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# Services For C. R. Roberts To Be Today

## Author Dies Unexpectedly At Home Here

Funeral services for Charles Blanton Roberts, 65, author and former newspaper writer in New York, who died unexpectedly at



ROBERTS

4:30 a. m. yesterday at his home, Cedar Lane and Lewis road, Fountain City, will be at 2:30 p. m. today at the home. The Rev. Harry Cooke and Dr. W. H. Sheffer will officiate. Burial in Highland Memorial. Mynatt's in charge.

Pallbearers: Wallace Boulineaux, T. J. Thomas, Dr. Charles Bell Burke, Sterling Lewis, R. L. Sheffer and J. Alvin Nelson.

Mr. Roberts was a native of this section and when he was a young man was secretary to A. A. Arthur, founder of Middlesboro, Ky.

He later lived in New York for 35 years and was associated with a law firm. Returning to Knoxville two years ago, he built a home on Cedar Lane.

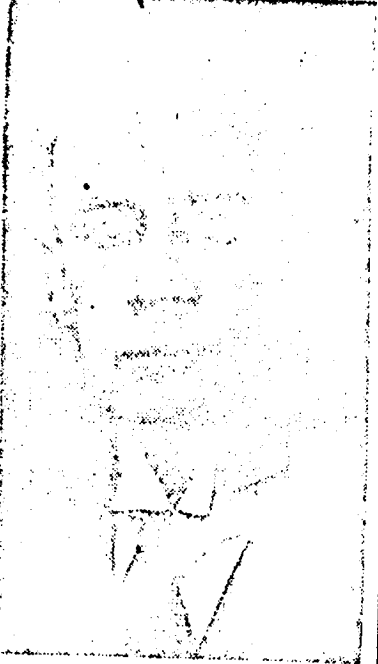
Mr. Roberts had two books, "Edmond Peyre" and "Second Man," published some time ago. He recently finished the manuscript of another book dealing with mountain life and had been in correspondence with New York publishers, arranging a date for its appearance.

He was a member of First Christian church here.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Ollie Roberts; a son, William Blanton Roberts; grandson, James Blanton Roberts; his mother, Mrs. Martha W. Roberts; sisters, Mrs. J. M. Rule and Mrs. Bertha Boulineaux and a brother, Thomas Blanton Roberts, all of Knoxville.

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**CHARLES BLANTON ROBERTS**  
Charles Blanton Roberts, author, died unexpectedly at 4:30 a. m. today at his home, Cedar Lane and Lewis Road, Fountain City. Mr. Roberts, who recently had two books published, Edmond  
Feb 9, 39



CHARLES B. ROBERTS

Peyre and Second Man, became ill yesterday afternoon. His condition was not considered serious, however.

He was a native of this section. However he lived in New York for 35 years where he was with a law firm. While there he wrote for New York papers.

Two years ago he returned to Knoxville and built a home on Cedar Lane.

Mr. Roberts was 65 years old. He was a member of the First Christian Church here.

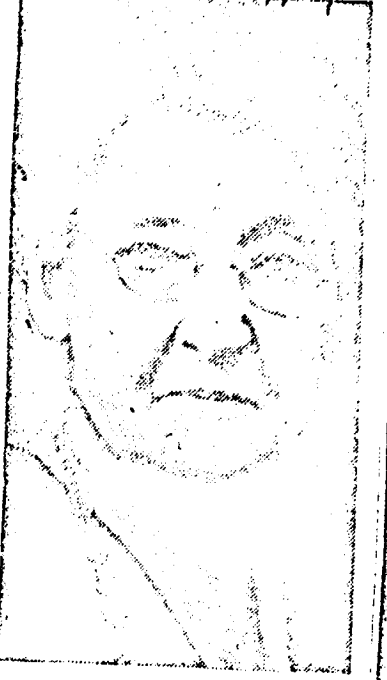
He leaves his wife, Mrs. Ollie Roberts; son, William Blanton Roberts; grandson, James Blanton Roberts; mother, Mrs. Martha W. Roberts; sisters, Mrs. J. M. Rule and Mrs. Bertha Boulineaux, and brother, Thomas Blanton Roberts, all of Knoxville.

The body was removed to Mynatt's.

Mr. Roberts had just finished the manuscript of another book dealing with mountain life, and was in correspondence with his publishers, Revell Publishing Co., of New York, on date for publication.

When a young man, Mr. Roberts was secretary to A. A. Arthur, founder of Middlesboro, Ky.

# Mother Is Given 85th Birthday Surprise Party



MRS. M. W. ROBERTS

A little 85-year-old lady was resting quietly in her easy chair one day last week looking out the window at the home.

Then cars drove up and parked, one after the other, in front of the house. Before she knew what it was all about, her three children, several grandchildren and great grandchildren had come in. They were all in fine spirits and that made her spirits rise, too.

It was the 85th birthday of Mrs. M. W. Roberts, who lives at 729 Deery Street.

And soon after 12 o'clock, the dining room doors were opened and two of her daughters took her by the arm and marched her in to a nice birthday dinner, with party decorations.

She enjoyed it greatly and she wished she could shake the hands of her many friends, for she feels better these days than she has in several months. For a while she was quite ill. Now she lies in bed about two days a week to rest and conserve her strength. The other days she is up and about.

Her three children are Mrs. Bertha Boulineaux, Mrs. Mary Rule and T. B. Roberts, all of Knoxville. One son, C. B. Roberts, now dead, was the author of two well known novels, "The Last Man" and "Edmond Pyre." The four grandchildren are Wallace Boulineaux, James M. Rule, Mrs. Loy Marks, and W. B. Roberts, son of the writer. There are also six great grandchildren.

## 1860 Census Knox County, Tenn. 12th Dist., 11 June 1860

#198	G W Blanton,	age 42	b Va	Occupation: Blacksmith
	Sarah	45	b Va	
	Sarah	15		
	Mary	14		
	Lucy	12		
	Martha	9		(married Wm ROBERTS, had son Charles Blanton Roberts*)
	James	7		
	Maria	5		
	Esther	3		
	George W	1		

## 1880 Census Knox County, Tenn

Cina Blanton	age 50	b N.C.	
Sara E	32	N.C.	(daughter)
Geoanna	9	Tenn	(granddaughter)

"THE BUILDING OF MIDDLESBOROUGH" (Kentucky) by Mr A A Allen's secretary, Charles Blanton ROBERTS, appears in the Filson Club History Quarterly, January 1933, pp 18-33.

## Marriages KNOX County, Tennessee

BLANTON, Georgia	to Frank ARMSTRONG	4 Oct 1888
Hazel	Minnie McDUFFIE	2 Feb 1899
James K	Mollie THOMAS	14 Apr 1897
Jennie	James HOLLOWAY	6 Nov 1886
Jennie L	James HOLLOWAY	22 May 1878
Martha W	William ROBERTS	19 Mar 1873
Mary F	John RUSSELL	19 Jan 1865
Wm G	Victoria WELLS	24 Dec 1894
Wm H	Martha E NELSON	30 Mar 1886

## 1880 US Census KNOX County, Tennessee

William Blanton	age 37	Birthplace: Virginia
Nancy C	36	"
Elizabeth	13	Kentucky
William	12	"
James K	4	"

State: Virginia

County: Cumberland; Prince Edward City: \_\_\_\_\_

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Head of Family	Free white males					Free white females					All Others	Slaves	Remarks	
	Under 10	10-16	16-26	26-45	45 & On	Under 10	10-16	16-26	26-45	45 & On				
1810 Cumberland Co Va.														
BLANTON, James			1		1	1	1	2	0	1				Six ANGLEA Families near Planton's. James Planton lived next dwelling to Laurance Planton. Judith Randolph nr. Sally. Minor children of John deceased 1807, boarded in home of DAVID BLANTON, to attend school. Sally was widow of John d. 1807, and Admr. of John's estate.
Laurence			1					1						
Sally		1	1					1	1					
John				1			1							
David	3	3	2	1		1			1					
1810 Prince Edward Co														
Blanton, James	1		1	1		1		1						
Joshua				1						None				
John				1		1		1						
Thomas	2			1		1	1	4		1				
														Information from Microfilm Census, Temple Library, West LA Calif. by L. McDonald Aug 30, 1968

1830-1840 CENSUS FOR UNITED STATES

State: Virginia County: Cumberland City: \_\_\_\_\_ Page: \_\_\_\_\_

1830	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+
Cumberland Co Va	Laurence Blanton			1				1						2	1	1	1		1									
	Anderson Blanton		1					1							1	1												
	Joseph Blanton	1				1											1											
	Elisha Blanton		2			1	1							2		1			1									
	John Blanton		1		1			1							1	2	1		1								John lived next house to James' Estate.	
	Estate James Blanton					1													3			1						
	James Blanton	2	2	1	2			1							1			1										
	Lucy Blanton (Widow of David)							1												1								
	Rebecca Blanton (Rebecca Walker)	2	1											1	1			1										
	Widow of Lindsay, a son of David Blanton 1760-1823.																											
1830	Prince Edward Co Va																											
	James Blanton		1	1	1	1			1					2	1	1	1			1								
1830	Amelia Co Va																											
	Willis Blanton					3	1	1									1										Census from Microfilm, Temple Library, by L McDonald. 196	

1820 CENSUS FOR UNITED STATES

State: Virginia

County: Cumberland, and  
Prince Edward

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

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Head of Family	Free White Males						Free White Females					Foreigners not naturalized	Agriculture	Commerce	Manufactures	Slaves	Remarks
	Under 10	10-15	16-18	16-25	26-44	45 and over	Under 10	10-15	16-25	26-44	45 and over						
1820 Cumberland Co Va																	
BLANTON, John	1				1		3			1							John & Laurance Blanton lived adjoining each other.
Laurance	1				1		5			1							Elisha lived in 2nd dwelling from James Blanton.
James						1		1	1	2	1						David & James Jr. lived in adjoining dwellings.
Elisha				1							1						
David **	4	1		5	3	2	4	5	5	2	1						
James, Jr.	2			2	1				2								John Blanton d. 1800 widow Sarah/Sally ANGLEA Blanton ESTABLISHMENT says "David Blanton beard, Schooling & sundries furnished" to minor children of John & Sally Blanton including ISAAC & WILLIAM J BLANTON. Other known issue.
** Bk 8, p 389. 28 Dec 1827. Cumberland Co. Va. Settlement of Estate of David Blanton, dec'd 1823.	Children named: Anderson Tinsley; James; Willis; Lindsay; Joseph b. 1802; Reubin; Judith; & Frances BLANTON. (Not all 32 persons in David's household in 1820, were of his immediate family.) Note by L. McD.																
1820 Prince Edward Co. Va.																	
Blanton, James	2		1	1	1		2	1		1	1						John & Sally/Sarah (ANGLEA) Blanton, were: son Meredith John; Elisha; Judith & Amy/Avy Blanton.
																	Census from Micro-film, Temple Libr'y Westwood, Calif. by Louise McDonald Sept. 1968

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JAMES BLANTON b 1796; d 1852; m 23 Nov 1815 Nancy Thornton WALKER of Cumberland County, Va. To them were born six sons and four daughters. They were:

1. William David Blanton b 2 Oct 1819; d 2 Nov 1881 Cumberland County, Va; m Rebecca F. LEE who died 25 Oct 1893. To them were born twelve children:
  - a. Erastus Lee Blanton b 4 April 1844. See Biography.
  - b. James Joseph Blanton b 5 Aug 1846 Cumberland County, Va; d 21 June 1914 Roanoke, Va; m Mollie WOOD b 14 Dec 1847. To them were born:
    - a son John William Blanton b 11 May 1881, Amelia County, Va
    - a daughter Helen b 20 Mar 1889 Cumberland County, Va; m Howard McKEE. In 1955, Helen McKee was living at 2773 Groveland, Royal Oak, Mich.
  - c. Willis Southall Blanton b 1848
  - d. Ann Sophia Blanton
  - e. Judith Blanton m \_\_\_\_\_ BASKERVILLE
  - f. John Wilson Blanton
  - g. William Blair Blanton
  - h. Nannie Blanton m \_\_\_\_\_ MARTIN
  - i. Frank Blanton b 1858
  - j. Jesse Armistead Blanton m Elizabeth DEARMAN. Their son Thomas William Blanton b 21 Mar 1885; d 4 Jan 1952. In 1955 his widow Marie Elizabeth Blanton, was living at 3418 Hawthorne Avenue, Richmond, Va.
  - k. Mary Walker Blanton b 1863
  - l. Sarah Elizabeth Blanton b 1865

1850 Census Cumberland County, Va

#384 BLANTON, William D. age 31 Occupation: Coachmaker  
 Rebecca 25

Erastus age 6; James age 4; Willis age 3; Mary age 8;  
 Judith Blanton 6/12.

1880 Census Cumberland County, Va

BLANTON, Wm age 61 b Va (1819)  
 Becka 57

Willis age 32; Frank age 22; Mary age 17; Sarah age 15.

ERASTUS LEE BLANTON, Educator, was born 4 Apr 1844, in Cumberland County Virginia, a son of William David Blanton (1819-1881) and his wife Rebecca Frances LEE, a descendant of one of the most illustrious families of Virginia. She is a niece of Judge TAYLOR, one of the leading jurists of his State, and related to the family of General Robert E. LEE.

Young Blanton was a very close student, and encountered many impediments in his early pursuit of knowledge; but, with his indomitable perseverance and ability, he surmounted all obstacles, and acquired a liberal education. He pursued his academic course at Hampden-Sidney College, in Prince Edward County, Virginia, and made such progress in his learning, that in 1864, at the age of 20 years, he was sufficiently advanced to take the position of Assistant Professor of Mathematics in Roanoke College, where he gave general satisfaction, and remained until the close of the war. Among his many self-taught accomplishments was that of music, in which he attained considerable proficiency, and was chosen Professor of Music in the Ann Smith Female Seminary, at Lexington, Virginia, discharging his duties of his new station with his usual ability.

About this time he was obliged, on account of failing health, to give up teaching for a time, and take up a residence in the mountains; where under the influence of the invigorating air, and healthful surroundings, he hoped to regain his former strength. Finding his health restored to such a degree as to allow the resuming of his labors, he went South, and in 1870, took charge of Trinity High School at Pass Christian, near Gulfport, Mississippi. He remained at the head of this institution until the summer of 1873, when, finding the climate not agreeable to his health, he decided to return north. He accordingly left Pass Christian, and located at Bowling Green, Kentucky, and opened a select school, for the teaching of applied mathematics, and the higher branches of learning. He soon secured a reputation as a man of superior knowledge and culture. Being so well qualified in all educational matters, he was chosen a member of the board which has charge of the examination of teachers, which position he held until called away to take the Presidency of Princeton College, which he honorably fills (in 1877).

He was married in December 1869 to Miss Anna Margaret SNYDER, daughter of Dr J M and Lavinia Snyder, of Romney, West Virginia. They have three children:

Kate L. Blanton  
Annie Lee Blanton  
Wallace C Blanton

Mr Blanton has been a steadfast member of the Presbyterian Church since the early age of fourteen years.

Professor Blanton is a gentleman of great firmness and dignity of character, his course has been one of unswerving fidelity to his trusts....

See: The Biographical Encyclopaedia of KENTUCKY printed at Cincinnati, Ohio  
1877.

1880 US Census Caldwell County, Kentucky

E LEE BLANTON, age 36 born Virginia; wife Anna age 36 born Virginia

Kate L age 9 born Miss.; Anna L age 7 born Miss.; Mabel C age 2 born Ky.





2. Philip Southall Blanton b 30 July 1824; d 1863 at age 39 years; a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College. M 24 Aug 1849 Cumberland County, Va, Nancy Miller, dau of the Rev Jesse ARMISTEAD, D.D. of Buckingham County, Va. Their children were:
  - a. James Truehart Blanton b 26 Oct 1852
  - b. Jesse Blanton b 1854; m Wm JOHNSON of Amelia County, Va
  - c. Prescott Southall Blanton b 1857; m Kate FARRIS of Montgomery, Ala
  - d. Philip Blanton died in infancy
  - e. Dr Charles Armistead Blanton b 23 July 1859; m 27 Dec 1888 Bessie WALLACE of Fredericksburg, Va. Their sons:
    - Dr Wyndham Bolling Blanton b 3 June 1890
    - Dr Howson Wallace Blanton b 9 Feb 1892
 "Medicine in Virginia in the 17th Century" by Wyndham B Blanton, M.D., with 337 pages and 40 illustrations was published 1930 by the Wm Byrd Press, Inc. Richmond, Va
  - f. Maria Page Blanton b 4 April 1861
  
3. James Madison Blanton, M.D., b 30 July 1826 Cumberland County, Va; m 4 Apr 1849, Sarah LEE. Their children were:
  - a. M Barksdale Blanton b 20 Jan 1855; m Sally, dau of Allen MILLER, whose wife was a Miss FOWLKES.
  - b. Sally Blanton m William BAUGHAN
  - c. Nannie Thornton Blanton m Sam BADGETT
  - d. Mary Lee Blanton m Adolphus BLANTON born 1849, he a son of Edward Anderson BLANTON (1815-1900)
  - e. Robert Lee Blanton
 

Three children died young.
  
4. Walker Burton Blanton b 20 June 1828; m 1st Lavinia LIGON. To them were born:
  - a. Botts Blanton b 1857
  - b. Ida Blanton b 1859
  - c. Karen Blanton b 1869
  - d. Stuart Blanton b 1867
  - e. Ligon Blanton b 1870

Walker Burton Blanton m 2nd, before 1880, Jennie b 1839, of Farmville, Va

nine and seven years. The major is an Episcopalian in religious faith and the high esteem entertained for him by his fellow citizens led to his election as police and fire commissioner on November 10, 1919, for a term of four years. He took office on the 1st of January, 1920, and is giving his best efforts to the service of the city, discharging his duties in such a manner as to win the high encomiums of the general public. He is also vice mayor of Memphis and stands for progress and improvement in municipal affairs, his influence being always on the side of those things which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride. He finds recreation in golf and his professional connections are with the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the Engineers Club of this city. He is also a member of the Civitan Club, the University Club, the City Club and the Colonial Country Club and of the last named organization is one of the directors. He is likewise identified with the American Legion and the Military Order of Foreign Wars and is a prominent Mason, having taken the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite Consistory, while he is also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. His actions have at all times been characterized by a fidelity of purpose born of the desire to have every duty well done and his professional career has been marked by continuous progress. The years have brought him success and honor and he stands today among the foremost citizens of Memphis.

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JOHN DIELL BLANTON.

John Diell Blanton of Nashville, who has devoted his life to educational work, is now the president of the Ward-Belmont College. He was born in Cumberland county, Virginia, on the 26th of March, 1859, and is a son of Francis Baker and Eliza Gilman (Diell) Blanton. In the acquirement of his education liberal advantages were accorded him. He attended the Hampden-Sidney College, from which he was graduated in 1879, with the Bachelor of Arts degree. In 1907 the Southwestern Presbyterian University conferred upon him the LL. D. degree. In young manhood he took up the profession of teaching in the district schools of Audrain county, Missouri, and was thus employed in 1879-80. During the succeeding scholastic year he was principal of the public schools of Keytesville, Missouri, and in 1881 accepted the position of principal of the Watson Seminary at Ashley, Missouri, where he remained until 1885. In that year he became associated with Kahoka College at Kahoka, Missouri, and in 1886 he accepted the principalship of the Elizabeth Aull Seminary at Lexington, Missouri, with which he was identified until 1892. In the latter year he became the vice president of the Ward Seminary and in 1893 was elected to the presidency, serving in that position for two decades, or until 1913, when he became vice president of the Ward-Belmont College at Nashville, Tennessee, and has been president thereof since 1915. Under his guidance these various schools have made consecutive progress of a most practical character, for he has ever held to high ideals as a teacher and has ever made it his purpose to render his professional work of the greatest possible value in preparing the young for life's duties and responsibilities.

On the 3d of May, 1883, Mr. Blanton was married to Miss Anna Hawes Miller of Keytesville, Missouri. He has long been a member of the Presbyterian church, in which he is serving as an elder and he is also widely known through other connections. He votes with the democratic party and has been a close student of the science of government and of the economic and political problems before the country. He has membership in the Sigma Chi, a college fraternity, is a Rotarian and in Masonry has become a Knight Templar, a Scottish Rite Mason, and a member of the Mystic Shrine. He is most loyal to any cause which he espouses and to any project which he endorses and his labors and influence have been a potent element on the side of progress and advancement, particularly in intellectual and moral fields.

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CHARLES J. PLEMING.

One of the successful business men of Knoxville is Charles J. Fleming, secretary and treasurer of the Knoxville Railway & Light Company. He was born at Rockwood, on the 4th of November, 1880, a son of W. H. and Amanda (Renfro) Fleming.

In the acquirement of his education Charles J. Fleming attended the common schools of Knoxville and sold newspapers in his spare time. He was an ambitious lad and subsequently took up the study of shorthand and typewriting at night school. Upon the completion of his commercial course he entered the employ of the Southern Railway Company in a clerical capacity, remaining with that road ten years. In 1906

## 1880 Census Cumberland County, Va

BLANTON, Walker            age 52    b Va  
                               Jennie                        41

Botts age 23; Ida age 21; Karen age 19; Stewart age 13;  
 Ligon Blanton (son) age 10 years. Children born Va.

5. Francis Baker Blanton b 1 Apr 1831; m Eliza DIELL. Their children were:
- a. John Diell Blanton b 26 Mar 1859 of Nashville, Tenn
  - b. James Platt Blanton b 1865
  - c. Anna Lee Blanton b 1864; m Owen McCLURE
  - d. Dr Joseph Clary Blanton b 1868 of Henrico County, Va; d 12 Nov 1951, at age of 83 years. A native of Cumberland County, Va. A graduate of Hampden-Sydney College, attended Medical College of Virginia. Retired 1943, moved to Richmond, Va. Widow: Ethel Scott Blanton
  - e. Carrie Thornton Blanton died in her teens. Two sons died young.

## 1880 Census Cumberland County, Va

BLANTON, Baker            age 49    b Va  
                               Elizabeth                    44    b West Indies

Anna 16; Platt 15; Clary (son) 12; Clara 7. Children born Va.

6. Benjamin Watkins Leigh Blanton b 28 July 1836; m Virginia WICKER of Richmond, Va. Their children were:
- a. Lucy Thornton Blanton m Robert HAGAN
  - b. Eudora Blanton m \_\_\_\_\_ OVERBY
  - c. James Francis Blanton b 11 Dec 1859; m Annie B. who died 27 Mar 1932, Richmond Va. A son  
       James Prichard Blanton was born 26 Sept 1887, Huntington, W Va. In 1955 James Prichard Blanton was living at 1740 Inverness Ave., NE., Atlanta, Ga.
  - d. Lena Blanton b 1864; m \_\_\_\_\_ HASKINS of El Paso, Tex
  - e. Carrie Leigh Blanton b 1871; m \_\_\_\_\_ HENLEY. In 1955 she was living at 1115 17th St., Huntington, W Va.
  - f. Oscar S Blanton b 1866, of El Paso, Tex
  - g. Benjamin Blanton b 1873 of Richmond, Va, for whom Blanton Boulevard, Richmond, Va, is named.

## 1880 Census Cumberland County, Va

BLANTON, Lee                      age 43    b Va  
    Virginia L                      40    b Va

Jimmie age 21; Lena age 16; Oscar age 14; Virginia 12;  
 Carrie age 10; Benjamin age 7; Mary age 3. Children  
 b Va.

7. Mary Walker Blanton born 1827; m William Anderson WALKER; died at age 17 years. One daughter lived two years.
8. Judith Thornton Blanton b 1833; d at age 11 years.
9. Martha Wilson Blanton d at age two years.
10. Mary Walker Blanton II b 21 Oct 1842; m 1st William S. OVERTON in Oct 1867. To them was born:

William Swepston OVERTON of Salisbury, N C

Mary Walker Overton m 2nd Rev James Morton WHAREY July 1868. To them were born five children. Two died in infancy.

- a. Nannie Wharey m W R GREY, Jr. of Davidson, N C
- b. James Blanton Wharey, Ph.D. of the University of Texas
- c. Bessie Blair Wharey m C L GREY of Davidson, N C

WILLIS BLANTON lived in Farmville, Va. He m 1st Martha LIGON. They had two children:

1. Thomas Blanton of Cumberland County, Va who lived past his 90th year.
2. Martha Willis Blanton m James WALTHALL 2 May 1848, Cumberland County, Va. She was his second wife.

WILLIS BLANTON m 2nd 1830, Elizabeth JETER of Amelia, Va. Their children were:

3. Mary Blanton who m Chesley WOOD of Texas
4. Daughter \_\_\_\_\_ m C C LOCKETT of Pasadena, Calif
5. Nannie Blanton m Thomas MORTON of Farmville, Va
6. Jennie Blanton m Walker BLANTON of Cumberland, Va
7. Willie Blanton m Edward B HUGHES, Cumberland County, Va

LINDSAY BLANTON m 27 Mar 1820 Rebecca B WALKER, Cumberland County, Va.  
Their children were:

1. Rev W Lindsay Blanton, Methodist Minister, m 6 Sept 1844 Prince Edward County, Va, Maria Frances, dau of Thomas GOODE. To them was born a son

Thomas Lindsay Blanton b 1846 (Continued below)

2. Elizabeth Blanton m 10 Feb 1838 James Dabney WALTHALL of Prince Edward County, Va
3. Judith Blanton m in 1844, Amelia County, Va, John W FRENCH. Surety, Jno Hobson

A short time after the birth of Thomas Lindsay Blanton, b 1846, his father, the Rev W Lindsay Blanton died. Later his widow, Maria Frances, became the wife of William W LIGON of Cumberland County, Va.

In about 1855, Wm W Ligon and his wife Maria Frances Goode Blanton Ligon moved to Texas. Her son, Thomas Lindsay Blanton accompanied them and grew to manhood in the home of Wm W Ligon.

1860 Census Fayette County, Tex p 95 household of

Wm LIGON		b Va
Maria F	age 35	b Va
BLANTON, Thomas L	age 14	b Va

1880 Census Harris County, Tex Houston, Lamar Street

BLANTON, THOS.	age 34	b Va	(about 1846)
Mary	12	b Tex	
Fannie	10	"	
Annie*	10	"	
Lindy	8	"	(Thomas Lindsay Blanton
Faire	6	"	b 25 Oct 1872)
Willie	3	"	
Eugene	1	"	
WEBB, Wm	56	b Ga	(father-in-law)
Sarah	48	b Ga	(mother-in-law)

Ref: Biographical Directory of the American Congress, page 859

A grave at LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas

EUGENIA WEBB BLANTON wife of T L BLANTON  
born July 10, 1849 at LaGrange, Texas  
died July 29, 1879 at Houston, Texas

\*See AMERICAN WOMEN R920 1939-40 page 87 ANNIE WEBB BLANTON

J IRVINE BLANTON, Attorney at Law of Cynthiana, Kentucky, was born in Boyle County, Ky., on 21 Apr 1860, a son of Lindsay Hughes and Elizabeth (IRVINE) Blanton. His father, a son of Joseph Blanton (1802-1882) is a native of Cumberland County, Virginia. He came to Kentucky in 1856 and attended Danville Theological Seminary. After entering the ministry, his first charge was the First Presbyterian Church of Versailles, Ky. In 1866 he moved to Paris, Kentucky and built the Second Presbyterian Church in that city and continued as pastor until 1879 when he went to Richmond and assumed charge of Central University of which he is now Chancellor. He was with Gen. John C. BRECKENRIDGE in his campaigns through Virginia and Kentucky.

Elizabeth (IRVINE) Blanton is a native of Boyle County, Kentucky; is a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church, and a lady of unusual intelligence and great force of character. Her father, Abner IRVINE was a native of Fayette County, Ky., who removed to Boyle County, where he was a large land owner and prosperous farmer up to the time of his death in 1868. The Irvines are of Scotch-Irish descent and came to America with the McDowells and Lyles, well-known Virginia families.

J Irvine Blanton spent his boyhood in Paris and Richmond, and graduated from Central University in 1880. He taught in the preparatory department for one year then studied law in Central University Law Department, graduating in December 1883. He located in Cynthiana the same year and formed a partnership with Judge John Quincy WARD, the firm name being Ward and Blanton. In 1886 his distinguished partner was elected Judge of the Superior Court and the business relationship was necessarily dissolved. Mr Blanton continued to practice alone until 1893 when he became the partner of Bailey D BERRY under the firm name of Blanton & Berry.

Mr Blanton was married in October 1886 to Sallie McDOWELL, daughter of William C. and Bettie (BRECK) McDOWELL of Richmond, Kentucky. Mrs. Blanton's grandfather was Gen. Jos. McDowell of Hillsboro, Ohio.

Mr and Mrs Blanton have one son and two daughters:

Elizabeth Blanton  
Lindsey Hughes Blanton,  
Mary Irvine Blanton

The Blantons are members of the Presbyterian Church. Lindsey Hughes Blanton, Sr., died in 1907.

See: KENTUCKY BIOGRAPHIES

1880 US Census Bourbon County, Kentucky

BLANTON, L H age 48 born Virginia; wife Lizzie age 44 born Kentucky.

Irvine age 20; Rutherford 18; Edgar 14; Katie 5; Harris 2.

1880 CENSUS FOR UNITED STATES

State: Kentucky County: Bourbon Town-City: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Family No.	Names	Color	Sex	Age prior to June 1st	Month of birth if born in 1880	Relationship to head of house	Single	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Married in census year	Occupation	Misc. Info.	Place of birth	Place of birth of father	Place of birth of mother	Remarks
	BLANTON, L H	w	m	48										Virginia			L H = Lindsay Hughes Cumberland Co Va.
	Lizzie	w	f	44		wf								Kentucky			
	Irvin	w	m	20		son								"			
	(Lindsay) Rutherford	w	m	18		"								"			
	Edgar	w	m	14		"								Virginia			
	Katie	w	f	5		dau								"			
	Harris	w	m	2		son								"			
	Lickson, Emmett	w	m	23										Kentucky			
	Mary	w	f	21		Sister-in-law								"			
	Irvin, May M	w	f	33		Sister-in-law								"			
	Kelly, Florence			23										Virginia			
	Lander, Kate			33										Kentucky			

JOSEPH BLANTON b 1802; d 1882; m 1st 28 Apr 1828, Cumberland County, Va  
Susan WALKER of Cumberland County, who died about 1856. M 2nd Mary

Farris CRUMP, by whom there were no children. His children by Susan  
were:

1. Dr. John William Blanton b 1830
2. Rev Lindsay Hughes Blanton b 29 Jan 1834 Va; d 1900 Ken; m 1st Eliza-  
beth IRVINE who died 1901; m 2nd Mrs Myra BRACKEN, Lebanon, Ken. A  
son by Elizabeth Irvine was

J Irvine Blanton b 21 Apr 1860 Richmond, Boyle County, Ken

3. David Anderson Blanton b 1836, moved to Clarksville, Tenn

See 1850 Census Knox County, Tenn p 89 783-2. Household of George  
W BLANTON, son of Anderson Tinsley BLANTON

A son David A Blanton b 26 Mar 1875, Pike County, Mo was living  
25 Feb 1955 in St Louis, Mo

4. Daniel L Blanton
5. Camilla Blanton m Dr Hugh BLANTON b 1833, son of Lt Lawrence BLANTON  
b 1786, of Cumberland County, Va
6. Anne Blanton m James GRIGG
7. Morton Blanton b 1840
8. Joseph Philip Blanton b 29 Jan 1849 Cumberland County, Va. At age 7  
years he went to Versailles, Ken to live with a brother, the Rev Lindsay  
Hughes Blanton. M 1872 Anna CRAIG and had seven children. D 23 Oct  
1909, St Louis, Mo.
9. Susan Thornton Blanton died in infancy

1850 Census Cumberland County, Va

#346 JOSEPH BLANTON, age 49, b Va. Wife Susan age 44.

John Blanton age 20, Student; Lindsay Blanton age 18, Student;  
David (Anderson) age 16; Camilla 14; Ann 12; Morton age 10;  
Joseph Philip age 3 years.



## Joseph Philip Blanton

See: National Cyclopedia of Biography

A letter dated 25 February 1955, on stationery of

THE BLANTON COMPANY, David A Blanton, Sr.,  
Chairman of the Board  
St Louis, Missouri

signed by David A Blanton, born 26 March 1875, Pike Co. Mo.

Regarding my BLANTON ancestry, my father Joseph Philip Blanton was born in Farmville, Virginia in 1849.

He was educated at Hampton Sydney College in Virginia and after graduation migrated to Missouri by way of Kentucky where he resided for a short while with my uncle, Doctor Lindsay Hughes Blanton, at that time Chancellor of Central College at Richmond, Madison County, Kentucky.

Joseph Philip Blanton became president of the State Normal School at Kirksville, Adair County, Missouri, later dean of the Department of Education at the University of Missouri. Later he became president of the University of Idaho, afterward returned to Missouri where he died in 1909, at St. Louis.

My grandfather (Joseph Blanton born 1802, died 1882 of Cumberland County, Virginia) was a tobacco planter who lost a substantial amount of money as a result of the Civil War. I understood his ancestry was among the first Blanton settlers coming to this country.

Some years ago my sister sent me a clipping of one of the Philadelphia papers with a sketch of a Coat of Arms that I understood pertained to our family.

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1880 Census Audrian County, Missouri

BLANTON, J P (Joseph Philip)	age 32	born Virginia
Annie	31	Missouri
Mattie	6	"
<u>David</u> (born 1875)	4	"
Harry	2	"
Joseph	1	"

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1850 Census Cumberland County, Virginia

In Household of JOSEPH BLANTON age 45, is listed a son Joseph Blanton " 3.

REUBEN BLANTON b 1803 Cumberland County, Va; d 1852 Amelia County, Va;  
m 1827 Ann Jane Elizabeth LIGON of Amelia. Their children were:

1. Martha Ann Blanton m 1844 Jeff (marriage bond says "Edward") GREEN of Amelia. William Hillsman, Surety.
2. Rebecca Blanton m 1849 Edward R JOHNSON of Amelia. K D Carter, Surety
3. William Blanton
4. James Blanton
5. Robert Blanton b 1832, living in Amelia County, Va 1880
6. Joseph Warren Blanton who died 1910 Richmond, Va; left a son

Stanley Gifford Blanton b 7 Apr 1890, Richmond, Va; d 18 Nov 1941, whose sons were

John Stanley Blanton b 1 Nov 1919

Joseph Warren Blanton b 13 Oct 1925

In 1955 Mrs Stanley G Blanton b 1892, was living at 821 South Pitt Street, Alexandria, Va.

7. Lucy Blanton m James HILLSMAN
8. Mary Blanton m 1863 Dr John A HILLSMAN b 1833 Amelia County, d 1911 Richmond, Va. Their children:

Lelia Hillsman m William George PORTER b 1866 of Powhatan County, Va. Their children were:

John Gregory Porter who m Ann Bouldin NORVELL of Charlotte County, Va

Dr William Branch Porter who m Martha Byrd SPURILL of N C

9. Lavinia Blanton m Robert BALDWIN, Farmville, Va

1850 Census Amelia County, Va

#227 Reuben A Blanton	age 47
Ann J	40

Robert age 17; James A age 17; Lucy J age 10; Mary age 8; William E age 5; Lavinia age 1 year.

1880 Census Amelia County, Va

Robert W Blanton, age 48, b Va. Wife Ann, age 47.

Sons: Walter age 15; Rubin age 12; Peter B age 10.

Daus: Estelle age 8, Virlinda age 6. All children b Va Nancy CROWDER, age 78 b Va, mother-in-law.

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Hints!

WALTER B. WILSON  
1625 MIAMI AVENUE  
MIAMI BEACH 33  
FLORIDA

MIAMI BEACH  
SEP 4  
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Dear Mrs McDonald, Mrs J McDonald

I deeply appreciate your letter and am grateful that some "cousins" are taking up our researches - my one surviving brother George Norton Planton is ~~now~~ now seriously ill & others to look out for him this affair so will have to delay writing you fully as I wish to do. -

Enclose a scratch chart re the two Jones - uncle & nephew - also Zach Planton Please ask me any more questions you need. -

I only have carbons of notes I copied for Bessie & charts I had made up in 1918 She took only notes of wills - marriages, etc with references - all her data from 1918-1953 she had in Holly Springs & approval is there there "up in the attic."

I would be most interested in details of will of Wm Planton d. 1662 Boston + Thomas " d 1697 Essex Co., VA - and their heirs & descendants? I hope these items help. will be glad to hear from you

Cordially

Edward R Planton

PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY, VIRGINIA - Notes of Margaret Gray Blanton  
 Book 3, p 169; also p 186. 9-455  
 May 1956.

Will of RICHARD BLANTON Wf. Ellinor/Ellender. Son-in-law  
 George DAVIDSON

Children:

1. Joshua Blanton
2. Elizabeth Blanton marr. 1799 George DAVIDSON
3. William Blanton
4. James Blanton his
5. Richard Blanton Richard <sup>OR</sup> Blanton
6. John Blanton mark
7. Peggy Blanton

Provision is made for wife Ellenner Blanton to have the plantation, and sufficient of wood land for support during her widowhood; also all personal property under the care of son Joshua. If Joshua should die, the widow of Richard Blanton, Sr. and her property is to be under the care of son-in-law George DAVIDSON.

To son WILLIAM BLANTON personal property is given.

To sons JOSHUA and JAMES Blanton, all the land lying on the south side of the Road, to be equally divided between them.

To sons Richard Blanton, and John Blanton all land lying on the north side of the Road.

If son JOHN Blanton should not return, then son-in-law George DAVIDSON should have his part of his land.

To sons JOSHUA Blanton and JAMES Blanton the privilege of getting any timber that they should want to support the plantation. If either of the sons should die without heir, their land should be equally divided between said surviving sons.

Provision is made for daughter Peggy Blanton.

Executors: Son Joshua Blanton, and son-in-law GEORGE DAVIDSON.

Testators: John LEIGH; John RICHARDS; John YALE. Aug 11, 1799.  
 Feb 17, 1800.

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 Bk 4, p 113. April 18, 1808. Appr. ELENOR BLANTON, Dec'd.

p 279. Among JAS.; JOSHUA; JNO. Blanton. Order rec. 1811.  
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Prince Edward County, Virginia Marriages

BLANTON, James & Eliza. WILLIAMSON. Oct 18, 1802. Parent & Surety,  
 Jno & Sarah DAVIDSON Oct 2, 1807. Thos. Williamson.  
 Richard & Jane RICE Oct 31, 1795  
 Richard & Eliz. F DAVIDSON Mar 28, 1832.

Prince Edward County, Virginia was formed 1753-4 from Amelia County. The county seat is at Farmville, Virginia.

1790 US Census - VIRGINIA. - - - -  
 Index page 102 Cumberland Co Va  
Joshua Blanton 14 white  
 1 dwelling  
 5 other buildings

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1754-1810 MARRIAGE BONDS and MINISTERS RETURNS  
 recorded in Registry of Rev. KNORR.

- 20 Sep 1786 Lewis HAWKS and Patsy BLANTON, dau. of Joshua Blanton who is surety. Married 22 September. Minister's return says "Betty Blanton."
- 26 Feb 1799 George Davidson and Elizabeth Blanton, dau. of Richard Blanton who consents. Sur. Joshua Blanton. Married February 28.
- 21 Dec 1803 Abner DAVIDSON and Peggy Blanton, dau. of Richard Blanton, deceased, and Ellender Blanton who consents. Surety: John DAVIDSON.

Prince Edward County, Virginia Book 8, p 93

JOSHUA BLANTON of Pr. Edw. Co. to Thos SIMONS of Amelia, "land lying in Pr Edw Co. & Charlotte Co. Joshua Blanton bought the land of Jos. Pecsrsn & Rich WASHBURN."

24 Nov 1787 Joshua  Blanton

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 Bk 8, p 305. 12 Feb 1790. Richard Blanton & Jno CLARKE, Jr. "both of Prince Edward County." Richard Blanton signs, but no wife. Wit: Paul N CUNNINGHAM; Jas WADE Jr., Samuel PRICE.

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 Bk 9, p 82. Feb 1792 Richard Blanton and Nelly (Ellenor) sold property to Chas. AKIN.

Bk 13, p 76. Joshua Blanton. 8 Aug 1803. "of Pr Edw Co." 262. 5 May 1804 Joshua Blanton of Prince Edward County, sold land in Prince Edward County, "on the west side of Morton Creek, it being part of the land allotted to me by my father's will."

Bk 13, p 279. Josh. Blanton sold land to Peter NUNNERLY, Sr. "also my interest in the land my mother now has." 5 Jan 1805. Joshua Blanton exor of Richard Blanton, dec'd.

## 1795. MERCER COUNTY, KENTUCKY - Taxable Property

JOSHUA BLANTON - 2 black; 2 horses; 14 cattle.

Mercer County, Kentucky Marriages by McGhee.

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JOSHUA BLANTON & Elizabeth NELSON April 25, 1796

Gerrard County, Kentucky Wills. Bk A, p 1. Ambrose NELSON of Mercer County, Ky. Wife Rhoda. Among children is Elizabeth BLANTON.

Joshua Blanton is named an Executor Jan 29, 1797.

## Shelby County, Kentucky Marriages

Jesse Blanton & Sarah COZINE 1800.

Ann Blanton & Joseph OLIVER 1800.

Pinckney G Blanton & Arameta ALLEN 8-14-1837.

## 1820 US Census GARRARD County, Kentucky

Elijah BLANTON born between 1775 & 1800

1 female " " 1775 & 1800

3 males " " 1810 & 1820

## KENTUCKY PIONEER &amp; COURT RECORDS

Will Book A, p 4. GARRARD County, Kentucky JOSHUA BLANTON of Mercer County, Kentucky, names wife Sary Blanton. Exec's are wife, Sary; son Joshua Blanton. Friends: Lewis HAWKS James SPEED.

Sons: 1. Jesse Blanton )  
2. Joshua Blanton ) land in Jefferson County, Ky.  
3. Billy Blanton )  
4. Elijah Blanton )  
5. John Blanton )

Daus. Polly; Deny; Betsey; Fanny; Nancy; & Patsy.  
Will Probated Aug 7, 1796.

Jefferson County, Ky. Entries, p 175 COURT OF APPEALS.

Joshua Blanton 457 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres; Bk A p 303. Entry date 11 Nov 1783.  
Floyd's Creek Watercourse.

## 1810 US Census Jessamine County, Kentucky

Joshua Blanton; David Blanton.

EMIGRATION TO OTHER STATES FROM SOUTHSIDE, VIRGINIA by Elliot of South Hill, Virginia, confirms the migration of Joshua Blanton of Prince Edward County, Virginia, to Mercer County, Kentucky.

1820 CENSUS FOR UNITED STATES

Garrard; Jessamine;

State: Kentucky

County: Mercer; Jefferson.

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

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

Head of Family	Free White Males						Free White Females					Foreigners not naturalized	Agriculture	Commerce	Manufactures	Slaves	Remarks
	Under 10	10-15	16-18	16-25	26-44	45 and over	Under 10	10-15	16-25	26-44	45 and over						
1820 Garrard County, Ky.																	
Joshua Blanton	2	2			1			1		1							
Elijah Blanton	3				1					1							
Abraham Blanton	4	1				1	3	1		1	1						
George Banton																	
1820 Mercer County, Ky																	
William Blanton	2	1	1	2		1	3	1	1	1							
James F Blanton	1			1						1							James F Blanton residing in town of Danville now Boyle Co. Ky. was shown in 1820 Mercer C
1820 Jefferson Co. Ky.																	
J P Blana	No Blanton family found																
1820 Jessamine Co Ky																	
No Blanton family found																	
1820 Shelby Co Ky																	
No Blanton family found																	
Information on this paper was copied from Microfilm at Temple Library, Westwood, Cal. by Mrs Louise McDonald Jan 26, 1968																	

1830-1840 CENSUS FOR UNITED STATES

State: Kentucky County: Garrard City: \_\_\_\_\_ Page: \_\_\_\_\_

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+		
1830 #205																													
Joshua Blanton		1	1	2	1			1										1		1									
1840																													
William Blanton								1													1								
Elizabeth Blanton					2												1			1									

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