

2. Green L Blanton b 8 Oct 1840, d 22 Aug 1842.
3. Lucy "Ann" Jane Blanton b 10 July 1842; d 13 Aug 1926, Tullahoma, Tenn; m 1st 12 June 1862, John CARNEY. She had no children. M 2nd Dr W A MANIER. There were four step-daughters. Sam Blanton and wife Clara lived nearby.
4. John "Jack" Crisp Blanton b 12 July 1844; d 1921; m Jane B MAUPIN, and had
  - a. John Blanton m Annie LOWE. Lived in New Orleans, La.
  - b. Allie Blanton m Charles H JOHNSON (1881-1921)

John Crisp Blanton served in the Confederate Army, McDonald's Battalion, Tennessee Cavalry Volunteers, 2nd Brigade, First Division, Forrest's Corps. Mustered into service June 1, 1863.
5. Sophia P Blanton b 21 Aug 1846; d 9 July 1884; m 10 Sept 1863, James Albert KNOTT, and had (among others)
  - a. Tom E Knott who d 16 Oct 1951, Shelbyville, Tenn having lived most of his life in Texas.
6. Nannie Lee Blanton b 30 Aug 1848; d 16 Mar 1883; m 1st 3 Aug 1868, Bedford County, Tenn, Sam J TERRY; m 2nd, 4 Dec 1873, E W ELLIS, probably no children.
7. William Lafayette Blanton b 28 Dec 1851, Bedford County, Tenn; d Gainesville, Tex; m 1st Sarah E ALLEN 7 Oct 1884. She died 2 Aug 1905. M 2nd Gertrude BURNS. There were probably no children.
8. Hiram Harris Blanton b 7 Aug 1853; d 3 Nov 1944, Birmingham, Ala. M 1st 1879, by Rev T A Hoyt, Nashville, Tenn to Sarah Araminta BRUNSON, dau of Emily SMILEY and Asabel BRUNSON. Sarah Araminta died 1 June 1886. Hiram Harris Blanton m 2nd Oct 14, 1887, Mrs Alene "Annie" Brunson Pennington, who was a sister to Sarah. Hiram Harris Blanton m 3rd Blanche RAY 2 June 1921. By wife Sarah A BRUNSON, there were two children.
  - a. Minnie Hays Blanton who died in infancy, buried Unionville.
  - b. Smiley Blanton b 7 May 1882 Unionville, Tenn; d 30 Oct 1966, New York City; m 18 Oct 1910 Margaret Leslie Gray. There were no children.

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Smiley Blanton, Psychiatrist, born Unionville, Tennessee May 7, 1882, son of Hiram & Sarah (Brunson) Blanton; B.S., Vanderbilt U., 1904; M.D., Cornell U. Med. Coll., 1914; diploma in Psychol. Medicine, Royal Coll. Physicians and Surgeons, London, England, 1923; m. Margaret Gray, Oct. 18, 1910. Instructor Dept. of Speech, Cornell Univ. 1907-11; Instructor, Asst. Prof. later Prof. Speech & Mental Hygiene, Univ. of Wisconsin, 1914-24; Director Minneapolis Child Guidance Clinic and Asst. Prof. of Clinical Medicine, Univ.

of Minn., 1924-27; Prof. of Child Study, Vassar Coll., 1927-31; in practice of medicine, New York, since 1931; Asst. Prof. of Clinical Psychiatry, Cornell, 1933-38; Director Religio-Psychiat. Clinic Marble Collegiate Church, New York City since 1937; Asso. Prof. Clinical Psychiatry Vanderbilt Univ. School of Medicine, Nashville, Tenn., 1943, now professor clin. psychiatry emeritus. Served as Lieut., later Capt., Med. Corps, U.S. Army, World War I; Maj. Med. Reserve Corps since 1924. Mem. N.Y. Acad. of Medicine, N. Y. Psychoanalytic Society., Am. Foundation of Religion and Psychiatry (associate founder; member board of directors), American Psychiatric Assn., Am. Med. Assn., Sigma Nu. Democrat Club: Sleepy Hollow Country. Author: (with Norman Vincent Peale) The Art of Real Happiness, 1950; Love or Perish, 1956. Home: 200 E. 66th St. Office: 115 E. 61st St., N.Y.C.

9. David Tilford Blanton b 14 Nov 1855, d October 1856.
10. George Washington Blanton b 24 Sept 1857; d 21 Dec 1885 Laura SUTTON. There were two children:
  - a. Miriam Blanton b 22 Jan 1889; m 1st Hugo Huber; m 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ SALISBURY.

Miriam Blanton Huber is a writer. See:

THE WONDER-STORY BOOKS Reading Foundation Series by Miriam Blanton Huber, specialist in Children's Literature and Reading. Published by Row, Peterson & Company New York City, Evanston, Ill., and San Francisco, Calif.

In 1955 Miriam Blanton Huber lived in Hollywood, Calif.

- b. William Blanton lived in Galveston, Texas

1860 ~~1860~~ CENSUS FOR UNITED STATES

Town

State: Tennessee

County: Bedford  
9 July 1860

Township: Western Div. Dist 11 Page       

Family Number	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - Real Estate	Birthplace	Married within year	School within year	Cannot read or write	Remarks
1027	BLANTON, W C	40	m	w	Coach Maker	4,000	Tenn	Son	of	Meredith	
	Elizabeth	39	f	w							
	Elisha	21	m	w							
	Lucy A	18	f	w							
	Sophia	15	f	w							
	John	12	m	w							
	Nancy	11	f	w							
	William	9	m	w							
	Hiram	8	m	w							
	G W	5	m	w							
1028	BLANTON, Elisha	36	m	w	Blacksmith		Tenn	Son	of	Meredith	
	L F (Lucy)	34	f	w							
	James	6	m	w							
	A G	4	m	w							
	F(ranklin)	5	m	w							
	Virgil	2	m	w							
1029	BLANTON, M (Meredith)	65	m	w	Blacksmith	6,000	Va				
	Nancy	66	f	w							



ELISHA BLANTON b 16 Nov 1823, Tennessee (son of Meredith 1792-1879); d Mar 1900 Unionville, Bedford County, Tenn; m Lucy Frances CARNEY who died 1904. Their children were:

1. James "Jim" Blanton m Annie \_\_\_\_\_. They were the parents of
  - a. Charles Blanton
  - b. Oswell Blanton
  - c. Hiram Blanton
  - d. Ben Duggan Blanton had two daughters, Elvia Maria, a librarian and a daughter who worked at Tennessee State Archives.

2. Franklin Blanton (1855-1936) a blacksmith, m Fannie b 1862

In a letter written Oct 2, 1951, to Mrs Mac Q Williamson, of Oklahoma City, by Mrs. Jesse A Proctor of Scottsboro, Ala she says:

"My mother's first cousin Frances Isadore KIRBY, married Franklin Blanton. He was one of the best men I ever knew. Dear Cousin Frank, so kind, hardworking, honest, good to Cousin Fannie, her widowed mother and her sister, his own people, and everyone. We all loved him, bless his memory. Cousin Franklin died in 1932. Both are buried in Unionville, Tennessee. They had no children.

Signed: Annie Coleman Proctor"

3. Albert Galatin Blanton b 1 Nov 1857, m Fanny Yandle. They lived about forty miles south of Nashville, at a place called "The Wheel" which is the location of the blacksmith shop of Meredith Blanton (1792 Va-1879-Tenn). Albert G Blanton's son

John Nathan Blanton b in 1870's "slipped away at night by muleback, went to Texas, never returned to Tennessee." John Nathan Blanton later m Amanda LAND, and settled near Palestine, Tex. Their two known sons

- a. Albert G Blanton lived, in 1956, at Tyler, Tex.
- b. Leslie Marion Blanton m Odessa who was born 26 Sept 1905. They lived near Palestine, Tex. Leslie M Blanton worked for Hunt Oil Company. They had a son

Philip Blanton b about 1930.

4. Virgil Edward Duggan "Dock" Blanton b 7 Nov 1858; d 4 Apr 1943, Eagleville; m Wanetta "Willie" Owen b 14 Apr 1869, d 1 Apr 1940 at Dover, Tenn. Their son

John Richard Blanton b 9 Aug 1903, Unionville, was living 1956, at 3001 Blackmore St., Nashville.

5. Portia Paralee Blanton m Andrew VINCENT. She is buried at Unionville, Tenn.
6. Samuel Blanton m Clara \_\_\_\_\_ of Manchester, Tenn.

SOPHIA PRICE BLANTON b 24 Dec 1819; m James A MOORE; d 11 Sept 1877 Tennessee. Daughter of Meredith Blanton (1792-1879). Children of Sophia and James Moore were:

1. Clay Moore
2. John Moore
3. Christopher Moore
4. Bill Moore
5. James Moore who m Mary Jane BROWN. Their children were Joe, Ben, Nannie, Fannie and Mattie Moore.
6. Ed Moore
7. Lewis Moore
8. Abner Moore
9. Nancy Jane Moore who m John BLANTON
10. And other children

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and Binders, Chicago, Illinois

ELISHA ALBERT BLANTON, an active and efficient practicing attorney in Gainesville, Cooke County, Texas, was born on the 4th day of January 1839, in Bedford County, Tennessee, and is the son of William C. and Elizabeth (Tilford) Blanton. Elisha A. Blanton is the eldest of six children, now living, of his parents, the others being John C.; Lucy; Hiram H., William L.; and George W. Blanton.

Mr. Blanton began reading law with Hon. Edmund Cooper of Tennessee and finished under the Hon. Charles C. Grace, at Bonham, Texas whither he had removed in November 1870. He was admitted to the bar in January, 1873, and in the same month located at Gainesville, Texas, which has ever since been his home. Mr Blanton makes a specialty of real estate law in which he is one of the best posted attorneys in the State. In 1881 he was appointed County Attorney to fill the unexpired term of R. V. Bell, who had been appointed District Attorney.

Realizing that it was not good for man to be alone, Mr. Blanton was married July 10, 1862 to Miss Minnie, daughter of Joseph P. THOMPSON, of Marshall County, Tennessee. Four children were born to them - Edlar; Jephtha W.; Florence; and Willie P. Blanton. When the family circle was broken by the death of Mrs. Blanton, which occurred March 31, 1875, Mr. Blanton subsequently married Miss Mattie Bounds, of Collin County, Texas.

Mr Blanton has been, and is, very prominent in Masonry and Oddfellowship, having filled all the offices in the subordinate lodge of Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and three times been representative in the Grand Lodge. He is also a member of the American Legion of Honor in which he is the Grand Commander for the State of Texas. Mr. Blanton and his wife are members of the Christian Church.

Mr. Blanton has acquired a large and lucrative practice and stands in the foremost rank of Texas lawyers. He is very popular with all classes in the community, by whom he is highly respected for his ability and many commendable qualities.

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WILLIAM LAFAYETTE BLANTON, a well known Attorney-at-Law, residing in Gainesville, Cooke County, Texas was born in Unionville, Bedford County, Tennessee, December 28, 1851. He is the third son of William C. and Elizabeth (Tilford) Blanton. His father was born in Tennessee in 1817, and prior to 1861 was largely engaged in the manufacture of wagons and buggies and became quite wealthy. When the war came, he entered the Confederate army as Captain in the Twenty-third Tennessee Infantry. After the war closed he held the position of tax collector for two terms, and as County Trustee one term in Bedford County, Tennessee

Mr Blanton, Sr., was a Master Mason, and Odd Fellow and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His death occurred in Oct 1887, Unionville, Tenn. William C. was a son of MEREDITH BLANTON, who was born in Cumberland County, Virginia, was a soldier in the War of 1812 and died 1874 at the age of ninety years. William L. Blanton's mother was born in Bedford County, Tennessee. Her home is Unionville. Six of her children are living: Elisha A.; Lucy; John C.; William L.; Hiram Harris; and George W. Blanton.

W. L. Blanton received his education at Unionville Academy in his native county. He left his home for Texas, October 6, 1870, arriving on the 8th of November. In March 1873 he settled in Gainesville. Mr. Blanton read law with his brother, E. A. Blanton, and was admitted to the Bar in January 1874. In March of that year he went to Henrietta, Clay County, Texas, practicing his profession for a year, when he returned to Gainesville, where he has since continued to reside, devoting his entire time and attention to his law practice. He was the first City Attorney at Gainesville, having been elected in 1880, re-elected in 1882 and 1884, serving until 1886.

On the 7th day of October, 1884, Mr. Blanton was married to Miss Sarah E. ALLEN of St. Louis, Missouri. She is a daughter of George O. and Julia O. ALLEN. Her father was born in Boston, Mass. In 1838 he removed to St. Louis with his parents. He was an architect by profession and planned and built some of the handsome edifices in St. Louis. Mr. Allen was married in the City of New York, in 1853, to Miss Julia O., daughter of the Rev Dewey WHITNEY, a Presbyterian Clergyman who was born in Vermont, in 1799, a son of Jonas Whitney. He was educated at Yale College. His father was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Rev. Dewey Whitney married in 1827 Mildred R., daughter of Col. Wm THORNTON who served in the War of 1812. She was a Virginian by birth. George O. Allen died in 1870, leaving two children - Mrs. W. L. Blanton, and the Rev. Lyman W. Allen, who was pastor of a Presbyterian Church in St. Louis, Missouri.

William L. Blanton is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Knights of Pythias, and has passed all the chairs in both institutions. He has represented the Odd Fellows in the Grand Lodge. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Blanton is associated in the practice of law with Mr. J. M. Wright, the firm name being BLANTON & WRIGHT.



1880 CENSUS FOR UNITED STATES

State: Texas County: Cooke Town-City: \_\_\_\_\_

Film No. \_\_\_\_\_ Page No. \_\_\_\_\_ Enumeration Date \_\_\_\_\_

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, Elisha Albert			41											Tenn			Elisha A & Wm L are
	Mattie			38		wf									Ark			grand sons of Meredith
	E B			16		s									Tenn			Blanton b 1792 Va
	Jeptha Wallis			15		s									Tenn			d 1879 Tenn., son
	Florence			12		dau									Tenn			of JOHN BLANTON of
	Wm			7		son									Texas			Cumberland Co. Va.
	F S			1		dau									Texas			
	Wm Lafayette			27		bro									Tenn			

There was a James M Blanton who was almost a professional bondsman Rutherford County, Tennessee, around 1835.

The known children of NELSON BLANTON and Elizabeth (CHRISP) his wife are:

1. John Blanton b 26 Jan 1809 Virginia; d 11 June 1833 Tennessee. His grave in Old City Cemetery on Vine Street, Murfreesboro, Tenn.  
 "In Memory of John Blanton born Jan 26, 1809  
 died June 11, 1833"
2. George W Blanton b 1820 Tenn. In 1860 a resident of Madison County, Ala. Wife, Elizabeth b 1834 Alabama. Their children:
  - a. Smith Nelson Blanton b 1851 Alabama; m Lucy LEWIS. Their son
 

Iva Claud Blanton b 21 Sept 1894 Huntsville, Ala; d 16 Oct 1944 Detroit, Mich; m 30 June 1926 Helen KANE b 13 Sept 1898 Mt Pleasant, Mich. Helen d 23 Aug 1932 Detroit, Mich. In 1955 their son

Patrick Joseph Blanton b 17 Mar 1928 Windsor, Ontario, Canada, and his wife Shriley CHRISTMAN b 27 Dec 1928, Detroit, Mich, were living in Washington, D.C. at 1046 Wahler Place SE, Washington, D.C.

Other children of Smith Nelson Blanton were: sons: Jesse, Burwell and Jere Blanton. daughters: Rosie, Mollie, Mattie and Maud.
  - b. George W Blanton b 1854 Ala; d Huntsville, Ala. His son
 

George W Blanton b 8 Oct 1875, Huntsville, Ala; d 27 Nov 1940, Atlanta, Ga. His son

Jerry Blanton Atlanta, Ga., and wife Fay, had a son

Dillard A Blanton b Atlanta, Ga. living in 1955 at 1260 Sisemore Ave, Atlanta, Ga.
- c. Thomas Blanton b 1856 Ala
- d. Catherine Blanton b 1860 Ala

1830-1840 CENSUS FOR UNITED STATES

State: Tennessee

County: Rutherford

City:

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330	Head of Family	Free White Males											Free White Females											Remarks					
		Under 5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-30	30-40	40-50	50-60	60-70	70-80	80-90	90-100	100+	Under 5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-30	30-40	40-50	50-60	60-70		70-80	80-90	90-100	100+	
331	Benj. Blanton	1			1	1								1						1									Benj Blanton next house to Thomas Blanton. Next to Joseph Farmer.
	Thomas Blanton				1		1														1							Wdo of Nelson Blanton d. 1820.	
	Joseph A Farmer						1														1								
	Elizabeth Blanton			1																		1							
40	Rutherford Co Tenn																												
35	W H Blanton	2				1								1	2						1								
59	Benj Blanton	2	1	1	1	1								2	2		1	1											
60	Thos. Blanton								1														1					Thos Blanton b. 1758 Virginia m. 1783 Cumberland Co. Va. Druscilla Anglea of Littleton Parish, Cumberland Co Va Thos Blanton moved to Middle Tenn. ca. 1818. Died 1846, his grave on farm near Murfreesboro Tenn. marked by DAR.	

THOMAS BLANTON b 1758 Cumberland County, Va; m 28 Oct 1783 Druscilla ANGELEA, b 1766, both of Littleton Parish, Cumberland County, Va; d 27 May 1846 Murfreesboro, Rutherford County, Tenn.

Thomas Blanton, age 20, occupation "Blacksmith" enlisted for two years toward the close of 1779 under Capt Benjamin Lawson, 1st Regiment of Col Greene and Hayse's Command in the Virginia line. Was discharged near Charleston, S.C. Records in the National Archives, Washington, D.C. show that "Thomas Blanton had dark eyes and black hair."

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

Bk 11 p 277 Thos Blanton sells to Jno Blanton, Jr. a parcel of land lying  
17 Nov 1809 on Guinea, Cumberland County, Va. Jas. Blanton owns the other moiety. Wits: N(elson) Blanton, Meredith Blanton

Dec 13 1813 Thomas Blanton witnesses when Nelson Blanton buys land in Prince Edward County, Va.

1811, 1812, 1813, 1814, 1815, 1816, 1817 Thomas Blanton on Personal Tax List of Prince Edward County, Va. 1818 Tax List. Thomas Blanton's name is missing. Gone to Tennessee.

9 Dec 1817 Thos Blanton of Prince Edward County, Va gives Power-of-Atty in Cumberland County, Va

25 Apr 1819 Thos Blanton makes Power-of-Attorney, Rutherford County, Tenn

1820 U S Census Rutherford County, Tenn

THOMAS BLANTON over age 45, 1 female (Druscilla) over age 45.

1 male born between 1810-1820	1 female 10 to 16 years
1 male born between 1804-1810	2 females 16 to 26 years
1 male born between 1794-1802	

30 Apr 1823 in the District of West Tennessee, Rutherford County, Thomas Blanton applied for Pension for Revolutionary War Service.

In 1823 a letter from James Blanton, Sr. Cumberland County, Va, and David Blanton personally appeared, states that Thomas Blanton, now a resident of Rutherford County, Tenn, was engaged on Continental Establishment during the Revolutionary War. Chas Womack certified they are respectable and their oaths entitled to credit.

Thomas Blanton had a wife Druscilla, age 57, one dau Susan age 20, and a son William Blanton age 18 living with him in 1823.

THOMAS BLANTON b 1758 Virginia; d 1846 Tennessee; and his wife Druscilla ANGELEA, had the following known children:

1. Nancy Blanton b 1795? Virginia; m 17 Aug 1811 Joseph PEEK, Cumberland County, Va. In 1860 Nancy Peake b Virginia was living in Rutherford County, Tenn, Readyville, P. O.
2. Mary Blanton b Va; m 1813 Cumberland County, Va, Howard ALLEN; m 2nd 1829 Rutherford County, Tenn, Edward BURGESS.
3. Salley Blanton m 1821 Rutherford County, Tenn. Thos BURGESS.
4. Benjamin Blanton b 16 May 1802 Va; d 28 Nov 1885 Bedford County, Tenn; m Martha C FARMER.
5. Susan Blanton b 1803; m John WHEELER.
6. William Blanton b 1805

There were other children of Thomas Blanton, and his wife, Druscilla who have not as yet been identified.

NELSON BLANTON b around 1786 Va; d 1820 Rutherford County, Tenn; m 23 Nov 1806 Cumberland County, Va, Elizabeth CRISP. In 1816 Nelson Blanton and wife went to Rutherford County, Tenn. Two years later, 1818, Thomas Blanton 1758-1846, accompanied by Meredith Blanton and wife Nancy Crisp, moved to same area where Nelson Blanton had settled near Murfreesboro, Tenn. If Nelson were not a son of Thomas and Druscilla Blanton, he was their "double" nephew, and a son of Thomas' brother John Blanton (d 1807) whose wife was Sarah Angelea, a sister to Druscilla.

In 1830 Bedford County, Tenn in dwelling next to Meredith Blanton, there lived one JACOB BLANTON born around 1810. A short distance away lived another JACOB BLANTON born around 1800. The relationship of these two men, each named "Jacob" has not been established, but they were undoubtedly close to the families of Blanton, settled in Middle Tennessee.

In Rutherford County, Tennessee there was one JAMES M BLANTON, doing business around 1835, whose lineage has not been established.

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18 Aug 1849 Final Settlement - Estate of Thomas Blanton

For pailing in grave	\$ 6.00
For crying the sale	1.00
For gravestones	12.00
For coffin	16.00

A grave on the Robert Steelman place near Murfreesboro, Tenn:

"Sacred to the memory of Thomas Blanton born 1758; died May 27, 1846, age 88. Soldier in the Rev. under Greene, fought in the battle of Gilford Court House; Camden S. C.; Eutaw Springs, and others."

The widow Scilly Blanton, appeared in Rutherford County, Tenn. 1847 June 5, age 81; states Thomas Blanton died in Rutherford County, Tenn. 27 May 1846, states she was married to Thomas Blanton 28th October 1783, and refers to the certificate of her marriage from Clerk of County Court of Cumberland County, Virginia, herewith filed as part of this Declaration.

One James F. Fletcher was Chairman of the County Court of Rutherford County, Tennessee, 1847.--The widow applied again 1849 Rutherford County, Tennessee. One of the witnesses to signature of widow 1848 was one Benj. Blanton.

A Justice of Peace was Hiram C. Carter.

Certified Copy of Marriage record from Clerk of Cumberland County, Virginia in 1847 showing that Thomas Blanton and Scilly Anglea both of Littleton Parrish were married October 28, 1783 by Christopher McRae.

1851 Rutherford County, Tennessee, the widow again made Declaration applying for increase of Pension.

June 1, 1846 Rutherford County, Tennessee Book 13, p 605-6

Benjamin Blanton was appointed Administrator of the estate of THOMAS BLANTON

In the Sale, the goods was bought by the widow; William; and Benj. Blanton

The widow, Druscilla died at age 87 years, in January 1853, and was laid to rest beside her husband THOMAS BLANTON

Book 16, p 465. 7 Feb 1853. Benjamin Blanton was made Administrator after the death of Celia Blanton. In a sale of the furnishings, household articles, etc. a Bible went to SUSAN WHEELER, a dau.

BENJAMIN BLANTON (son of Thomas 1758 Va-1846 Tenn and his wife Druscilla ANGELEA 1766 Va-1853 Tenn) b 16 May 1802 Va; m 1826 Martha C "Patsy" (b 3 June 1807 N.C.; dau of Joseph FARMER; d 27 Jan 1869 Tenn); d 28 Nov 1885 and is buried at Unionville, Bedford County, Tenn.

Benjamin Blanton 1802-1885 was a "first double cousin" to Meredith Blanton (1792 Va-1879 Tenn) whose father John Blanton d 1807 Cumberland County, Va. Benjamin's and Meredith's fathers were brothers; their mothers were sisters. Benjamin and Meredith were always very close and are buried in the same Churchyard at Unionville, Tenn.

In 1818 Benjamin Blanton's parents left Virginia, moved to Rutherford County, Tenn. They were accompanied by Meredith Blanton and his wife Nancy. Benjamin Blanton lived in Rutherford County, Tenn until 1865 when he moved to Unionville, Bedford County.

The children of Benjamin and Martha (Farmer) Blanton were:

1. Joseph Thomas Blanton b 20 Feb 1828; d 28 May 1904, buried Unionville, Tenn; m Mary CARNEY b 1828 Tenn. In 1880 Joseph Thomas Blanton was a resident of Marshall County, Tenn. In his household were his wife Mary and

July, age 28, a daughter

Benjamin, age 23

Mollie Sue, age 20

Joseph, age 14

Walter, age 10.

Other known children of Joseph T Blanton are:

Daniel Nelson Blanton b 1850; m 20 Mar 1872 Jerusha Alice PARSLEY, Rutherford County, Tenn. W. M. Gray, Surety. Their children were:

Lou b 1879, a daughter

Edward Meredith Blanton b 10 May 1875 Murfreesboro, Tenn; d 1944 at Durant, Okla; m Lula Belle MAXWELL b 13 Mar 1876 Tex, d 1939 Durant, Okla. In 1955 their son

William Dean Blanton b 24 Mar 1906 Durant, Okla, was living at 509 S Coit St., Florence, S.C.

W T Blanton b 1855. Living 1880 Williamson County, Tenn.

Miss Mollie Sue Blanton (1860-1945) is buried in Unionville, near the grave of her grandfather Benjamin Blanton (1802-1885).

2. Armilla "Milly" Blanton b 14 Feb 1830; d 3 Sept 1894 buried Evergreen Cemetery (Murfreesboro, Tenn); m W W HIGHTOWER.

3. Collin A Blanton b 1832
4. Elizabeth J Blanton b 7 Jan 1834; d 22 Sept 1892, buried Wartrace, Tenn.
5. Benjamin W Blanton b 22 Nov 1835, Rutherford County, Tenn; d 8 Oct 1901, buried Hollywood Cemetery. Benjamin W Blanton and wife had three children.
  - a. Lula Blanton
  - b. Annie Blanton
  - c. Robert E Lee Blanton 1876-1921 Wartrace, Tenn.

Benjamin W Blanton was a leading merchant of Wartrace, Tenn, was a Mason and an Odd Fellow. Mayor of Wartrace 1873 to 1883. See: Goodspeed's History of Bedford County, Tenn. Published 1886.

6. William D Blanton b 1836
7. Martha W Blanton b 1838; m \_\_\_\_\_ RICHARDSON.
8. Mary H Blanton b 1840; d 1907 buried Hollywood Cemetery, Wartrace, Tenn.
9. Nancy C Blanton b 19 Feb 1848, Murfreesboro, Tenn; d 25 Oct 1916, buried Eagleville, Tenn; m 20 Dec 1868, Solon S DUGGAN (1848-1918). They had a daughter

Netta b 28 May 1865 McMinnville, Tenn; m 3 June 1902 Byron F SMITH, b 1865, Tenn, d 1942, Okla. Netta's daughter

Ruth Campbell Smith b 3 Mar 1909 Eldorado, Okla; m 1 Sept 1931 Waldon Cecil FERRIS b Ft Worth, Tex. Ruth and W C Ferris had a daughter

Emily Annette Ferris who on 28 Oct 1955 became Member No 441503 of NSDAR, at which time her address was 820 East Elm, Altus, Okla. At the time Emily Ferris became a member of the DAR, she was a student at Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

10. Sarah C "Kate" Blanton b 1848; m \_\_\_\_\_ TUCKER

1850 Census Rutherford County, Tenn

Dwlg #357	Benjamin Blanton	age 48	Occupation: Farmer	b:Va
	Martha C	42		NC

Armilla age 20; Collin A 18; Elizabeth J 16; William D 14; Martha W 12; Mary H 9; Nancy C 6; Sarah C age 2.



**HUSBAND** BENJAMIN BLANTON

HUSBAND:

WIFE: Martha C Farmer

Born May 16, 1802 Place Virginia  
 Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Marr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 died Nov 28, 1885 Place Tenn. vill  
 Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place Unionville, Tenn. Cemetery - 12 miles from Shelby-  
 HUSBAND'S FATHER Thomas Blanton b 1758 Va. d. 1846 Tenn. HUSBAND'S MOTHER Druscilla Anglea  
 HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES m Oct 28, 1783 Cumb Co Va. b. 1766 d. 1853

**WIFE** Martha C Farmer -called Patsey.

Born Jun 3, 1807 Place North Carolina  
 Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Died Jan 27, 1869 Place Unionville, Tenn.  
 Bur. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 WIFE'S FATHER \_\_\_\_\_ WIFE'S MOTHER \_\_\_\_\_

WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS

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, Joseph Thomas	20	Feb	1828			Tenn	28	May	1904
2	Armilla (Milly)	14	Feb	1830			"	3	Sep	1894
3	Collin A			1832			"			
4	Elizabeth J	7	Jan	1834			"	22	Sep	1892
5	Benjamin W	22	Nov	1835		Rutherford	"	8	Oct	1901
6	William D			1836			"			
7	Martha W			1838			"			
8	Mary H			1840			"	1907		
9	Nancy C	19	Feb	1844	Murfreesboro		Tenn	25	Oct	1916
10	Sarah C (Kate)			1848						

	To Whom Married	Date	Place
1			
2	W W Hightower		
3			
4			
5	F E Eroy of Lincoln Co	1871	
6			
7			
8			
9	Solon S Duggan	20 Dec 1868	
10			

SOURCE Information & Explanations  
 1850 Census Rutherford Co. Tenn.  
 1820:1830:1840:1860 Rutherford Co. Tenn.  
 1870 Census Bedford Co. Tenn.  
 Goodspeed's History of Bedford Co. Tenn.  
 Hollywood Cemetery, Wartrace, Tenn.

RELATIONSHIP INFORMATION  
 The above Husband is a  
 of

COMPILER OF THIS RECORD  
 Name: Mrs E J McDonald  
 34041 Granada Dr,  
 Address: Dana Point, Cal. 92620 (1968)  
 Telephone:  
 MSDAR #412680; #441503. Pension App. of  
 Thomas Blanton b. 1758 Va.; d. 1846 Tenn.  
 Cemetery Unionville, Tenn.  
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1850 CENSUS FOR UNITED STATES

State: Tennessee County: Rutherford Town Township: \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_

Family Number	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - Real Estate	Birthplace	Married within year	School within year	Cannot read or write	Remarks
57	Benjamin BLANTON	48	m	w	Farmer		Virginia				
	Martha C	42	f	w			N C				Known to be of this family: Joseph Thos Blanton, b 2-20-28 d. May 28, 1904. And Benj. W. Blanton b Nov 22, 1835 d Oct 8, 1901 Bur. Wartrace, Tenn.
	Armilla	20	f	w			Tennessee				
	Collin A	18	m	w			"				
	Elizabeth J	16	f	w			"				
	William D	14	m	w			"				
	Martha W	12	f	w			"				
	Mary H	9	f	w			"				
	Nancy C	6	f	w			"				
	Sarah C (atherine) "Kate"	2	f	w			"				
	1860 Census Rutherford Co Tenn. - Murfreesboro, P O. Civil Dist #9										13 Aug 1860
83	B BLANTON (Benjamin)	58	m	w	Farmer	4,000 \$9,000	Personal Prop. Va.				
	M C	52	f	w			N C				
	E J	26	f	w							Elizabeth J Blanton born Jan 7, 1834 died Sep 22, 1892 buried Wartrace, Tenn
263	N C BLANTON (Newton)	27	m	w	Blacksmith	1,800	Tenn				N C Blanton married Emma Peak Feb 14 1860 by R L Fagan
258	E Blanton (Evelyn)	21	f	w			Tenn				
	S Blanton	3	f				Tenn				
061	S BLANTON	55	f	w	Farming	1,100	Tenn				Middleton, P.O. 7 Sept 1860
096	M A Blanton	19	f	w			Tenn				
02	NANCY PEAKE	62	f	w			Va.				
	Readyville P.O.										See: 1870 Rutherford Co. Tenn. NEWTON BLANTON -on other side.

There was a James M Blanton who was almost a professional bondsman Rutherford County, Tennessee, around 1835.

The known children of NELSON BLANTON and Elizabeth (CHRISP) his wife are:

1. John Blanton b 26 Jan 1809 Virginia; d 11 June 1833 Tennessee.  
His grave in Old City Cemetery on Vine Street, Murfreesboro, Tenn.  
"In Memory of John Blanton born Jan 26, 1809  
died June 11, 1833"

2. George W Blanton b 1820 Tenn. In 1860 a resident of Madison County, Ala. Wife, Elizabeth b 1834 Alabama. Their children:

- a. Smith Nelson Blanton b 1851 Alabama; m Lucy LEWIS. Their son

Iva Claud Blanton b 21 Sept 1894 Huntsville, Ala; d 16 Oct 1944 Detroit, Mich; m 30 June 1926 Helen KANE b 13 Sept 1898 Mt Pleasant, Mich. Helen d 23 Aug 1932 Detroit, Mich. In 1955 their son

Patrick Joseph Blanton b 17 Mar 1928 Windsor, Ontario, Canada, and his wife Shriley CHRISTMAN b 27 Dec 1928, Detroit, Mich, were living in Washington, D.C. at 1046 Wahler Place SE, Washington, D.C.

Other children of Smith Nelson Blanton were: sons: Jesse, Burwell and Jere Blanton. daughters: Rosie, Mollie, Mattie and Maud.

- b. George W Blanton b 1854 Ala; d Huntsville, Ala. His son

George W Blanton b 8 Oct 1875, Huntsville, Ala; d 27 Nov 1940, Atlanta, Ga. His son

Jerry Blanton Atlanta, Ga., and wife Fay,  
had a son

Dillard A Blanton b : Atlanta, Ga. living  
in 1955 at 1260 Sisemore Ave, Atlanta, Ga.

- c. Thomas Blanton b 1856 Ala
- d. Catherine Blanton b 1860 Ala

1860 1850 CENSUS FOR UNITED STATES

State: Alabama

County: Madison

Town Huntsville  
 Township: \_\_\_\_\_

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Number	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - Real Estate	Birthplace	Married within year	School within year	Cannot read or write	Remarks
7	George W Blanton	40	m	w	Huntsville City Police		Tenn.				Son of Nelson and Elizabeth C Blanton.
	Elizabeth	26	f	w			Ala.				Nelson @. 18 20 Rutherford Co Tenn.
	Smith N(elson)	9	m	w			Ala.				left widow and 4 sons under age 10.
	George W	6	m	w			Ala.				Nelson Blanton was from Cumberland & Prince Edward Co Va.
	Thomas	4	m	w			Ala.				Probably a son of Thomas Blanton born 1758 Va., d.1846 Ter
	Catherine	4 mo.	f	w			Ala.				and wife Druscilla, marr. 1783 Littleton Parish, Cumberland Co Va.

1870 Rutherford Co Tenn..-Portions of reel too dim to read.

BLANTON, Newton      Age 38    Blacksmith    born Tenn. (1832)

Eveline              26

Elizabeth            17

Robert               10

Benjamin             5

Agness                1

SACRED TO MEMORY OF THOMAS BLANTON

Inscription on Revolutionary Soldier's Grave  
At Steelman Farm

There is a Revolutionary soldier's grave on the farm of Robert Steelman about three miles from town on the Manson Pike. This was known for years as the Hardy Selph place but was originally the Blanton place having been settled by THOMAS BLANTON, a soldier. His grave is in the edge of a field and a little plum thicket has grown up about it. A broken headstone bears a clear-cut inscription:

Sacred the memory of

Thomas Blanton, born A.D. 1758

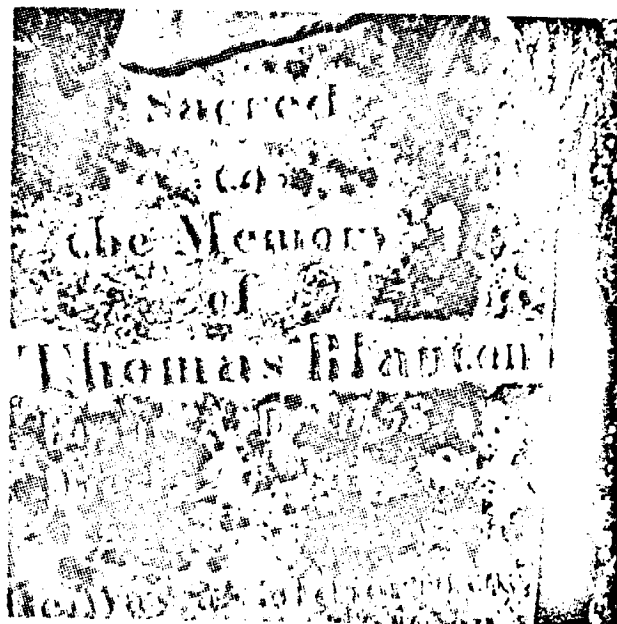
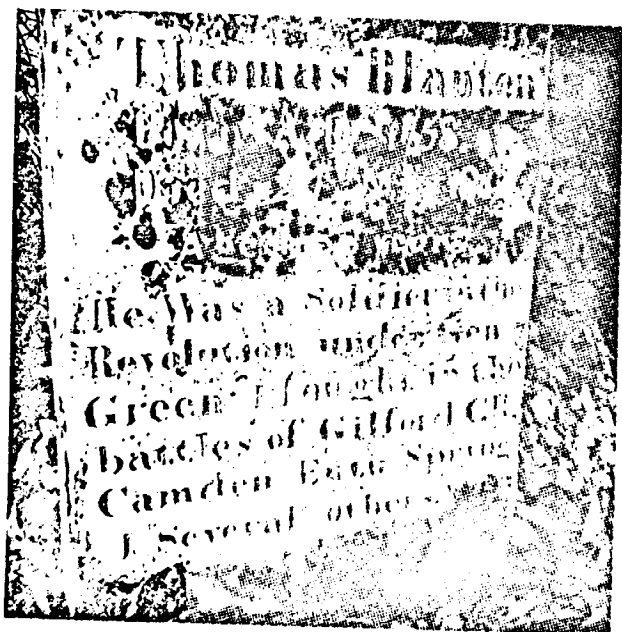
Died 27th of May A.D. 1846

Age 88 years

He was a soldier in the Revolution and fought under Gen. Greene in the battles of Guilford C. H., Camden, Eutaw Springs and several others.

The farm of Mr Steelman is on a part of the battlefield which is being considered for the National Park, making the location of the old soldier's grave especially significant.

Evidently the attention of the local chapter of the D.A.R. has not been called to the fact of this grave as no bronze marker has been placed thereon, as is the beautiful custom of the organization. -Article in the Murfreesboro News Journal.



DAVID BLANTON (1760-1823) of Cumberland County, Va and wife Lucy JOHNS had had the following children:

1. Anderson Tinsley Blanton (1794-1852) His three sons were:
  - Alexander Blanton
  - Edward Anderson Blanton
  - George Vawter/Wyatt Blanton
  
2. James Blanton (1796-1852) had six sons and four daughters. They were:
  - William David Blanton
  - Philip Southall Blanton
  - James Madison Blanton
  - Walker Burton Blanton
  - Francis Baker Blanton
  - Benjamin Watkins Leigh Blanton
  - Mary Walker Blanton I and Mary Walker Blanton II
  - Judith Thornton Blanton d age 11
  - Martha Wilson Blanton d age 2
  
3. Willis Blanton m 1st Martha LIGON; m 2nd Elizabeth JETER, and had:
  - Thomas Blanton
  - Mary Blanton m Chesley WOOD of Texas
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Blanton m C. C. LOCKETT, Pasadena, Calif
  - Nannie Blanton m Thomas MORTON
  - Jennie Blanton m Walker BLANTON
  - Willie Blanton m Edward B. HUGHES, Cumberland County, Va
  
4. Lindsay Blanton m Rebecca WALKER Their children were:
  - Rev W. Lindsay Blanton, Methodist Minister
  - Elizabeth Blanton m James WALTHALL
  - Judith Blanton m John FRENCH of Richmond, Va
  
5. Joseph Blanton (1802-1882) m 1st Susan WALKER; m 2nd Mary Farris \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Dr John William Blanton
  - Rev Lindsay Hughes Blanton, D. D. of Danville, Ky
  - David Anderson Blanton, moved to Clarksville, Tenn
  - Daniel L. Blanton
  - Camilla Blanton m Dr Hugh BLANTON b 1833
  - Anne Blanton m James GRIGG
  - Morton Blanton
  - Joseph Philip Blanton b 29 Jan 1849
  - Susan Thornton Blanton died in infancy
  
6. Rueben Blanton m Ann Jane LIGON. Their children were:
  - Martha Blanton m Jeff (Edward) GREEN
  - Rebecca Blanton m Edward R. JOHNSON
  - William Blanton
  - James Blanton
  - Robert Blanton
  - Lucy Blanton m James HILLSMAN
  - Mary Blanton m Dr John S. HILLSMAN of Richmond, Va
  - Lavinia Blanton m Robert BALDWIN, Farmville, Va
  
7. Judith Blanton m 1st Wm ARMISTEAD; 2nd Mr PHAUP by whom no issue.
  - James M. Armistead
  - William Armistead of Richmond
  - Lucy Armistead m \_\_\_\_\_ McGEHEE of Amelia County, Va



8. Frances Blanton m William Baker Burton WALKER. Their children:  
 William David Walker  
 John Walker  
 Mollie aka. Mary Ann Thornton Walker m \_\_\_\_\_ MORRISETTE

DAVID BLANTON b 1760; m 1793, Lucy b 1765; dau of Joseph and Frances (TINSLEY) JOHNS.

The will of David Blanton is in Book 8, page 389, Cumberland County, Va. Settlement date 28 Dec 1827. His children were:

ANDERSON TINSLEY BLANTON b 1794; d 1852; m Elizabeth Pitt VAWTER, b 1796. He served in the War of 1812. As one of the legatees of David Blanton, he received in David's lifetime. This paper signed 28 Dec 1827. In his will, 1852, Anderson Tinsley Blanton named his grandmothers Johanna ANDERSON; and Frances TINSLEY. He had three sons. They were:

1. Alexander Monroe Blanton m 12 Nov 1837, Martha, dau of Henry AMOS, Cumberland County, Va.

1850 Census Cumberland County, Va

#343	Alexander Blanton,	age	33	b Va	Occupation: Farmer
	Mary		23		
	Ann		10		
	Henry		8	See 1880 Census	

2. Edward Anderson Blanton b 25 Jan 1815 Amelia County, Va; d 21 Jan 1900 Henrico County, Va; m 28 Nov 1836 Mary Ann Elizabeth MILLER, Cumberland County, Va. "William Walker consents for his ward and granddaughter, Mary Miller," born 28 Aug 1818. Mary Ann died 10 Aug 1901 Henrico County, Va.

1850 Census Amelia County, Va

#40	BLANTON, Edward A	age	35,	Birthplace: Va
	Mary A		33	
	Sarah A		12	
	William A		10	
	Leigh M		8	
	Thomas L		4	
	Adolphus		1	

Adolphus Anderson BLANTON b 27 June 1849 at Locust Grove, Amelia County, Va; d 19 Dec 1925 at Richmond, Va. His son Robert Edward Lee Blanton b 22 Oct 1905, Chesterfield County, Va; m Dorothy Mae HALL b 7 May 1912, Chicago, Ill. Descendents are:

O. Scott Blanton b 21 June 1941, and  
 Linda Barksdale Blanton b 1 Apr 1947

1880 Census Cumberland County, Va

BLANTON, Henry	age	35	b Va
Louisa		21	b Va
Alex (son)	age	3;	Henry J (son) age 7/12 b Va; Mary Blanton (stepmother) age 51, b Va; Mary Baldwin (niece) age 19, b Va.

Major Leigh Miller BLANTON b 1842; d 1907; a realtor, manufacturer of Richmond, Va; m Lydia Clara McCONNELL, a descendant of Wm McCONNELL from Dunagannon, Ireland who came to America about 1735, settled in New Garden, Chester County, Penn. Children of Leigh Miller BLANTON were:

- a. Annie Lydia Blanton (1866-1910)
- b. Elizabeth Howard Blanton b Richmond, Va 14 Sept 1868; m Egbert R. JONES, Holly Springs, Miss, on 10 Sept 1889. Mrs Egbert R. Jones was President of Colonial Dames of America in Mississippi; member #1366 of the NSDAR; past State Regent DAR; past V P General of DAR; Hon State Regent of DAR. "Prospect Hill" the country place in Marshall County, Miss. Residence, Holly Springs, Miss.
- c. Leigh Raymond Blanton (1870-1897)
- d. Robert Garvin Blanton (1873-1922)
- e. George Norton Blanton (1876-living 1954)
- f. Howard Danforth Blanton (1884-1886)
- g. Clara Lloyd Blanton died in infancy.
- h. John Martin Blanton died in infancy.
- i. Edward Robeson Blanton b 1 Nov 1884, Farmville, Va was living 1954 in Miami Beach, Fla.

1880 Census Prince Edward County, Va

BLANTON, Leigh	age	38	b Va
Clara		35	b Va

Anne age 13; Elizabeth age 11; Leigh age 9; Robert age 6;  
George age 4; Howard age 1. Children b Va.

BLANTON, Edward	age	65	b Va	(father)
Ann		59	b Va	(mother)
Edward J.		21	b Va	(brother)
Joanna		18	b Va	(sister)

3. George Vawter/Wyatt Blanton, b 1820; m 24 Jan 1844 Cina/Sina Newman, Rockingham County, N. C. Moved to Knox County, Tenn. (The middle name "Vawter" is used by relatives and researchers. George himself used "W" or "Wyatt.")

1850 Census Knox County, Tenn. Page 89 783(2)

George W. Blanton,	age	30	b Va	Occupation: Blacksmith
Sina		34	b N.C.	
Sarah Ann E		5	b N.C.	
Mary F		3	b N.C.	
David Blanton		16	b N.C.	(David Anderson, son of Joseph)