

BLANTON FAMILY RECORDS

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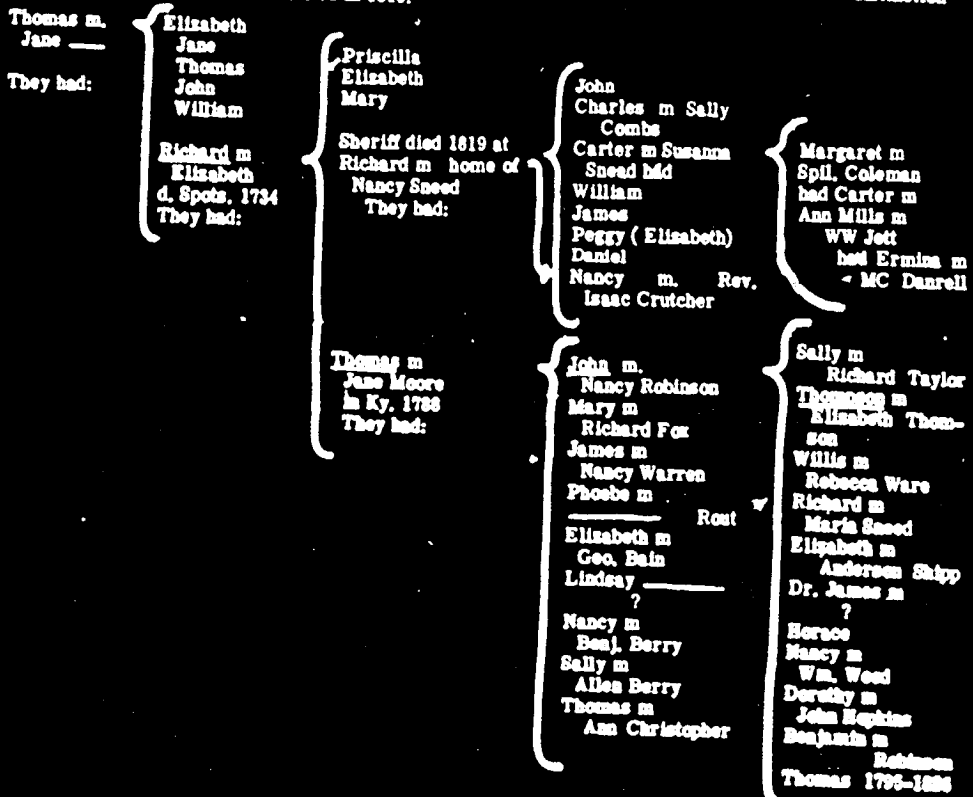
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1788 Tax List - Fayette Co. Ky. THOMAS BLANTON  
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Thomas Blanton of Lancashire, England, was in Virginia in 1682. His will was probated in Essex county, Virginia, 1699.

Richard Blanton and his wife, Elizabeth, came from Carlisle, England, and settled in Spotsylvania County, Va., where he lived until 1796, when he moved to Woodford County, Ky., settling on the Versaille & Frankfort Turnpike opposite the home of his son-in-law, Richard Taylor. He (Thomas Blanton) served with distinction as also did his son, Richard. He died in 1810.



*Caroline*

In 1788 Richard Blanton, son of the first named Richard, was sheriff of Frederick County, Virginia. His first official duty was to arrest his friend, Rev. Joseph Craig, for preaching the Baptist religion. It was against the law in Virginia at that time to have anything but Church of England. But after Rev. Craig was put in jail he preached from inside the door to the townspeople and was converting so many people he was released because he was doing more "mischief in jail" than out. As so many of the next generation of Blantons were Baptists, it is quite possible Sheriff Richard was among the converts.

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John Blanton - founder of the Harlan County (formerly KNOX)  
Kentucky branch of the Blanton Family,  
came into the area around 1800 from Southwest  
Virginia. The majority of John Blanton's  
descendants appear to have been content,  
and continued to live happily in the Wallins  
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THOMAS BLANTON  
1646 Eng-1697 Va

Colonial Records of Henrico County, Virginia. Book I, p 153.  
1680. In a deposition, THOMAS BLANTON stated that he was 34 that year.  
Evidently he was born around the year 1646 and is the first THOMAS  
BLANTON among the Colonists from Great Britain to America.

THOMAS BLANTON received fifty acres for each person brought  
into the Colony of Virginia. It is thought he had his own ship, as  
records prove he amassed a large acreage.

Virginia Colonial Records Vol 13, p 522 by Fleet. November 2, 1672  
Charles City, County, Virginia. A Power of Attorney was given to  
THOMAS BLANTON of Martins Prandon in Virginia, by John SADLIER and  
Thos QUINEY "so that he might sell our plantation in the James River  
and also Merchants Hope in Virginia, in parts beyond the seas."

In 1673 Thomas Blanton petitioned the Charles City Court about a  
guardianship.

1677. Vol 3, p 132. Thomas Blanton and others accuse Ed W Hill of  
trying to ingratiate himself with the Crown.

20 Apr 1682. Land Grant of 200 acres in Rappahannock County, Virginia  
Bk 7 p 163 ....dividing the land of Major Robert BEVERLY...to the  
land of Francis GRAVES. The said land being due to the  
said THOMAS BLANTON for the importation of four persons into the  
Colony whose names are under this patent. Imported: Ann EDWARDS;  
Grace DAVIES; John ELAM; Richard LEATHERS.

20 May 1682. Land Grant of 266 acres in Rappahannock County, Virginia.  
Bk 7 p 175 ....adjoining Francis GRAVES...the line of Henry TANDY  
thence to Major Robert BEVERLY'S corner, etc...due  
THOMAS BLANTON for the importation of six persons: Dorby, an Irish  
boy; John GROVE; Susan KINSMAN; Ann CUDIN/CUMBER; Elizabeth Elvira  
RICHARDS; Xalian HOLEROOKE/SHERBROOKE. By Francis Lord Howard, Gov'r.

21 Apr 1687 Land Grant of 200 acres in Rappahannock County, Virginia  
Bk 7 p 613 ....due THOMAS BLANTON for the importation of four persons  
Chas MORGAN; Wm LAKE; Edw DOWSET; Thos MARSHALL/MACKALL.

3 Jul 1689. THOMAS ELANTON of Old Rappahannock County, Virginia  
released JOHN MOORE from service.

In 1692 Essex County Virginia was formed from Old Rappahannock County  
1721 Spotsylvania County was formed from Essex, King William, etc.  
1727 Caroline County Virginia was formed from Essex, and others.

The land granted to THOMAS BLANTON is located about 15 miles south of  
Fredericksburg, Virginia and 12 miles west of Fowling Green, the  
County Seat of Caroline County. The Post Office and Village of  
Plantons, Virginia was named for the early Blanton family.

The will of THOMAS BLANTON, dated Seventh day of February 1697/8 recorded in Book 9, page 160 Tappahannock, Essex County, Virginia was proved in Essex County Court by the oaths of Jno DOUGHTY and Jno BUTCHER, on "ye 16th day of March Ano Dom 1697."

THOMAS BLANTON bequeaths his Soul to the Lord that gave it him, and his body to the earth from whenth it came. He speaks of "my loving wife Jene (Jane) Blanton. My daughter Jene Blanton, and my other daughter Elizabeth Blanton." He gives one Town Gray Mare being about two years ole, branded with his brand, to these two daughters. The said Mare to run and her increase for the benefit of these two daughters.

THOMAS BLANTON gives to his four sons:

THOMAS; and JOHN; and WILLIAM; and RICHARD BLANTON all of his land, it to be equally divided unto them and if either of them shall die before he shall come of age, then his part shall come to the others and so in case to them all. Son RICHARD ELANTON shall have the plantation in his part. The will provides that the wife shall have the plantation for her life.

The will of THOMAS BLANTON reveals that none of the four sons was of age in 1697. All four would have become of age by or before 1718.

ESSEX COUNTY, VIRGINIA

3 May 1707 JOHN (J B) BLANTON witness to Wm GANNOCK of Essex Co.,  
p 27 who sold to Jno SANDERS of Essex.

1716-17 JOHN BLANTON received payments from Estate of  
p 55 Col Francis GOULDMER.

17 Feb 1719 JOHN BLANTON of St Mary's Parish, Essex County, Sawyer  
p 17 sold to Richard HILL of South Farnham Parish 94 acres  
in South Farnham Parish -on the road branch to the  
mouth of a small branch part of a greater tract formerly granted to  
Major Robt BEVERLY by patent 21 Sept 1674.

17 May 1720. Acknowledged by JNO BLANTON

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p 4 Essex County, planters, sell to Daniel SULLIVANT of  
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RICHARD (R) BLANTON  
WILLIAM (W) BLANTON

19 May 1719. Acknowledged by RICHARD BLANTON; and WILLIAM BLANTON.

Quotes from COLONIAL CAROLINE - A History of Caroline County, Virginia  
by T Elliott Campbell. Pub. Dietz Press, Richmond, Virginia.

p 25. ...."along the Mattaponi-Rappahannock watershed were many patentees of small grants in the area to become Caroline. Some of these small landholders became among the most affluent residents in the new county...."

p 329 A List of Caroline County Freeholders 1732-1734

William Blanton; Charles Elanton; Richard Blanton

p 351 Caroline County Jurors 1732-1745 WILLIAM BLANTON served  
on three panels.

Caroline County Soldiers & Sailors in the Revolution JOHN BLANTON.

p 462 1747 Richard PLANTON vs John GILLISON. Caroline Court.  
1755 Patrick Cockran vs RICHARD BLANTON. 40 Shillings damages.  
1756 John SUMMERS vs. WILLIAM BLANTON. 1 penny damages.

p 473 ESTATES & EXECUTORS or ADMINISTRATORS  
Decedent Executor or Administrator

1751 William Evins	Jacob GARRETT; and CHARLES ELANTON
1767 Wm Reynolds	John SNEED, Jr.; RICHARD BLANTON
1774 John Sneed	RICHARD BLANTON (whose wf was Joanha Sneed)

p 356 "The Sheriff was the chief executive of the County. He presided over the Court, enforced the laws and collected the taxes. He was appointed by the Governor from a panel of three Magistrates recommended by the Court for a term of one year.... The Sheriff's pay was the best a public official received in the County.

"Deputies were trained public officials and usually continued to serve under many Sheriffs.

p 357 Year 1747. RICHARD BLANTON was a Deputy Sheriff.

p 361. CONSTABLES. The Court named a Constable for each precinct to serve the Magistrates in residence as baliff, to enforce the law and to maintain order. This office was without a fixed term. Constables served until they resigned, moved away, died, or were removed by the Court.

p 362 Caroline County, Virginia CONSTABLES 1732-1776

CHARLES BLANTON, appointed 1749.

## SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA RECORDS by Crozier. Deed Book A.

- 20 Aug 1722. Deed. "...to JOHN BLANTON, Planter of Spotsylvania Co. and Wm BARTLETT of Spotsylvania County, for five Shillings, 100 acres in St Stephens Parish, Spotsylvania County, on North side Mattapony River...adjoining LARKIN CHEW....land formerly owned by John SMITH of Essex County....
- 5 Mar 1722 JNO BLANTON witnesses Deed of LARKIN CHEW to W Brandagrin.  
1722. JOHN BLANTON appointed Constable for Spotsylvania County.  
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- 11 Feb 1728 Deed. JOHN BLANTON of Spotsylvania County, Virginia sold  
p 106 to Thos TURNER of King George County, for 32 pounds, 200 acres of land in St George Parish, Spotsylvania County, adjoining the land bought by said Turner of one Edw ROWZEE on the River Po, a branch of the Mattapony, between the land of said Turner and that of WILLIAM BLANTON, part of patent granted LARKIN CHEW.
- 5 May 1724  
p 92 Francis BROWNING of St Ann's Parish, Essex County, sold to Edw ROWZEE of same Parish, adjoining land of JNO BLANTON
- 22 Nov 1729 WILLIAM BLANTON of Caroline County sold to THOS TURNER  
p 110 of King George County, 150 acres in St George's Parish Spotsylvania County, adjoining the land said Turner bought of JOHN BLANTON on River Po, a head branch of Mattapony. Part of a tract granted LARKIN CHEW and between the land where RICHARD BLANTON now lives and that of JOHN BLANTON. Margaret, wife of WILLIAM BLANTON acknowledged her right of dower in said land by her Attorney, Jno WALLER.
- Deed Bk B Thos TURNER of King George County, to Chas CHISWELL of  
p 122 Hanover County, 200 acres in Spotsylvania County, purchas-  
5 May 1732 ed by Turner of JOHN BLANTON.

Note: The above mentioned JOHN; WILLIAM; and RICHARD BLANTON are undoubtedly three of the four sons mentioned in the will of THOMAS BLANTON. No record is found of THOMAS, son of THOMAS BLANTON who died 1697.

The will of RICHARD BLANTON, Spotsylvania County, Virginia 1734 is quite long and extremely difficult to read; certain portions are obliterated entirely. The Will reveals:

Richard Blanton died 1734 Spotsylvania County, Virginia  
wife: Elizabeth Blanton

Three daughters: Priscilla; Elizabeth; and Mary Blanton.

"each to be put to school two years at the charge of my estate."

Sons:

Richard Blanton to be put to school two years at the charge of estate."  
Thomas Blanton be put to school four years at the charge of the estate.

Provision is made for division of estate "amongst my surviving children, to be divided as my children come to age or marry."

None of these children was of age in 1734 at time of Richard Blanton's

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\*After 1862 the area of Virginia in which  
Greenbrier Co. is located became West Va.

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1782-1787 VIRGINIA TAXPAYERS -from document on file in Washington,  
D.C.

① Richard Blanton	Amelia County
James Blanton	Cumberland County
Charles Blanton	Caroline County
John Blanton	Caroline County
William Blanton	Greenbrier County
Reuben Blanton	Erunswick County
② Richard Blanton	Caroline County
③ Richard Blanton	Spotsylvania County
Thomas Blanton	Spotsylvania County

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In the VIRGINIA STATE LIBRARY at Richmond, Virginia, in May 1956,  
Margaret Gray Blanton found the following:

Prince Edward County Virginia

1782	_____ Blanton;	Joshua Blanton
1784	Joshua Blanton;	Richard Blanton (for Wm Blanton)
1785	Joshua Blanton;	Jesse Blanton; Richard Blanton

## THOMAS H. BLANTON

The late Thomas H. Blanton served as superintendent of Carmel Baptist Sunday School from 1934-1949.

The following reflections were recorded the day he was buried in Bowling Green October 20, 1965:

A description of personal impressions as well as of the life and death of a beloved banker and statesman are set forth following the funeral today of former Senator Thomas H. Blanton of Virginia, a Baptist who served Carmel Church and the Hermon Baptist Association.

Bank president, Democratic Party leader, former State Senator, Tom Blanton of Bowling Green, Virginia, was laid to rest today in the midst of brown and yellow autumn chrysanthemums. Dignitaries and friends gathered from all over Virginia, and one floral spray of late red rosebuds had a tell-tale streamer lettered with "Mr. Chairman," striking a pathetic chord sounded from the directors of one of his many enterprises.

Born in Caroline County, Virginia, he made his way through the schools to eventually receive his legal degree from the University of Virginia in 1921.

He served as commonwealth attorney of his own county, then was elected president of the Union Bank and Trust Company in Bowling Green in 1925.

His business interests extended to the Tidewater Telephone Company and several businesses in Richmond and over the state of Virginia.

Entering a political career as state senator, his greatest contributions were after he reached 50 years of age. He would have been 70 had he lived one more day. As Democratic Party chairman and state senator, as well as chairman of a Commission which built the new state office building, he reached a pinnacle when that building was named "The Blanton Building." \*

As one surveyed the tremendous crowd standing on the hillside in the autumn sunshine facing the cemetery's tree-

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surrounded lake, people whom Tom Blanton's life had touched could be seen with controlled mourning etched on their face.

Homeowners, colored and white, who had their houses financed through his bank.

Small businessmen who owed their business careers to his help.

Colleagues from the bank who bore his casket of rich bronze, and one lamented, "I worked beside him for 40 years."

Members of Carmel Baptist Church were there. Mr. Blanton had served as Sunday School superintendent and first B.Y.P.U. president, and was now serving as a trustee of the church which he joined in 1905.

One saw political proteges who, with his firm backing, were now slated for leadership in the Virginia Legislature. Yet, it is reported that he himself never made a campaign speech, had any opposition in a political race, or spent a dollar to gain election!

The Virginia Legislature could be spotted here and there: Senator and Mrs. Garland Gray, former governor Lindsay Almond, and others.

Business acquaintances and associates were in the teeming crowd, and the dignified snowwhite hair of Governor Albertis S. Harrison made him distinguished in the group.

The minister intoned, "Let thy work appear unto thy servants, "led in the closing Lord's Prayer, and the crowd dispersed leaving his body to rest, his family to their sorrow, and this county and state to their mourning.

We buried Tom Blanton today as autumn converged around his lakeside grave in his native Caroline County.

\*  
The Blanton Building is located in Capitol Square Richmond, Virginia.

View of the old 17th Century red brick house off Frankfort-Versailles Road near Frankfort, Kentucky in which RICHARD BLANTON born 1720 Virginia, died in 1819 "at the home of his son-in-law, the Rev Isaac Crutcher." Elizabeth, dau of RICHARD BLANTON, and Isaac Crutcher were married 8th Sept 1790 Caroline County, Virginia. See: Letter filed with the Kentucky Historical Society, written 1875 by (Benjamin) HARRISON BLANTON born 1791-VA died 1879-KY., son of Richard Blanton 1760-VA died 1809-KY. & Grandson of Richard BLANTON born 1720-VA. died 1819-KY., whose wife was Joanah SNEAD. Nancy, dau of Jesse Graddy was the 2nd wife of the Rev. Isaac Crutcher.



View of the Fayette Crutcher home off Frankfort-Versailles Road, near Frankfort, KY. This is the old THOMAS BLANTON Home-place where Thomas Blanton settled, in 1786, when he came to Kentucky from Virginia. Glenn's Creek, mentioned in his Land Grant, runs through the property a short distance from this house. Within full view is the former home of the Rev. Isaac Crutcher, in which house RICHARD BLANTON (bro of Thomas) died in about 1819 at almost 100 years of age. See: A History of Woodford County, Kentucky by Railey.



Pictures taken April 1954, by Virginia Harper of Delhi, California.

## MEMORANDUM OF HARRISON BLANTON

Frankfort, Ky.  
August 28, 1875

"My Grandfather, Richard Blanton, Sr., was born in Virginia. His ancestors were from England. My Grandmother was a SNEED. Their children were:

John Blanton  
Charles Blanton  
Richard Blanton  
Carter Blanton  
William Blanton  
James Blanton  
Mrs \_\_\_\_\_ Vaughan  
Mrs \_\_\_\_\_ Daniel  
Mrs Isaac Crutcher  
Mrs \_\_\_\_\_ Bailey of Woodford County, Kentucky. .

All of the children except Mrs. Vaughan and my uncle Charles Blanton moved to Kentucky and raised large families.

My Grandmother was aunt of James Lewis and William SNEED who died in this county, and Thomas REDD of this county, and Samuel REDD of Lexington, Ky. The sons of my grandfather, the three Sneeds and the two Redds were remarkable for their similarity of mind, habits and dispositions. They were unsurpassed as men of integrity and uprightness. There were no great men or office holders among them. All discharged their duties as good citizens.

"The second class has gone very much like the ancestors. No great men and few wanted public office. Dr. James Blanton settled in Owen County, Ky., he was the son of my Uncle John Blanton, and was for many years a leading politician of this county. For several sessions he was a member of the Legislature. ...He was then a true Owen County Democrat.....

"Among the incidents of the life of my Grandfather Blanton, and which he related to his family was his agency in apprehending and committing to jail, the Rev. Joseph Craig, for preaching sometime before the Revolution. He was made Sheriff of his County. (Caroline County, Va.) It was his duty to execute the laws. About the same time a revival of religion took place - principally among Baptists. They were then living under the old laws of England which prohibited public preaching of any other doctrine than that of the Church of England, or what is now the Episcopal Church. Joseph Craig being one of the most zealous and considered one of the most dangerous among the Baptists, was arrested by my grandfather under the proper authorities of law and committed to the Fredericksburg jail. Craig could not, however, be stopped from preaching. Large crowds collected around the jail to hear him through the grating until it was found necessary to release him as he was doing more mischief in, than out of jail. Our grandfather told us that this was his first official act as Sheriff. He died at a great age between 90 and 100 years, - near the Grassy Spring Meeting House between Frankfort and Versailles. Rev. Joseph Craig came to Kentucky, settled in Woodford County, or Fayette County, and was among the leading Baptist preachers of his day in establishing churches and organizing societies. He was the Grandfather of our Newton Craig of Scott County, Kentucky.



"My father (Richard Blanton) was a soldier in the Revolution. He went as a substitute for his brother John. He was very young at the time, not old enough to be drafted. Was at Gates' defeat and I have heard him tell what a great race he made at that time -ran 60 miles to his home without stopping.

"My mother was the daughter of John Combs, brother of Seth Combs of Stafford County, Virginia. They had six sons and two daughters who lived to old age. .... Of the grandchildren General Leslie Combs now of Lexington, has been the only prominent politician and office-holder. Another of the grandsons who was prominent in Society was Dr Ennis Combs, late of Montgomery County. He had a good reputation as a physician and probably did more good than any one of the connection. My grandmother Combs was a daughter of one of the Bulletts of Dumfries County, Va. She was also an aunt of Alex. Scott Bullett of Jefferson County, Ky. who was formerly Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the Senate and also connected with the large family of Bulletts of Louisville, Ky. She was in her 50th year when my mother was born and lost her husband when my mother was about fifteen years old. She continued for many years afterward to manage her farm, --always making more than supported her, which she divided liberally with her children. There was nothing more remarkable in the life of my Grandmother than the large/she left at her death. .... fortune

"My father and mother were married in 1790 and lived in Virginia until Spring of 1799, when they moved to Kentucky and settled in Fayette County, where the family was raised. They had 8 children, myself the oldest and only boy, five of whom were born in Virginia, and 3 in Kentucky. Two born in Virginia died when infants. The others lived to be married. My father died July 1809. I was born 13 August 1791, and my sister Nancy Clay was born \_\_\_\_\_.

Signed: Harrison Blanton

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 Abstracts of a letter written to Dr. Lindsey Hughes Blanton, Richmond, Ky. by Llewellyn Harvey Blanton (born 12 Oct 1853) of Indianapolis, Indiana.

March 3, 1900

Herein you will find a copy of my Grandfather's Memorandum. I have regretted many times since his death that I did not request him to go more fully into details in regard to our family, but as I have really been away from Kentucky since 1872 when I went to College, I saw very little of my grandfather after that time and put this request off too long.

You will notice that my Grandfather's father was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, etc. My father was Alexander M. Blanton. My Grandfather was Harrison Blanton, his father was Richard. I do not know the name of the first Richard's father as I have never traced the genealogy though intending to do so at some time. I remember you stated at one time that there had been published in Virginia a small volume giving some details in regard to Blantons. Would it be possible for me to obtain this book? My mother resides with me in Indianapolis. Signed: L Harvey Blanton

RICHARD BLANTON  
1720 Va-1819 Ky

- 1 Oct 1751 Deed Book E. Spotsylvania County, Virginia - Crozier. Page 188. John GRAYSON and Barbary, his wife of Culpepper County, Va. sell to Alex HAWKINS, and Benj. MARTIN of Spotsylvania County, Va. Witness: RICHARD BLANTON
- 5 Jun 1753 Edward HERNDON and Mary his wife, of Spotsylvania County, sell to Joseph HERNDON. Witness: RICHARD BLANTON
- 12 Jul 1759 Spotsylvania County Records. Page 214. Deed of Lease. Geo BOSWELL to RICHARD BLANTON 160 acres Spotsylvania County, Va. Said Richard Blanton and Joanha his wife, and JAMES BLANTON, his son ...55 shillings yearly. Witness: Benja MARTIN, Jr.; Benj MARTIN; Henry MARTIN
- 4 May 1761 Deed Book E. p 220 RICHARD BLANTON and Hannah his wife sell to Henry MARTIN 150 acres in Spotsylvania County
- 5 Jul 1762 Deed Book F. p 228 Geo BOSWELL, Ransom BOSWELL, and Wm GATEWOOD and Ann his wife, of Spotsylvania County sell 154 acres in Spotsylvania Co., to Richard BLANTON of Spotsylvania County, Virginia.
- 1 Oct 1763 Deed Book F. p 223 RICHARD BLANTON and Joanna his wife of Spotsylvania County sell to Wm SCOTT.
- 12 Jun 1766 Deed Book G p 261. John WALLER, Clerk of Spotsylvania County, and Ann his wife sell to Jas FRAZIER.  
Witness: RICHARD BLANTON
- 21 Nov 1771 Deed Book H. p 286 Stephen TATOM/TATUM and Mourning his wife of Spotsylvania County, sell to RICHARD BLANTON and Geo ANDERSON of Spotsylvania County, Virginia.
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HISTORY OF WOODFORD COUNTY, KENTUCKY by Wm E Railey, Pub 1928.  
Page 127.

"RICHARD BLANTON who died at the home of his son-in-law, the Rev Isaac CRUTCHER, near Grassy Springs Church, lived to be almost 100 years old, came from Virginia. Before the Revolution RICHARD BLANTON was Sheriff of the County in which he lived. At that time it was unlawful for preachers or teachers to speak in public, other than the doctrine of the Church of England. Rev Joseph Craig was a Baptist, and it was Richard Blanton's duty of office to arrest the Rev Joseph Craig and incarcerate him, in the Fredericksburg jail.

"Both Rev Joseph Craig and Richard Blanton, later in life lived in Woodford County, Ky., and were friends. Rev Craig died in 1819 at age 77. Richard Blanton died at about the same time."

See: Kentucky Historical Register

Rev JOSEPH CRAIG, son of Tolliver Craig who died in 1796, came to Kentucky with his father before 1782. This family was in Bryan's Station during the perils when that garrison was surrounded by Indians in 1782. Rev Craig was a noted minister and records show that a large proportion of his Virginia congregation came to Kentucky with him. They held religious services along the route, as borne out by the book "The Traveling Church."

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Abstracts from KENTUCKY HISTORICAL REGISTER

"The farm of the Rev Isaac CRUTCHER was near Millville, in Woodford County, Kentucky, an inheritance from his father Henry CRUTCHER, of Virginia, who received it as a land grant for services in the Revolutionary War....Rev Crutcher was a prominent Baptist minister and was twice married. First to Elizabeth, daughter of RICHARD BLANTON, and second to Nancy, daughter of Jesse and Viola (Dale) GRADY. Jesse Graddy was born 1767 in North Carolina

"There were two sons by Rev Isaac Crutcher and his wife Elizabeth Blanton:

Lewis Crutcher married Narcissus DEARING. They had no children

Richard Crutcher married Elizabeth McKNIGHT. Florence, wife of George Taylor COTTON was a granddaughter of Rev Isaac CRUTCHER.

"When the County of Franklin was formed, 1794, the dividing line ran through the center of the Crutcher farm, but left the residence of Rev Isaac Crutcher in Woodford County. Jesse Graddy CRUTCHER, born 1815, inherited the portion of the estate that lay in Woodford County.

Richard Crutcher (son of Elizabeth Blanton) built on that part which was in Franklin County. Richard Crutcher was first married to Permelia Berry; second to Elizabeth McKNIGHT.

"The Rev Isaac Crutcher was first Pastor of Grassy Springs Church. The first building, built in early 1800's, was of logs. Rev Isaac Crutcher is buried in the churchyard of the church he helped to organize. Later it was in possession of Alexander Campbell followers, the "Disciples of Christ" or "Christians".

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NSDAR #12322. "Miss Carter married Mr SNEED and had a daughter Joanna who married RICHARD BLANTON, and had among others, a son Carter (b 1765) who in 1787 married Susannah SNEED of Caroline County, Va. They also had a daughter."

NSDAR #12002 "Blanton. According to a letter written by HARRISON, BLANTON, the Rev Soldier who served as a substitute for his brother John, was Richard Blanton (b 1760) whose wife was Sarah COMBS.

The parents of this Richard were RICHARD BLANTON and his wife Joanna SNEED. The elder Richard was a brother of THOMAS BLANTON whose father was Richard who died in 1734, Spotsylvania Co. Va.

Mrs W H Whitley, 525 Vine St., Paris, Kentucky.

1800-1810 CENSUS FOR UNITED STATES

State: Virginia

County: Caroline, and  
Spottsylvania

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Page: \_\_\_\_\_

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				
1810 Caroline Co Va														See p 247 Tods of Virginia
BLANTON, Charles		2			1			3		1				
See: Will Book 19, p 258 -Caroline Co Va. Oct 23, 1816.														Letter written 28 Aug 1875 by Harrison Elanton b.1791 Va., d. Ky. says "my uncle Charles Elanton did not move to Kentucky." Harrison was a son of Richard E.180 and grandson of Richard Elanton b. 1720 Va., died at "almost 100 years" in 1819 near Frankfort, Ky., at home of his son-in-law, Rev. Isaac Crutcher, who marr. Elizabeth Elanton 8 Sep 1790 Caroline Co. Va
Will of Charles Elanton of the County of Caroline														
Wife: Charlotte Elanton														
Children: Lucy C Southworth; Betsy Long; Nancy Elanton														
↳ Sons: Richard; John S.; and William Blanton														
1810 Spottsylvania Co Va.														
Blantain, Nancy		1				1			2	-				The wife of Richard Elanton 1720-1819 Ky. was Josha S. whose mother was Alice Carr Richard Elanton 1720 Va-181 is believed to have been a of Richard Elanton d. 1834 Spottsylvania Co Va. he a S of Thomas Elanton d 1697 whose will is in Essex Co V
														1782-87 Virginia p xxviii- Caroline Co Virginia CHARLES ELANTON

RICHARD BLANTON  
(1760/66 Va-Jul 1809 Ky)

RICHARD BLANTON son of Richard (1720 Va-1819 Ky) and grandson of Richard Blanton whose will is recorded 1734 Spotsylvania Co. Va.; predeceased his father who lived to be almost 100 years old. The identity of father and son has been confused, probably because the younger Richard Blanton died prior to the 50th year of his age.

Richard Blanton who died 1809 Kentucky, served as a substitute for his older brother JOHN Blanton, in the Revolutionary War, when the family was living near Bowling Green, Caroline County, Virginia.

In 1799 the Blanton Family came to Fayette County, Kentucky. Richard Blanton married in 1790, Sally/Sarah COMBS. Their children were:

1. (Benjamin) Harrison Blanton b 13 Aug 1791 Virginia  
d 9 Nov 1879 Frankfort, Ky.  
Married Elizabeth "Betsy" DUDLEY.
2. Betsy Combs Blanton marr. \_\_\_\_\_ CARTER
3. Lythy (Elizabeth?) Blanton 1795-1837 " \_\_\_\_\_ VAUGHAN
4. Catherine "Kitty" Blanton " \_\_\_\_\_ BEDFORD
5. Lucy Blanton " \_\_\_\_\_ BEDFORD
6. Nancy Blanton In 1823 marr. John CLAY  
(son of Henry & Margaret HELM CLAY of Bourbon Ci Ky  
Their children were:

- a. Harrison B Clay
- b. Sallie Clay
- c. Margaret Elizabeth Clay
- d. Henrietta Clay
- e. Richard Henry Clay
- f. John Carter Clay marr. Laura HUME
- g. Lythe Clay
- h. Thomas H Clay marr 1st: Hetty M TALBOT  
2nd: Mrs Mollie COLLINS
- i. Mary C Clay
- j. Martha N Clay marr. Emil F NELSON
- k. Susanna Clay; and l. Lucy Letitia Clay.

Lexington, Fayette County, Ky. Will Bk 1809. RICHARD BLANTON.

The following named persons are mentioned in the Settlement:  
Sally Blanton (wdo); Betsy CARTER; Lithie Blanton; Lucy Blanton; Kitty Blanton; Nancy Blanton; H (Harrison) Blanton.

July court 1813 Fayette Co. Ky. Settlement of the accounts of Carter Blanton, Guardian of the Heirs of Richard Blanton, deceased, was produced in Court, examined, approves and ordered to be Recorded. Attst. John D YOUNG, Clerk.

HUSBAND: RICHARD BLANTON  
 WIFE: "Sally" Sarah Combe

**HUSBAND**

Richard Blanton \*  
 1760-63 Place Virginia

Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Marr. 1790 Place Virginia. Lived Fredericksburg, Spottsylvania Co Va  
 Died Jul 1809 Place Fayette Co Ky. (in 1799 to Ky.)  
 Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place Grassy Springs Churchyard, nr. Versailles, Ky.  
 HUSBAND'S FATHER Richard Blanton 1720 Va-1810 Ky HUSBAND'S MOTHER Joanha Sneed  
 HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES None (Sheriff, Fredericksburg Va. bef. Revolutionary War)

**WIFE** "Sally" Sarah Combe

Born 6 Jun 1774 Place Stafford Co Va  
 Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died 3 Apr 1840 or 40? Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 WIFE'S FATHER John Combe of Stafford Co Va (WIFE'S MOTHER dau. of Bullett of Dumfri  
 WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS (age 50 at Sarah's birth) Co Va

SEX M F	CHILDREN List Each Child (Whether Living or Dead) in Order of Birth SURNAME (CAPITALIZED) GIVEN NAMES	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			WHEN DIED		
		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	DAY	MONTH	YEAR
1	BLANTON (Benjamin) Harrison	13	Aug	1791			Va	9	Nov	1870
2	Eetsy Combs									
3	Lithie/Lythy			1795			Va			1850
4	Kitty						Ky			
5	Lucy						Ky			
6	Nancy						Ky			
7	Dau died infancy in						Va			
8	Dau died infancy in						Va			
9										
10										

	To Whom Married	Date	Place
1	Elizabeth Dudley	1791	Fayette Co Ky.
2			
3	Vaughan		
4	Bedford		
5	Bedford		
6	John Clay	1823	
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8			
9			
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SOURCE Information & Explanations	RELATIONSHIP INFORMATION
Letter written 28 Aug 1875 by Harrison Blanton, in Ky Historical Comm. file.	The above Husband is a Revolutionary War Soldier, having served as a substitute for his brother (Col.) JOHN BLANTON.
Fayette Co Ky Court Records, Deeds-Will.	The letter written by Harrison Blanton
Tax List 1800 Fayette Co "Richard"	<b>COMPILER OF THIS RECORD</b>
1820 Census Franklin Co Ky "Harrison"	Name: Mrs F J McDonald, 34041 Grand
1840 Census Franklin Co Ky "Harrison 40-	50" Dana Point, Cal 92629
History of Kentucky-Collins.	Address:
Borks of Elkhorn Church-B J Bennell	

Los Angeles Temple Genealogical Library  
Additional Marriages on reverse side