

BLANTON FAMILIES of Cumberland County, Virginia pages 63-135

James Blanton

John Blanton

David Blanton

Thomas Blanton who went to Tenn.

Grave of Thomas Blanton, Rutherford County, Tenn. (2 copies)  
(of picture)

Richard Blanton of Prince Edw. Co. Va.

## My Mother's Ancestors

by Mary Walker Blanton  
(Mrs James M. Wharey)

John SMITH married Susannah WATSON whose mother was a Miss ALLEN, and lived near Rice, Prince Edward County, Va. To them were born three sons: Allen, Thornton and Sterling; and two daughters, one of whom married Mr ATKINSON of Amelia County, Va. They had two children, Sterling and Mary, who married Miles GILLS of Amelia County, and became the mother of a large family.

My grandmother Mary Anne SMITH married Capt Wm WALKER of "High Hill," Cumberland County, Va., and became the mother of seven sons and two daughters.

Capt Wm WALKER was born at "High Hill," Cumberland County, Va. on 22 Feb 1757, and died at his residence "Airy Green" in Cumberland County, August 1840. He was the son of Warren WALKER and Magdalene BURTON, and grandson of William and Judith (BAKER) WALKER of Southam Parish, Va. Capt Walker had a brother Warren and two sisters, Mrs Judith MEREDITH and Mrs Polly LeGRANDE of Buckingham County, Va. Capt Walker served in the Revolutionary War. He was a large land owner. His eldest son, John, married Miss BERRYMAN. To them were born two children: Susan, the eldest, married Joseph BLANTON of Cumberland County, Va. and to them were born eight children:

Dr John William Blanton  
Rev Lindsay Hughes Blanton of Danville, Ky.  
David Anderson Blanton  
Camilla Blanton (Mrs Dr Hugh Blanton)  
Anna Blanton (Mrs James Grigg)  
Morton Blanton  
Joseph Blanton, Jr  
Susan Thornton Blanton died in infancy.

The only son of John WALKER, William Anderson, married Mary Walker BLANTON and to them was born one child, Mary Ann Letitia, who died in infancy at my father's home.

The second son of Capt and Mrs Walker was William Baker Burton. He married first Frances BLANTON (my father's sister) and to them were born two sons and one daughter. William Davis WALKER (the eldest) married first Ellen CROWDER, and second Margaret CROWDER. By the first marriage there were a number of children, one of whom married Maria BOLLING of Cumberland County. John, the second son married Miss Harriet COURTNEY of Richmond, Va. They were childless. The daughter, Mary Ann THORNTON, married Lenoson MORRISSETTE of Chesterfield County, Va. They had several children.

Capt and Mrs Walker's eldest daughter, Karenheppuch (b 1786) married Mr William LIGON of Amelia County, Va. Their children were William Warren LIGON; Robert LIGON who moved to Texas; Ann Jane LIGON married my uncle Reuben BLANTON; Elvira LIGON married Mr PARKINSON; and Louisa LIGON married my brother Walker BLANTON.

The second daughter of Capt and Mrs Walker was Mary Ann Susannah Smith. She married Mr Henry HINES and removed to Bowling Green, Ky. They had several children.

Capt and Mrs Walker's daughter, Elizabeth, married first Mr James MILLER of Powhatan County, Va. One child was born and died in infancy. Elizabeth MILLER married second Mr John JOHNS of Cumberland County, Va. and had one daughter, Mrs Mary WREN of Salisbury, N.C.

The fourth daughter of Capt and Mrs WALKER was Sally who married John MILLER and lived in Tennessee. They were the parents of three children: Ann, who married Edward BLANTON and became the mother of a large family, several of whom live in Richmond, Va.; William; Allen married a Miss FOWLKES of Nottaway, Va. They had three children; Ann who married Adolphus BLANTON and Sallie who married Barksdale BLANTON; Thomas died young.

Capt and Mrs Walker's fifth daughter, Virginia, married Mr Elijah MEGEHEE and removed to Henry County, Tenn. They had a large family.

The sixth daughter of Capt and Mrs Walker was Nancy Thornton WALKER, my mother. She married Mr James BLANTON of Cumberland County, Va. and lived near Brown's Church. They were married Dec. 2, 1818. To them were born ten children: William David; Mary Walker I; Philip Southall; James Madison; Walker Burton; Francis Baker; Judith Thornton (burned to death at school at age 11 years); Benjamin Watkins Leigh; Martha Wilson died at age 2 years; and Mary Walker BLANTON II who married first Mr William OVERTON, and second James Morton WHAREY, D. D.

The seventh daughter of Capt and Mrs Walker, Rebecca, married first Lindsay BLANTON (my father's brother). To them were born Rev William Lindsay BLANTON; Elizabeth (Mrs James WALTHALL) of Prince Edward County, Va.; Judith (Mrs FRENCH of Richmond); Rebecca, married the second time Mr CALDWELL of Connecticut and lived in Amelia County, Va. They had several children. Mary married Thomas JETER of Amelia County. Jennie married Mr WILKINSON of Chesterfield County, and had two sons who died early in life.

My Grandfather Walker was a Baptist but his father, Mr Warren WALKER of "High Hill" was a staunch Presbyterian. My grandmother Walker's family (the SMITHS) were all Baptists.

My Grandmother Blanton was a Presbyterian. My Grandfather Blanton was not a member of any church. Uncle Willis BLANTON was a Methodist. Lindsay was not a member of the church. His wife was a Baptist. Reuben's family were Methodists; Joseph's Presbyterians; James' Presbyterians; Uncle William WALKER a Baptist, and all of my Mother's sisters were Baptists, except Elizabeth who married a Presbyterian, Mr JOHNS.

My Grandfather David BLANTON's mother was a Miss ANDERSON from Caroline County, Va. I do not know his father's name. David BLANTON married Lucy JOHNS, daughter of James JOHNS of Cumberland County, Va. She had a brother Rueben JOHNS whose descendants live in Buckingham County, Va. My Grandfather David Blanton settled near Brown's Church on the farm later owned by Walker BLANTON's children. There was a large family. The eldest son Anderson Tinsley BLANTON left three sons: Alexander Monroe BLANTON; Edward Anderson BLANTON; and George Vawter BLANTON.

The second son of David and Lucy Blanton was my father, James BLANTON (born 1796) who married 23 Nov. 1818 Nancy Thornton WALKER, Cumberland County, Va. They had six sons and four daughters.

William David BLANTON the eldest born 2 Oct 1819 married Rebecca LEE and to them were born twelve children: Erastus Lee BLANTON; Joseph BLANTON; Willis Southall BLANTON; Ann Sophia; Judith (Mrs BASKERVILLE); John Wilson BLANTON; Wm. Blair BLANTON; Nannie (Mrs MARTIN); Frank BLANTON; Jesse Armistead BLANTON; Mary Walker and Sarah Elizabeth BLANTON.

The second son of James Blanton and Nancy Walker was Philip Southall (M.D.) born 30 June 1824. He married Nannie ARMISTEAD daughter of Rev Jess ARMISTEAD, D.D., noted Presbyterian minister of Virginia. To them were born Truehart; Jessie (Mrs Wm. JOHNSON) of Amelia County, Va.; Prescott who married Kate FARRIS of Montgomery, Ala. Philip died in infancy. Dr. Charles Armistead BLANTON of Richmond, married Bessie WALLACE of Richmond Va.; and Maria PAGE.

The third son of James and Nancy Blanton was James Madison, M. D., born 30 July 1826. He married Sarah LEE and to them were born eight children: M Barksdale BLANTON; Sally Reed (Mrs Wm VAUGHAN); Nannie Thornton (Mrs Sam BADGETT); Mary Lee (Mrs Adolphus BLANTON); Robert Lee BLANTON; and three who died in infancy.

The fourth son of James and Nancy Blanton was Walker Burton who was born 20 June 1828. He married first Lavinia LIGON and to them were born Botts BLANTON; Ida; Karen; Stuart BLANTON; and Ligon BLANTON. His second wife was Jennie BLANTON of Farmville, Va.

The fifth son Francis Baker BLANTON was born 1 April 1831. He married Eliza Diell, daughter of Rev John DIELL of the Sandwich Islands. To them were born John Diell BLANTON of Nashville, Tenn.; James Platt BLANTON; Anna Lee (Mrs Owen McCLURE of Missouri); and Dr J. Clary BLANTON of Henrico County, Va. Carrie Thornton BLANTON died in her teens; two sons died when small.

The sixth son Benjamin Watkins Leigh BLANTON was born 28 July 1836. He married Virginia Leigh WICKER of Richmond, Va. whose father, Francis LEIGH was at one time Mayor of Richmond. To them were born nine children: Lucy Thornton (Mrs Robert HAGAN); Eudora (Mrs OVERBY); James Francis BLANTON of Huntington, W. Va.; Mrs Lena HASKINS of El Paso, Tex.; Mrs Nettie SEAMOUR, El Paso, Tex.; Mrs Carrie HENLEY, Huntington, W. Va.; Oscar S BLANTON of El Paso, Tex.; and Benjamin BLANTON of Richmond, Va.

Mary WALKER, eldest daughter of James and Nancy BLANTON was born in 1821. She married William Anderson WALKER; died at age 17 years, left one child, a daughter who lived two years.

Judith Thornton BLANTON was born in 1833; burned at school at age 11 years. Martha Wilson BLANTON died at age two years.

Mary Walker II was born October 21, 1842; married William S Overton in October 1867. To them was born one son William Swepston OVERTON of Salisbury, N. C.

Mary Walker OVERTON married Rev James Morton WHAREY, pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, July 1868. To them were born five children: Nannie Morton (Mrs W. R. GREY, Jr. of Davidson, N. C.); James Blanton WHAREY, Ph.D. of the University of Texas; and Bessie Blair (Mrs C. L. GREY of Davidson, N. C.) Two children died in infancy.

My father, James BLANTON, was born near Brown's Church in Cumberland County, Va., March 8, 1796; died 23 February 1852.

My mother, Nancy Thornton WALKER was born at "Airy Green" in Cumberland County, Va. She died at Mooresville, N. C. on September 9, 1881.

My father was a large land owner; was Justice of the Peace in Cumberland County, and revered by all who knew him, a fine business man. At Farmville, Va., in partnership with his brother Willis Blanton. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church; was a Whig in politics; was not in the army but belonged to a Militia Co., as well as Citizens' Club of his day.

The Blantons are of English descent. Rev Adolphus FRENCH of the First Baptist Church at Eufala, Ala., has a Family Tree prepared by his mother Mrs Judith FRENCH of Richmond, Va.

The third son of David and Lucy Blanton was Willis BLANTON who lived in Farmville, Va. He married first Martha LIGON, my mother's niece of Amelia, and had a son Thomas of Cumberland; and Martha Willis BLANTON (Mrs James WALTHALL of Prince Edward County, Va.). His second wife was Elizabeth JETER of Amelia, Va., and to them were born Mary Blanton (Mrs Chesley WOOD of Texas; Mrs C. C. LOCKETT of Pasadena, Cal.; Nannie (Mrs Thomas MORTON of Farmville); Jennie (Mrs Walker BLANTON of Cumberland); and Mrs Edward HUGHES of Farmville.

David and Lucy Blanton's fourth son was Lindsay BLANTON. He married Rebecca WALKER (my mother's youngest sister.) They were the parents of Rev Thomas Lindsay BLANTON, a Methodist Minister; Elizabeth BLANTON (Mrs James WALTHALL of Prince Edward); Judith BLANTON (Mrs John FRENCH) of Richmond, Va.

The fifth son of David and Lucy Blanton was Joseph, who married my mother's niece Susan WALKER. To them were born Dr. John William BLANTON; Rev Lindsay Hughes BLANTON; Daniel L. BLANTON; Camilla BLANTON (Mrs Dr Hugh BLANTON); Anne BLANTON (Mrs GRIGG); Morton BLANTON; and Joseph BLANTON II.

The sixth son, Reuben, married in 1827, my mother's niece Ann Jane Elizabeth LIGON of Amelia. Their children were Martha Ann (Mrs Jeff GREEN) of Amelia; Rebecca BLANTON (Mrs JOHNSON of Amelia); William BLANTON; James BLANTON; Robert BLANTON; Lucy BLANTON (Mrs James HILLSMAN); Mary BLANTON (Mrs Dr HILLSMAN of Richmond); Lavinia BLANTON (Mrs Robert BALDWIN of Farmville.)

David and Lucy Blanton's eldest daughter Judith, married Mr William ARMISTEAD, first, and was the mother of James M and William ARMISTEAD of Richmond and Mrs Lucy McGEHEE of Amelia County, and grandmother of Mrs Nannie CRUMP of Richmond. She married the second time Mr Phaup of Cumberland, no children.

Frances BLANTON, the second daughter of David and Lucy Blanton, married William Baker Burton WALKER of Cumberland, and to them were born three children: William D. WALKER; John WALKER; and Mollie (Mrs MORRISETTE of Chest Chesterfield County.)

I believe this covers the immediate family record.

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This paper was prepared by Mary Walker Blanton (Mrs James D. Wharey) when she was about 85 years of age.

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The BLANTON-WALKER "Wharey Paper" written in her 85th year by Mary Walker BLANTON WHAREY, born 21 Oct 1842, Cumberland County, Va is the document upon which this outline of the Cumberland County, Prince Edward County, and Amelia County Virginia Blanton Families, is based.

Cumberland County, Va was formed 1749 Court House, Cumberland, Va  
 Prince Edward County, Va was formed 1753 County Seat, Farmville, Va  
 Amelia County, Va was formed 1734 County Seat, Amelia, Va

In his HISTORY OF CAROLINE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, published 1925, Dr Marshall Wingfield, Clergyman and Historian, born 19 Feb 1893, Franklin County, Va, reports that

"John BLANTON married Hannah ANDERSON of Caroline County; in 1749 removed to Cumberland County, and settled near Brown's Church."

At about the time John Blanton married Hannah Anderson, it so happens that Richard BLANTON married Johana SNEAD/SNEED of Caroline County, Va. The identity of Hannah ANDERSON has been confused with that of Johana SNEAD.

Johana Snead's mother was a Miss CARTER. Johana had brothers **Israel** and Alexander SNEAD. Johana's sisters were:

Ruth who married Mr MUNDY  
 Mollie who married Charles BROWN  
 Lucy who married Benjamin NEWTON; and  
 a sister who married Mr REDD.

Richard Blanton and his wife Johana Snead, had a son Carter BLANTON b 1765 Virginia, who married 1787 Susannah SNEAD, in Caroline County, Va. Carter Blanton and his wife died and are buried near Frankfort, Ky.

A thorough search of all available records of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and those of Kentucky, proves that Richard BLANTON born around 1720 (was Sheriff prior to the Revolutionary War) died in Kentucky, is buried in Grassy Springs Churchyard, near Glenn's Creek, about twenty miles south and east of Frankfort, Ky.

John BLANTON who married Hannah ANDERSON lived in Cumberland County, Va, about eight miles north of Farmville, which is in Prince Edward County, and left four known sons. They were:

James Blanton, Sr of Southam Parish  (Not to be confused with James b 1796, who was son of David.)	John Blanton m 1786 Sarah ANGLEA John d 1807 Cumberland County, Va. His estate papers name part of his children.	Thomas Blanton b 1758, Va m Druscilla ANGLEA, sister of Sarah. Thomas moved to Tennes- see in 1818. d 1846. His grave is on Robt. Steelman Place, near Murfreesboro, Tenn.	David Blanton b 1760, Va m Lucy JOHNS. Lived near Brown's Church
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"Capt" James BLANTON, Sr. (born 1760 or earlier) of Southam Parish, Cumberland County, Va.

His children were:

1. John James Blanton born 1781, married 25 Dec 1809 "Patsy."

Their children were:

- a. John Cary Blanton born 1821
- b. Mary Blanton
- c. Elizabeth Blanton
- d. (John) James Blanton who married Maria SMITH, and had Elizabeth; John James; William L; and Elisa Blanton

2. Lt. Lawrence Blanton born 1786, married 29 May 1809 Cumberland County, Va, Gilley COLLEY, born 1787. Surety: William COLLEY (Corley).

Lt. Lawrence Blanton served in the War of 1812 in Lt. Col. Chas Yancey's Regiment; Capt Jesse Woodson Camp, Fairfield, Va., 1814.

Their children were:

- a. Martha Blanton born 1810 unmarried.
- b. Elizabeth Blanton born 1812 married Charles MANN, moved to Platte County, Mo.
- c. William James Blanton born 1816 married Ann Maria MOSELEY. She died 8 Jan 1880. William James Blanton died 31 Jan 1880, left a son William James Blanton born 27 June 1879, Cumberland County, Va., living 1955 in Springfield, Ohio.
- d. Julia Blanton born 1818 married Seth COLLEY
- e. Mary Blanton born 1820 unmarried
- f. Louisa Blanton born 1822 unmarried
- g. Frances Blanton born 1828 married James MARSHALL
- h. Dr Hugh Blanton born 1833 married Camilla F BLANTON daughter of Joseph BLANTON 1802-1882 of Cumberland County.

3. Nancy Blanton

4. Polly Blanton )  
                                  ) Twins

5. Rhoda Blanton )

6. Elizabeth Blanton married James HAMILTON, 1838, Cumberland County, Va.

1850 Census Cumberland County, Va.

Dwelling #365	Rhoda Blanton, age 50	born Virginia
	Polly Blanton	50 born Virginia
#366	James Blanton	30 Farmer, Born Virginia
	Maria	27
	Eliz	5
	John (James)	3



#379	John Blanton	age 69	born Virginia
	Martha	56	
	Lucy	34	
	Sarah	25	
#380	John (Cary) Blanton	29	born Virginia
	Sarah	22	
#382	Lawrence Blanton	64	born Virginia
	Gilia	63	
	Martha	30	
	William J(ames)	33	
	Julia A <u>Colley</u>	30	
	Louisa	21	
	Catherine <u>Colley</u>	11	

1880 Census Cumberland County, Va.

BLANTON, Hugh age 46, born Virginia. Wife Camilla age 44 b Va.

Jessie (dau) age 16; Susie age 19; Happie (dau) age 14; Lucy age 12;  
Mary age 10; Hugh, Jr. age 8; Lizzie age 6; Lindsey (son) age 3;  
Bell Blanton (dau) age 3/12.

Abstracts from a letter dated 11 Feb 1957, Cumberland, Va.

". . . I will undertake to tell you all I have ever heard about the Blantons. My mother said it was three Blanton brothers from England and JOHN the 1st settled in Cumberland County, about 12 miles from Farmville, and his place has always been called "High Hill." There are many graves at "High Hill" but only two stones . . .

". . . My father's mother and my mother's mother were sisters, daughters of John SMITH.

". . . My father John James BLANTON was born 20 June 1848 at "High Hill," Cumberland County. In 1870 he married my mother Laura Pope BRIGHTWELL born 19 July 1854.

"Twin boys were born 1875, they did not live. Then there were four girls and 2 boys: Fannie V; Ada H; Allie J; and Laura Pope Blanton born 31 Dec 1886 Cumberland County, Va. The two boys were Josiah Brightwell Blanton; and John Richard Blanton. A younger boy Charlie lived only a few months.

My father was Postmaster of Guinea Mills, then I got the appointment in 1915 and was Postmaster until Oct 31, 1955. I was seventy years old on Dec 31, 1956. I have a small picture of my house. If I ever dig it up again will send it to you . . .

With best wishes,  
Yours sincerely,

Laura P Blanton

Cumtackland, Va.

April 25, 1957

Mrs. R. G. Mc Donald.

1453 Emory Drive

Whittier, California

Dear Mrs. Mc Donald:

I am sorry to have delayed  
so long in thanking you for  
the material you so kindly  
sent regarding the Blanton  
family history.

I have found this to be  
extremely informative. Needless  
to say, this is a subject of

utmost interest to me and my relatives. If at any time I run across additional material that I think would be of interest, I will certainly let you hear from me.

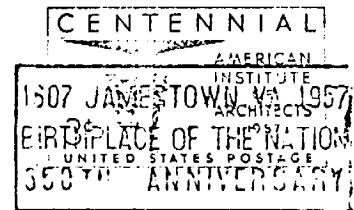
I hope that you enjoyed the recent DAR Continental Congress in Washington.

Thank you again for the invaluable information.

Sincerely

(Miss) Laura T. Blanton

Laura T. Blanton  
Cumberland, Va.



Miss R. J. McDonald

1453 Emory Drive

St. Louis, California

## CUMBERLAND COUNTY VIRGINIA - Personal Tax List

1801.	James Blanton		1818	Anderson Blanton	1
	David Blanton			Jno Blanton	1
	John Blanton			Salley Blanton	1
	Thomas Blanton			Elisha Blanton	1
1802.	James Blanton			James Blanton	2
	Thomas Blanton			David Blanton	2
		*		James Blanton, Jr	1
1809.	Thos. Blanton	2	1819	Jno Blanton	1
	James Blanton	2		Salley Blanton	-
	David Blanton	3		Elisha Blanton	1
1810	James Blanton	2		Jas Blanton	2
	David Blanton	3		David Blanton	3
	John Blanton-Est	0		James Blanton, Jr	1
				Samuel CRISP	
1811	James Blanton	3	1820	Anderson Blanton	
	David Blanton	2		Jno Blanton	1
1812	James Blanton	1		Salley Blanton	-
	David Blanton	2		Elisha Blanton	1
	John's Estate	0		David Blanton	3
	Jno Blanton	1		Jas Blanton, Jr.	1
				James & L Blanton	2
1813	Anderson Blanton	1	1821	Jno Blanton	
	Jno Blanton	1		Salley Blanton	
	Salley Blanton	-		Elisha Blanton	
	James Blanton	2		David Blanton	
1814	Anderson Blanton	1		Jas Blanton, Jr	
	Jno Blanton	1		James & Laurence Blanton	
	Salley Blanton	1	1822	Jno Blanton	
	James Blanton	2		Salley Blanton	
1815	No list			Elisha Blanton	
				David Blanton	
1816	Anderson Blanton	1		Jas Blanton, Jr	
	Jno Blanton	1		James & Laurence Blanton	
	Salley Blanton	1	1823	Jno Blanton	
1817	Anderson Blanton	1		Salley Blanton	
	Jno Blanton	1		Elisha Blanton	
	Salley Blanton	-		David Blanton	
	MERIDITH Blanton	1		James Blanton, Jr	
	Elisha Blanton	1		James & Laurence Blanton	
	James Blanton	2		Lindsey Blanton	
	David Blanton	3	1824	No list	
			1825	Jno Blanton	
				Elisha Blanton	
				David Blanton	
				Jas Blanton, Jr	
				J & L Blanton	
				Lindsey Blanton	

\*Pays on

## CUMBERLAND COUNTY VIRGINIA - Personal Tax List -continued

1826	Elisha Blanton David Blanton Estate James Blanton, Jr James Blanton Estate Laurence Blanton Joseph Blanton Lindsey Blanton	1828	Jno Blanton Elisha Blanton (David) Blanton Lucy Elanton Laurance Blanton James Blanton Lindsey Blanton
1827	Jno Blanton Elisha Blanton David Blanton James Blanton James Blanton Estate Laurence Blanton	1829	Jno Blanton Elisha Blanton Lucy Blanton Laurence Blanton James Blanton Lindsey Blanton Jas Blanton -Estate

## PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY VIRGINIA - Personal Tax List

1782	_____ Blanton 0 Johhua Blanton 1 "Wh thythes"	1791	Richard Blanton, Sr.) Richard Blanton, Jr.) 2 (Betw. 16 & 21) Joshua Blanton )
1783	Joshua Blanton "as above 21 yrs"	1792	Richard Blanton 3
1784	Above 21 years Joshua Blanton 1 Richard Blanton 1 (for Wm.) John Blanton 1	1793	Richard Blanton 4
		1794	Ruban Blanton 3 Joshua Blanton 1 (now 21 yrs) * (Richard Blanton is missing)
1785	Joshua Blanton * 1 (& Jesse) Richard Blanton 1	*1795	Richard Blanton, Snr. 4 Richard Blanton, Jr. 1 (now 21 yrs)
1786	Johhua Blanton 1 Richard Blanton 1	1796	Richard Blanton, Sr 3 Richard Blanton, Jr 1
1787	Joshua Blanton 0 (above 21:) Richard Blanton 1 16 to 21 2	1797	Richard Blanton, Sr 5 Richard Blanton, Jr 1 Joshua Blanton Richard Blanton, Jr (no changes)
1789	Richard Blanton Jos <sup>a</sup> Blanton* * *(just come to 16) (Betw. 16 & 21)	1798	Richard Blanton, Sr 3 Richard Blanton, Jr 1
1790	Richard Blanton Joshua Blanton (Betw. 16 & 21)		*Slaves, etc. looks as if Jos <sup>a</sup> (Joshua) moved into Prince Edward County, Va.

*Wm Wm.  
cut here in P.C.  
Putting Richard?*

## PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY VIRGINIA - Personal Tax List continued

1800	Richard Blanton -Estate *		1810	James Blanton	1
	Richard Blanton	1		John Blanton	1
	(No Jr. on name)			Joshua Blanton	1
	Richard Blanton, Sr closed				
1801	Richard Blanton Estate		1811	James Blanton	1
	Joshua Blanton	1		Jno Blanton	1
	Jno Blanton	1		Joshua Blanton	1
	Richard Blanton	1		Thomas Blanton	1
1802	*Joshua Blanton	1	1812	James Blanton -missing	
	James Blanton	1		Jno Blanton	
	Jno Blanton	1		Joshua Blanton	
	Richard Blanton -Estate			Thomas Blanton	1
	Richard Blanton, Jr	1	1813	James Blanton	1
1803	Joshua Blanton	1		John Blanton	1
	James Blanton	1		Joshua Blanton	1
	Jno Blanton	1		Thomas Blanton	1
	Richard Blanton	1	1814	James Blanton	1
	Rich. Blanton -Estate			Jno Blanton	1
1804	Joshua Blanton	1		Thomas Blanton	1
	James Blanton	1		NELSON Blanton	1
	John Blanton	1	1815	James Blanton	1
	Richard Blanton	1		Jno Blanton	1
	(So far Joshua; James;			John Blanton	1
	Jno; Richard are sons			Thomas Blanton	1
	of Richard Blanton, Sr)			Nelson Blanton	1
	*(Joshua before 1800 & Jesse		1816	James Blanton	1
	Blanton another family.)			Jno Blanton	1
				Thomas Blanton	1
				(Nelson Blanton is gone)	
1805	Richard Blanton, Jr	1	1817	James Blanton	1
	James Blanton	1		Jno Blanton	1
	Jno Blanton	1		Thomas Blanton	1
	Joshua Blanton	1			
1806	James Blanton	1	1818	James Blanton	
	Jno Blanton	1		(Thomas Blanton is)	
	Joshua Blanton	1		(missing. Had gone)	
	Richard Blanton -Estate			(to Tennessee.)	
1807	James Blanton	1		Thomas & Nelson Blanton have	
	Jno Blanton	1		appeared on a different list	
	Joshua Blanton	2		from the beginning.	
1808	No Tax List			The Personal Tax Lists of Cumberland	
1809	James Blanton	1		and Prince Edward Counties, Virginia	
	Jno Blanton	1		were searched in May 1956 by Margaret	
	Joshua Blanton	1		Gray Blanton. Her notes were typed	
				by Louise McDonald in May 1956.	

\*Indicates "pays on"

BY MARGARET GRAY BLANTON  
February 1956

I think I should perhaps start this paper with a brief account of how I have happened to come by the facts. I shall of course state the sources, but a statement will help other people to evaluate what I have collected.

I married Smiley Blanton in 1910. His father was still living. His mother died when he was three, and his father married his aunt, whom we called Amnie (Auntie). She had lived in the same community all her life, and she had, of course, known many of the Blantons.

She was paralyzed, and bedridden, and had nothing to think about but the past. For several summers we went back to Nashville for the holidays (from Cornell). When Smiley graduated from Cornell Medical in New York we got a job in Wisconsin, and took her out there. She was lonely and out of the stream of life, so I made it a custom to go sit with her for an hour or two daily. The easiest thing for us to talk about, and the thing that interested her the most, was family history. I recorded all she told me, but often not in the correct order, or correctly connected. In time I was able to correlate most of it.

In addition to this source, Smiley's father, Hiram Harris Blanton, was there. He knew relatively little of the things that go to make up a family history: who married Cousin----etc.

He had a brother Jack Crisp Blanton of whom I was very fond. He lived "down in the bend." He fought through the war, and told many tales of it to which I listened unendingly and with delight. He gave me the desk of red-cherry made by his father.

There was a sister Lucy whom I knew slightly. She was the wife of Dr. Manier and lived at Tullahoma.

There was a brother (WL) of the Pater's (HHB) in Texas with whom I corresponded, and later a second one (GW), and later a nephew (Jeptha) and another one who gave me some facts.

Amnie died during the flu epidemic of 1918 and the Pater remarried and went to live in Birmingham. I saw him at holidays then, but he was never able to add much to my knowledge.

There was a family bible of William Crisp Blanton. There was a sword (I gave it to Tenn. Historical).

The family bible is not very extensive, and I shall give the data from each name in it, and then add the data that I have collected from various sources, giving the source if I know it, or if it seems important. If I have time I shall add some pages of the tales I was told about the things they did in Unionville.

This is very remote, gathered most of it 40 odd years ago, and never checked on because I had no need to do it, nor any way to. It is good only as a guide and for suggestions to anybody who wants to hunt.

June 22 56

Dear L. I had my 2 courtship days. I am firmly convinced that Benj is the son of Thos + Dixie - I do not feel so sure about Nelson.

Therefore Meredith stands a chance of being the son of Sue + Andy + Inc. of PE Co.

I heard a tradition from J. Richard's father to the effect that Meredith - brother came to Tenn. with him, rather straight from the Army of Electric -

I've quite a bit of data for you as soon as I can get it compiled -  
MJB.

Feb 1/72

I'm delighted that you will go along with the Blanton work.

I've left a small sum in my will for Wessouren Archer to clean up my papers -

I'll watch what I can in these papers.

MJB



JOHN BLANTON m 23 Mar 1786, Sarah ANGELEA, Cumberland County, Va. James Blanton, Surety.

27 Nov 1797 Cumberland County, Va. "Jno Blanton & Salley, wife sell to  
Bk 7, p 498 Creed Taylor, land on East side of Public Road leading across  
Appomattox at Rutledges."

28 Sept 1801 Cumberland County, Va. "Between Thos Blanton, Parish of  
Bk 8, p 531 Littleton, and James Blanton of the same. Thos Blanton sells  
to Jas Blanton. Wits: David Blanton, JNO Blanton

#### Wills & Estates

1792-1810 Inventory of Jno Blanton Estate taken 1 May 1807  
Bk 3 p 369 Estate of John Blanton, Acct. with Sally Blanton  
Bk 4 p 133 James Blanton, Security for the Deceased, John Blanton  
Bk 5 p 271 James Blanton, Security for Goods  
Bk 7 p 167 James Blanton, Security and David Blanton, Bond for Sundries  
furnished; for schooling (of John's children).

To Polly Webber, Midwife Fee. Note: This entry proves there was a child  
born to Sarah/Salley Blanton after the death of John Blanton.

Board - John Blanton; and Isaac Blanton (both were minors in 1807)  
Care for Isaac Blanton for 1807; 1808; 1809; 1810 (born approx.)  
45 40 40 45 (year 1790 )

Care of Isaac Blanton to D(avid) Blanton for 1811 - 24  
James Blanton for hire of two work horses  
Hire of Isaac to D(avid) Blanton. Board - Wm J Blanton 1811

ESTATE of JNO BLANTON in acct. with Salley Blanton 1807-1812.

For Board for Jno Blanton, and  
Isaac Blanton 1807, 1808, 1809, 1810.  
Salley Blanton for Jno Blanton's Estate

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The Estate of JOHN BLANTON names his minor children, who were

John Blanton; Isaac Blanton; and Wm J Blanton.

The lineage of these three boys has not been satisfactorily traced.

Other known children of John and Sarah (ANGELEA) BLANTON were, daughters:  
Judith Blanton; and Amy/Avy Blanton, and two sons

1. Meredith Blanton b 19 June 1792, Cumberland County, Va; m 7 Apr 1814  
Nancy Crisp, Cumberland County, Va; d 5 July 1879, Unionville, Bedford  
County, Tenn.
2. Elisha Blanton b 1797, Cumberland County, Va. Had 8 children.

Bk 8 p 511 Cumberland County, Va, 11 Nov 1828 Elisha Blanton, Adm. of  
Sarah Blanton, deceased.

ELISHA B BLANTON born 1797, Cumberland County, Va; m 12 June 1822, Cumberland County, Va, Elizabeth F SANDERS. John SANDERS gives consent for his daughter. Married by the Rev Abner Watkins. John L. Gauldin, Surety. Elizabeth Sanders was born 1798; d 1875. Their children:

1. John Blanton b 1824, living 1880 Cumberland County, Va.

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1880 Census Cumberland County, Va

BLANTON, John	age 54, b Va (1826)
Catherine (sister)	50, b Va
Susan (sister)	48, b Va
SANDERS, Bartlett (uncle)	63, b Va

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2. Catherine Blanton b 1830
3. Elisha S Blanton b 1831; m Sally \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Sarah C Blanton b 1832
5. Zachariah A Blanton b Aug 1833 Cumberland County, Va; m 9 Dec 1868 Ida F RICE, b 1850 Farmville, Va. Zachariah A Blanton served as a captain in Lee's army, was wounded at Gettysburg, taken prisoner and exchanged. He was later in charge of the funds in the Farmville Bank. For detailed information see VIRGINIA AND VIRGINIANS. His children were:
  - a. William Blanton b 1876
  - b. Lizzie Blanton b 1877
  - c. Samuel E Blanton b 1879; m 1905 Kathryn Pendleton HARROWER b King & Queen County, Va. Their son

Wm Douglas Blanton b 9 June 1912 at Blackstone, Va; m 2 Jan 1934 Louie MORRIS b Farmville, Va. In 1956 Wm Douglas Blanton was living at 150 Sherwood Ave, Front Royal, Va.

1880 Census Prince Edward County, Va

BLANTON, Zack A	age 45, b Va
Ida	30, b Va

William B age; Lizzie age 3; Samuel age 1 year.

6. Susan V Blanton b 1834

7. Charles William Blanton b 1836; m 1st 11 Feb 1858 Mary Virginia PETERS (1836-1901); m 2nd Nannie WILSON. His children were

1880 Census Prince Edward County, Va

BLANTON, Charles W                      age 45, b Va.  
                     Nannie (wife)                      30, b Va.

Charles age 14; Burton age 12; Sanders Blanton age 4/12.

- a. Charles William Blanton b 1865; m 1884 Martha King BRIGGS (1865-1937). Their children were:

Emma E Blanton

Frank S Blanton

Martha Virginia Blanton b 1886; m 1909 Fred HANBURY; living 1968 Farmville, Va.

Ruth Marsden Blanton

Nell Irving Blanton

- b. Burton Blanton b 1868

- c. Sanders Blanton b 1880

8. Samuel Blanton m \_\_\_\_\_ Pollack/rd and had 2 children.

1850 Census Cumberland County, Va

#414 BLANTON, Elisha	age 53,	b Va	Occupation: Farmer
Elizabeth	52	b Va	
John	26	b Va	Occupation: Wheelwright
Elisha S	19	b Va	Blacksmith
Zachariah	17	b Va	Wheelwright

Sarah C age 18; Susan V age 16; Charles M

Elisha BLANTON b 1797 Administered the Estate of Sarah Blanton, deceased 18 Nov 1828.

Book 8 p 511

Cumberland County, Va

Account current Elisha and Jno Blanton. Adm. of Sarah Blanton, dec'd. 11 Nov 1828

MEREDITH BLANTON b 19 June 1792, Cumberland County, Va; d 5 July 1879, Unionville, Bedford County, Tenn; m 7 Apr 1814, Cumberland County, Va, Nancy CHRISP. John CHRISP, Senr, gave consent for his daughter. Nancy Crisp was b 7 Mar 1791, Cumberland County, Va; d 14 Nov 1885, "age 94 years, 3 months, 7 das." She is buried beside Meredith Blanton in the Churchyard, Unionville, Bedford Coutny, Tenn.

Meredith Blanton served in the War of 1812. Declaration of Surviving Soldier for Pension under Act of 14 Feb 1871, was made on 1st day of August 1871, State of Tenn, County of Rutherford, at which time Meredith Blanton stated that he was aged 79 years, a resident of Unionville, Bedford County, Tenn. He served in Capt Allen Wilson's Company, Col Truhart's Regiment, Gen Chambers Brigade. Was drafted at Cumberland Court House, Va on the 28th day of August 1814, and was honorably discharged at Richmond, Va on the 1st day of December 1814, and has received two land warrants, amounting to 160 acres in all.

Deed Bk CC p 225 Bedford County, Tenn. Meredith Blanton buys for \$5.25, three and one-half acres of land from Wm Ogilvie on 14th Feb 1832. It is called "a parcel of land at Thompson's Ford Road, near Union Camp Ground." An article in the Unionville newspaper says the blacksmith shop of Meredith Blanton was built in 1828, and a house was built in 1832. The old Blanton house was standing in the early 1950's. Meredith Blanton was a Blacksmith and a Carriagewright. His sons Elisha and Wm Crisp worked with him, as did eventually his grandson John "Jack" Crisp Blanton. Meredith Blanton was quite tall, had dark hair and dark eyes. He was also a Magistrate and rode from Court to Court on a very small horse.

Tradition says that Meredith and Nancy came to Tennessee in an Ox Cart Train from "near the Carolina line" Mecklenburg County, Va.

The children of Meredith and Nancy (Crisp) Blanton were:

Ann Jane Blanton	b 23 Feb 1815; d Nov 1821
John Archer Blanton	b 17 Nov 1816; d 27 Jan 1817
William Crisp Blanton	b 26 Dec 1817
Sophia Price Blanton	b 24 Dec 1819
Elisha Blanton	b 16 Nov 1823

The will of Meredith Blanton is in Shelbyville, Tenn, dated 22 Sept 1871, probated August term 1879. He leaves his entire estate to women--wife, daughters, daughters-in-law, and granddaughters.

There is a tradition that Meredith Blanton was one of seven brothers. One brother migrated to Mississippi, and one brother to Missouri.

There is also a tradition that Meredith had a "first double cousin" named Ben Blanton, b 1802, to whom Meredith was devoted. The two were always very close, and are buried together on the same lot in the Churchyard at Unionville, Tenn.

## WAR OF 1812

Declaration of Surviving Soldier for Pension  
Act of February 14, 1871

State of Tennessee, County of Rutherford SS

On this 1st day of August A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy one personally appeared before me \_\_\_\_\_ of the a court of record in and for the county and State aforesaid, Meredith Blanton aged seventy-nine (79) years, a resident of Unionville, County of Bedford, State of Tennessee, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is married; that his wife's name was Nancy Crisp, to whom he was married on the 7th day of April, 1814, at Cumberland Co. Virginia: that he served the full period of sixty days in the military service of the United States in the war of 1812; and who was the identicle Meredith Blanton who was drafted in Captain Allen Wilson's company, Col. Truehart's regiment, Gen'l Chambers' brigade, division, at Cumberland C. H. Va. on the 28th day of August, 1814, and was honorably discharged at Richmond, Va., on the 1st day of December 1814; that he was stationed in New Kent Co. 18 miles below Richmond, Bottom's Bridge most of the time he was in the service. He has received two land warrants, amounting to 160 acres in all.

That, at no time during the late rebellion against the authority of the United States, did he adhere to the cause of the enemies of the Government, giving them aid or comfort, or exercise the functions of any office whatever under any authority, or pretended authority, in hostility to the United States; that he will support the Constitution of the United States; that he is not in receipt of a pension under any previous Act;

That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States, under the provisions of the Act approved February 14, 1871; and hereby constitutes and appoints with full power of substitution and revocation, Leland Jordan, his true and lawful attorney, to prosecute his claim and obtain the pension certificate that may be issued; that his post-office is at Unionville, County of Bedford, State of Tennessee that his domicile or place of abode is at the same.

Meredith Blanton Applicant

Attest:

A. N Vincent  
W. R. Adams

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BY VIRTUE OF A GENERAL ORDER, of the 26 day of November, 1814,

Meredith Blanton of Capt. Allen Wilson's Company of the first Regiment Virginia Militia, is hereby honorably discharged from service, having performed the Tour of duty required, under General Order of Aug. 26, 1814.  
Wm. Trueheart, Col. (1 Brg?) (Reg.)

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No. 22848 TREASURY DEPARTMENT. Third Auditor's Office. March 15, 1872

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions with the information that the rolls of Capt. Allen Wilson, Company of Virginia Militia show that Meredith Blanton served from 28th August 1814 to 30th Nov 1814.

Allan Rutherford, Auditor

WAR OF 1812  
CLAIM OF WIDOW FOR SERVICE PENSION

Under the provisions of Sections 4736 to 4740 (inclusive) Revised Statutes, and the Act of March 9th, 1878.

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N. B. All the blank spaces in this form must be carefully filled up in accordance with the instructions on the back hereof: and from the best information possessed, or obtainable, by the applicant.

STATE OF TENNEFSEE) SS  
County of Bedford )

On this 24th day of September A D one thousand eight-hundred and Seventy-nine, personally appeared before me, Robt. F. Singleton, Clerk Bedford County Court, the same being a court of record within and for the county and State aforesaid, (1) Nancy Blanton aged 88 years, a resident of Unionville, in the State of Tennessee, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of (2) Meredith Blanton deceased, who was the identical (3) Meredith Blanton, who served under the name of (4) Meredith Blanton as a (5) Private in the company Malishia commanded by \_\_\_\_\_ in the war of 1812; that her said husband (6) was drafted at Camp bottamas Bridge, Va., on or about the 29th day of August, A.D. 1814, for the term of 3 months, and continued in actual service in said war for the term of (7) Three months or more, and whose services terminated, by reason of an honorable discharge, at Campbottamase Bridge, Va., on or about the first day of Dec. A.D. 1814. She further states that the following is a full description of her said husband at the time of his enlistment, viz: (9) 6 feet high, dark complected (complexioned) dark eyes and dark hair. She further states that she was married to the said Meredith Blanton near Cumberland Court House, in the county of Cumberland, and in the State of Virginia, on the Seventh day of April, A. D. 1814 by one (10) Abner Watkins, who was a (11) Minister of the Gospel; and that her name before her said marriage was Nancy Chrisp; and she further states that (12) her self nor her husband Meredith Blanton had never been previously married and that her said husband (13) Meredith Blanton, died at Unionville, in the State of Tennessee, on the fifth day of July, A. D. 1879, and that she has not again married; and she further declares that the following have been the places of residence of herself and her said husband since the date of his discharge from the Army, viz: (14) Cumberland County, Va., Rutherford County, Tennessee and Bedford County Tennessee. She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the pension to which she may be entitled under Sections 4736 to 4740 (inclusive) Revised Statutes, and the act of March 9th, 1878, and hereby appoints ---of--- her true and lawful atty. to prosecute her claim;

and she further declares that she has heretofore made no application for (15) Pension Bounty, or Land Warrants. Meredith Blanton my husband got two Land Warrants before his death, and that her residence is Unionville, County of Bedford, State of Tennessee, and that her post-office address is Unionville, Bedford County, Tennessee.

her  
Nancy Blanton  
mark

Attest: Robert Allison; John A Gassaway?

Also personally appeared Benjamin Blanton, aged 74 years, residing at No. 11 District in Bedford County, and Robert Allison, aged 63 years, residing at No. 11th District in Bedford County, persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they have known the said Nancy Blanton for 60 years and for 56 years, respectively; that they were present and saw her sign her name or make her mark to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with her, that she is the identical person she represents her self to be; and they further say that they are able to identify her as the person who was the wife of the identical (16) Meredith Blanton who rendered the service alleged in the above application (in the company of Captain Allen Wilson in the regiment of \_\_\_\_\_ in the war of 1812) by the following named facts and circumstances, viz (17) We have lived near them most of the time every since we were small boys and have been intimate with them all the time, and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

Benjamin Blanton  
Robert Allison  
Names of Witnesses

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th day of September A. D. 1879 and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, etc. were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words, erased, and the words, . . . added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Robt. L. Singleton  
Clerk Bedford County Court

State of Tennessee) War of 1812 Claim No. 38040  
Bedford County ) Act of March 9th, 1878

Personally appeared before me R. H. Stearn, an acting Justice of the Peace for said County, Nancy Blanton widow of Meredith Blanton, dec'd, and made oath as follows. I am the widow of Meredith Blanton dec'd, I was married to Meredith Blanton, dec'd on 7th day of April 1814 in Cumberland County Virginia. My first born Ann Jane Blanton was born 23rd day February 1815, John Archer Blanton was born on 17th day November 1816; William C. Blanton was born 26th day Decr. 1817. Sopha Prise Blanton was born on 24th Decr. 1819. Elisha Blanton was born on 16th day Novr. 1823.

WILLIAM CRISP BLANTON b 26 Dec 1817, Va; d 28 Oct 1887; is buried Unionville Tenn, in Churchyard with his parents. M 21 Jan 1831 Elizabeth TILFORD b 6 Aug 1820; d 2 May 1898; a daughter of Naomi (BROWN) and David TILFORD of Shelbyville, Tenn. Naomi was the daughter of Shadrack BROWN and Tabitha HALL, his wife.

WILLIAM CRISP BLANTON was a Col of Militia, became Capt of Co A of the 23rd Tennessee; later known as Co C, and later still, Co F, organized July 1861. The sword of William C Blanton is with the Tennessee Historical Commission, Nashville, Tenn. William Crisp Blanton was Postmaster from March 1851 to April 1854, and was appointed again June 1856 to April 1858. He was also a Tax Collector. His occupation as shown in 1850 Census Bedford County, Tenn is that of "Coachmaker." William C Blanton had ten children. They were:

1. Elisha Albert Blanton b 4 Jan 1839, Unionville, Tenn; d 19 Feb 1919 Gainesville, Cooke County, Tex; m 1st, Malinda J THOMPSON 10 July 1862. She died 31 Mar 1875 at age 30. Their children were:

a. Edlar Bacon Blanton b 19 Aug 1863 Tennessee; d 3 Jan 1942 Houston, Tex. He had a son

Edlar Bacon Blanton, Jr. b 5 Sept 1916, Houston, Tex, who in 1956 was living at 3123 Bluebonnet, Houston.

There was also Paul Thompson Blanton b 20 Jan 1920 living at 3030 S Alameda, Corpus Christi, Tex.

A half-brother, Burt C Blanton lived in Dallas, Tex.

b. Jeptha Wallis Blanton b 26 Apr 1865, Bellbuckle, Tenn.

c. Florence Blanton m \_\_\_\_\_ SNIDER. She died Feb 1919.

d. William P Blanton lived in Texas and St. Louis, Mo.

e. John Blanton

Elisha Albert Blanton m 2nd, Aptil 1879 Mattie BOUNDS.

On January 31, 1955, Mr Jeptha W Blanton, Sr., of Dallas, Texas wrote:

"After the Civil War, or in 1870, Uncle Pete Wallis who had previously moved to Texas and was living at McKinney, came to Bellbuckle, Tennessee, as he knew my father, Elisha Albert Blanton, was contemplating a move to Texas. Uncle Pete piloted us to Texas, all of us coming in two horse covered wagons. It took us 30 days to come from Bellbuckle to a little town near McKinney, then known as Orangeville. Here it was that my father and mother taught school for two years. Father thought he could find a better place to live, as he wanted to practice his profession--that of a lawyer. We moved to Gainesville in 1872."