burial of the dead, he was often called upon to perform marriages. Regardless of where the ceremony took place, he always endeavored to keep the ritual solemn, beautiful and sacred. Waiting for him one summer day at a ford in the creek near Blanton's Chapel was a young couple on horseback wild, after making their intentions known, were happily united by the Circuit Rider in a beautiful and unusual ceremony. The participants, on horseback, marched down the silver aisle of the creek to a shady bower of branches and vines overhanging the cool, flank-deep water where the vows were exchanged to the bridal chorus of birds. When the groom attempted to kiss his bride, overanxious for his embrace, she leaned too far from her saddle, losing her balance and falling, with a splash, between the two horses, one of which lifted his foot, setting it down on her floating skirt in such a way as to pull it off. Quickly as he could the minister raised his eyes to Heaven asking a short blessing for the embarrassed couple, and rode from the retreat without looking back.

Dinner on the ground, after a big meeting, was a happy occasion in those days. Once, just as the women of the community had spread a feast upon the ground, a dog jumped a rabbit in the woods near by. Both animals went in leaps and bounds down the full length of the "spread." The chase over, the ladies were so dismayed at the disorder that the preacher, without taking a close look, volunteered to eat all the meat, bread, and pies that had been leaped over or into. On closer inspection it was seen that it was mostly the pies that had suffered; and the circuit rider, rather than eat his words, ate the pies and it was he who suffered.

Brother Blanton was seen often riding across the Devil's Backbone near Blanton's Chapel on which a family by the name of Angels lived.

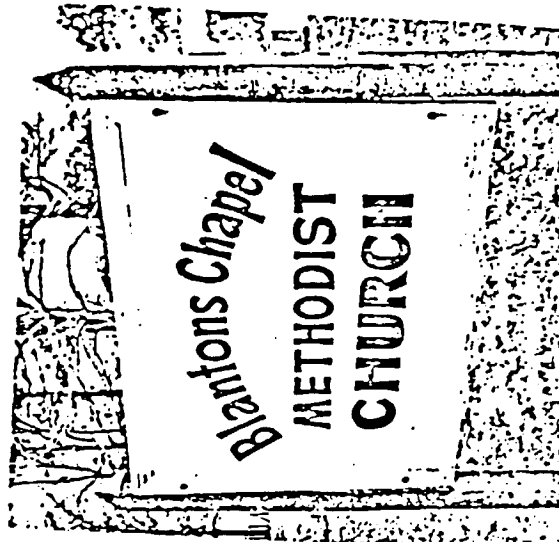
In 1916 land was given and decided to trustees of the Blanton's Chapel Methodist Church and a new church was built. This is the church building that is still being used. In 1941 four Sunday school rooms were added. Each year some improvements are made including better seats, electric lights, redecoration, new floors, gas heat, much improvement to outside of building and many other improvements. At present more Sunday school rooms and a choir loft are being planned.

Most of our preachers for the past several years have been students who could fill their appointments and attend classes at Middle Tennessee State College and Vanderbilt.

Today, as was done long ago, there are "dinner on the ground" days. Now we have a modern concrete table so there is no danger of a recurrence of the rabbit and dog episode.

Blanton's Chapel Methodist Church, noted for its singing, is part of the Manchester Circuit, along with Riverside, Goosepond, Freedomia, and Bethany. We have a Sunday school enrollment of 130. S. P. Banks is serving as superintendent. Rev. Oliver Lane is pastor. This is the second time Brother Lane has been pastor here. He was here previously from 1908-10.

ALTHEA LEE LUSK, Historian



RICHARD BLANTON

(son of George Blanton, Commissioner of Peace, Tryon County, N. C. 1769)

The Last Will and Testament of George Blanton, dated 22 January 1796, is recorded in Book B, p 144, Rutherford Conty, North Carolina, and names four sons:

Burrell Blanton; William Blanton; John Blanton; Richard Blanton.

Burrell Blanton and William Blanton are named as Executors. George Blanton speaks of "My dear and well-beloved wife, Susannah Blanton."

Inasmuch as it is a known fact that Burrell Blanton is the eldest son of George Blanton, and is named first in the Will of George Blanton, it is natural to assume that the last named son, Richard Blanton, is the youngest son of George Blanton.

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1816 Deed Book 27-28 Rutherford County, North Carolina. Page 410, Land is deeded to RICHARD BLANTON, by William Blanton, Exr al.

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Estate Settlement of RICHARD BLANTON is in Rutherford County, North Carolina Court Minutes - October Court 1821, and December Court 1821.

Mention is made of wife Sarah and children:

Malinda; Susannah; William; Ross; Hester; Betsy Blanton, orphans of RICHARD BLANTON, deceased.

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Cleveland County, North Carolina Court Minutes Book B, pages 254-5 October 3, 1846. Malinda Blanton PLAXICO, deceased, daughter of RICHARD BLANTON.

Her children: William; Ross; Emily Jane; Salvanis Beaty; Sarah Lucretia; George Albert; and Mary Eliza PLAXICO.

John J PLAXICO, Guardian, had appointed James D BUTLER, Administrator of Malinda Blanton PLAXICO'S Estate in Cleveland County, North Carolina.

At this time, 1846, the family was living in Marshall County, MISSISSIPPI.

Research on the family of RICHARD BLANTON, and the PLAXICO Family, was done by Beatrix Blanton Ramey, of Lattimore, North Carolina (1974).