

1800-1810 CENSUS FOR UNITED STATES

Microfilm 252-42

State: North CarolinaCounty: Rutherford

City: _____

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Head of Family	Free white males					Free white females					All Others	Slaves	Remarks
	Under 10	10-16	16-26	26-45	45 & On	Under 10	10-16	16-26	26-45	45 & On			
800 George Blanton		1	2	1	1		1	1	1	1			
Reuben Blanton	3	1	2		1		1	1	1				
Furrel Blanton	1	2	1	1			4	1		1			
Jeremiah Blanton	1		1					1					
Obadiah Blanton	2	1		1		1			1				
810 BLANTON, Furrel	2	1	2		1		2	1		1			
Jeremiah	1	1		1	1	1	1						
Obadiah	3			1		2			1				
Jefse/Jesse			1										
William	4			1		1			1				
Cleyburn	3	2	1	1				3	1				
Burrell	2	1	2		1		2		1	1			
William	4			1		1		1					
John	1			1				1					
James	1		1					1					
Reuben	4		1		1	1		1					
Lewis	1		1	1		2		1	1				
Susanna								1		1			Widow of GEORGE BLANTON, Com of Peace, app't'd 1769.
Daniel	2		1			1							

Family Record

LENBORO
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Mr. C. J. Blanton
Gaffney S.C.

"Given Up All Hope."

"The night my house and contents burned, several years ago, I was taken with a shortness of breath and palpitation of the heart," writes Mrs. Susan C. Tullon, of Sulphur Mines, Louisiana Co., Va. "These grew worse all the time until a few months ago, when I commenced the use of Dr. Pierce's medicines. Before that I could scarcely eat anything and if I did I could not rest at all. I could not sleep at night; I had to sit up some nights nearly all night. Was not able to do any work and could scarcely get around even in the house. I had given up all hope of ever being well again, but was advised by several who had used your medicines to try them. I did so, and now as far as my disease is concerned I am as well as I ever was. I give Dr. Pierce's medicines all the credit—all the praise for the benefit of my health, and many thank you very truly and advise 'Favorite Prescription' and 'Golden Medical Discovery' and several bottles of the 'Pellets.' The medicines seemed to make me better all the time I was using them. I have no commensurate terms by which I can speak the praise due Dr. Pierce's remedies. I hope this may induce others who may be suffering as I was to give your medicines a trial."



MRS. TULLON.

I have taken about two dozen bottles of your 'Favorite Prescription' and 'Golden Medical Discovery' and several bottles of the 'Pellets.' The medicines seemed to make me better all the time I was using them. I have no commensurate terms by which I can speak the praise due Dr. Pierce's remedies. I hope this may induce others who may be suffering as I was to give your medicines a trial."

No Help in Mixtures and Medicines. "Golden Medical Discovery" Cures.

"For over a year I was troubled with such a cough and a pain in my chest that I could not rest at night," writes Omer J. Bennett, Esq., of Franklin, N. C. "I thought I had consumption. I tried enough mixtures and other patent medicines, but they did me no good and I was falling away all the time, until I began taking Dr. Pierce's 'Golden Medical Discovery' and 'Pleasant Pellets.' The first bottle made me feel better, so I took eight more, and now I feel like another man."



"Many thanks for your valuable medicines. I would advise those who are suffering with a cough to take Doctor Pierce's 'Golden Medical Discovery' and the 'Pleasant Pellets.'"

1900.				JUNE.				1901.					
M	3	10	17	24	THIS BOOK WILL SAVE THE				M	3	10	17	24
W	4	11	18	25	LABOR OF LOOKING				W	4	11	18	25
T	5	12	19	26	UP DATA.				T	5	12	19	26
Th	6	13	20	27					Th	6	13	20	27
F	7	14	21	28					F	7	14	21	28
S	8	15	22	29					S	8	15	22	29
S	9	16	23	30					S	9	16	23	30

Obadiah Blanton's
Sons Bill B
John
Gazaway
daughters
Polly
Sally
Artie

OBADIAH BLANTON

Obadiah Blanton born ca. 1765 VA, died after 1840. m Betsy GREEN in N.C.

16 May 1805 Rutherford County, North Carolina. Deed Book 22-23 page 308. Deed from CLAYBOURN BLANTON of Rutherford County, North Carolina to WILLIAM BLANTON of the same County, conveys a tract of land situate on Sandy Run. This deed is witnessed by JEREMIAH BLANTON and OBADIAH BLANTON.

Affidavit of Joseph BEAM (1877-1944) a rural mail carrier who knew old families, (also a descendant of GEORGE BLANTON who, in 1769, was appointed Commissioner of Peace of Old Tryon County, North Carolina, and whose will, recorded in Rutherford County, North Carolina, dated 1799), says these four Blanton's were brothers.

Clayborn Blanton	(b 1760-70 VA., died after 1833 TN)
Jeremiah Blanton	(b 1774 VA., died 1872 "age 98" NC)
Obadiah Blanton	(b 176 VA., died 184 "age 80" NC)
William Blanton	(b 1779 VA., died after 1860 NC).

OBEDIAH BLANTON is enumerated in the 1800 US Census Rutherford County, NC as between age 26-45 years (b betw 1755-1774) with wife same age; three white males under 16 years in his household; one white female under 10.

OBEDIAH BLANTON is enumerated in the 1810 US Census Rutherford County, NC as between 26-45 years, wife same age, with 3 free white males under 10; and 2 white females under 10.

OBEDIAH BLANTON is enumerated in the 1820 BURKE County, NC US Census as over age 45 (born bef. 1775) with wife same age; 2 free white males; and one white female under 10 years.

The 1830 US Census Rutherford County, N.C. page 495 enumerates OBEDIAH BLANTON, betw. age 50-60; wife same age.

The 1840 US Census Rutherford County, NC. enumerates Obediah Blanton as between age 70-80 (born between 1760 and 1770) with wife the same age.

Entries in "The Little Book" name the children of OBADIAH BLANTON, as William; John; Gazzaway; Polly; Sally; and Artie Blanton.

The lineage of William (son of Obadiah) has not been established. In all probability he went to Illinois.

The lineage of John (son of Obadiah) has not been established. He may be one and the same John Blanton as appears in the 1830 US Census, Jefferson County, Illinois, page 217, line 21, a male 20 to 30 years (born 1800-1810), Wife same age; and one female under age 5 years.

Jefferson County, Illinois Marriages:

4 March 1834. WILLIAM BLANTON & Ady CONNER

The identity of the above named WILLIAM BLANTON has not been determined.

1850 CENSUS FOR UNITED STATES

State: Tennessee

County: Sevier

Town: _____
Township: _____

Page: _____

Number	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - Real Estate	Birthplace	Married within year	School within year	Cannot read or write	Remarks
7	Gasaway Blanton	41	m	w	Farmer		N C				Gazzaway Blanton - w
	Mary	40	f	w			NC				Mary Baker, both of
	William	19	m	w			NC				Burke Co. N. Carolin See: Encyclopedia o History of Missouri Howard L Conrad. 190
	Obediah	17	m	w	At School		Tenn		x		The father of Gazze was Obidah Blanton.
	Nancy	15	f	w	"		Tenn		x		born in Virginia, in early manhood moved
	David	13	m	w	"		"		x		to N.C., marr. Pets Green.
	Wilson	9	m	w	"		"		x		The father of Ocida was WILLIAM BLANTON
	John	7	m	w	"		"		x		a Virginia Planter, who was with George
	Elizabeth	4	f	w			"				Washington, during the War of the Revolu
	Jane	3	f	w			"				tion.
	Martha	1	f	w			"				See: P 38 Crozier's VIRGINIA COL. MILITARY
	Sevier County, Tenn. was created										Also pp 40; 67; 141; 152; 164 Index to
	Jefferson " " "	1764			from Jefferson Co. Tenn						GEORGE WASHINGTON'S
	Greene Co. " " "	1769			Greene & Hopkins						Manuscripts, for
	Hawkins Co. " " "	1785			Washington Co Tenn						William Blanton.
	Sullivan Co. " " "	1785			Sullivan Co Tenn						
	Washington Co Tenn. " " "	1779			Washington Co Tenn						
		1777			Wilkes and BURKE Counties						
					North Carolina						

GAZZAWAY BLANTON (son of Obadiah born ca. 1765 VA., died after 1840 NC)
 was born 1809, North Carolina, died ca. 1892 at age 83.
 m Mary BAKER, a sister of Thomas BAKER of North Carolina,
 who was a member of Congress from North Carolina.
 Gazzaway and wife Mary were both natives of Burke County, North Carolina.

In about 1830 Gazzaway Blanton removed with his wife and 3 children from North Carolina to Sevier County, (East) Tennessee. Gazzaway Blanton served in the Confederate Army under Col John C VAUGHN. The family were members of the Missionary Baptist Church. Their children were:

William; Obediah; Nancy; David; Wilson N; John A; Elizabeth; Jane; and Martha. Mary BAKER Blanton died at age 60 years, in about 1870. Gazzaway Blanton married 2nd: Minda (RUE)? and had a son Josiah R b 1875, and a daughter Listine, born 1877, Tennessee.

1850 US Census Sevier County, Tennessee

#	Name	Age	Occupation	Birthplace
#337	BLANTON, Gasaway	41	Farmer	NC
	Mary	40		NC
	William	19		NC
	Obediah	17	At School	TN
	Nancy	15	"	TN
	David	13	"	TN
	Wilson	9	"	TN
	John	7	"	TN
	Elizabeth	4		TN
	Jane	3		TN
	Martha	1		TN

1880 US Census Polk County, Tennessee Vol 26 ED 95. Sheet 28, Line 3

Gazzaway Blanton	age 71.	Wife Minda, age 40 born TN
Josiah R	(son)	5 All children born: TN
Listine	(dau)	3
Alford RUE (step-son)		12

WILLIAM BLANTON (1st son of Gazzaway & Mary BAKER Blanton) was born ca. 1830 Burke County, North Carolina

1880 US Census Morris County, Kansas. Valley Township

BLANTON, William	Age 50	Birthplace: NC. Father born NC. Mother b NC
Louise	41	ILL
Mary	18	ILL (Birthplace of his children
Isaac	14	ILL (prove that William Blanton
Sarah J	8	ILL (lived in Illinois from ca.
Alice	5	KANSAS (1862 to 1872, moved to
Solomon	4	" (Kansas around 1875.)
Frederick	3	"

OBEDIAH BLANTON (2nd son of Gazzaway & Mary BAKER Blanton) was born ca. 1833, Sevier Co TN. There is no further record of him.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE

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CONCERNING VETERAN

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RECEIPT NO. 27465 | 4-1-67

SEARCHER: FW

FILE DESIGNATION
Garway Blanton
5th Tennessee Mounted

INSTRUCTIONS Inventory CSA

1. FILL OUT THIS FORM AS FULLY AS YOU CAN. You may not have all the information called for by the form, but since we often have files for several veterans of the same name, the more information you are able to give the greater will be the likelihood of a successful search in our records.

TO EXT
PRINT
YOUR

(Confederate.)
B | 59 | Tenn.
(Mounted.)

Garway Blanton
Pvt., Co. C, Cooke's Reg't Tennessee Inf.*
Appears on
Company Muster Roll
of the organization named above,
May & June, 1862.

Enlisted:
When Feb. 12, 1862.
Where Madisonville Tenn
By whom James Gillespie
Period 12 Mos.
Last paid:
By whom Capt. Stately
To what time May 1, 1862.
Present or absent
Remarks: Discharged

*The 1st (Pekin's) Battalion Tennessee Infantry, which was originally formed of five independent companies, was organized about February 17, 1862. It was increased to a regiment by addition from time to time of new companies and officially designated the 5th Regiment Tennessee Infantry, June 29, 1862, but was also known in the field as Cooke's Regiment Tennessee Infantry. The regiment was captured and paroled at Vicksburg, Miss., in July, 1863, and after exchange it was assigned to Brig. Gen. Vaughn's Cavalry Brigade and mounted.

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(Confederate.)
B | 59 | Tenn.
(Mounted.)

Garway Blanton
Pvt., Capt. John R. Stradley's Company.*
Age 53 years.
Appears on
Company Muster-in Roll
of the organization named above.

Roll dated Madisonville, Tenn
Feb. 12, 1862.
Muster-in to date Feb. 12, 1862.
Joined for duty and enrolled:
When Feb. 12, 1862.
Where Madisonville, T.
By whom Jas. D. Gillespie
Period 12 Mos.

Remarks:
*This company subsequently became Company E, 50th Regiment Tennessee (Mounted) Infantry.
The 1st (Pekin's) Battalion Tennessee Infantry, which was originally formed of five independent companies, was organized about February 17, 1862. It was increased to a regiment by the addition from time to time of new companies and officially designated the 5th Regiment Tennessee Infantry, June 29, 1862, but was also known in the field as Cooke's Regiment Tennessee Infantry. The regiment was captured and paroled at Vicksburg, Miss., in July, 1863, and after exchange it was assigned to Brig. Gen. Vaughn's Cavalry Brigade and mounted.

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(655) Copyist.

DAVID BLANTON (3rd son of Gazzaway and Mary Baker Blanton) was born ca. 1837 Tennessee.

1880 US Census Morris County, Kansas Valley Township Sheet 3 Line 1

Blanton, David	age 44	Birthplace: Tennessee
Caroline	40	"
Wm T	20	"
Maggie C	18	"
Beatrice	15	"
John S	12	"
James W	9	Kansas

WILSON N BLANTON (4th son of Gazzaway and Mary Baker Blanton) was born 4 Jun 1840 Sevier Co TN m 2 Jul 1863 Miss Elizabeth A (dau of J M CASS, and his wife Martha). Wilson N Blanton served in the Confederate Army, Capt W S OTY'S Company. He was a farmer and mineowner; he and his wife were members of the M E Church (South). Their children were: Wilson N Blanton died 21 Sep 1919.

1. William A Blanton b 1864 d 1921 m 1887 C CONNELLEY
2. Martha J Blanton b 1866 d 1942 m 1885 JAMES CONNELLY
3. John Newton Blanton b 1872 d 1941 m Rose DANIELS. Carterville, MO.
4. Lewis M Blanton b 1870 d 1943 m 1901 Carrie WILLIAMS
5. Edward Wilson Blanton (Edwin) b 1880, d 1950 m Vesta _____.
6. Mary A Blanton b 1875 m Charles HUDSON

1880 US Census Jasper County, Missouri

BLANTON, Wilson	age 40	Birthplace: Tenn
Elizabeth A	36	Tenn
William A	15	Tenn
Martha J	14	Tenn
John N	10	KANSAS
Lewis	5	ARKANSAS
Mary A	3	MISSOURI

JOHN A BLANTON (5th son of Gazzaway and Mary Baker Blanton) was born 1843 or 1844 Sevier County, TN. On May 1, 1862, age 18 years, he was mustered in Capt J A RUSSELL'S Company, 59th Mounted TENNESSEE. at Athens, McMinn County, TENN.

Additional research is necessary to determine the facts concerning John A Blanton. He may, however, be one and the same person about whom Mrs Ella LAMOND, Rt 1, Box 34, N Monmouth, OREGON, was inquiring during the 1960's. She gave these statistics:

JOHN A BLANTON born 15 Jul 1842 Polk Co TENN

died 13 Feb 1910 Marissa, St Clair Co ILL.

marr Sarah C HESSICK b 11 Apr 1852 at St Clair Co ILL

died 6 Jun 1956, Kearney, Buffalo County, NEBR.

Children: John H Blanton b 17 Sep 1884 d 3 May 1931 Kearney, Nebr.

W Scott Blanton 5 Jun 1886 d Kearney, Nebr.

Wm Blanton 17 Mar 1891 Mo. d 1948 Toledo, OHIO.

WILSON BLANTON, Webb City, Mo. Mr. Blanton is a native of east Tennessee, born in Sevier county, June 4, 1840. His parents were Gazaway and Mary Blanton (née Mary Baker). They were both North Carolina by birth, being natives of the original Burke county (which has since been subdivided). Grandparents on both sides were natives of North Carolina, and Thomas Baker, an ancestor, was a Revolutionary soldier under Sumpter. His grandson (Mr. Blanton's uncle), Thomas Baker, was a member of Congress from one of the southern districts of N. C. The subject of this sketch was raised in east Tennessee. The breaking out of the war interfered with his completing an education begun in the common schools. In 1860 he started for Illinois, but a call for troops to defend the Southern states changed his purpose, and being at Helena, Ark., in May, 1861, he enlisted with the first company that was raised in that state for the Confeder-

ate army (Capt. W. S. Oty's company, afterwards attached to the First Regiment Arkansas Volunteer Infantry). With his command he went through some of the most fiercely fought battles of the war; viz., Shiloh, Corinth, Mobile, Chattanooga, and with Bragg's expedition into Kentucky, being fortunate in never receiving a scratch. In 1863 the regiment was disbanded at Knoxville and out of 1,100 men that went in only eighty able-bodied men were left to be mustered out. In 1870 he came to Missouri and has since been a resident here, though not all the time in Jasper county. In 1876 he came to this county and engaged in mining, and has since followed it. Was married in McMinn county, Tenn., July 2, 1862, to Miss Elizabeth A. Cass, a native of that county. They have six children, all living; viz., William A., Martha J., John N., Lewis M., Mary A., and Edward W. Himself and lady are both worthy members of the M. E. Church (South), and he is also a member of the Masonic fraternity, holding his membership with Webb City Lodge, 512.

(Confederate.)

B | 59 | Tenn.
(Mounted.)

Jno A. Blanton

Priv, { Capt. J. A. Russell's Company,
1 Battalion Tennessee Infantry.*

Age 18 years.

Appears on

Company Muster-in Roll

of the organization named above.

Roll dated Athens Tenn

May 1, 1862.

Muster-in to date May 1, 1862.

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When May 1, 1862.

Where Athens Tenn

By whom

Period 3 yrs or more

Remarks:

* This company subsequently became Company K, 50th Regiment Tennessee (Mounted) Infantry. The 1st (Eakin's) Battalion Tennessee Infantry, which was originally formed of five independent companies, was organized about February 17, 1862. It was increased to a regiment by the addition from time to time of new companies and officially designated the 50th Regiment Tennessee Infantry, June 20, 1862, but was also known in the field as Cooke's Regiment Tennessee Infantry. The regiment was captured and paroled at Vicksburg, Miss., in July, 1863, and after exchange it was assigned to Brig. Gen. Vaughn's Cavalry Brigade and mounted.

Book mark: _____

J. M. Williams
(855) Copyist.

CITY OF JEFFERSON I HEREBY CERTIFY that this is an exact reproduction of the certificate for the person named therein as it now appears in the permanent records of the Bureau of Vital Records of the Division of Health of Missouri. Witness my hand as State Registrar of Vital Statistics and the Seal of the Division of Health of Missouri this date of

FEB 25 1974

Robert R. Leavelle, M.D.
State Registrar of Vital Statistics

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

PLACE OF DEATH: Jefferson
 County: Jefferson
 City: Satterwell
 Registration District No. 407 File No. 527850
 Primary Registration District No. 17241 Registered No. 37
 No. 2005 P.O. Missouri Ward 0
 FULL NAME: Wm. N. Plantan

If both occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

SEX: Male COLOR OR RACE: White MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED: Married
 DATE OF BIRTH: June 4, 1919
 (Month) (Day) (Year)
 AGE: 54 yrs. 3 mos. 11 da.
 OCCUPATION: (a) General nature of business, profession, or particular kind of work: Business of Real Estate
 (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (for employee): Retired
 BIRTHPLACE: (City or town, State or foreign country): Tenn.
 10 NAME OF FATHER: J. Plantan
 11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER: (City or town, State or foreign country): Missouri
 12 MOTHER'S NAME OF MOTHER: Ann B. Plantan
 13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER: (City or town, State or foreign country): Missouri

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

13 DATE OF DEATH: Sept 18, 1974
 (Month) (Day) (Year)
 14 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from Sept 2, 1974, to Sept 17, 1974, and that he was last alive on Sept 17, 1974, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 7:41 a.m.
 THE CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows:
Coronary Atherosclerosis
MI
 (Duration) 1 year 3 mo. 13 da.
 (Signed) Wm. N. Plantan M. D.
 (Address) Jefferson, Missouri
 15 I certify that the preceding is true, including Violent Causes, and (if applicable) that the deceased was not a patient in a hospital, institution, transient, or local residence.
 (Where was disease contracted if not at place of death?)
 Form or source of information:
 16 PLACE OF BURIAL OR CREMATION: Jefferson, Missouri
 DATE OF BURIAL: Sept 19, 1974
 Registrar: Robert R. Leavelle, M.D.

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
 (Address) Jefferson, Missouri
9/21/74
 Registrar

1820 CE US FOR UNITED STATES

State: North Carolina

County: Burke; and Rutherford

City: _____

Page: _____

Head of Family	Free White Males					Free White Females					Foreigners not naturalized	Agriculture	Commerce	Manufactures	Slaves	Remarks	
	Under 10	10-15	16-18	16-25	26-44	45 and over	Under 10	10-15	16-25	26-44							45 and over
1820 Burke Co. N C																	
<u>Obediah Flanton</u>		1		1		1				1							
1820 Rutherford Co N C																	
<u>FLANTON, Burwell</u>			1	2		1			1		1						
James				1					1	1	1						
Jesse/Jesse						1			1		1						
William	4	1	1	1	1		1	1		1							
Gabriel	1	2	1	1	1	1	3				1						
<u>Clabourne</u>		3	1	1		1	3				1						
Richard	1				1		3		1								
George	3				1		1			1							
Daniel	3	1			1		1	1		1							
Euben, Sr.	2					1					1						
Herod	1			1			1		1								
John, Jr.					1		3			1							
Jerry	4	1		1		1		1		1							
Elizabeth	1									1							

OAK GROVE METHODIST HISTORY -as taken from program used at SERVICE OF
DEDICATION May 15, 1955. Ellenboro, N. C.

Oak Grove Methodist Church, located near Ellenboro, is Rutherford County's oldest Methodist church, being formed about eight years after organized Methodism was established in America.

Daniel Asbury, assisted by John McGee in 1789, and Jesse Richardson in 1790, were sent by the Methodist conference to establish the Lincoln circuit, which embraced Lincoln, Rutherford and Burke with portions of Mecklenburg and Cabarrus counties in North Carolina and York District in South Carolina, and that portion of the Spartanburg and Union Districts which lie north of the Pacolet River. It took the name of the Union Circuit in 1793 which it retained until 1805, when it was again called Lincoln.

In 1790 the Lincoln circuit appears in the list of Methodist appointments with Daniel Asbury and Jesse Richardson as pastors. Enoch George was an assistant to Asbury, but his name does not appear. It is reasonable to assume that Oak Grove was organized as a church on one of the frequent visits to the county by one of these pioneer ministers.

C. A. Kennedy, a member of this church, in writing a sketch of it, says: I wish I were able to give you an accurate history of this church. But so far as I can learn, there is no record of its earliest history. Most that is known of it is what our oldest living members remember having been told, and things that they remember in their childhood. As I tell you the things that they have told me, I am telling it to be true to the best of their memory, and if any of you have anything to add or correct, I wish you would tell me, as I want to get Oak Grove church's history as near correct as it is possible to keep it.

The history of this church goes back to 1792, to a time when JEREMIAH BLANTON lived down yonder near where the railroad is now located. His home was the stopping place for circuit riders who passed through on their journeys to the scattered Methodist churches of that day. These circuit riders would hold services in his home and from them has come all of the history of this church.

It is not known how long these services were conducted there, but sooner or later, Mr Blanton felt the need for a house of worship. Taking his broadaxe he went to the woods and hewed the logs that was used in the building of the first church. Needing some help in raising the logs that were used in the building, he called in his neighbors to a house raising, as was the custom of the time. Picking a place just below the well out there, for the building, caused his neighbors much concern. (It was built to the west of the present church behind the big oak tree that still stands.) They thought he was building a barn and wondered why he was placing it so far from his home. But to their surprise, when they had finished the building, he announced it was a church. Its name no doubt came from the many oak trees which surround it. The founder of this church trimmed up the big oak tree out there with his pocket knife.

Just how many members the new church had I do not know, nor who was its first minister. No one knows at what time they began to have Sunday School.

But we do know that these earliest members were men and women of God. Their descendants have furnished that proof. With Mr. Blanton living to the ripe age of 98 years, his great influence for good has been instilled into the hearts of the next generation.

The leaders of that generation were Harvey Randall; Ransom Blanton; Burwell Byers, Robert James; James Cooper and others. About this time, we have a little record of the Sunday School. Burwell Byers served about this time as superintendent, and Ransom Blanton was class meeting leader.

The Sunday School was quite different from ours today. They had no literature as we have. The older ones studied the Old Testament and the children the Blue Back Speller. Their worship was also different. Every song was "lined off," that is, read a verse and then sing it. They had very few song books, probably just one for the leader. There was a lot of shouting in those days. That was one of the characteristics of the earlier Methodists.

There were no organs - perhaps they did not want one. Bishop Asbury and the early Methodists did not sanction them and Bishop Asbury did not like church bells. I do not know if there has ever been a bell here. But I do not think there has been. In the winter time they would stop having Sunday School but go into winter quarters as they called it, because of the open building and no stove to heat it.

I was told that the Sunday school attendance grew to 100 during Franklin Blanton's term as superintendent for the first time, and that a library was given to the church. If this was so, I would like to know what became of the books.

All the superintendents of this Sunday School that have been named were Burwell Byers; Jeff Hull; Will Lee; Franklin BLANTON; Kelly Randall; Jake Randall; Alta Magness; and Robert Magness, serving in the order named.

This church has had quite a few more ministers than superintendents who served here. The first that I have been told about was Isaac Padgett and on down the line we find Robert Ledford and a Rev. Mr. Sharpe. Those were followed by Bob Hoyle; Rev. Mr. Pruett; McLeard; Jake Lee; Stamey; Rev. Mr. Lowe served here, also Daniel Watkins; W. Legette for three years, 1893-95; J A Cook for four years; J B Carpenter three years, first time, two years second time; J P Hipps, one year; S E Richardson, four years; A C Swafford, four years; H L Powell, four years; N M Modlin, one year; A J Burris, two years L L Smith, four years; C J Poe, two years; J E Hipps, four years; J N Snow, two years and E B Edwards, two years.

The present church building has been here since 1949. The one here before this one stood from 1885 until 1949. It was built by Robert James, at the time the Southern Railway was being laid. The old church, built in the 1790's was used as a commissary for the railroad hands.

The church cemetery was started as a family graveyard. Among the first to be buried there was Riley Blanton's child and wife, and two slaves.

JEREMIAH BLANTON (son of William of Meherrin Parish, Brunswick Co VA) was born 7 Dec 1774 VA., died 24 Dec 1872 in the 98th year of his age, buried Oak Grove Methodist Church Cemetery, Ellenboro, Rutherford County, North Carolina. He married 22 Feb 1798 Sarah WOMACK b 10 Aug 1782 d 29 Jan 1858 "in the 76th year of her age." Her grave in Oak Grove Churchyard is marked with inscription "She was an orderly member of the ME Church the last 56 years of her life." Their nine children were:

Riley; Josiah; Jesse; Ransom; William Jackson; Stephen Fletcher; Elijah; Sarah; and Temperance Blanton.

I. Riley/Royley Blanton oldest son of Jeremiah, was born 18 Jan 1800 Rutherford County, NC. He married 1st: 25 Jan 1821 Rutherford Co NC Dolley MASE. Bondsmen: Stith MAYES; and Jeremiah Blanton. Witness Drury DOBBINS. According to William Ransom Blanton of Hazelwood, NC, 1956, the children of Riley and Dolley MASE Blanton, were:

1. Lucinda Blanton m Robert BROOKS. A son John Robert BROOKS married Elizabeth Jane ENSLEY.
2. Alvin Robert Blanton b 16 Mar 1830 Rutherford Co NC d 19 Feb 1884, Brandon, TEX m 25 Sep 1855 Webster, Jackson Co NC, Ceily Susannah HARRIS b 25 Mar 1834 d 13 Feb 1861, Webster, NC. Their children:
 - i. Sarah Jane b 3 Sep 1858 m REECE; d 1930's Haysville, Clay Co. NC.
 - ii. Ceily Emaline b 30 Jan 1861 was 2 weeks old when her mother died.
By second marriage:
 - iii. Laura Belle b 16 May 1866 m. _____ SORRELS, d 1930's Retreat, NC.
 - iv. John Wesley Blanton b 6 Nov 1856 Haywood Co (Jackson Co) NC died 24 Jun 1919, El Reno, Canadian Co OKLA m Elizabeth HAMILTON born 20 Jan 1861 at Bethany, Mercer Co MO. d 25 Aug 1951, Oklahoma City, OK. The family went "west" from North Carolina about 1874, lived a short time in Nebraska; lived in several different counties in Texas. John Wesley Blanton had a lot of relatives in Rutherford County, North Carolina, also at post offices of Greenhill and Webbbsford, NC. There were some distant cousins who lived in Hamilton, Washington, in 1901, who had come from North Carolina.

In 1877 to 1882, letters written by Alvin Robert Blanton to his son John Wesley Blanton mention some of Alvin R Blanton's uncles who had moved to Texas. One uncle was Stephen Blanton who lived at Whiteright, Grayson County. Another uncle was Josiah Blanton; and Uncle Elijah Blanton was living in Hill, or Dallas County, Texas. Elijah stayed a few years with Uncle Stephen but went back to North Carolina where he married and lived the remainder of his life. He died 11 February 1884, is buried in Oak Grove Churchyard, Ellenboro, beside his wife who was born 6 May 1816, died 9 November 1893.

Children of John Wesley Blanton	<u>Born</u>	<u>Died</u>
William Thomas	30 Jan 1885	Brandon, TEX
Robert Lee	13 Nov 1886	31 Dec 1886
Anna Emaline	15 Jan 1888	23 Jun 1950
Dora Maye	19 Jan 1890	Brandon, TEX

Dora Maye Blanton married ROY L STARR. Their daughter Barbara born 20 Nov 1924, Tulsa, OKLA m Curtis Harold GURNSEY. In 1955, living in Oklahoma City. Children: Kathryn Anne; and Robert Allen GUERNSEY.

Children of John Wesley Blanton (continued)

Truman Alvin Blanton born 10 Mar 1892 El Reno, Canadian Co OKLA. living, 1956, on a farm near Stinnett, TEXAS, has three boys:

- a. William Alvin b 22 Dec 1916, El Reno, OK. living Richland, WASH, 1955, has two children.
- b. Forrest Winfield Blanton b 19 Oct 1919, El Reno, OKLA
- c. Herman Blanton living on a farm, 1955, near Stinnett, TEX.

Clarence Samuel Blanton b 25 Apr 1894 El Reno, Canadian Co OKLA. has three children:

- a. Finley Clarence Blanton b 1 Sep 1921, El Reno, OKLA, was in 1955, stationed at Roswell, N.M. a Major in the Air Force.
- b. Ruth Marjorie Blanton b 23 Apr 1927, El Reno, OKLA. married _____ DAVIS. She is an R.N. living, 1955, in Arkansas City, KS.
- c. Robert Blanton b 4 Dec 1930 El Reno, OKLA. Lt. in US Air FORCE

Olive Gertrude Blanton b 15 Dec 1896, died 1 Jan 1897.

Twins(Pearl Roy Blanton b 8 Jan 1898
Earl Raleigh Blanton b 8 Jan 1898 died 9 Jun 1922
Zelman Dewey Blanton b 14 Mar 1899 9 Jul 1899
John Wesley Blanton b 1 Jul 1900

Has three girls:

- a. Annette Blanton b 30 Jul 1927, El Reno, OKLA m Kenneth Scott SPENSE, he was a Captain in the Jet Observation Corps in Korea, was shot down and held a Prisoner of War for more than nine months. They have two sons.
- b. Mary Caroline Blanton b 23 Mar 1933, was, in 1955, an Airline Stewardess, out of Chicago.
- c. Jonnah Gayle Blanton b 1 Nov 1934, was, in 1955, a Junior at the University of Oklahoma.

Charles Hamilton Blanton b 17 Jul 1903 died 24 Jun 1904.

Mary Viola Blanton born 7 May 1905, married _____ SEXTON.

Information on families of Alvin Robert Blanton and John Wesley Blanton was submitted by Dora Blanton STARR, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Mrs. Starr wrote, "This group of Blantons thought their ancestors came from England to Virginia in the early 1600's."

3. Jeremiah W Blanton (son of Riley) b 19 Apr 1838 d 22 Feb 1913
m 7 Apr 1858 Mary CRAWFORD.

1880 US Census Jackson County, N.C.

Blanton, Jeremiah	Age 50	Birthplace: North Carolina
Mary	39	" "
<u>Magga M</u>	19	" "
<u>Ellis</u>	17	" "
<u>James</u>	15	" "
<u>Arty C</u>	2	" "

The children of Jeremiah W Blanton, according to William Ransom Blanton were:

- i. Martha Ann Blanton b 29 Jul 1859 m Pinckney DUNCAN, and had DUNCAN, Billie m Jean SMITH and had several children.

Mont m Angeline McELROY - had one son

Wilburn; Vance; Elmer; and Mabel DUNCAN
- ii. Mary Magdalene Blanton b 30 Dec 1860 m Jesse DUNCAN, and had Ellie; Ellis; Mollie; Bob; Berry; and Selma DUNCAN.
- iii. Jeremiah Ellis Blanton b 16 Sep 1862 m 1st: Katherine FISHER, had one son Robert Blanton; m 2nd Jennie BARKER, and had

Zonie Blanton married Steve LOWE and had four children.

Nettie Blanton " Sam MATHIS, had several children.

Charles Blanton died 1918; and Della Blanton died 1918.

Martha Jane Blanton married Bud AMMONS and had six children.

Nellie Blanton married John MATHIS, and had several children.

Beamon Blanton married Sarah MATHIS, and had two children.
- iv. James Riley Blanton b 15 Jan 1864 married Mary MILLS, and had John Blanton m Emeline POTTS, and had four children.

Eliza Blanton m _____ WOODWARD, and had one son.

Etta Blanton m _____ WATKINS, and had several children.

Bertha Blanton m Andy BLADLEY. Saida Blanton; and Robert Blanton.
- v. May Bell Blanton b 29 Oct 1874 d 18 Nov 1874
- vi. Arty Caroletti Blanton b 19 Aug 1877 m Will REED.
- vii. Hattie Blanton b 5 Feb 1881, living 1956, m John TURPIN, and had Virgil, died in early manhood; Florence Turpin m Lawrence SMOTHERS had one daughter who m Joe MASSIE and has three children. Ed Turpin m Dollie HOYLE, has one son Jimmy; Nora Turpin m Frank JAMES, has four sons; Francis Turpin m Louis LUDVIXON; Richard Turpin m Sarah JONES, had two children; and Lona TURPIN married Jim GREEN.

- : 3. Children of Jeremiah W Blanton (1838 1913) continued:
 Jeremiah W Blanton married 2nd 28 Sep 1885, Amanda WOODS b 8 Jul 1864 Jackson Co NC, died 4 May 1952 Hazelwood, NC. Their children were:
- viii. William Ransom Blanton b 20 Apr 1887 Jackson Co NC. Living 1956. He married 1st: on 2 Mar 1913 Mary PRESSLEY, she died 9 Aug 1914, leaving Maggie Louise Blanton b 27 Jul 1914 who married Walker CAMP. William Ransom Blanton m 2nd on 4 Feb 1923 Maggie Francis, and had Grace Blanton b 27 Mar 1935; and Jerry Blanton b 26 Jun 1939.
- ix. Margaret M Blanton b 12 Oct 1889 m John ALLEN. They had two daughters Bertha Mae Allen m Frank HEAD, one son Robert HEAD. Verna Allen m Junius DAVIS, 2 sons Charles; and Allen DAVIS.
- x. Marion P Blanton b 3 May 1891 m Annie ROBINSON. They had 3 daus & 1 son: Vena; Loyd m French PRICE, had Ricky; and Marie Blanton; Edna m 1st Lonzo MESSER, had Marion Ann Messer. m 2nd Herman DUCKET and had Michael Ducket; Ada Blanton m Jack MOORE.
- xi. Dollie L Blanton b 14 Dec 1894 m James McDONALD, had a son Harry McDonald who married Elizabeth KING.
- xii. Julia V Blanton born 10 Feb 1896 died 2 Sep 1896.
- xiii. Jesse M Blanton b 10 Apr 1898 m Mollie PATTON, had two daughters: Marie m Ed BALDIN; Rena m Morris RIEDEL.
- xiv. Rufus A Blanton b 27 Apr 1905 m Agnes RUSS, had seven children: Mamie Sue m Jim AMMONS; Margaret m _____ HENSLEY; Betty m _____ PARTON; Doyle m _____ CALDWELL; Barbara Jean; Dorris; Robert Blanton.

4. Nancy Blanton (dau of Riley & Dolley) m _____ HOYLE

5. Susianna Blanton " " " m _____ HOYLE

The History of Oak Grove Methodist Church, founded by Jeremiah Blanton (1774-1872) states:

"The church cemetery was started as a family graveyard. Among the first to be buried there was Riley Blanton's child and wife....."

RILEY BLANTON (b 1800 NC) married 2nd: 5 Apr 1838 Rutherford County, NC, Nancy BURNS. They removed from Rutherford County, settled on Locust Creek, in Haywood County. On 1 Sep 1852 Jackson County was formed from Haywood County. The children of Riley and Nancy BURNS Blanton, were:

6. William Riley Blanton b 26 Nov 1847 Sylva, NC m Depina b 27 Feb 1850
 1880 US Census Jackson County, North Carolina

Blanton, William R age 32 Birthplace: North Carolina
 Depina A 28 " "

James M age 10; Mary J 9; William H 8; Robert L 6;
 George M 4; Talitha C 3; John W 11 months. All born NC.
 Blanton, Nancy (Burns) Mother, age 72, born North Carolina.

The children of William Riley Blanton (b 1847) and wife Depina Adeline
ENSLEY b 27 Feb 1850 Sylva, NC.:

James Monroe Blanton b 25 Dec 1869 m Bell FARLEY. They had seven children:
Ransom; James Roy m PARRIS and had Celil; Helen; Andy; & Robert.
Lewis m _____ COGDILL and had a son; Fred m. _____ ALMOND, and had a
dau Betty Sue Blanton; Mattie m _____ KEEN and had 3 children;
Florence m Bill CHRISTOPHER and had 3 children; Cumi Blanton m
Ed MOORE and had three sons.

Mary Jane Blanton born 16 Apr 1871.

William Hamilton Blanton b 28 Jun 1872 Sylva NC m 1st Julia NORMAN.
They had Posey Blanton who married and had 4 children, Robert;
Roland; Emma Lou; and Ransom Blanton. And William
Blanton who married Saida SHULAR and they had six children.

William Hamilton Blanton married 2nd Elizabeth "Lizzie" JENKINS, and had
Albert Blanton m Rachel SHULAR, lives in the State of Washington.
Nellie Blanton m _____ COPE. Emma Lou Blanton m _____ DILLS. Delos Blan-
ton m Mamie NORMAN and had four children: Curtis; Pete; Delos, Jr.
and Martus Blanton. J R Blanton m Virginia SEASE and had three daus.
Donna Joe; Patsy Evelyln; and Vickie Lyn Blanton. Grady Asberry Blan-
ton m Nell GRANT, and had two daughters, Reba and Peggy Blanton.

Robert Lee Blanton b 19 Oct 1873

George M Blanton b 30 Apr 1875

Talitha Cumi Blanton 6 Jun 1877

John W Blanton 4 Jul 1879

Maria Blanton 17 Feb 1881

Erastus Blanton b 9 Mar 1882 m Bessie SHULAR b 8 Feb 1892 Jackson
County, NC. She died 1 Jun 1950 at Rome, GA. Their son William Win-
ford Blanton b 2 Jul 1912, Sylva, NC. m Mary WEEKS b 15 Feb 1913, GA.
Their children: Bobby Ray Blanton born 14 Jul 1936
Carolie Carothers Blanton born 17 Oct, 1937.

Charlie Blanton b 30 Jun 1884

Hester Blanton 9 Feb 1886

Houston "Hute" Blanton b 7 Feb 1889 Sylva, NC m Bessie BRYSON b 27 Oct
1891 Sylva, NC. Their family:

Glenn Blanton m Annie B SHULER; Eloise Blanton m Royal BRYSON; Guy
Blanton m Hazel CRISP; Gertrude Blanton m Terrell CLAYTON; Willa Mae
Blanton m Joseph MILLS; Von Blanton m Mary I COPE; Jack Blanton m
Thelma McGEE; Georgia Blanton m Robert R MILLS; Don Blanton m Betty
JONES; Jimmie L Blanton m Odell HASKETT; and Olin Blanton.

Mr Houston Blanton, living 1956, Sylva, NC submitted much information
on the family of William Riley and Depina ENSLEY Blanton for these
Blanton Family Records.

C Berry Blanton born 17 Sep 1891, Sylva, NC

7. Mark L Blanton born 1859 NC, m Elizabeth _____ b 1860 at Whittier, Jackson County, NC. Among their children was

Dock M Blanton b 4 Jun 1886, Bryson City, NC m Carry Lee _____ b 14 Mar 1888 at Whittier, Jackson Co, NC. They had six children:

Dewey F Blanton b 14 Jul 1905, Sylva, Jackson County, NC who m Hazel G _____ b 8 Jul 1911, Pineola, NC. They had two children

Mounty V Blanton born 2 Apr 1931, Sylva, NC. and Barbara Louise b 17 Dec 1934, Sylva, NC, m _____ PONGLE.

- Anna A Blanton b 14 Apr 1909, m _____ FRAYER, living, Arlington, VA
- Juanita Blanton 14 Sep 1912 m _____ DILLS " Raleigh, NC
- Bethel E Blanton 12 Sep 1914 m _____ MAXWELL " Jacksonville, FLA
- Louella Blanton 14 Jan 1918 m _____ DILLARD " Sylva, NC.
- Vester G Blanton 14 Oct 1907, " Sylva, NC

Entries in the Family Bible of Avory Taylor Blanton born 17 Jan 1875, living 1955, Bryson City, North Carolina, name

- Sons: Arthur T Blanton born 2 Nov 1907
- Frank Blanton 26 Dec 1909
- Daus: Virginia Mae Blanton 10 Mar 1904
- Dessie Blanton 8 Mar 1902

Mr Avory T Blanton knew his father was Mark Blanton, his grandfather was Riley Blanton; and that his great grandfather was Jeremiah Blanton of Rutherford County, North Carolina.

- 8. Mary Blanton (dau of Riley b 1800) was born 1849, m Richard PHILLIPS.
- 9. Catherine Blanton (dau of Riley) born 1844, m Elbert ARRINGTON.

1850 US Census Haywood County, North Carolina

Name	Age	Occupation	Birthplace
Blanton, Riley	50	Farmer	North Carolina
Nancy	42		" "
Crisenberry	22		" "
Alvin	20		" "
Jeremiah	17		" "
Sarah	11		" "
Jasper	7		" "
Catherine	6		" "
Susanna	5		" "
William (Riley)	2		" "
Mary	1		" "

1880 CENSUS FOR UNITED STATES

State: Texas County: Fannin Town-City: near Leonard, Texas
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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
	BLANTON, Benj. F			41								Farmer	died Eokchito Okl		NC			Twin of Thomas J, sons of JOSIAH 180 & Lucy Locke. From JEREMIAH 1774-1872
	Sarah L			34											Texas			he a son of WILLIAM PLANTON of Brunswick Co. VA.
	Marion Thomas			14											Texas			
	George Edward			12											Texas			
	Josephine E			10											Texas			
	Charles Henry			8											Texas			
	Joseph Reynolds			6											Texas			
	M. A.			2											Texas			
	John Evans			4/12											Texas			
	BLANTON, Thomas J.			41								Farmer			NC			Brother of Benj. F
	Louisa J			29											Tenn			
	Josiah Wm F			8											Texas			
	Thomas Bass			6									b.9-3-1877		Texas			
	BLANTON, Samuel M			26											Texas			son of Stephen Fletcher, & grandson of JEREMIAH. See #1216 1850
	Bettie			19		wf									"			#153 1860 Census Rutherford Co NC.
	Robert			4		son									"			
	Eliz.			2		dau									"			
	Perkins, Wm			14		bro.in law									"			
	Mary			12		sis.in law									"			
	Georgia			3		sis.in law									"			

II. JOSIAH BLANTON (son of Jeremiah b 1774 VA-d 1872 NC) was born 13 Aug 1808. Rutherford County, North Carolina d 9 Jul 1870 Texas. In February 1833, Spartanburg District, South Carolina, married Lucy, born 21 Apr 1812 d 14 Oct 1903 Texas, buried in cemetery at Porter's Chapel, Fannin County, Texas. Lucy was a daughter of Howell WESTBROOK. Josiah and Lucy Blanton had eleven children. They were:

Jeremiah L; Marion Howell; George Washington; Benjamin Franklin; Thomas Jefferson; Louisa; Nancy Ann; Temperance Isabella; Hamby Elijah; Zachary Taylor; Sarah Katherine Jane.

1. Jeremiah L b 13 Dec 1833 d 4 Oct 1862 at the Battle of Corinth, Miss.
2. Marion Howell Blanton b 1 May 1835 d 4 Oct 1862 at the Battle of Corinth, Miss, alongside his brother Jeremiah L Blanton.
3. George Washington Blanton b 13 Jan 1837 m Vina COX. Their four children:

i. Bessie m George GROVES	ii. Annie died young.
iii. Mattie m Johnson REED	iv. Nona m _____ MEEKS.
4. Benjamin Franklin Blanton b 24 Sep 1838 (twin of Thomas Jefferson) d 28 Apr 1917, buried at Randolph, Texas. Born in Rutherford County, North Carolina, he spent his boyhood in South Carolina, Tennessee and Missouri. In 1856 moved with his parents to Texas, settling in Fannin County, near Leonard, Texas. In 1872 was ordained to preach. He founded Blanton's Chapel which is located five miles west of Leonard, Texas. Later he lived near Bokchito, Bryan County, Oklahoma. On 3 Dec 1861 he married Sarah Lucretia BOONE b 23 Mar 1846 (a descendant of Daniel Boone). Sarah died 19 Jan 1902. Fourteen children were born to this union.
 - i. Virginia Lucy Blanton m 1st: _____ SPICER. m 2nd: _____
 - ii. Marion Thomas b 24 Mar 1866, Trenton, Texas d 27 Jun 1945 m Josephine MATTHEWS b 1876 at Randolph, Texas. They had twelve children.
 - a. William Newton Blanton b 8 May 1893, Trenton, Texas m Ethel Mary KING b 19 Jun 1895 Kerbyville, Texas. Their son Roscoe J Blanton b 24 Oct 1914 Randolph, Texas, in 1933 married Ethel Marie WOODRUFF, and had a dau Nita Marie b 1 Nov 1935. In 1955 Roscoe J Blanton was living in Dallas, Texas. Robert Lee (son of William Newton) was living near Ector, Texas; William Harlan Blanton was living near Savoy, Texas. Josephine Blanton THRASHER, was living in Dallas, Tex.
 - b. Ernest; c. Mamie married _____ DODD, had two daughters; d. Frank;
 - e. Vera; f. Era m _____ McBRIDE, had a son Thomas Ray McBRIDE; g. Jennie;
 - h. Benjamin Bright Blanton had a son Othel living Garland, Texas and a dau Mozelle, married and living in Arkansas; i. Ora Lee m MAURRY,
 - j. Lexie m _____ SCOGGINS, had a dau Nevalene living at Sunset, Texas
 - k. Fay Ola m _____ McFARLAND, lived at Bonham, Texas
 - l. Gracie Mae Blanton m _____ ROBINSON, lived at Hobbs, New Mexico.
 - iii. George Edward Blanton b 1868 d 17 Jan 1894 buried Randolph, m Viola.

iv. Thomas Bass Blanton: b 3 Sep 1877 Whitewright, Texas d 22 Jul 1961
 m 1st: 10 Jan 1897 Zula DEBERRY. They had two daughters:

a. Lucille b 14 Mar 1898 m John Lee MAY, lived in Sherman, Texas.
 They had three daughters:

Eva Lea May b 1920 m Richard Wade CUNNINGHAM, and have Rickey and
 Vicki Cunningham.

Mary Edna May b 1922 m Raymond WISE. They had three children: Carol;
 Raymond Lea; and Valorie K Wise.

Zula E May b 1925 m Paul Lee PRETCHETT. They have three children.

Bothe the Cunningham family, and the Wise family attend Calvary
 Paptist Church, Dallas, Texas, May 1970.

b. Zula, daughter of Thomas Bass and Zula Blanton died in infancy.

THOMAS BASS Blanton married 2nd: Cordelia "Delia" NICELY b 22 Oct 1876
 Knoxville, Tennessee, d 23 Nov 1964. Their nine children were:

c. Roland C Blanton b 9 Oct 1902, lived Bakersfield, Calif
 d. Harold Blanton 1 Mar 1904 d 3 Nov 1913
 e. Irving B Blanton 5 Oct 1905, lived Ft Worth, Texas
 f. Ewing T Blanton 5 Oct 1905, lived Wasco, California) twins.
 g. Emmett Joseph Blanton b 26 Jan 1908 Uvalde County, Texas
 Had a daughter Penny Blanton b 3 Feb 1951

h. Orpha V Blanton b 29 Dec 1909 m _____ WALT, lived Whitewright, Tex.
 i. Bertha Grace Blanton b 31 Dec 1911 m _____ WARD, lived Ft Worth, Tex.
 j. Earnest S Blanton b 10 Sep 1915 d 27 Mar 1938
 k. Clarence A Blanton b 4 Aug 1921, lived Longmont, Colorado.

v. Claudius Blanton b 30 Jul 1879 d 1 May 1880

vi. Oliver Blanton b 23 Nov 1881 d 16 Dec 1881
 vii. Toliver Blanton b 23 Nov 1881 d 7 Jun 1882) twins.

Thomas Jefferson Blanton b 1838 m 2nd: Liza SMITH. Their children were

viii. Grace Blanton b 28 Sep 1883 m George McLEAN whose children were:

Ross; Esther Lee; Verba Jane; Bill; George Neville; Thomas d. infancy;
 Otis; and Anne Bell McLEAN

ix. Annie Blanton b 30 Sep 1885 d 2 Jan 1886

x. Hubert Blanton b 23 Feb 1887 m Pearl TUCKER.

xi. Benjamin F Blanton b 3 Jul 1888 d 17 May 1965 m Frances HODGE. Their
 children; Dorothy; Louise; Ben, Jr.; and Woodrow W Blanton who was
 Sheriff "Woody" Blanton of Denison, Texas.

xii. Pearl Blanton b 17 Dec 1889 m Cleve McLEAN. Their children:
 Ruth; Ethel; Delia; David; and Virginia Joe McLean.

xiii. Mable Blanton b 14 Nov 1898 m Charley LAYMAN of Whitewright, Texas.
 Their children: J B; Tola Fay; Rebert; Eva Ray; and Ruby LAYMAN.

5. Thomas Jefferson Blanton b 24 Sep 1838 Rutherford County, North Carolina (twin of Benj. F.) d 12 Dec 1912 Fannin Co Texas m 1st: Elizabeth Jane LOCKE b 31 May 1851 Sedalia MO. d Fannin Co Texas. Their children were:

1. Josiah Blanton b 25 Dec 1871 d 8 Aug 1956 m Mary COLLINS. They had Myrtle; Hershel; Lowell; Wilma; Opal & Oren (twins); and Loftin.

ii. William Foster Blanton b 6 May 1874
m Rebecca Virginia WRENN b Aug 1874 Fannin Co. Texas, d 27 Feb 1962

Their children:

- a. Flora May Blanton b 16 Jan 1898 m 16 Jun 1930 Wilford LAY
- b. Oscar Lee Blanton 23 Aug 1899 m 6 Nov 1921 Elizabeth STEELE.
Their daughter Betty Sue Blanton b 1 Mar 1924 m Charles CRABTREE, Jr. They have three children: Rebecca Virginia; Susan Elaine; and Mary Elizabeth
- c. Savilla Aline b 2 Dec 1903 d 3 Jun 1931
- d. Nadine Blanton b 4 Nov 1909 Savoy, Texas
- e. Tom Robert Blanton b 27 Jul 1914 m Gwendolyn MORRIS, 1 son Robert.

RECOLLECTIONS of William Foster Blanton as told to his daughter, Nadine.

Josiah Blanton, born 1838 North Carolina, married Lucy WESTBROOK, they came to Texas in 1842 from Missouri with a big family of children. They had previously spent one year in Tennessee, and made one crop. Did not stay in Missouri as long as a year. Josiah settled at Honey Grove, Texas first, then near Porter's Chapel north of Orangeville, on rented land. That is where the family lived in 1860, when Thomas Jefferson Blanton and George Washington Blanton, both young men, left on horseback with a wagon train for California. Grandfather Thomas Jefferson Blanton carried the mail from Old Mantua in Collin County, to Ft. English in Fannin County near Bonham, when he was a young man. The wagon train to California was composed of 121 wagons mostly from Fannin County. Grandfather went as a scout. The route crossed the Staked Plains to El Paso. They fought Indians all across the Staked Plains. Stopped at Tuscon, Arizona.

When George Washington and his brother Thomas Jefferson Blanton reached California they did some hauling out of either Sacramento, or San Francisco. Grandfather and Uncle George and O L CULBERTSON owned a mine. They stayed in California until 1865, closed up the mine and left it. Uncle George stayed on in California while Grandfather came home by sea around South America. He expected to get the family and take them back to California but they refused to go. Later Uncle George came back home.

So, Grandfather bought a farm five miles east of Whitewright and north of Old Marvin Church. Bought 160 acres and paid \$2,000.00 for the land. Think he bought the land from the State. Cut down bois d'arc logs on Bois d'arc Creek for the foundation and framework of the house. Frame siding. Hauled rock from Sulphur Bottoms, south of Bonham, for the fireplaces at each end of the house. Apparently the house was the type called "Texas T."

iii. John Blanton died in infancy.

- iv. Charles Henry Blanton b 22 May 1872 d 6 Apr 1937 m Mattie b 26 Nov 1879 Trenton, Texas dau of Jasper and Patra ALDRIDGE who came to Texas from the State of Tennessee. Their children:

Jasper O Blanton b 25 Oct 1909 Trenton, Texas m Ruby Lee SUDDERTH. Their 3 children: Juadeen Blanton DOLPH, Hawthorne, NJ.; Charlie Blanton; and Sulain Blanton, both of Commerce, Texas in 1955.

Lois Blanton b Jul 18, 1903 Trenton, Texas, living in 1955.

- v. Joseph Reynolds Blanton b 24 Mar 1874 Texas d 27 Feb 1894. Buried Randolph, Texas

- vi. Benjamin Josiah Blanton b 16 Feb 1876 d 27 Oct 1876

- vii. John Annison Evans Blanton b 6 Feb 1880 d 23 Jun 1818 buried Fannin County, Texas m Margaret Elizabeth KELLER dau of GEORGE KELLER b 18 May 1833 Dallas, Texas. Their daughter Ruby Mae Blanton b 6 Jan 1902 d Dec 12, 19 Okla., buried Ravenna, Fannin Co Texas m 25 Dec 1917 Ben WINKLER b 14 May 1897 d Dec 10, 1951, and were parents of Dorothy Earline WINKLER b April 1924 Honey Grove, Fannin County, Texas.

- viii. Milton Isaac Blanton

- ix. Robert Wesley Blanton b 30 Aug 1884 d 16 May 1907 buried Randolph, Tex.

- x. Josephine Evelyn Blanton b 1870 m _____ HALL. In 1955 resided about five miles west of Leonard, Texas, near Blanton's Chapel which was founded in 1894 by Benjamin Franklin Blanton.

- xi. Maria Blanton

- xii. Jessie Barren Blanton

- xiii. Elmira Blanton m Bill HALL

- xiv. The given name of the 14th child is unknown. Several of the children of Benjamin Franklin Blanton used the middle name, which is confusing. The

1880 US Census Fannin County, Texas

Blanton, Benj. F.	Age 41	Farmer	Birthplace: North Carolina
Sarah L.	34		Texas

Marion Thomas 14; George Edward 12; Josephine E 10;
Charles Henry 8; Joseph Reynolds 6; M A 2; John Evans 4 mos.

ZACHARY TAYLOR BLANTON (son of Josiah & Lucy (WESTBROOK) Blanton and grandson of Jeremiah (1774 VA-1872 NC) was born 22 March 1849 at Mountain Creek, Rutherford Co NC d 14 Jan 1943 Blanket, Brown Co TEX m 3 Sep 1874 Fannin Co TEX Margaret "Maggie" b 9 Jan 1854 Dadesville, Dade Co MO d 9 Feb 1928 Blanket, Brown Co TEX (dau of Jesse A and Jane (JENKINS) HILL.) Their five children were:

1. Melissa Blanton b 1 Dec 1876 Bonham, Fannin Co TEX d 3 Apr 1963
m Clint P McMURRAY b 10 Mar 1875 d 8 Jan 1943.
2. Jesse Alford Blanton b Nov 1883 Blanket, Brown Co TEX d 30 May 1956
Blanket, Brown Co TEX m 2 Jan 1907 Brady, McCulloch Co TEX May
Lucille "Lucy May" b 13 Apr 1884 Carlsbad, Eddie Co NM. dau of
Simeon Merse and Adeline Victoria (STONE) PUTNAM. Their five children were:
 - i. Lera "Pete" Lee Blanton b 9 Mar 1908, May, Brown Co TEX m 1940
Charles H SHANKLIN, Sr. One adopted son Charles Jr. July 10, 1943.
 - ii. Darius Alpha Blanton b 29 Jun 1910 Blanket, Brown Co TEX. Killed
in invasion of Normandy WWII "D day" 7 Jun 1944. Unmarried.
 - iii. Jessie Ruth "Poochie" Blanton b 24 Dec 1912 Blanket, Brown Co TEX
m 1st: 26 Jan 1930 Blanket, TEX Elmer SIMPSON b 7 Nov 1905 Blanket,
d 6 Jan 1971 Big Spring, Howard Co TEX. m 2nd: 14 Feb 1949 San
Diego, CALIF. Francis B PARKS. Two children by first marriage.
 - iv. Mary Magdalene Blanton b 5 Aug 1916 Melvin, McCulloch Co TEX
m 14 Dec 1935 Brownwood, TEX William Alton MAULDIN b 12 Dec 1912
El Centro, Imperial Co CALIF, son of Marshall MAULDIN. They had

MAULDIN, Carol Jean b 5 Dec 1936 Brownwood, Brown Co TEX m 1 Nov
1957 Ft Worth, TEX Edward "Dan" Clarence DANIEL b 29 Dec
1931. Their two sons: Michael Wayne; and Ronald William.

Virginia Dale b 8 Jan 1940, Brownwood, Brown Co TEX m
Kenneth James HICKS b 17 Mar 1938 Oakland, Alameda Co CALIF.
Their four daus: Brenda; Tammy; Bonnie; Marilu HICKS.

James Alton b 18 May 1944 San Diego, CALIF m 2 Apr 1971
Marsha GOODRICH.

Kenneth Marshall b 22 May 1953 Ft Worth, TEX
- v. James Alford Blanton b 6 Dec 1922 Lohn, McCulloch Co TEX m 1948 Del
Rio, TEX. Raynell WOODS b ca. 1930. They have one daughter; 2 sons.
James Alford Blanton received the Purple Heart in WWII.
3. Mae Blanton b ca. 1884 Blanket, Brown Co TEX m Thomas STEWART.
4. Alpha Young Blanton b 16 Jan 1886 Blanket, Brown Co TEX d 30 Jan 1965
Blanket, m 1920 Annie HUTCHESON b 21 Jan 1875 d 16 Jun 1957.
5. Lela Barbara Blanton b 19 Jun 1893 Blanket, Brown Co TEX m 15 Aug
1916 Earl FALLS b 23 Aug 1890 d 27 May 1968 Blanket, Brown Co TEXAS.