# THE BLACKBURNS IN AMERICA

The name of Blackburn is of very ancient origin. As ear in English History as the time of Ethelbert, King of Engla A.D. 596, reference is made to Blagbornshire in the follow quotations:-"In these times while the said churches had th been built,there was not in Blagbornshire, atCliderhowe,er where,a castle built,nor any chapel,whatever beside the ab named churches etc." The name appears under many spellings Blagberne,Blackburn, Blackbourne. It would seem to be of E lish or Scottish origin and mean "black brook", or " black river". However, the first person of whom we can find auth tic record was a knight who doubtless came over with Willi the Conquerer in 1066 and helped conquer axon England and ceived for his services "The Blackburn Maner" in Lancaster Shire in northwestern England together with some 1800 acre fertile land therete adjacent.He bore the name of Gamaliel Blakkburn.If he was Norman,as the "de"seems to indicate,the writer is inclined to think that he adopted the name Blackb from the rich estate that he so unceremeniously inherited. Be that as it may,it is certain that the name of Blagbourne was given to the site of the present City of Blackburn leng before the Norman Conquest,and that the Blackburns moved ou from this county eastward into Your Shire and northward int Scotland and southward toward London.When James Stuart came the throne of England,he found North Ireland depleted of in habitants by civil wars.He offered to his Scotch lowland su jects the opportunity to secure tracts of 1000 and 2000 acr on the condition that they would build a castle or substant maner within four years and keep on each one thousand acres of land at least twenty- four men who

were capable of bearing arms. These Scotch emigrants to Ireland Blackburns among them - were the ancestors of the Scotch-Irish emigrants to Ireland, some 34,000 of whom came to America between 1730 and 1760. They came bringing with them the Solemn League and Covenant, the Westminister Confession of Faith and Presbyterian Church Organization. Rebuffed by the unfortunate Stuarts, harshly treated by their English rulers, they came with their hearts filled with hatred against their English kinsmen. When the war of the Revolution broke out, the American cau found no more ardent supporters than it found among these Scotc Irish Presbyterians. The historian Bancroft says that the Revolution was fought by the Presbyterians. George Washington is reported to have said that if he were deserted by all others "he would retreat to the backcountry and rally the Scotc Irish Presbyterians around him and fight to the bitter end." Among these Scotch-Irish emigrants were the many families of the Blackburns.

Many references may be found to the Blackburns. We read that in 1397 Christopherus de Blackburn was "an extensive Russian merchant"; in the time of Queen Elizabeth a branch of the family emigrated from Lancaster to County Meath, North Ireland; a Rt. Hon. Francis Blackburn appears as Lord High Chancellor of Ireland; in 1400 a Nicholas Blackburn was Lord High Admiral in the British Navy, and tradition says that he was shipwrecked on the coast of Scotland, where he met and later returned to wed a princess of the Stuarts. Peter Blackburn was rector of St. Nicholas Church, Aberdeen, in 1603. Six generations of "Francis Blackburns", all men of note, appear in

York from 1650 to 1850. Lancelot Blackburn was Archbishop of York in 1724. Thomas Blackburn was warden of Christ's College, Manchester, 1798. John Blackburn was King's Counsel in 1833 and William Blackburn was made a General in 1854, and others of lesser note are to be found in the records. Therefore, it is not surprising that any effort to link up the various families of Blackburn in America would end in failure.

GIDEON BLACKBURN OF BLACKBURN COLLEGE

The writer of this sketch has been to some effort to trace the ancestry of the Reverend Gideon Blackburn, founder of Blackburn College at Carlinville, Illinois. He has written to many who bear the name of Blackburn in hopes that the lost links in the chain of descent might be found. He would be quite content if he could learn the birthplace of Benjamin Blackburn, the grandfather of the said Dr. Gideon Blackburn, and whether this grandfather or his father first came to Americ and from what land they emigrated. This information is doubtless available if one knew where to look. It seems wise to the writer, even at the risk of becoming tedious, to record in some logical order the facts and traditions of which he has become informed, in order that the path may be easier for some one else to follow and that some of these traditions regarding Dr. Blackburn and his ancestry have come down to him by word of mouth may find a permanebt plafe on the written page ere they become forgotten. Before entering upon a detailed genealogy of Dr. Blackburn's line, we will first speak of several Blackburn lines who are now living in America and who may not be closely related to the subject of this sketch.

# THE RIPON LODGE BLACKBURNS

Colonel Richard Blackburn was born in 1706 at Ripon Hall, Yorkshire, England, educated at Balliol College, Scotland, and emigrated to Virginia in early manhood to inherit a fortune left him by an Aunt in the Virginia Colony. He settled near Dumfries, Virginia and gave his home-seat the name of Ripon Lodge. He married Mrs. Ashton, a widow of Colonel Henry Ashton. Her maiden name was Mary Watts, daughter of Richard Watts, of the celebrated Isaac Watts family in England. The children of Richard and Mary Blackburn were (a) Richard Blackburn, drowned, no issue; (b) Joseph Blackburn, supposed to have moved to Kentuckt. (c) Mary Blackburn, no record; (d) Anne Blackburn, married Ceely Saunders of the Revolution, from whom descended the Saunders family of Norfolk, Virginia; (e) Thomas Blackburn, who married Christian Scott, the daughter of the Rev. James Scott of Westwood, Prince William County, Virginia.

Colonel Richard Blackburn was a prominebt figure in Colonial days andwas highly esteemed for his ability and integrity. As a carpenter he built Mt. Vernon in 1733 for Lawrence Washington, an elder half-brother of General George Washington. He was Colonel of Virginia forces in the Indian Wars and was for many years a member of the Virginia house of Burgesses. He died in 1767, leaving his estate, Ripon Lodge, to his son Thomas.

Of Joseph Blackburn, the second son of Richard and Mary, we find practically nothing. The only comment is "supposed" to have moved to Kentucky". We found one marginal note saying, "there was no such man". In the list of Veterans of the Revolutionary War from Virginia will be found the name of "Joseph

Blackburn". Also a Joseph Blackburn is given as one of the fou hundred men from Washington County who went out of Southwest Virginia in September 1780 under Colonel William Campbell, together with the mountain men from North Carolina and defeated the British at King's Mountain. Perhaps he was a sort of prodigal son who loved to rove.

Colonel Thomas Blackburn, the youngest son of Richard and Mary Watts Blackburn, was born in 1740. He was a worthy successor of his eminent father. In 1774 and 1776 he was elected to the House of Burgesses; je was appointed on December 9th, 1774 as a member of the committee of Safety for his County; he was a member of the Virginia Convention in July and December 1775; was a member of the Virginia Association to support the Constitutional Liberties of America; sat in councils of state with Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Mason, Patrick Henry, Tazewell, Pendleton, Lee, Randolph and others and was their intimate associate. On December 20th, 1776, he was selected Lieutenant-Colonel of the Second Regiment of Virginia Infantry by the House of Burgesses in joint ballot with the Senate. During the ensuing winter he kept his regiment on his estate, feeding and clothing the men, and returning them to Washington's Army in the Spring without charge to the Government. At the Battle of Brandywine, while serving as voluntary aidOde-camp on the staff of General Washington, he received a ball in his thigh, which lamed him for life and which was not removed from his thigh until 1783. Colonel Blackburn was an unselfish patriot and like General Washing declined the salary to which his rank entitled him. At Washington's funeral he occupied a place of honor. His home was about twelve miles south of Mt. Vernon, and General

washington frequently stopped over night with the Blackburns on his way to visit his aged mother at Fredricksburg. He was a Federalist in politics. A letter written by him on the Jefferso Burr crisis was published in the William and Mary quarterly which "prove hiszeal to have been tempered with judgement and true love of country."

Colonel Thomas Blackburn (1740-1807) and his wife, Christian Scott Blackburn, had issue as follows; (a) Richard Scott Blackburn (17 -1804) married Judith Ball; (b) Thomas Blackburn who married Elizabeth Sinclair, by whom he had two sons and two daughters, names and history unknown; (c) Sarah Blackburn, who married Nathaniel Offutt Crawford of Kingston Park, Prince George's County, Maryland, issue four sons and four daughters; (d) Anna Maria Thomasina Blackburn (1769-1829) married Bushrod Corbin Washington (1762-1829) son of John Augustine Washington, brother of General George Washington; (e) Catherine Scott Blackb youngest daughter of Colonel Thomas Blackburn, married Colonel Henry Smith Turner of Wheatland, Jefferson County, Virginia, issue; Susan, Jane, Christion, George, Bushrod Washington and William Fauntleroy. Susan married Mr. Allibone; June married Mr. Byrd of Winchester, Virginia; Christian married Mr. Cordell George, Major in theU.S. Army, was killed at Harper's Ferry in the John Brown raid. Bushrod Washington Turner was lost at sea; William F.Turner married Ellen Beirne.

The relation between the Washington and Blackburn families were very intimate. It was further cemented by the marriage of Anna Blackburn in1785 to Judge Bushrod Washington. Their wedding breakfast at Mt. Vernon was the subject of the famous painting, said to have been by Stewart and the artist gave full

justice to the charms of the future mistress of Mt. Vernon, and her beautiful sister, Mrs. Henry Sarah Turner. Upon the death of Mrs. Martha Curtis Washington, Bushrod Washington inherited Mt. Vernon, where Ana Blackburn Washington reigned as misstress until the death of her husband on Nov. 26th, 1829, whom she followed to the grave two days later. Mt. Vernon then descended to John Augustine Washington (1790-1832), who had married Jane Charlotte Blackburn (1786-1985), a daughter of Richard Scott Blackburn. Colonel John Augustine Washington, (182101861), the third of that name and son of John A. and JaneWashington, was killed in theCheat Mountain Campaign. Monuments to the memory of Anna Blackburn and Jane Blackburn and their husbands stand in front of the tomb of General George Washington at Mt. Vernon. Colonel Richard Blackburn had a brother Edward who lived in the Bermudas st least part of the time. Nothing is known to the writer of the descendents of Edward.

THE BLACKBURNS IN EASTERN VIRGINIA

A John Blackburn is reported to have handed at Upper Newfolk, Isle of Wight County, Virginia, in 1642. A John Blackburn buys one hundred twentypthree acres in Isle of Wight in 1724. Benjamin, William, Samuel and Andrew Blackburn are mentioned later. William sells the same 123 acres that John bought. Could they have been sons of John? In 1751, a Benjamin and a William make application for land in Duplin County, North Carolina. Land is granted to them in 1757 (see North Carolina records).

A Captain William Blackburn and his wife Elizabeth resided in Abingdon Parish, Gloucester County, Virginia. He was born at New Castle, on the Tyne, England, Sept. 17th, 1653. He died in

have been the parents of a large family. In Middlesex are the tombs of Dorothy and Thomas, children of William and Elizabeth, who died respectively in 1726 and 1727. The following are supposed by the writer to be a partial list of the children of William and Mary Blackburn. Further information solicited.

William Blackburn was born at New Castle on the Tyne in Yourshire, England, Sept. 17th, 1653. He resided in Abingdon Parish, Glocester County, Virginia, where je died Oct. 15th, 1714. His wife was Elizabeth and the following is probably only a partial list of their children; Captain William Blackburn of Middlesex County, Virginia. In 1775 he married Mary---------- ; Edward Blackburn who married Ann----------; Dorothy, who died in 1726 and is buried at the lower church in Middlesex County; Thomas, who died in 1727 and is buried at the lower church in Middlesex County; Martha, who died Sept w6, 1714.

Captain William and Mary Blackburn were probably the grandparents of the following: William, born June 12, 1717; Anna, born Jan. 3, 1723, died Oct. 21, 1736; Hannah born_____, who married Charles Jones August 27, 1743; Millicent, born Sept 7, 1727, who married Churchill Jones in 1744; Edward, born Nov. 29, 1729; Mary, born July 23, 1759.

Edward and Ann Blackburn were the parents of the following (perhaps others); George, born Jan. 16th, 1746/7, who married Prudence Berry and moved to Kentucky in 1797; Elizabeth, who married Richard Bohannon, and moved to Kentucky with her brother George; James ?, by tradition a son of Edward and Ann, lived in Trenton, New Jersey, moved to Kentucky about 1785, was the father of twelve sons.

Captain William Blackburn was a Burgess and on the Commission for Peace fro his county,(Virginia Gazette, Jan. 12th,1738/9; Roger Blackburn married Jane Hackney, Dec. 2, 1779; Paulinm Anderson Blackburn married Sally Hodges Jan. 10, 1797. Elizabeth Blackburn consents to the marriage of her daughter Millicent, born Sept. 7, 1727, daughter of William and Elizabeth, to Chirchill Jones, Fe. 23,1744, and seals with a head in helmit profile, Middlesex County, Virginia. In 1736 William Blackburn wasmade executor of a will. In 1764 the marriage bonds of Thomas Bandors and Mary Blackburn, widow, were published in Middlesex County. Roger Blackburn was the executor of the estate of Churchill Blackburn in 1813. ( The above items found in William and Mary College Quarterly, Volume 14). The following are from the Register of Christ Church, Middlesex County: Elizabeth Blackburn, died Oct. 13, 1736; Martha Blackburn, daughter of William and Elizabeth Blackburn, born Sept. 26, 1714; William Blackburn, son of William and Elizabeth Blackburn, born June 1?, 1714; Anna Blackburn, born Jqm. 3, 1723, died Oct. 21, 1736; Millicent Blackburn, born Sept. 7, 1727; Edward Blackburn born Nov. 30, 1729; Mary Blackburn, daughter of William and Mar Blackburn, born July 23,(1739?); William, son of Edward and Ann Blackburn, born Oct. 18, ____?; George, son of Edward and ____ Blackburn, born Jan. 16, 1746/7; Churchill Jones, son of Churchill and Millicent Jones, born Sept. 17, 1748; Mohn Hodges and Elizabeth Blackburn, married Dec. 3, 1785.

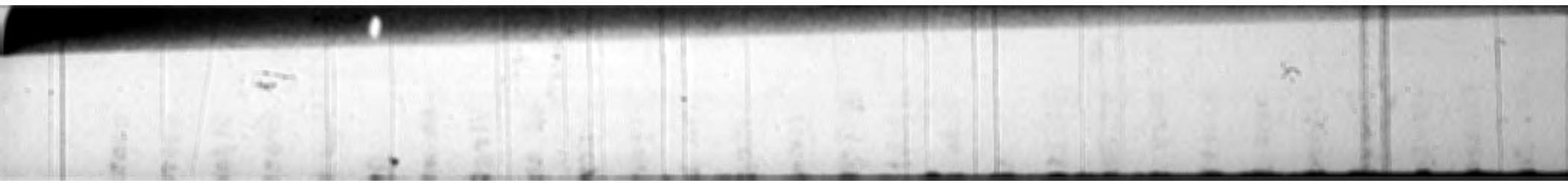
THE KENTUCKY BLACKBURNS

An extended history of this family may be found in the Register of the Kentucky Historical Society, May 1920, page 73, and Jan. 1921, page 20, under the caption "Woodford County Not

contributed by William E. Railey. However, the writer of the above mentioned article is in error when he states that Dr. Gideon Blackburn came to Kentucky in 1794 and was a younger brother of George Blackburn, the founder of the line we will now undertake to give.

George Blackburn was born in Virginia January 16th, 1746/7. He was the son of Edward and Anna Blackburn of Middlesex County Virginia, and the grandson of William and Elizabeth Blackburn of the same County and State. George Blackburn married Prudence Berry in 1771, the daughter of Major William Berry and Molly Pryor. Molly Pryor had several brothers; "Joseph the youngest and least of them weighed two hundred and twenty pounds". (Virginia Historical Magazine, Volume 7, page 76). George and Prudence Blackburn moved to Kentucky in 1797.(Virginia Historical Magazine). ( Mr. Railey says they came to Kentucky about 1784). They settled in Woodford County and there he built a stockade against the Indians, which was known as "Blackburn's Fort".

The children of George Blackburn and Prudence Berry were: William B. Blackburn, who married Martha Watkins, half sister of Henry Clay; Jonathan Blackburn, who married Prudence Buford; Mary Blackburn, who married Captain George Holloway; George Blackburn, Jr., who married first, Julia Flourney--second, Anna Branham; Luke Blackburn, who probably never married; Edward M. Blackburn, who married Lavinia Berry; Wlizabeth Blackburn, who married Samuel Lewis; Mildred Blackburn, who married William Waite; Margaret Blackburn, who married John Kinkead; Ann (Nancy) Blackburn, who married Anthony Bartlett; Dr. Churchill Blackburn, who married first, Eleanor Arnold--



second, Lydia Paxton.

William B. Blackburn and Martha Watkins had issue as follows:
1. Henrietta Blackburn, who married three times, each of her husbands being her first cousin and each a cousin of the other. First, Dr. David Flourney Blackburn. By this marriage one son, David Flourney Blackburn, Jr.; by her second marriage to Thomas Bartlett-- William and Prudence Bartlett, both blind from birth; third marriage to Francis Holloway, no issue.
2. Henry C. Blackburn, who married Sisan Chilos and they had at least one son, William. Henry C. Blackburn moved to Rock Island before the Civil war. Further information solicited.
3. Prudence Blackburn, information solicited.
4. Jonathan Blackburn, information solicited.

William B. Blackburn was a prominebt abd able statesman. He was in the Kentucky House of Representatives during the years 1804-5-6-7-11-12-13-14-15-16-26-27-28. He was Lt. Governor in 1818-20, was in the State Senate in 1822-24 and 1834-38.

Jonathan Blackburn and Prudence Buford had a son, Major William Blackburn, who married Mary Bohannon. Major Blackburn moved to St. Louis, Missouri, where numerous desfendants are to be found. Jonathan Blackburn is said to have been a Baptist preacher, but never had a regular appointment, preaching where and when he pleased.

Mary Blackburn and George (Captain) Holloway had issue as follows:-Mary Ann Holloway, who married Dr. Leonard Hodges; George Holloway, Jr., who married Mary Hodges; Mildred Holloway, who married Judge John M. Hewitt; Frank P. Holloway, who married first, Mary Branton--second, Henrietta Blackburn Bartlett,

his own cousin and widow of his cousin Thomas Bartlett. Georgia Ann Holloway, who married first, William T. Willis, Jr., second Mr. Johnsen; Martha Holloway, who married Mr. Monroe.

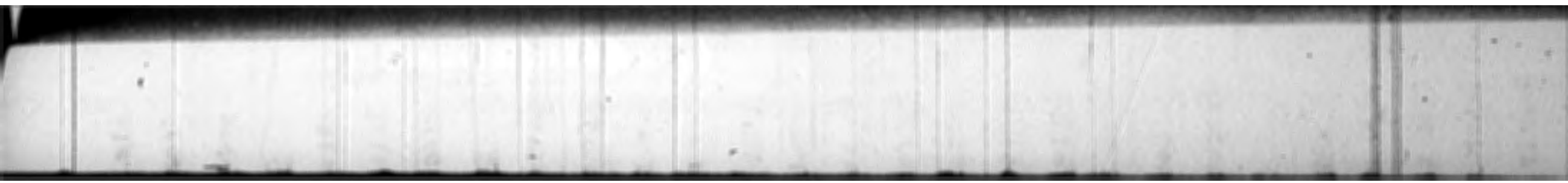
George Blackburn, Jr., a Baptist minister, and his wife Elizabeth Julia Flournoy had the following children:- David F., Elizabeth, Prudence, Natley (?), Ann, Cassandra and George Blackburn.

Edward M. Blackburn, commonly known as "Uncle Ned", and Lavinia Berry lived on the old farm of George Blackburn, the pioneer, near Spring Station on the L & N Railway. They were the parents of a large family, three of whom became well and favorably known for their public services. Dr. Luke P. Blackburn was Governor of Kentucky 1879-1883; also a member of the committee of doctors who successfully combatted yellow fever in the south. Captain Jo.C.S. Blackburn, another son, was a representative in the Kentucky Legislature; a member of the United States Congress 1875-1885; elected to the United States Senate three times; was Governor of Panama Canal Zone in 1907. Captain James Blackburn, another son, was a State Senator and also Secretart of State.

Concerning the children of the other children of George Blackburn and Prudence Berry, we have no data.

VIRGINIA-KENTUCKY-MISSOURI-BLACKBURNS

James Blackburn, left Virginia for Kentucky between 1780 and 1790 and settled in Fayette County, where he purchased land from the famous Indian scout of pioneer days, Simon Kenton. Later three of the sons of James moved on to Grant County, namely Simeon, Rankin and Thomas Blackburn. Tradition has it that James Blackburn was a brother of George Blackburn, son



of William and Mary, grandson of William and Elizabeth, of Middlesex County, Virginia, and also that James was living at Trenton, New Jersey at the time of the Battle of Trenton, at which time his wife repelled an attempt of the Hessian soldiers to sack her home.

James Blackburn was the father of twelve sons; William, David, Robert, John, Thomas, Rankin, Simeon, George are some. Of these we have only descendents of three.

Thomas R. Blackburn, son of James, married Elizabeth Frances, daughter of William Francis of Scott County, Kentucky. They were the parents of the following children; William Francis, James, Rankin, George, Thomas, Robert, John, Maria and Lavinia.

Rankin Blackburn, son of James, had four sons of his first wife; James, Robert, Edward and John. His second wife was sixteen when he married her at the age of eighty-four. They had ten children. He lived to be one hundred and four years old. Of his last children we have only the names of Clarence and Emma.

Simeion Blackburn, son of James, had the following children:- Boyd, Wood, Elga, Dallas, Bertia, Effie and Attia.

William Francis Blackburn, son of Thomas, grandson of James, was born Feb. 25, 1825 and died May 21, 1901. He first married Charlotte Maddox, Shelby County, Missouri, Feb. 16, 1851. Charlotte died Feb. 15, 1859. He had by his first marriage:- Elizabeth Blackburn, born in 1851, who married Charles Cox, no issue; William Conrad Blackburn (1853-1909), who married Willie Cox in 1877, issue:- Maud (1878); James Matthew (1880-1880); Murel (1882); Silpha Lasley (1888-1890); Roy Penn (1892); William Harry (1896); Joseph Adelbert (1902).

Cassius Blackburn (1854--) married Lou J. Ball in 1879. Issue:- May Ball, born in 1880.

Martha Jane Blackburn (1856--), married David Behrer in 1879. Issue:- Irene Constance, born 1880; Charles Homer, born 1881; Bessie, born 1884; Grace, born 1885; Euhel, born 1889; Robert Emerson, born 1894.

Joseph Francis Blackburn (1858--) married Mattie E. Ely in 1886. Issue:- Lelia, born 1887, died 1893; Blanche, born 1889; Charles, born 1892, died 1893;

Second marriage of William Francis Blackburn to Emily Jane Ely in 1860.

Robert Ely Blackburn (1861--) married Louise Dessau in California in 1895, no issue.

Edward Lee Blackburn (1862-1909) married Idonia Haskell in 1901, no issue.

Clarance Blackburn (1864-1878)

Harriet Rebecca Blackburn (1867--) married Francis Adelbert Blackburn in 1902:- John Francis Blackburn, born 1903; Hubert Ely Blackburn, born 1906.

Jasper Blackburn (1869--) married Margaret McNally in 1891. Issue:- Maurine, born 1892; Frances born 1907.

Albert Blackburn (1871--) married Jane Erwin in 1894. Issue:- Allie Emily born 1898; Francis Albert born 1906; a son died in infancy in 1874.

Bruce Blackburn (1875--) married Lulu Janes in 1897. Issue:- Elizabeth R. born 1898; a son died in infancy in 1880.

John Jackson Blackburn, son of John, grandson of Rankin, great-grandson of James, lives at Dry Ridge, Kentucky. He has four children:- William, Opal, Utha and Ewell J.

Robert Jackson Blackburn, son of Thomas, grandson of James,

married Nancy Ann Hodger, daughter of Jacob Hodger. They had eleven children. Four died in infancy, and the other seven were:- William Tecumseh Blackburn, who had three children:- Beulah, Bernad and Bernice. Beulah is married and has two children:- Bryce and Ruth. James Grant Blackburn has two children, James and Hellen. Jacob Hodger Blackburn has two children, Sue C. and Jane. Edward Everett Blackburn has two children, Harriet and Jaywood. Everett Rankin Blackburn has two children, Roberta and Wilbert. Addie Blackburn Atkins has one child, Robert Atkins. Florida Blackburn Sleet has one son, Everett Sleet. Edward and Everett were twins. Edward and Florida are dead (1930.

Maria Blackburn, daughter of Thomas, granddaughter of James, married Below. Her children are:-Wallace Below, Cincinati, Ohio; Rankin Below, Hartwell, Ohio; Lavinia, daughter of Thomas married ------, later married Mr. Dale. Her children are Clinton, -----, and -----.

We are indebted to Mrs. Harriet Blackburn, Hollywood, California, for the above data.

STAUNTON VIRGINIA BLACKBURNS

William Blackburn, the founder of this line, was born March 27, 1748 inRellington East Riding, Yourkshire, England. When an elder brother returned from America to England on a visit, he took the twelve year old boy, William, back with him. The name of this elder brother is solicited. William Blackburn married Mary Adham April 10, 1773. To them were born:- Joseph Blackburn, born 1775; Catherine Blackburn, born 1778; Ruth Right Blackburn born 1780; John Blackburn born 1785; Ann Blackburn, born 1791; Thomas Rolander Blackburn, born 1797; Elizabeth B Blackburn, born 1799; Lydia Blackburn, born 1802; Mary Ann

Thomas Rolander Blackburn, born in Jefferson County, Virginia, Dec. 23, 1794, married Mary Ann H. Wright, April 6, 1816. Issue:- Emily Blackburn, born 1817; William Blackburn, born 1821; Lucy Ann Blackburn, born 1823; Charles James Blackburn, born 1825; Henrietta Mariah Blackburn, born 1828; Caroline Matilda Blackburn, born 1833; Mary Catherine Blackburn, born 1836.

William Blackburn, born 1821, married Mary Ann Ast, born Nov. 2, 1828. Issue:- Mary Elizabeth Blackburn born March 4, 1850; John Henry Blackburn; Alice Wirginia Blackburn; Thomas Rolander Blackburn; Albert Bayler Blackburn; Joseph William Blackburn; Harriet Ann Blackburn; Katherine Lucy Blackburn; Ella Guy Blackburn.

Joseph William Blackburn, married Annie L. Shearer, Dec. 29, 1896. Issue:- Marie Hamen Blackburn; Joseph Leslie Blackburn; Margaret May Blackburn; Helen Elizabeth Blackburn; Philip D. Blackburn, born Feb. 1st, 1900.

Above data furnished by Joseph W. Blackburn.

## THE ROCKINGHAM COUNTY BLACKBURNS

The founder of this line was James Blackburn, who according to family tradition, came to America from Ireland in company with his brother. He settled in Chester County, Pennsylvania, on Octorara Creek in West Nottingham Township. He died in Sept. 1766, leaving his wife Mary and ten children, whose names appear in the will of Mary Blackburn probated June 2, 1774, page 456, Abstract of Wills, Chester County, Pennsylvania. The children of James and Mary Blackburn were:- Robert Blackburn; John Blackburn; Samuel Blackburn; Ephriam Blackburn; James Blackburn; Nathaniel Blackburn; Susanna Blackburn, who married _____ Cooper; Eliner Blackburn, who married _____

McClannahan; Jean Blackburn; Mary Blackburn; Note:- The names are doubtless not in chronological order.

Ephriam Blackburn, son of James Blackburn, was raised in West Nottingham Township, Pennsylvania, commanded a company in the Revolutionary War (See Vol.IV Penna. Archives, page 97). His brother Nathaniel was a member of that Company. Captain Ephriam Blackburn married Prudence Rich, daughter of Joseph Rich. Prudence Rich was born Oct. 10, 1759. The children of Ephriam and Prudence Blackburn were:- Mary Blackburn born Nov. 4, 1781; James Blackburn born March 24, 1783; Samuel Blackburn born March 10, 1785; John Blackburn born Feb. 6, 1787; Ephriam Blackburn born Dec. 21, 1791; Stephen Blackburn born Dec. 1, 1793; Manassah Blackburn born Dec. 21, 1791; Nathaniel Blackburn born Dec. 31, 1795; Robert Blackburn born Oct. 10, 1797; Prudence Blackburn born Feb. 14, 1799; Joseph Blackburn born Oct. 10, 1801.

Prudence Blackburn and John Andrews administered on the estate of Captain Ephriam Blackburn, January 14, 1808.

Ephriam Blackburn, son of Capt. Ephriam, married Barbara House, March 14, 1814. They lived at the old homestead at Blackburn's Ferding on Octorara Creek. The children of Ephriam and Barbara Blackburn were:- Samuel Blackburn born Dec. 28, 1814; Manassah Blackburn born Aug. 17, 1816; Stephen Blackburn born Jan. 14, 1818; Ephriam Blackburn born April 19, 1820; Nathan Blackburn born March 19, 1822; Prudence Eliza Blackburn born Jan. 24, 1824; Careline Blackburn born Feb. 8, 1826; Cromwell Blackburn born May 16, 1827; Washington Blackburn born Oct. 24, 1829; John Ash Blackburn born Jan. 8, 1832; Mary Jane Blackburn born Nov. 29, 1834.

Barbara Blackburn and Samuel Blackburn administered on the estate of Ephriam Blackburn, March 14, 1836.

Manassah Blackburn, son of Ephriam Blackburn (1788-1836), married Letitia Jane Andrews, daughter of John Andrews and Jane Patterson Andrews, April 6, 1842. The children of Manassah and Letitia Blackburn were:- Olivia Jane Blackburn born Sept. 13, 1843; Addie Louise Blackburn born July 31, 1845; John Whiteside Blackburn born April 24, 1847; Mary Frances Blackburn born June 24, 1849; Anna Letitia Blackburn who died in 1854.

John Whiteside Blackburn, son of Manassah Blackburn (1816-1884), married Frances Hopkins Harnsberger, daughter of Henry Harnsberger, Nov. 19, 1872. Issue:- Henry Harnsberger Blackburn born Aug. 13, 1873; Elizabeth Letitia Blackburn born Sept. 5, 1874; John Francis Blackburn born Jan. 2, 1877; Frederick William Blackburn born Jan. 7, 1880; Addie Louisa Blackburn born April 5, 1881; Annie Lewis Blackburn born May 5, 1885; Jane Blackburn born Sept. 24, 1886; Joseph Ramsey Blackburn born May 8, 1888; Olivia Frances Blackburn born Nov. 12, 1891;

John W. Blackburn died April 15, 1912. Frances H. Blackburn died Feb. 1920.

John Francis Blackburn, son of John W. Blackburn, married, first, Hattie Allamong Strayer, Oct. 21, 1913. She died Aug. 8, 1916. He married second, Alice Lee Penick, Feb. 4, 1920. Issue:-John Francis Blackburn born June 21, 1916, by first marriage; Evelyn Penick Blackburn born April 10, 1921, by second marriage; Beverly S. Blackburn born Sept. 9, 1922, by second marriage.

The data on this line was furnished by John F. Blackburn of Harrisonburg, Virginia, April 10, 1929. He also states that

that there is a tradition in his family that this ancestor, James Blackburn, the emigrant, had brothers John and William.

THE PENNSYLVANIA BLACKBURNS

About 1736 three brothers, John, Joseph and Anthony Blackburn, emigrated to America from Ballyhagan, Armagh County, Ireland, followed later by possibly a fourth brother, Thomas Blackburn. They were Quakers and settled in Eastern Pennsylvania; later Joseph and Anthony moved into Western Pennsylvania. Their descendants are found in large numbers at present in both Pennsylvania and Ohio. They left a brother William Blackburn in England, who according to tradition became very wealthy and about 1760 news of his death arrived in America together with the rumor that he left a very large estate to which the brothers were entitled if they could prove their relationship. But the brothers were getting old and the passage to the old country was long and dangerous and no attempt was made by them to claim the heritage. Years passed by and the rumors of the size of the heritage grew with the years, until about 1902 the Blackburns of Pennsylvania and Ohia formed the "Blackburn Association" to investigate and claim the heritage, which at that date had grown according to report to fourteen millions of dollars--the City of Blackburn being built upon the so-called heritage. The said Association sent Dr. J.P. Blackburn and a lawyer, Thomas E. Fenley of McKeesport, Penna., accross to England to investigate the claim. They left America in March 1903 and spent some time in examining the records in Ireland and in the City of Blackburn in Lancaster, England and finally in London, where the said William Blackburn was reported to have died. They made a very careful and exhaustive investigation. They took down data on the wills of about eighty Blackburns along

from 1734 to 1800. The will of William Blackburn, who died in 1757 came most nearly meeting the traditions and is doubtless the source of the rumors so long current in the Blackburn family.

This William, however, left two daughters, who naturely inherited his estate, which was considerable. To one daughter he willed fifteen thousand pounds and to the other daughter, fourteen thousand five hundred pounds and made generous gifts to several friends. He was also, for about fifty years prior to his death, trustee of a very large trust fund, and it was touching on this trust fund that the several advertisements for the heirs of William Blackburn, which appeared in the papers in 1757, 1802 and 1844 reached the Blackburn family in America and raised their ardent expectations. This their dream of millions collapsed like a punctured balloon. The two commissioners wrote a very full and instructive report of their findings, which they had printed and distributed among the members of the "Association who were to share in the estate "pro rate to the amount contributed by each member" to the expense of the investigation.

THE BENJAMIN BLACKBURN FAMILY

On February 5th, 1784, Benjamin Blackburn purchased for one hundred and fifty pounds two hundred acres in Washington County, State of North Carolina, lying on both sides of Onion Branch and East Branch of Little Limestone Creek. This tract was located about one mile from the Martin Academy, which in that day was conducted by the pioneer Presbyterian preacher, Reverend Samuel Doak, and was not far from the present city of Jonesboro, Tennessee.

On August 10th, 1786, Benjamin Blackburn drew up the following will: "IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN: August 10th in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six, I, Benjamin Blackburn, of the State of Franklin and County of Washington, farmer, being weak and frail in body but in perfect mind and memory, thanks be given to God, therefore, calling into mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, I do make, constitute and ordain this MY LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT, that is to say, principally and first of all, I recommend my soul into the hands of God, who gave it to me, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian-like manner at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but that the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And as to such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to help me in this life- I do give and bequeath to my dearly and wellbeloved wife, MARY BLACKBURN, good and sufficient, genteel and handsome maintenance during her life of all things necessary, and likewise one good comfortable horse and one good cow to be kept and possessed by her as her own property. ITEM:- I do give and bequeath to my beloved son, Benjamin, my Great Bible.

ITEM:- I do bequeath to each of my grandsons named Benjamin one good school Bible.

ITEM:- I do bequeath to my son JOHN BLACKBURN'S son Samuel one good school Bible.

ITEM:- I do give and bequeath to my beloved sons, ROBERT BLACKBURN and BENJAMIN BLACKBURN my bond on Hiram Gerim of three hundred pounds.

land whereon I now live only allowing him to pay my son AMUEL BLACKBURN forty pounds.

ITEM:-I do give and bequeath to my dearly and well-beloved daughter ANN, one good bed and bed clothes and hangings and chest, the bedstead excepted.

ITEM:- I do give and bequeath to my dearly and well-beloved daughter ELIZABETH BAY, my negro wench, Winnow, which shall desend to her children at her death. Likewise I allow my son Archiball to give her one good fifteen or twenty pound horse, only keeping out of that the bond which he, the said Archiball Blackburn, owes to Thomas Bays.

ITEM:-I do give and bequeath to my dearly beloved son JOHN BLACKBURN, my shoe buckles, likewise my great coat and cloth coat and jacoat.

ITEM:- I do give to my son ROBERT BLACKBURN my cotton coat and jacoat.

ITEM:- I do give to my son Archibald, my sheep, my great pot, table and whatever is in Alexandra Mathes' hands and other small articles.

I allow to Archibald to clear my debts. And for my executors to execute my last will and Testament I appoint, constitute ad authorize my trusty and well-beloved sons, Archibald and John Wear as my sole exectures. Amd I do hereby utterly revoke and make void all and every other former wills and legends by any ways made by me and I do acknowledge this and none other to be my last will and testament, in witness whereof I have set my hand and seal the day and year above written. Signed, sealed, published and pronounced by the said Benjamin Blackburn as his last will and testament in the presence

James Gunningham; Jeremiah Robinson; Andrew Hannah (Seal)
(A note by the clerk of the court who furnished a copy of this will, states that the will is not signed by the testater.)

The foregoing will was proved in court by oath of Andrew Hannah, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto August 1791, and recorded in Will Book No.1, page 22, Washington County, Jonesboro, Tennessee.

Nothing definite is known of the birthplace of the early life of this man, Benjamin Blackburn. Many of his descendants speak of their "Scotch-Irish" descent. Some avere that he or his father emigrated from Ireland; others state from Scotland. How early he appeared in America is also very uncertain. There is a tradition that the writer received from his mother, that Benjamin Blackburn was with Col. Washington at Braddocks' defeat in 1755. A lady in Tennessee says that she is the descendant of Ambrose Blackburn, Sr., and that Ambrose and Benjamin were brothers and fought in the French and Indian wars. In the annuals of the American Pulpit, this Benjamin is referred to as "General Blackburn". It may have been merely some complimentary title, because of his militart services, or the writer may have confused him with his son, General Samuel Blackburn. He was over sixty years of age at the outbreak of the Revolutionary War and too old to take much active part in the struggle. Four of his sons, John, Robert, Archibald, and Samuel, received land grants for their military services in the Revolutionary War. Benjamin, his eldest son, was probably unable to serve as he had lost two fingers of his left hand in the Battle of Point Pleasant, against the Indians, Oct. 10, 1774. A Benjamin Blackburn together with a John, William and Samuel (possible brothers) are mentioned as being in Norfolk, Virginia, about

1730; Benjamin in 1745 witnessed a will in Craven County, North Carolina; a Benjamin in 1751 petitioned for a warrant to one hundred acres in Duplin County, North Carolina; a Benjamin in 1757 received a patent to land in Duplin County, North Carolina; a Benjamin in 1758 is given on the poll lists of Frederick County, Virginia; a Benjamin in 1765 testified to a deed in Augusta County, Virginia; a Benjamin is given by the Virginia State Library on the list of Virginia Veterans of the Revelutionary War; a Benjamin in 1790 was living in Cheraw District in northeastern part of North Carolina when the first census was taken; his family consisted of one male, one female and two boys under sixteen. It is quite improbable that all these references are to the one and same Benjamin Blackburn.

These facts and other hints lead the writer to form two theories of the possible movements of this Benjamin Blackburn prior to his appearance in Washington County, North Carolina an 1784. First, that he came over from Ireland or Scotland about 1730 with two or three brothers; landed at Philadelphia, settled possibly in Chester or York County, Penna., joined Col. Washington's Company of Volunteers in the French and Indian War; voted in Frederick County, Virginia in 1758; moved on down into Augusta County, Va. about 1765, and finally in 1784 followed his sons, John, Robert and Archibald, who had already moved down into the Watauga Country some six or eight years earlier. The second theory is that the Benjamin of Eastern Virginia was the son of the John Blackburn who in 1723 purchased one hundred and twenty-three acres in the Isle of Wight County; that the Benjamin who witnessed

min who petitioned for land in Duplin County, North Carolina and received the warrent for the same in 1758 were all one and the same Benjamin, and that he joined the Virginia Volunteers in 1755 and fought in the French and Indian War, thereby saw the northern part of Virginia and after the war moved to Frederick County accompanied by Samuel and Andrew Blackburn; then moved on down the Shenandoah Valley in 1784. The Benjamin of the Revolutionary War served in Virginia and of the census of 1790 may have been the son of Ambrose, Sr., and possibly a nephew of the Benjamin or our sketch. The Benjamin, who witnessed the deed in Augusta County may have been our Benjamin or his son Benjamin, who was twenty-seven years old at that date.

In the land office at Richmond, Virginia, Book H,pp 594, it is recorded that in 1755 Lord Fairfax made a grant of land in Frederick County of "Mulberry Run", to George, Arthur and William Blackburn of Faerfax County. These three brothers and their three sisters, Mary, Margaret and Martha, about 1772 moved down into what is now Washington County, Virginia. There the brothers became quite prominent in the political and communal life of that frontier country. George was appointed Justice of Peace by Patrick Henry, Governor of Virginia; William was elected Lieutenant in the County Milutha under Col. William Campbell; Arthur served as private in the Fincastle Volunteers under Capt. Evan Shelby at the Battle of Point Pleasant, Oct. 1774, against the Indians. Two Presbyterian congregations were organized at Sinking Springs (Abingdon) and Ebbing Springs and on June, 1775, a call was sent by these hurches to the Reverend Charles Cummings of Agusta County, inviting him to come and take charge of these two congregations.

Of the one hundred and thirty-eight petitioners, George and William Blackburn were the first two signers and the name of Arthur Blackburn was fourteenth. The Indians were a constant menace to these frontier settlements. On July 24, 1776, they made an attack on Black's Fort (now Abingdon) and after the Indians were repulsed and had apparently left the vicinity, a number of settlers left the protection of its walls and went out to visit their homes in the neighborhood. The Indians fell upon the party; "Arthur Blackburn was shot, tomahawked and scalped, but was found to be alive and recovered from his wounds". He was accompanied by "William Casey and his sister Nancy, a beautiful girl of sixteen. As Casey was running for his life to the fort, he discovered the Indians in hot pursuit of his sister, and seeing Robert Harold, another young man close by, he called to him to come and help him save Nancy. Harold abeyed. By managing to fire alternately they kept the Indians at bay until the girl was safely in the fort". (Sumner's Southwest Virginia, pp 231). We might add that Arthur Blackburn lived to fight another day and in 1780, he was one of the noble band of the mountaineers who won enduring fame by their victory over the British and their Tory allies at King's Mountain. On Feb. 24,1774, one hundred and thirty acres were surveyed off for Arthur Blackburn on the "Water of the Middle Fork of the Holston River": on Dec. 21, 1774, two hundred and twenty acres were surveyed off for William Blackburn on "Branch of Holston".

The will of George Blackburn was probated Aug. 18, 1778. His estate is left to his sister Margaret Casey, wife of William Casey, his brothers Arthur Blackburn and William Blackburn, his sister Mary White, his brother-in-law Samuel Vance, Andrew

Celvill, and his daughter Sarah Blackburn. The will of Samuel Vance, probated the same day, leaves his estate to his wife Sarah, and his children Margaret Lusk, Elizabeth Blackburn and Samuel Vance; executors, Samuel Vance and George Blackburn; witnesses, Arthur Blackburn, John Blackburn, John Cusick. This Samuel Vance was no doubt the father of the wife of George Blackburn and the grandfather of the Samuel Vance who in 1803 married Mary Blackburn, the daughter of William. William Blackburn was killed at King's Mountain, Oct. 7,1780, and on Nov. 24, 1780, letters of administration on his estate were granted to his widow, Elizabeth Black Blackburn, and her brother, Capt. Joseph Black and John Blackburn. They together with Samuel Vance and John Davis gave bond for eight thousand pounds. The heirs to his estate are given as Mary, Jean, Margaret, Patsey and Sally. In a deed to two hundred and twenty acres on "Head Spring Creek", dated Sept. 24, 1789, the grantees mentioned are Jean, Mary, Martha, Margaret and Sarah. This is probably the same tract of land that was surveyed off to their father in 1774. In 1803, Mary Blackburn (1779-1852) married Samuel Vance (1778-1840). Jean married Joseph Cusick. Margaret (Sept. 28, 1771- Sept. 1, 1838) married David Evans. Of Martha and Sarah information is solicited. Jean and her husband are buried at the old Presbyterian Cemetery, now Providence Cemetery, near Sanford, Edgar County, Illineis. The old Cusick Bible is said to be in the possession of Mr. Macklin Bandy, Columbia, Missouri. The will of Arthur Blackburn was probated August 20, 1782. His estate was left to his sister Margaret Casey, his sister Martha Rodgers, his sister Mary White and to John Blackburn. Executors; John Blackburn, and

John Berry. Witnesses; Janet Blackburn, James Douglas, Elizabeth Black, and William McElwin.

The John Blackburn mentioned in connection with the settlement of the estates of these three brothers, was doubtless the second son of Benjamin Blackburn. James Blackburn was the wife of John for he so designates his wife in his will. What kin these three brothers and sisters were to John Blackburn, uncle of Dr. Gideon Blackburn and his family, we do not know. We note the names of Andrew, George, James and William as younger brothers of John, the son of Benjamin, but they could scarcely have been the same persons as Arthur, George and William mentioned above. In the first place, they are not mentioned in the will of Benjamin Blackburn; second, their children were not sharers in 1835 in the estate of General Samuel Blackburn; third, to have received a grant of land from Lord Fairfax in 1755, they (George, William and Arthur) must have been from five to fifteen years older than John Blackburn, who was born in December 1740. We find among the names of the Blackburns living in Frederick County in 1758 the name of an Andrew Blackburn and a Samuel Blackburn on the poll lists. A deed dated 1762 by Lord Fairfax conveys "One hundred acres of land to William Vance, William Evans, James Colville, James Hogg and Andrew Blackburn, cleers of the Presbyterian Congregation on Cedar Creek."(Shenandoah Pioneers, pp 170). On page twenty-five of the same record, "James Blackburn lived on his land on Long Marsh, which was surveyed by George Washington and was very fertile". A Fanny Wilson Frayer of 323 West 104th St., New York City (no date) writes, "I am a descendant of Archibald Blackburn, whose daughter Elizabeth married William Wilson in 1746 in the [illegible]. Among the veterans of the War of the

Revolution from Virginia, we find the names of the following Blackburns: Arthur, Benjamin, Christopher,(Maj.), James, Joseph, Julius, Moses, Robert, Samuel, Thomas,(Lt. Col.), William,(Lt.), and also a William Blackburn. We find a report ofa Robert Blackburn, prominent for many years in Rowan County, North Carolina; a John Blackburn in 1789 killed by the Indians at Buchanan's Station (Nashville) in Tenn.; A Samuel Blackburn in 1788 leaving Limestone (Maysville) to form a settlement at Cincinnata; A William Blackburn, aged eighty, of Casey County,Kentucky, and a Sam Blackburn, aged eighty, of Fleming County, Kentucky,Revolutionary War veterans in 1840: Adam and Moses Blackburn on the list of delinquents (1803) in Agusta County, Virginia; a James Blackburn in 1803 was indited for a riot in Augusta County, Va. but reported "left for Kentucky": a Boyd Blackburn in North Carolina; a Joseph Blackburn, a portrait painter in Boston in 1753; a Jeremiah Blackburn on London, a mariner, in 1636 with others received a land grant of eight thousand acres in County of Charles City, Virginia; all of whom and many others we are unable to connect with any family.

Benjamin Blackburn in his will gave to each of his grandsons named Benjamin a Bible. It is interesting to note that he had a name-sake in the family of each child except Samuel, who died without issue; Benjamin, son of his oldest son Benjamin; Benjamin, son of John (this Benjamin died in 1785 or 1786 and perhaps this explains why the grandfather designated "my son John Blackburn's son Samuel to receive a Bible"); Benjamin was the name of the second son of Robert; Benjamin was the name of the second son of Archibald; Benjamin Bay was the eldest son of Elizabeth Blackburn Bay; Benjamin was the sixth child

of Ann (Nancy) Blackburn Wear.

Benjamin Blackburn, senior, and his wife Mary_____were the parents of eleven children:-Benjamin (1738-1834), married _____, had three sons and four daughters, perhaps others; John (1740-1808), married Jane Matthews in 1765, had eight sons and four daughters, ( Grizzelle, Dr. Blackburn's wife being one.); Robert (1742-1809) married Sarah Ritchie, had six sons and six daughters ( Dr. Gideon Blackburn one of the six sons). Andrew (1744____); James (1746_____); Elizabeth (1749_____) married Thomas Bays, had eight sons and one daughter; Archibald (1751-1823) married, first Rosannah Steele, second _____, had six sons and three daughters, perhaps others; George (1753--) William (1755_____); Ann (Nancy) (1757----) married John Wear, had three sons and five daughters, perhaps others; Samuel (1759-1835) married Anne Mathews, no issue.

We will now record, seriatim, what information we have concerning these eleven children of Benjamin Blackburn and his wife Mary Blackburn.

BENJAMIN BLACKBURN (1738-1834)

Benjamin Blackburn, eldest son of Benjamin and Mary Blackburn, was one of the one hundred and fifty men from Augusta County, Virginia, who served under Colonel Charles Lewis in Dunmore's Indian War. He was in the Battle of Point Pleasant Oct. 10, 1774, when the Indians, lead by the famous Shawnee Chief, Cornstalk, sought to wipe out the Virginia Volunteers, before their juncture with Lord Dunsmore's force. In an all-day battle, one of the greatest battles ever fought between the Indians and their white opponents, the Indians were finally driven back and forced to yield the field. In the annals of Augusta County, Virginia (Vol 1 pp 230) we find that

"Benjamin Blackburn proved that he was disabled in the service at the Battle of Point Pleasant by losing the use of two fingers of his left hand." In a pamplet called "Revolutionary Soldiers in Alabama", Miss Augusta Bradford of Chattanooga, Tenn., found this item:" Benjamin Blackburn, age not given, a resident of Tuscaloosa County, Alabama; private in Lewis's Regiment; date of enrollment not given, payment to date from April 1, 1810, annual allowance $60.00; sums received $363.90; transferred from Tennessee Sept. 14, 1819; on April 24, 1816, rate increased to annual allowance of $96.00 under which the sum of $1715.18 received to date of publication of lists. Revolutionary Pension Roll, in Vol 14, Senate Document 514; 23rd Congress,1st Session, 1833-34." Arthur Blackburn from the Holston region was also in the above-mentioned battle. He wasa private in Capt.Egan Shelby's Company from Fincastle County.

In the course of proving the claims of the children of Benjamin, the second, to share the estate of the General Samuel Blackburn, Benjamin of the third generation writes under the date of 1835;- "That his father Benjamin Blackburn, died Sept. 24, 1834; that his brother John, lives in Fayette County, Alabama; his sister, Mary Davis, lives in the State of Mississippi near Columbus, about eighty miles from Tuscaloosa; his sister Jane Wallace, lives in Lawrence County in Alabama about one hundred miles from Tuscaloosa; his sister, Sally Dervin, lives in Jackson County Alabama, about one hundred thirty miles from Tuscaloosa; his sister Asena has been twice married, first to Ezekiel Harlen, and then to Mr. Miller. Have not seen her in twenty years. She lived near Lexington, Kentucky. Brother James has removed to

Arkansas. Myself and wife have thirteen children, nine sons and four daughters." John Wallace, his brother-in-law states in an affidavit;-"That five children of Benjamin Blackburn (brother of General Samuel Blackburn) are living. First, my wife, Jane Wallace; Polly Davis living five miles from Columbus, Mississippi; Benjamin Blackburn living in Tuscaloosa Alabama; John Blackburn living in Marion County, Alabama; Sally Derwin living in Jackson County, Alabama."

Miss Jeanie Blackburn of Bowling Green, Kentucky, granddaughter of a James Blackburn and great granddaughter of a Benjamin Blackburn writes under date of July 24, 1925; "There were three brothers, Benjamin, James, John and a sister Kitty. Their father, I was told, was Benjamin. My father, General Samuel Davies Blackburn, a scientist and lawyer, was a Scotch ancestry; and descended from Benjamin who was disabled in the war with the Indians,- disabled and could not serve in the Revolutionary War. Aunt Mary also told me her grandfather was wounded and unable to serve in the Revolutionary War."Samuel Davies Blackburn, son of Rev. James Blackburn and Jeanie Davies, his wife, son of Benjamin Blackburn and Elizabeth Nesbit, his wife, whose children were Benjamin, James, John and Kitty. The Nesbits were connected with the sea faring interests as were the Blackburns. James Blackburn from teaching became a minister of the gospel, left his father living in Tennessee, John and Benjamin, his brothers and a sister Kitty, and went to the wilds of Arkansas after the birth of his four children----My father's father was highly educated and taught my father who never had any English grammar, but attained what he knew from his Latin one-----When quite a child I personated Mary Queen of Scots----all the girls said

I looked just like Queen Mary. My mother said nothing but my father raised his eyes from his book and said to her, "Lizzie, do you think a strain of physical resemblance could be perpetuated to a third or fourth generation?" I asked how--"Well you are a descendent of the Stuarts." Years after his death, by chance, I met an aged aunt and asked her could we have been connected with the Stuarts----She replied, "Our Blackburn ancestor was a Lord High Admiral of the seas and his ship was wrecked on the coasts of Scotland and he met the young princess Stuarts of the Royal House of Scotland and later returned and married her."

There seems to be strong evidence to believe that the great grandfather of Jeanie Blackburn of Bowling Green and the Benjamin Blackburn of this discussion were one and the same man. First, the wound that prevented him from taking part in the Revolutionary War; second, the names of the children; third, the son James, who went to Arkansas. If some one could supply the name of the wife of Benjamin (1738-1834), the point might be finally determined.

JOHN BLACKBURN (1740-1808)

JOHN BLACKBURN, born Dec. 25, 1740, died Feb. 9, 1808, was the second son of Benjamin Blackburn, senior, and his wife Mary. He married Jane Mathews April 2, 1765. She was born Sept.29, 1747 and died April 23, 1818. She and her husband are buried at Dandridge, Tenn. Their children were:-Alexander born Jan.14, 1766, killed at Brabson's Ferry below Dandridge by the Indians and was probably the first man buried in the old cemetery at Dandridge; Benjamin born March 8, 1767, died at eighteen years; Mary born Nov. 1, 1768, married James Meyers, Nov. 3, 1789; Andrew born Dec. 13, 1770, died 1845, married, first Margaret

Samples, second Catherine McGirk; William born Oct. 7, 1772, married Anna Samples; Griselle born Oct. 27, 1774, died in Carlinville, Illinois, July 25, 1862, wife of Dr. Gideon Blavkburn, her first cousin: George born May 26, 1776, married Martha Neeley; John born March 24, 1778, married Elizabeth McGirk; Edward born June 3, 1780, married Marguerite McGirk; Jane born June 3, 1780, married Thomas Sneddy; James born Oct. 2, 1782, married Catherine Jamieson; Nancy born April 7, 1784, married John Carson.

The following discrepancy is found with regard to the birth of John Blackburn. Miss Mable Moore, a great granddaughter, living in Greenville, Tenn., gives Jan. 27, 1741; however, the old Family Bible of Nancy Blackburn Carson (1784-1851) states:- "John Blackburn, Esquire, died at his residence in Jefferson County, East Tennessee, February 9, 1808, aged 67 years 1 month fifteen days." That would make the date of his birth Dec. 25, 1740. The information that his wife was a widow, a Mrs. Jane White, comes through Miss Eula Carson, who had it from her grandfather, John Blackburn Carson, who stated that his grandmother was a widow when she married John Blackburn in Augusta County, Virginia.

In the fall of 1773, John Blackburn seems to have followed the tide of emigration into what is now Washington County, Southwestern Virginia. We find that on Feb. 21, 1774, seventy-eight acres were surveyed off for him on "Beaver Creek", a branch of the Holston River and located south and west of Abingdon, and not far from the present city of Bristol. He served on the Jury of Washington County, Va. in May 1778, June 1779, May 1781, May 1782, August 1782 and Nov. 1782. He is mentioned as being an Elder in the Sinking Springs

Presbyterian Church of Abingdon, county seat of Washington County in 1782. On Sept. 25, 1780 he was one of the noble band of four hundred who, under Col. William Campbell joined forces with their compatriots under Shelby and Sevier and marched over the Smokies and wiped out Col. Ferguson's force of British regulars and Tories at the famous Battle of King's Mountain, Oct. 7,1780. In Nov. 1780 he was one of the Administrators of the Estate of Lt. William Blackburn, who fell at Kings Mountain. He also appears in 1782 as beneficiary in the will of Arthur Blackburn, which was witnessed by his wife "Janet Blackburn". It is reported that he served the full seven years in the militia of Washington County; however, in 1787 he received from North Carolina for his services, a military grant of four hundred acres on Long Creek in Greene County. Due to the uncertainity of the location between the colonies of Virginia and North Carolina, many of the early settlers thought they had located in Virginia, but were really in North Carolina. The boundry line has long been a subject of difference between the States of Virginia and Tennessee and was not finally settled until a decision of the Supreme Court in 1903 passed upon it.

It may be that John Blackburn settled upon this disputed tract, which in 1789 had been narrowed down to two miles wide, and this may account for his military services under Col. William Campbell of Washington County, Virginia, while in 1789 he received reward for his services from the State of North Carolina. When John Sevier was elected Governor of the ill-starred State of Franklin, he appointed John Blackburn a Justice of the Peace. Later, when Sevier became Governor of the State of Tennessee, he again appointed John Blackburn a Justice of

Peace. The first session of the County Court of Jefferson County was apparently held at his home four miles north of Dandridge. John Blackburn was made an elder of the Westminister Presbyterian Church when it was organized near Dandridge in 1787. In the Annuals of the American Pulpit, he is spoken of as a "man of rare excellence".

Military Land Grant, No. 265, recorded in Book B, page 26, North Carolina Military Book, Nashville, Tenn., reads as follows:-

"Know Ye, that we have given and granted unto John Blackburn a tract of land containg four hundred acres, lying in our county of Green on Long Creek:- Beginning at two box oaks and a pine on a hill and running thence north two hundred and forty poles to a white oak on the south of a hill crossing the branch at two hundred and twenty-four poles, thence north fifty-seven deggrees east on the line between said Blackburn and Samuel McGarey three hundred and twenty poles to a stake on the top of a hill, thence south forty degrees east on the line between said Blackburn and Andrew McFerren one hundred and thirty-eight poles to a red oak on a hill crossing a branch at sixty-five poles, thence south forty-eight degrees west four hundred and seventy poles to the beginning. To hold to the said John Blakburn and his heirs and assigns forwver. Dated 20th of September 1787." Rd. Caswell

J. Glascow, Secretary.

"Wt. No. 80, surveyed by Jas. Kamper, Jno. Hines and Henry Haggard, chain carriers."

Richard Caswell was Governer of North Carolina in 1787. It would seem from the description that John Blackburn had already settled on the tract and had marked its boundries.

The Will of John Blackburn is recorded in Will Book No. 1, page 299, County Court of Jefferson County, Tenn. In his will he mentions his wife, Janet, his sons Andrew, William, John, Edward, James and George; his daughters Mary Myers, Grizey Blackburn, Nancy Carson, and "Jinney".

111 ROBERT BLACKBURN

ROBERT BLACKBURN, third son of Benjamin Blackburn Sr., and father of Dr. Gideon Blackburn, was born in 1742 and died Feb. 9, 1809. The date of his death is exactly one year later than the death of his older brother, John. We are inclined to wonder if there has not been some confusion in these dates. Robert married a Miss Richie. Some correspondents have thought that her given name was Martha, but the best informed authorities say that it was Sarah. The date and place of their marriage was probably about 1767 in the County of Augusta, Va. Robert is mentioned in his father's will, probated in 1791; also in the will of his uncle, Gen. Samuel Blackburn, probated in Bath County, Va. in 1835. He probably moved with his family from Augusta County, Va. to what is now Sullivan County, Tenn. between 1776 and 1779. In the campaign against the Chickamauga Indians in April 1779 he was a private in the Company of Capt. James Shelby. The results of this campaign had far reaching effects upon peace of the Shenandoah Valley and even on the prosecution of the Revolutionary War. Without the disasterous defeat administered to the hostile Indians in April 1779 it is doubtful whether there would have been any victory at King's Mountain in Oct. 1780. Col. Shelby accompanied by 500 men set out down the Tennessee River in boats; surprised the Indians in their mountain villages; captured war booty to the sum of $20,000 which the Indians together with their

British allies had collected in anticipation of waging a war of extermination against the American frontiers. The booty was auctioned off to the soldiers on a small creek which thereafter took the name of Sale Creek. On this creek Dr. Gideon Blackburn, about 20 years later, established one of his schools for Cherokee Indians. We find no mention of Robert Blackburn in Sumner's Annuals of Southwest Virginia, so we assume that he settled quite a distance south of Bristol. He received a GRANT of Land for his military services from the State of N. Carolina in 1787 (See Land Grant # 267, Book B, page 35, in the office of the Land Commissioner at Nashville, Tenn.) "A tract of two hundred acres in Green County on Richland Creek on the north side of Nolichuckey River;-Beginning at Black Oak, corner to Henry Fernworth's land, thence north forty-seven degrees east one hundred and five poles along said line to a stake, thence south twenty-two degrees east ninety-nine poles to a stake along Leeper's line, thence south seventy-three degrees west one hundred and ninety-one poles along said Leeper's lane to a stake, thence north forty-eight degrees west two hundred and sixty poles to a stake along Mr. McKehan's line, thence north eighty-one poles to a stake on Fernworth's line, thence south fifty-five degrees east three hundred and twenty-two poles along said Fernworth's line to the beginning."

Robert Blackburn was a member of the Grand Jury of Washington County, which met May 25, 1780 at the house of Charles Robertson.

"THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL MAGAZIEN of Tennessee, Court proceedings in Washington County, North Carolina, Vol. 5, pp 365--date Feb. 22, 1779--gives "Robert Blackburn, as one of the jury". Vol. 6, pp 73, date Feb. 26, 1781--gives

"Robert Blackburn vs Geo. Hamilton----Attachmt-Dismist."

Robert Blackburn and Sarah Richie were the parents of:-

1. Thomas
2. Benjamin
3. Gidéon Blackburn, b. Aug.___, 1772 in "Augusts County, Va. married his first cousin Grizelle Blackburn. (Childsen and grandchildren given later
4. Edward Blackburn, b "In va. about 1775"; married Martha Kearney about 1806. Their issue:-
   1. Edward R. Blackburn, b. 1808; married Jane Dickey, born 1809
      1. Samuel E. Blackburn
      2. Allison Blackburn
      3. J.K.T. Blackburn, b Feb. 20, 1837, married Mary M. Laird, b, Sept. 1845;
         1. Nannie G. Blackburn, 1868
         2. Robert E. Blackburn, 1869
         3. James K. Blackburn, 1871
         4. John Laird Blackburn, 1873
         5. William S. Blackburn, 1876
         6. Dr. Gordon Blackburn, 1878
         7. Samuel S. Blackburn, 1880
         8. Mackie Blackburn, 1885
         9. Henry M. Blackburn, 1890
      4. Lavinia Blackburn
      5. Anneth Blackburn
      6. Alice Blackburn
      7. Ida Blackburn
      8. Albert S. Blackburn
      9. W.T.F. Blackburn

2. Prudence Blackburn

3. Betsey Blackburn

4. Jane Blackburn

5. John L.D. Blackburn

6. Martha Blackburn

7. Gideon Blackburn

8. Asenath Blackburn

9. Sarah Blackburn

10. Robert Samuel Blackburn

(see also letter of J.K.T. Blackburn under cover of Rockingham County, Va. Blackburns)

5. Sarah Blackburn, b_____, m. John Mallery

6. Leah Blackburn, b_____, m. John Lawder (Souder, Pouver??)

7. Rachel Blackburn, b____, m. John Meek

8. Samuel Blackburn, b___, m._____, no issue (see will)

9. Jane Blackburn, b._____

10. Mary Blackburn, b_____

11. Elizabeth Blackburn, b_____

12. William Blackburn b,_ ____

NOTE; We are not certain of the order of their birth. The first nine were living March 2, 1835. At that date Thomas was living in Blount County, Tenn, and Edward Blackburn, Leah Lowder and Rachel Meek were living in Maury County, Tenn.

ANDREW BLACKBURN, born 1744; JAMES BLACKBURN, born 1746; GEORGE BLACKBURN, born 1753; WILLIAM BLACKBURN; born 1755 were sons of Benjamin and Mary Blackburn, of whom we have no record. They are not mentioned in Benjamin's will nor are any of their descendants mentioned as heirs in the estate of Gen. Samuel Blackburn in 1835. They probably died in early childhood.

ELIZABETH BLACKBURN, born 1769, married Thomas Bays; issue eight sons and one daughter as follows:- Benjamin Bays; Samuel Bays; Robert Bays--the Col. Robert Bays mentioned in Gen.

Samuel Blackburn's will-1835; William Bays; Thomas Bays; Elizabeth Bays,wife of William Runnels, died in 1835; John Bays; James Bays; Archibald Bays; The last seven were alive at the time of the death of Gen. Samuel Blackburn in March 1835 and were sharers in his estate.

ARCHIBALD BLACKBURN,(175101823), son of Benjamin Blackburn, senior, married Rosanna Steele of Augusta County, Va., daughter of Nathaniel and Rosanna Steele. The following nine childred were living on March 2, 1835;- Nathaniel Blackburn; Benjamin Blackburn;Rosanna Blackburn, married John Matthes (perhaps Mr. Sitlington later; Samuel Blackburn, who made a will March 19, 1855, mentioned no children; Polly (Mary) Blackburn, married Henry Hess; William Blackburn had a son, Samuel, mentioned in his Uncle Samuel's will 1855; Thomas Blackburn; Elizabeth Blackburn, wife of J. Mann, had a daughter Elizabeth; Archibald Blackburn;

General Samuel Blackburn in his will, probated in 1835, makes Samuel Blackburn,Jr., son of Archibald Blackburn, one of the executors of his estate and states that Samuel, son of Archibald in his will made March 1855, mentions his sister Elizabeth Mann, his niece Elizabeth Man, his niece Amanda Sitlington, his "Bro.William's son Samuel"; and wills the balance of his estate after the death of his sister Elizabeth to "all his nephews and nieces living at his death with the exception of one and that is Alfred Hess of Philadelphia. "He makes no mention of a wife or any children. Directs his "body to be decently inter'd upon his plantation."

The descendants of Mary Blackburn and Henry Hess are:- Alfred Hess, who married has cousin Francina, daughter of Judge Leonard Peuder of Maryland. Alfred Hess succeeded his

father, Henry Hess, as President of Greenville College: Samuel Blackburn Hess married Alweda Snell, their children were:- Albina Hess, who married Willie P. King, M.D.; Albert Barnes Hess; Henry Park Hess; Granville Snell Hess, who married Julia McBride; Emily Hess, who married D.C. Ellis, D.D.; Edwin Hess; Theodore Hess; Oliver Huber Hess, who married Luna Wilson; Frances Hess, who married W.A. Arnold.

There may have been other children of Archibald Blackburn, but these nine were living in 1835. We may infer from the records that Archibald Blackburn married Rosannah Steele in Augusta County, Va., about 1772---moved to Eastern Tennessee, Washington County, about 1781; received the home farm of his father by will in 1791. He received from North Carolina a land grant for military service (probably Land Grand #266). He may have been a King's Mountain man with John Sevier from Washington County, then North Carolina. His will is recorded in Washington County, Tenn. in Book #1, pp. 144, 1823. His executors were his son William, his son-in-law Henry Hess and John Matthes. Nathaniel Steele, in his will probated in Augusta County, Va. in 1785, and Rosanna Steele, in her will probated in 1807, mention as their sons-in-law Halbert, McClure, Archibald Blackburn, Samuel McClure, David McClure and Robert Cooper; also Nathaniel Blackburn, grandson, and granddaughter Rosannah.

ANN BLACKBURN

ANN BLACKBURN( sometimes called Nancy Blackburn) born 1757, married John Weir. The following children were living on March 2, 1835. Whether there were other children born to this union we do not know:- Elizabeth Weir, who married James Gray; Phoebe Weir, who married George Mathews; Susan Weir, who married a Mr. Bird; Hugh Weir; George Weir; Benjamin Weir, who

died in 1835 or 1836; Margaret Weir, who married J.W. Wilson, (Margaret died in 1835); Nancy Weir, who married Thomas Alexander; Mary Weir, who married James Cunningham, (Mary died prior to 1835); Susannah Weir, who married _____ Rice.

GENERAL SAMUEL BLACKBURN

SAMUEL BLACKBURN, the youngest son of Benjamin and Mary Blackburn, was born in 1759. He served during the Revolutionary War with the Virginia forces. He must have served with distinction, as he came out of the war with the title of General and received a grant from the United States of eight hundred fifty acres of land in Madison County, Ohio, apparently for his services. In 1784 he moved with his father to what is now Washington County, Tenn. where he attended Washington College, which conferred the degree of A.B. upon him in 1785. He moved on down into Georgia, where he taught for some time at the Academy at Washington, Wilks County. He married Anna Mathews, daughter of the Georgian Governor, General George Mathews, who served in the Indian Wars and the War of the Revolution. This item is found in Draper's King's Mountain and Its Heroes, "John Sevier was sent to school in Staunton; while there he accidently fell into a mill-race and was saved from drowning by the heroic efforts of two young ladies, one of whom subsequently became the wife of George Matthews, one of the heroes of Point Pleasant and subsequently a Colonel in the Revolution and Governor of Georgia." General Samuel Blackburn, after his marriage, settled in Elbert County on Broad River. He was advancing successfully in his legal profession and in political influence until the meeting of the State Legislature in 1795. He was a member of that Legislature in

in 1795 which passed the infamous "Yazoo Act" which rendered him so unpopular that he left the State and went back to Virginia where he practiced Law in Bath County until his death. However, it is stated that the allegations against the integrity of General Blackburn were founded upon the most "trivial circumstances."

General Samuel Blackburn was a "classical scholar and was one of the most eloquent men of his time." After his return to Bath County, Va., he entered actively into the practice of law, and the records of Augusta County bear record that he was "qualified to practice law on Nov. 15, 1796". He represented Bath County in the Virginia Legislature a number of times and was reputed to have been instrumental in placing the first legal restraint against dueling upon the Statutes of Va.; the first action of that kind passed in the United States. He died March 2, 1835, and is buried in the Episcopalian Cemetery at Staunton, Va. His will and the settlement of his estate is quite long, but since it contains much valuable history and genealogy of the Blackburn relationship, we will add it to this narrative.

WILL OF GENERAL SAMEUL BLACKBURN ( 1751-1835)

I, Samuel Blackburn of the County of Bath & Commonwealth of Virginia in anticipation of the lot common to humanity on this first day of June in the year of our Lord, 1830, do make and publish this my last will and testament entirely written by my own hand and sealed with my seal the day and year aforesaid.

S. Blackburn (Seal)

Hereby annulling and revoking all prior wills by me made and published. I die as I trust, a Christian, believing as I must in the coctrine of the atonement by death, the suffering

mediation of the Lord Jesus Christ as delivered to us in the gospels by his Evangelists and apostles, into whose hands I wish with humble confidence to commit my soul and body with all their vast concerns till it shall please Him to reunimate them in a new and I trust a highly improved mode of existence. Among the different sects of professing Christians, which have obtained in this country, I call myself a Presbyterian, not merely by descent, education or accident, but from reflection, inquiry and preference, yet I feel no inclination to shut the door of mercy against any Christian denomination, whatever fault I may find with their supposed errors; who am I that I should condemn man's servant, to his own Master, let him stand or fall----

As to the property which it has pleased God to give me I make of it the following disposition:-

1st. My will and desire is that all my just debts be paid by my executers hereinafter named with convenient dispatch after my decease.

2nd. That all the slaves of which I may die, seized and possessed without distinction of age or sex be and they are hereby declared free and forever emancipated from all claim to future services to me, my heirs and executers or any of them, and together with their increase to the latest posterity shall be and remain clear and forever discharged from all such claims as aforesaid and as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made by my Executors they shall be transported to the American Celony in Liberia and the expense of transportation be charged upon my estate real and personal. It is however expressly and explicitly understood that if any of my slaves aforesaid refuse to accept this boon it will be the duty

of my executors and they are hereby requested, so to do, to sell to the highest bidder in terms of the sale all who thus refuse and pause and persevere in the refusal as slaves for life. And here let me admonish and warn these people forever from that state os slavery and degradation in which I found them and in which many of them have long served me.

3rd. I give and bequeath to my nephew Samuel Blackburn, Jr., son of Archibald Blackburn, to him and his heirs forever all that track or parcel of land originally purchased by me from Robert Douthat and of record in Bath County, being apart of the track called Cloverdale and estimated at four hundred and forty-nine acres by the same more or less with all the improvements made thereover and appurtenance therewith belonging, but by two annual installments within the space of two years after my death the sum of one thousand dollars to fall in the residue of my estate. I also give to my said nephew Samuel Blackburn Jr. and to his heirs Marshall's Life of Washington which from the gratitude and affection I bear to the memery of that great man and the merited confidence reposed in the fidelity of his biographer I have long determined should descend as heirlooms if I may so speak in regard to this particular branch of my estate.

4th. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Ann Blackburn, my brick home and lot in the town of Staunton and County of Agusta, purchased from the heirs of Alexander McClanihan described in the plan of the said town with the improvements made thereon and all the appurtenance thereunto belonging as also a lot adjoining thereto containing by estimate one acre and fronting the lot owned by _____Carrell of said town, as also a track a woodland purchased of Robert Douthat containing ____

acres lying on or near the main road leading from Staunton to Middle River at Bells formerly, and also my undivided fifth part of the Washington Tavern in Staunton and of the out lots and woodland bought from the heirs of William Marshall connected and belonging to said purchase together with a tract of land granted to me by patent from the Government of the United States lying in the State of Ohio (Madison County) of about 815 acres to her and her heirs forever. I further give to my said wife all money or other property which she has received from or on account of the will of her father, the late Gen. George Mathews, or which I may receive or have received from his estate by said will or her account, together with a money or other property which having made herself, she shall have been permitted during my life to use at her discretion and for her benefit and all debts due on account of such money loaned by her. I moreover give her the choice of fifty volumes of my library, my law books and Marshall's Life of Washington, the latter being herein disposed of, excepted. I also give her my gold watch together with my kitchen and household furniture, including my plate, china, pictures and portrait by Cook.

The three tracts of land yet undisposed of lying in Bath County, taking them in order they stand on Mill Creek are, 1st, Cloverdale, the old improvement containing ____acres conveyed to me under a degree of the Superior Court of Chancery held at Staunton; second the tract called the John Mathews tract containing 458 acres one rod and 35 poles. The 3rd is disposed of to Samuel Blackburn is as above. The 4th as they lie on the creek and to be now disposed of is called the upper of Fowler tract adjoining the land of John Fowler, deceased, and containing 452 acres all however orig-

inally belonging to a large tract called Cloverdale. Now it is my will and desire that these three tracks be laid off by my executors as equally as may be respect being had to quantity and quality and said by them payable in such installments as they in their discretion may think most advantageous to the Estate, which being done the proceeds of the sale are hereby directed to be equally distributed by my executors among all my nephews and nieces, I mean the children of my own brothers and sisters, that is such of them as may be alive at the time of my death. The Brick House and lot purchased of Mathew B. Truse in the town of Staunton and County of Augusta together with a lot supposed to contain half an acre and lying in that part of said town called New Town also purchased of the said Mathew will also be sold by my executors and thrown into the common fund for equal distribution among my nephews and neices that as may be living at the time of my death.

I give to my eldest and now only surviving brother Benjamin Blackburn, should he survive me and only on that event, three hundred dollars, otherwise this legacy shall fall into the residue of my estate and be equally divided as aforesaid- To my nephew, John Blackburn son of the said Benjamin, I give a horse and saddle worth one hundred and twenty dollars for a colt left by him in my possession in addition to what he o otherwise is entitled to-- To my nephew, Col. Robert Bay, son of my sister Elizabeth Bay, wife of Thomas Bay deceased, my law library being a professional man that is such as in the opinion of my executor preeminently claim that character in addition to what he may be entitled to from the division aforesaid--To my nephew the Reverend Gideon Blackburn, son of

my brother Robert Blackburn to him and his heirs I give the balance of my library (these books were sold and money turned over to Dr. Blackburn's widow--$84.55 W.A.C.) not herein specifically disposed of containing about_____volumes, in addition to what share otherwise be entitled to on the division aforesaid on the further condition that he survives me, otherwise this legacy shall lapse and the library be sold by my executors and subjected to the terms of the division aforesaid--To my nephew Samuel Blackburn, son of my brother Robert Blackburn, I give the sum of three hundred dollars in remuneration for his expenses in returning to the State of Penn. from Va., of which I suppose he has remuneration in writing, this is also addition to his claim under the said division and in full of all claims whatever.--To the Bible Society in Staunton, its present officers and their successors, I give five hundred dollars to be disposed of in such manner as their discretion may deem most likely to subserve the laudable intention of the State or of the United States to supply all destitute families with the Holy Scriptures.--To my nephew Samuel Blackburn aforesaid, I give my sword, my rifle barrelled, silver mounted pistol. My hunting rifle and two imported shot guns the larger and the lesser with all the accoutrements thereunto belonging and are intended to descend with that part of my estate herein devised to him without any deduction on that account. The disposition made in this my will in favor of deserved well-beloved wife Ann Blackburn being liberal and as believed ample were intended as a bar in lieu of dower in the balance of my real estate, yet it is my desire if my said wife should survive me, and wishes to remove to Staunton or elsewhere that my executor pay her annually in

lieu of dower on the wilderness plantation the sum of two hundred dollars during her natural life--Amongst the debts herein recognized and directed to be paid with lawful interest is on to Mrs. Jane Telfair, a lead say of three hundred dollars on which I am entitled to a credit of two hundred dollars for two very fine animals, one horse and a mare, furnished to her son Dr. Isaac Telfair perhaps seen after his return from sea the last when removing to the State of Ohio. To Dr. Isaac Telfair, my wife's nephew, I give and bequeath the sum of five hundred dollars being well assured from the arrangements herein made he will possess a much greater portion of my estate than any of my own relations, Samuel Blackburn excepted, who has superintended my business for many years. To Mrs. Ann E. Lilly, the wife of Dr. Robert Lilly of Ohio and my Wife's niece, I give and bequeath the sum of five hundred dollars. I give and bequeath to John H. Peyton, Esquire, provided he undertakes the execution of my will five hundred dollars in addition to his lawful commission.

The Residue of my estate of every description not herein otherwise disposed of as from any cause shall fall to pass in pursuance of the devises and bequeaths aforesaid, I give to my nephews and nieces, that is to such of them as may be alive at the time of my death, to be equally divided amongst them. As the acceptance or rejection of the freedom now offered is to seal the fate of such of my unfortunate people who do reject it and that of their posterity in a state of most hopeless and degrading slavery for perhaps centuries to come, or to restore to their country the land of their fathers from which they long have been exiled such of them as may accept it enrolling them in the ranks of men and citi-

zens from which they have long been expelled, my executors will excuse me when I entreat, they will see this great question fairly put and freely answered un-influenced by premis or hope of reward or the dread of punishment, and that the names of these who refuse to accept, should such be found, be registered which when certified by my executors to be correct will be entered of Record in Bath County with this last will and testament.

I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Ann Blackburn executrix, my aforesaid friend John H. Peyton and Samuel Blackburn, Jr., son of Archibald, Executors of this last will and testament. S. Blackburn.

Signed sealed and published in presence of the foregoing will of Samuel Blackburn was read to him and by him acknowledged in our presence, who have at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other witnessed the same which consists of several sheets paged from No.1 to 7.

Samuel Clark------Joseph Cowan------Hugh Hamilton

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Codicil to my will:

I will to my wife Ann Blackburn, Scarborough and her descendants should she refuse to be transported to Liberia, my carriage and horses are also willed to her omitted in my original will. Samuel Blackburn.

This codicil to the last will and testament of Samuel Blackburn was acknowledged by him in our presence who desire us to subscribe our names as witnesses to the acknowledgement.

Samuel Clark------Joseph Cowan------ Hugh Hamilton

Codicil:

Whereas I Samuel Blackburn of Bath County and State of Va. in the year 1830 made my last will and testament, in which

said will I have emancipated and set free all my slaves at my death with a previsa that they should go to the colony of Liberia and that if they or any of them refused to go they are to be sold by my executors as slaves, and whereas I did'nt express in what way they are to be sold to my satisfaction, I do therefore now certify make known and request that it is my earnest wish, desire and will that my executors do not sell them separately, but that they sell them in families and at priwte sale to such masters or mistresses, on such as they may think most advantageous. In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal this 20th day of Oct. 1834.

(Signed) Ann Blackburn, for Samuel Blackburn (seal)

Signed sealed and acknowledged in the presence of us:-

Walter Richards--------Thomas Mayse.

Bath County Court July Term 1835.

This last will and testament of Samuel Blackburn, deceased, with twe codicils therete was presented in court and preved as the will and one of the codicils by Samuel Clark and Joseph Cowan subscribing witnessess therete and by Thomas Mayse and Walter Richards subscribing witnesses as to the other codicil and ordered to be recorded. Teste. Chas. L. Francisco, Clerk.

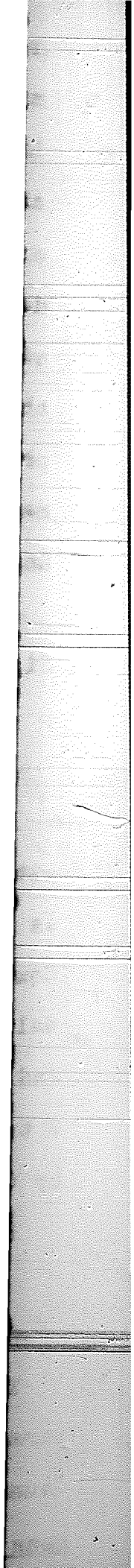
A true copy from will Book 4, pps 263-269. C.L. Lahus, Clerk, by Geo. W. Cleck, Depty Clk.

Bath County was formed in 1791.

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State of Virginia, Augusta County, to wit:-

This day SAMUEL BLACKBURN of Monroe County, East Tenn. personally appeard before me, a Justice of Peace for said County and made oath that he believed himself to be one of the sons of Robert Blackburn, deceased, and was always so treated





and recognized. He further states that said Robert Blackburn was always reputed and believed and recognized to be the brother of the late Gen. Samuel Blackburn of Bath County, Va. He further states that said Robert Blackburn departed this life many years ago leaving a large family, and that at the time of the death of Gen. Samuel Blackburn viz. on the 2nd of March 1835, there were living of the children of said Robert Blackburn, the following; Themas, Benjamin, Gideon (since dead), Edward, Sarah, the wife of John Malley, Samuel, Leah, the widow of John Lewder, and Rachel, the wife of John Meek and no others. Given under my hand and seal at the said County of Augusta, this 15th dau of June 1839. Signed, Gerard B. Stewart.

Another affadavit shows that Themas , son of Robert, lived in Blount County, Tenn. Edward Blackburn, Leah Lewder, John and Rachel Meek lived in Maury County, Tenn.

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A letter from Benjamin Blackburn, dated at Tuscaloosa, Ala. Nov.loth, 1835, states:- "That his father, Benjamin Blackburn died Sept. 24, 1834; that his brother John lives in Fayette County, Ala.; his sister, Mary Davis lives in the State of Miss. near Columbus about 80 miles from Tuscaloosa; his sister Jane Wallace , lives in Lawrence County in Ala. about 100 miles from Tuscaloosa; his sister Sally Derwin, lives in Jackson County, Ala. about 130 miles from Tuscaloosa; "Sister Asena has been twice married, first to Ezekiel Harlen, and then to a Mr. Miller." "He has not seen her for 20 years, she lived near Lexington Ky." "Brother James has removed to Arkansas. Myself and wife have thirteen children, nine sons and four daughters." Mrs. Weir's name was Nancy Blackburn, she was the sister of Gen. Samuel Blackburn.

A newspaper clipping gives additional names of a niece, Mary Cunningham, wife of James Cunningham, late Mary Weir. Susannah Rice, late Susannah Weir, children of John Weir and Nancy, his wife, which Nancy was the sister of Gen. Samuel Blackburn.

It is also stated that Jane Blackburn, daughter of John Blackburn was the brother of Gen. Samuel Blackburn.

Asenath Miller was formerly Asenath Blackburn, the daughter of Benjamin Blackburn and said Benjamin Blackburn was the brother of Gen. Samuel Blackburn.

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Blackburn's Executors, Vs. Blackburn's Legatees. Report:-

In obedience to the order of the Court your commissioner proceeded on this day to examine the evidence in the papers in this cause for the purpose of ascertaining the number of the nephews and nieces of Sam'l. Samuel Blackburn, deceased, who were living at that time of his death. viz--on the 2nd day of May 1835 and who were entitled to portions of the residum of his estate under the provisions of his will- and he begs leave to submit the following report;*

It appears that there were four brothers of Samuel Blackburn, deceased, and two sisters, all of whom left issue who are entitled to a portion of the residuum of his estate.

The names of the brothers were as follows: viz. Robert, Archibald, John, and Benjamin all of whom are dead. The names ofthe sisters- the wife of Hohn Weir and the wife of John Bay. The sisters are also dead.

Robert Blackburn had eight children living at the death of Samuel Blackburn as appears by the affidavit of Samuel Blackburn of Tenn. filed among the papers. Their names are as

follows:- Thomas, Benjamin, Gideon, who died since the death of Samuel Blackburn, Edward, Sarah, the wife of John Mallery; Samuel, Leah, the widow of John Seuder (Leuder?) and Rachel, the wife of John Meek.

Archibald Blackburn had nine children living on the 2nd of March 1835 as appears from the affidavit of John Fain marked 11 and filed among the papers in this cause-viz.:- Nathaniel; Benjamin; Roseanna; Samuel; Polly; William; Thomas; Elizabeth and Archibald.

John Blackburn had nine children living on the 2nd day of March 1835, as appears from the affidavit of John McCampbell marked #12 and filed among the papers in this cause and from the letter of Thomas Sneedy which is also filed. Their names areas follows:- Andrew; John; Edward; James; William; George; Polly; the widow of James Meyers+ Grizey, the widow of Gideon Blackburn and Nancy, the widow of John Carson.

Benjamin Blackburn had five children living on the day of March 2nd, 1835, as appears from the letter of John Wallace who intermarried with one of them, which letter is filed among the papers in this cause. Their names are as follows:- viz- Jane, the wife of John Wallace; Polly, the wife of John Davis; Benjamin; John and Sally, the wife of James Derwin.

Mrs. Weir had eight children living at the death of Gen. Samuel Blackburn as appears by the depesition of Andrew Hannah appended to a power of atty. marked #14 and filed among the papers in this cause and also from the letter of J.W. Wilson and Thomas Alexander among the papers. Their names are as follows:- Elizabeth, the wife of James Gray; Phoebe, the widow of George Matthews; Susan , the wife of _____Bird; Hugh Weir; George Weir, Benjamin Weir, who is since dead;

Margaret, the wife of _____Wilson, who has also since died; and Nancy, the wife of Thomas Alexander.

Mrs. Bay had seven children living at the death of Gen. Samuel Blackburn. There had been nine children in all as appears from the depositions of William Runnels and Robert Bay Sr. filed with the answer of Robert Bay Jr. but it appears that two of them viz- Benjamin and Samuel died before Sam'l Blackburn's decease. The names of these living on the 2nd of March 1835 are Robert Bay; William Bay; Thomas Bay; Elizabeth, the wife of Wm. Runnels since dead and John; James and Archibald Bay.

Recapitulation.-

Robert Blackburn's family.....8; Archibald Blackburns family.....9; John Blackburn's family.....9; Benjamin Blackburn's family------5; Mrs. Weir's Family.....8; Mrs.Bay's family.....7. Whole number of Nephews and Nieces--46. All of which is respectfully submitted. (Signed) Sam'l Clark-M.Com-June 15th 1839.

JOHN BLACKBURN (1740-1808) and his Descendants

We have written quite fully of all that we know concerning the life and movements of John Blackburn in this manuscript. However, we will recaptulate these and other facts in as near a chronological order as possible. Most of these items come from Summer's Annals of Washington County, Va., published in 1929; some from Summer's History of Southwest Virginia and Washington County; some from North Carolina Colonial Records and some from family Bibles.

JOHN BLACKBURN:

1740, Dec. 25th, date of birth, son of Benjamin and Mary Black

1765, April 2nd, married Mrs. Jane White, nee Jane Mathews, aged 18 years.

1768, Jan. 14th, son Alexander born.

1767, March 8th, son Benjamin born.

1768, Nov. 1st, daughter Mary born.

1770, Dec. 13th, son Andrew born.

1772, Oct. 7th, son William born.

1773, Left Augusta County, Va. and moved down into southwest Virginia and settled on Beaver Creek; since his name does not appear on the petition issued June 2, 1773, to Rev. Chas. Cummings from the Presbyterian Congregation of that region, we conclude that he had not yet arrived in that vicinity in June.

1774, Feb. 21st had a survey made of seventy-eight acres on Beaver Creek.

1774, Oct. 27th, daughter Grizelle was born.

1776, March--appointed by the Court with two others "to view the way from Camp Union to _____ Mountain and make report to the Court whether a bridle way can be had or not. (pp.251)

1776, May 26th, son George was born.

1778, March 24th, son James was born.

1778, May--served on the Grand Jury of Washington County, Va. (pp1144)

1778, Aug., witness to the Will of Samuel Vance.(pp 998)

1778, Aug.--appeared in court to witness the above-mentioned will. (pp 1144)

1779, June, served on the Jury. (pp 1033)

1780, June 3rd; twins Edward and Jane were born.

1780, Oct. 7th, took part in the battle of King's Mountain.



1787, Elder of the Westminister Presbyterian Church organized at Dandridge.

1787, Sept. 20th, received Land Grant for Revolutionary War services from the State of North Carolina. ( Grant # 265, Book B. pp 36, Land Office, Nashville, Tenn.

1793, Aug. "Commonwealth of Virginia to John Blackburn and Garret Fitzgerald of Jefferson County in the territory of United States South of the Ohio River. Authority to take acknowledgement of Susannah Lathim, wife of John Lathim". (pp 1324)

179-, appointed by John Sevier, first Governor of Tennessee, as Justice of Peace.

1805, Aug. 27th, made his will.

1808, Feb. 9th died, buried at Dandridge, Tennessee.

1818, April 23rd, Jane Blackburn, wife of John Blackburn died, buried at Dandridge, Tennessee.

1780, Nov. 24th, appointed administrater on the Estate of Lt. Wm. Blackburn who was killed at King's Mountain. (pp 1065)

1781, March, appointed by the Court as one of the appraisers of the estate of James Curry. (pp 1071)

1781, May, on the Grand Jury (pp 1071)

1782, -- mention as elder of the Presbyterian Church of Abingdon, Va.---in the "Sinking Springs Congregation." ( Summer-History of South West Virginia. (pp 605)

1782, May served on the Grand Jury. (pp 1101)

1782, July 16th--in the will of Arthur Blackburn, John Blackburn is mentioned as one of the legatees, and also one of the two executors; his wife 'Janet Blackburn' was one of the four witnesses to the will.

1782, Aug. 21st; on jury in the case of Cotter vs. Galbreath. (pp 1110)

1782, Aug. 21st, entered proof of the will of Arthur Blackburn and gave bond of two hundred pounds as executor. (pp 1111)

1782, Oct. 2nd, son James was born.

1782, Nov. 19th Foreman of the Grand Jury. (pp 1124)

1782, Nov. 19th, makes on report extate of _____ and distribution to widow and child (pp 1124)

1783 or 1784, probably moves from Beaver Creek, southwest of Abingdon, Va. to his future home near Dandridge, Jefferson County, Tenn. (then Greene County, N.C.)

1784, April 7th, daughter Nanvy was born.

1785-1788 served as Justice of Peace, appointed by John Sevier, Governor of the State of Franklin. Gideon Ritchey also Justice of Peace. (N.C. Records Vol. 22 pp 702)

1787, Elder of the Westminister Presbyterian Church organized at Dandridge.

1787, Sept. 20th, received Land Grant for Revolutionary War services from the State of North Carolina. ( Grant # 265, Book B. pp 36, Land Office, Nashville, Tenn.

1793, Aug. "Commonwealth of Virginia to John Blackburn and Garret Fitzgerald of Jefferson County in the territory of United States South of the Ohio River. Authority to take acknowledgement of Susannah Lathim, wife of John Lathim". (pp 1324)

179-, appointed by John Sevier, first Governor of Tennessee, as Justice of Peace.

1805, Aug. 27th, made his will.

1808, Feb. 9th died, buried at Dandridge, Tennessee.

1818, April 23rd, Jane Blackburn, wife of John Blackburn died, buried at Dandridge, Tennessee.

Last will and Testament of John Blackburn, deceased.
In the name of God Amen.

I, John Blackburn, of the county of Jefferson and State of Tennessee, being in perfect health, mind and memory calling to mind the mortality of my body; Knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die, do this twenty-seventh day of August in the year of our Lord One Thousand eight hundred and five, make, ordain, and declare this as my last will and testament, and do hereby dispose of my estate real and personal in manner following VIZ:

First, I give and bequeast unto my son Andrew Blackburn that part of land surveyed off to him including his improvement where he now lives, be it more or less within said lines to be his and his forever.

Item- I give and bequeath unto my Son William Blackburn that tract or parcel of land I bought from Doherty where the said William now lives to be his and his forever.

Item- I give and bequeath unto my Son John Blackburn that part of land surveyed off to him including his improvement where he now lives to be it more or less within said lines to be his and his heirsforever.

Item- I give and bequeath my Son Edward Blackburn that part of land surseved off to him including his improvement where he now lives to be it more or less within said lines to be his and his heirs forever.

Item- I give and bequeath unto my Son James Blackburn that part of the plantation whereon I now live from Andrew's line to Edward's line be it more or less between said lines

to be his and his heirs forever.

Item- I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Moyers one silver dollar to be given her out of my estate.

Item- I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Drizey Blackburn One silver dollar to be given her out of my Estate.

Item- I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy Carson one silver dollar to be given her out of my estate.

Item- I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Jenney the young sorrel mare which is called hers and her saddle; a good bed and furniture; and two cows such as her Mother may think proper; with such other household furniture her Mother may think fit to give.

My will is that my well beloved wife Jenet during her natural life or widdowhood, be furnished with a good horse and saddle which shall be kept for her use at her pleasure, also a good cow; a bed and furniture; all provided out of my estate; which James shall always keep for her and if her horse or cow should die or become unfit for use then James shall provide one for her; and also shall provide all things needful for her support as diet and raiment that she may live a comfortable life, free from all worldly cares as far as possible. I will that my well beloved wife have the command of the house and so much of the house furniture as she may think proper for her use during her natural life or widowhood and at her death James shall have all that she possessed, her wearing apparel excepted which shall be at her disposal at her death, and if she should marry, her horse, saddle, cow, bed, and furniture, and shalf of the house furniture shall be hers.

I will that James pay unto his brother George the balance of three hundred dollars as compensation for his part of the land, and in consideration thereof the said James shall have and possess all my personal property not otherwise disposed of in this will, such as horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, waggon, and all farming utensils. I do hereby make and ordain my well-beloved wife Jenet Blackburn and my two sons Andrew and William Blackburn, Executors of this my last will and testament and also I hereby make void all wills, Testaments, and legacies by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I, John Blackburn, ~~have hereunto set~~ my hand and affix my seal the day and year above written.

Signed and sealed and declared by the said John Blackburn the Testator as his last will and testament in presence of us,

Jno. Blackburn (Seal)

Matthew Samples
William Samples

Joseph Ritchey

Synopsis of the Generations of <u>John Blackburn</u> (1740-1808) and his wife Jane Mathew (1747-1818) as far as known to to the writer.

(Alexander - - born 1766; killed by the Indians about 1786.
(Benjamin - - born 1767; died at eighteen years of age.
(Mary - - - - born 1768; married James Moyers Nov.3,1789.
(John Moyers, who married Mary Snoddy in 1812.
(Susannah Moyers, who married Enoch Willoughby in 1813.
(Grisselle Moyers, who married John Patton in 1813.
(Alfred Jefferson Moyers, b 1811, m Jane Reams.
(David Nelson Moyers

( ( (John Tate Moyers

( ( (Thomas Benton Moyers

( ( (Richard Calhoun Moyers

( ( (Alfred Jefferson Moyers, Jr.

( ( (Mary Jane Moyers

( ( (Sarah Ann Moyers (1837-1893)

( ( (Jas. Bartlet Moyers(1834-1877)m Mrs.Elizabeth Robinson, nee Moore

( ( ( (Sarah Moyers

( ( ( (Laura Moyers

( ( ( (Nancy Jane Moyers (1864 ) m. Jas. A. Carpenter (1854-1929)

( ( ( ( (Eva Carpenter, b 1882 md Dr. F. A. Pierce

( ( ( ( (Ollie Carpenter, b 1885 m Wm. L. Curtis

( ( ( ( ( (Kathryn Curtis

( ( ( ( (Viola Carpenter, b 1888 M Richard A. Mays

( ( ( ( ( (Richard A. Mayes, Jr.

( ( ( ( (Lola Carpenter, b 1890 m Shelby A. Hurlburt

( ( ( ( ( (Natalie E. Hurlburt

( ( ( ( ( (James C. Hurlburt

( ( ( ( ( (Lola Jane Hurlburt

( ( ( ( (Ruth Carpenter, 1892 m Gaston A Shumate; and m L. B. Hall.

( ( ( ( ( (Nancy Jane Shumate

( ( ( ( ( (Gaston A. Shumate, Jr.

( ( ( ( (Lesta Carpenter b 1895 m Archibald B Patterson

( ( ( ( ( (Archibald B Patterson, Jr.

ANDREW BLACKBURN ♦1770-1844Om 1st Margaret Samples 2nd Catherine McGirk- children of Andrew & Catherine were:

( (John Blackburn, born Mch 23 1803; " marrid Sept 22,1822"

( (Alexander Blackburn,General in 6 wks Indian war; b Feb. (23 1805; d Feb 2 1846; m 1st Priscilla Morrow; 2nd (Harriet Campbell

( ( (Andrew Blackburn,son of Andrew & Priscilla, was Pres. (minister at Chattanooga;died "Aug 22 1859,aged 31 yr. (10 mo 24 d".

( ( (Sally Blackburn,twin (1808-1892) wife of Samuel Caldwell (m 1830

( ( ( (Marcissa Caldwell (1831-1860)

( ( (Polly twin (1808-1848) wife of David Cladwell, m 1831 (buried in Westminster Cemetery, Dandridge, Tenn.

WILLIAM BLACKBURN (1772-1856) & Ann Samples; ;arents of

( (John Blackburn, said to have died in Illinois

( (Moses Bluford Gatis Blackburn (1807-1866) m Mch 3 1828 (Elizabeth Gray (1810-1847)

( ( (John William Blackburn (1839-1866 & Lila Tennessee (Neely (1839-1928)

( ( ( (John Wm. Blackburn, Jr. (1862-1889)

( ( ( (Dan Ella Blackburn (1865-1903)m Thos Bruce Bearden (1886

( ( ( ( (Annilu Bearden (1887- ) m Wm. F. Odil

( ( ( ( ( (Ethel B. Odil (1909- ) m Jas. Wm.Richardson (1935)

( ( ( ( ( ( (Margaret Richardson (1936- )

( ( ( ( ( (Wm. F. Odil Jr. (1913 ) m Ruth Parks 1933

( ( ( ( ( (Margaret Blackburn Odil (1921-

( ( ( ( (John Edwin Bearden (1888-1889)

( ( ( ( (Mary Dixe Bearden (1889- m Geo. A. Brown 1912

( ( ( ( ( (Geo. A. Brown, Jr. (1914-

( ( ( ( ( (Mary Dixie Brown, Jr. (1917-

( ( ( ( ( (Thos. Bruce Brown (1925-

( ( ( ( (Ethel Bearden (1891-1896) buried in Franklin, Tenn.

( ( ( ( (Wm. Henry Bearden (1896- m Geraldine Hill 1930

( ( ( ( (Thos. Bruce Bearden,Jr. (1898-1909 buried in

(Franklin, Tenn.

( ( ( ( (Claude B. Bearden (1899- m Willie Lolar 1921

( ( ( ( ( (Hazel R. Bearden 1922-

( ( ( ( ( (John Thos. Bearden (1926-

( ( ( ( ( (Claude P. Bearden, Jr. (1928-

( ( ( ( ( (Carolyn C. Bearden (1930-

( ( ( ( (Chas. M. Bearden (1901-1901

( ( ( ( (Robt. Lyle Bearden (1902-1903

( ( ( (Dixie Irene Blackburn (1867- m David J. Wagner 1892

(Wm(Moses(Charlie Blackburn 1869-1870

( ( ( (Letitia V. Blackburn (1873- m Martin Givens 1892

( ( ( ( (Margien Givens (1893-

( ( ( ( (Jas. Blackburn Givens (1896- m Elva Farish 1918

( ( ( ( (Wm. Maxfield Givens (1898- m Flora Bell Essex 1921

( ( ( ( (John Henry Givens (1900- m Alma Fay Murray 1927

( ( ( ( ( (Wm. Martin Givens (1928-

( ( ( ( ( (John H. Givens, Jr. (1930-

( ( ( ( ( (Virginia Ruth Givens (1937-

( ( ( ( (Martin Lowell Givens (1903-

( ( ( (Louise Blackburn (1875- m Wm. Lee Quarles in

(1912, Nashville

( ( ( (Jessie Blackburn (1877- m Robt. T. Allen 1907
(in Franklin, Tenn.
( ( ( (Blanche Blackburn (1879- m Walter M Giles 1912
(in Nashville
( ( ( (Henry Rolfe Blackburn (1882-1934
( ( (Robert G. Blackburn (1832-1889) m Mrs Martha (Allen)
(Lester (1830-1883)
( ( ( (Mallie Blackburn ( ) m Logan Hood, no issue
( ( ( (Nettie Blackburn(1869-1910) m Chas. Carter
(both deaf mutes)
( ( ( ( (Christine Blackburn Carter m C. M. Smith
( ( ( ( ( (C. M. Smith, Jr. (1930-
( ( ( (Bluford Blackburn, died in infancy
( ( ( (John Wm. Blackburn (1865- ?)
( ( (Ruth Jane Blackburn (1834-1909 m Peter Thweat
(1836-1916)
( ( ( (Betty Thweat m John Collins
( ( ( ( (Leroy Collins m Annella Gee
( ( ( ( (Lucy Collins m Evan Green
( ( ( ( (Lula Collins m Baker Layne
( ( ( ( (Harry Collins
( ( ( ( (George Collins
( ( ( ( (Ernest Collins
( ( ( ( (Bailey Collins
( ( ( (Martha Thweat married George McRea
( ( ( ( (Herman McRea
( ( ( ( (Georgia McRea
( ( ( ( (Irwin McRea
( ( ( ( (Jane McRea

( ( ( (Tabitha Thweat married Richard Robinson
( ( ( ( (Beulah Robinson
( ( ( ( (Sallie Robinson
( ( ( ( (Charles Robinson
( ( ( ( (Ruth Robinson
( ( ( ( (Dick Robinson
( ( ( (William Thweat married Mollie Cotton
( ( ( ( (William Peter Thweat married Irby Jenkins
( ( ( ( ( (William Jenkins Thweat
( ( ( ( (Myrtle Thweat married John Jordan
( ( ( ( ( (John Jordan, Jr.
( ( ( ( (Ellis Thweat married _____Thornton
( ( ( ( ( (Harry Thweat
( ( ( ( ( (Janice Thweat
( ( ( ( ( (Buford Thweat
( ( ( ( ( (Mary Thweat
( ( ( ( (Clarence Thweat married Sarah Fly
( ( ( ( ( (Elizabeth Thweat
( ( ( ( ( (Sarah Thweat
( ( ( ( (Robert Thweat married Sanford Veatch no issue
( ( ( (Edward Thweat married Mar Gee
( ( ( ( (Anela Thweat
( ( ( ( (James Thweat
( ( ( ( (Mary Lou Thweat
( ( ( (Henry Thweat married _____Allen
( ( ( (Peay Thweat married _____Kirkpatrick
( ( ( (Annie Thweat never married
( ( (Sallie Blackburn (1847-1916 m Stephen Cunningham
( ( ( (John Cunningham
( ( ( (Charlie Cunningham

( ( (Tennessee Blackburn married Loving Baugh
( ( ( (James Baugh
( ( ( (Lee Baugh
( ( (Annie Blackb urn married John A. Butler
( ( ( (Bud Butler
( ( ( (John A. Butler, Jr.
( ( ( (Bettie Butler died in infancy
( ( ( (Willie Butler died in infancy
( ( (Mandy Blackburn married John Gunter no issue
( ( (Elizabeth Blackburn never married

The probable order of birth of the children of Moses Bluford Blackburn (1807-1866) & Elizabeth Gray (1810-1847) married Mar 6 1828, may be as follows:

(Tennessee Blackburn (1830 ? - ?)
(Robt. G. Blackburn (July 30, 1832-May 29,1889)
(Ruth Jane Blackburn (Sept 26 1834 - Jul 8 1909)
Annie Blackburn (1836? - ?)
(John Wm. Blackburn (Jan ? 1839 - Dec 2, 1906*
(Mandy Blackburn (1841? - ? )
(Elizabeth Blackburn (1843? - ?)
(Sally Blackburn (Feb. 9 1847 - Aug. 15 1916

( (Moses B. G. Blackburn (1807-1866) & his 2nd wife
(Diana V. Allen, parents of:
( ( (Tabitha Blackburn married Newton Anglin
( ( ( (Annie Anglin married _____Vaughn
( ( ( (Diana Anglin married _____Smith
( ( ( (Beulah Anglin married _____Smith
( ( ( (Nettie Anglin married _____Smith

( ( ( (Susie Anglin married _____Kennedy

( ( ( (John Anglin

( ( ( (Newton Anglin, Jr.

( ( (Myra Blackburn married B. Mays

( ( ( (Hattie S. Mays (1873-1882

( ( ( (Jimmie Mays (1878-1926) m Ed Holt (1873-1936) no issue

( ( ( (Gustava Mays married Jimmie Reese no issue

( ( (Diana Blackburn (1854-1920) married Wm. Carter (1856-1924)

( ( ( (William Carter, Jr. married Mattie Kelly

( ( ( (Dixie Carter married _____Stephens

( ( ( (Martin Carter married _____Carson

( ( ( (John B. Carter married _____Heathcoake died in France

(Am. Army 114th Field Artillery Bt. F. Tenn Reg.

( ( (Bluford Blackburn (1856-1935)married Addie Smith

(1854-1925)

( ( ( (Nancy Blackburn married Thos. Stanley

( ( ( ( (six children

( ( ( (Seamon Blackburn (1878-1906)

( ( ( (Gentry Blackburn married Maude Moore Terry

( ( ( ( (Clem Blackburn

( ( ( (Charles Blackburn (1882-1918) married Odilene Young

( ( ( ( (Charles Blackburn, Jr.

( ( ( ( (Bluford Blackburn

( ( ( (Cora Blackburn married Sam Bolling

( ( ( ( (Leslie Bolling

( ( ( ( (Harry Bolling

( ( ( ( (Leonard Bolling

( ( ( ( (Sam Bolling, Jr.

( ( ( (Pearl Blackburn (1896-1212) married _____Yount

( ( ( (Jennie Blackburn married Perkins Lunn
( ( ( ( (Ralph Lunn
( ( ( ( (Paul Lunn
( ( ( ( (Lucile Lunn
( ( ( ( (Robert Lunn
( ( ( ( (Clarence Lunn
( ( ( ( (Addie May Lunn

Lineage of Moses Bluford Gatis Blackburn (1807-1866) was furnished by Mrs. James Blackburn Givens, Franklin, Tenn.

GRIZELIE BLACKBURN (1774-1861) married Rev. Gideon Blackburn, her 1st cousin, on Oct 3 1793 at Danridge, Tenn.

Before giving the dhildren of Gideon and Grizelle we will add a short sketch of the life of GIDEON BLACKBURN.

He was born in Augusta County, Va. August 27, 1772. In early childhood he came to Washington County, N. C. (now Tenn.) with his parents (Robert Blackburn and Sarah (?) Richey. At twelve years of age he went to live with his grandfather, Benj. Blackburn, who had purchased a farm about one mild south of Martin Academy (now Washington College) "lying on both sides of Onion Branch and on east branch of Little Limestone Creek". After the death of his grandfather, about 1790, he went to live with his uncle, John Blackburn, near Danridge where he walked four miles daily to recite to Dr. Robert Henderson. In 1792 he was licensed to preach by the Abingdon Presbytery and ordained in the Hopewell Presbyterian Church at Dandridge. He immediately set out with a company of soldiers, who were making a round of the several forts in the eastern part of Tenn. and finally established himself at

a fort where Maryville now stands. He built two log cabins, one for a home and another to serve as meeting house. Here in October 1793 he brought his bride, Grizelle, the daughter of his uncle John Blackburn. He established two churches, New Providence and Eusebia which he served as pastor until he moved to central Tenn. About 1801 after the Cherokee Indians had been subdued he was appointed by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church as a missionary to that tribe. He taught them not only in the art of reading and writing, but also how to till the soil, build roads and cultivate their crops, while Mrs. Blackburn instructed the girls in the art of cooking, sewing and other domestic arts. He was wont to go on long pilgrimages preaching to the people, baptising their children and establishing churches in new settlements. In his diary of that period, he made such laconic entries as: "Saturday went to Catheys Creek, this is rich but rolling. Sunday, preached to about 200 people, attentive and serious - rode to Furson's (?) meeting house, preached by candlelight, all attentive and serious. Monday preached at Stacker's Settlement - about 200, serious - baptised 2 children. Wed. preached at Brown's 250 ____ much impressed, baptised 2 children; by candlelight at Columbia 150 very attentive. Thursday rode to Gordon's. Friday preached in Franklin near 300 all attentive and ____. Sat. 7, Rode to Nashville put up at Winns was invited to Judge Grundys and went polite gentleman no religion - his wife pious".

His health gave way beneath his strenuous labors and in 1810 he moved to Franklin, Tenn. where he took charge of



Harpeth Academy, teaching during the week and on Friday afternoon mounting his horse to ride to one of the give points within 50 miles of Franklin that he regularly supplied, preaching 5 or 6 times and back again Monday morning in time for his classes. In 1823 he took charge of the Presbyterian Church at Louisville, Ky; in 1826 became President of Center College; served for a time as pastor at Versailles, Ky, and moved to Macoupin County, Illinois, in the fall of 1833. The following year we find him acting as financial agent for Illinois College, and in 1835 promoting his scheme to establish an institution of learning at Carlinville, Ill. This he accomplished by persuading friends in the east to buy Illinois land at $2.00 per acre - $1.25 going to the Government, 50¢ to a fund to establish his school, and 25¢ to himself for expenses and services. Thus in 1837 he was able to deed for 16,000 acres to Trustees for what even tually became Blackburn College

He was one of the most eloquent orators of his generation; he organized more Presbyterian churches than any minister of his denomination; churches established by him are found from Alabama on the south, all thru Tenn, and Ky. and as far north in Illinois as Augusta, Ill. He was tall, of military carriage dramatic in his delivery, and possessed of a melodious silver-toned voice. He excelled in his power of dramatizing his subject with vivid word-pictures. He died in Carlinville, Ill. August 23, 1838 in the 66th year of his life.

(Grizelle Blackburn (1774-1861) wife of Gideon Blackburn (1772-1858)

( (John Newton Blackburn (1795-1838) Pres. minister, 1st

(wife Isabel Berryhill

( ( (Mary Anderson Blackburn, wife of Thos. F. Thornton

( ( ( (Mary Belle Thornton married Jas. A. Edwards, May 1860

( ( ( (Agnes Thornton married Wm. W. George

( ( ( (David L Thornton married Lucy Matthews in 1892

( ( ( (Elizabeth Thornton married Henry George

( ( ( ( (A. H. George of meridian, Miss. son of Wm or Henry

( ( (Elizabeth Blackburn, probably died early childhood

( ( (First son, born Jan. 18 1822, lived five days

( ( (Second son, born May 17 1824 lived six weeks

( ( (Lavinia born July 11, 1828, lived 1 yr 2 mo 21 d.

( ( 2nd wife of Rev. J. N. B. was Catherine Edwards

( ( (Margaret Blackburn married Dr. M. H. Head, Carlinville, Il

( ( ( (Eugene Head, M. D. married _____ no issue

( ( ( (Hadley Head married Belle Stephenson

( ( ( ( (Florence Head married Walter Keune

( ( ( ( ( (Virginia Keune

( ( ( ( (Nell Blackburn Head, single

( ( ( ( (Maurice Head married Gertrude Gowin

( ( (Eugenia Blackburn (1837-1912) spinster

( (Elizabeth Henderson Blackburn (1797-18__) m Rev. Jno T

(Hamilton, Pres. Minister

( ( (Elvira G. Hamilton (1818-1859) first wife of A. Kim Dubois

( ( ( (Elvira G. Dubois, died 1839, aged three months

( ( (Susan J Hamilton (1819-1846) married James White

( ( (. (Robert White

( ( ( (James White, Jr.

( ( (Mary Isabelle Hamilton (1821-1888) second wife of

(Robert Glass

( ( ( (John H. Glass

( ( ( (two daughters and a son near Arlington, Ky.

( ( ( (Charles Glass

( ( ( (Clarence Glass, died in infancy

( (Elizabeth Blackburn Hamilton

( ( (Mary I. Hamilton Glass

( ( ( (Robert Glas, deaf & dumb

( ( ( (Henry Glass, died in infancy

( ( ( (Frank Glas, bachelor died about 1934

( ( ( (Zadie Glass, spinster, died Jan 1938, aged 82 yrs.

( ( ( (Elizabeth B. Weer

( ( ( (Mary Josephine Weer m Chas. P. Wise, Alton, Ill.

( ( ( ( (Henriette Wise b. 10-13-1866, Alton Ill.

(died May 8, 1927 St. Louis. A sister of

(Loretto known in religion as Siter Louise

( ( ( ( (Charles E. Wise born Dec. 1, 1869, Alton, Ill.

(married Helen Hayden June 30, 1904 St. Louis.

(Helen Hayden born Dec. 1875 died Nov. 1929

( ( ( ( ( (Children of Chas. E. Wise & Helen Haden

( ( ( ( ( (Charles Hayden Wise born May 9 1905 E. St. Louis

( ( ( ( ( (Helen Bowles Wise born Mar. 16, 1907 St. Louis

(married Harry d'Arcy Jr. Oct. 10 1936 St. Louis

(Henrietta Weer Wise born Dec. 10 1908 St. Louis

(3) Rev. Albert R. Wise (Society of Jesus) Born Aug 1872 Alton, Ill.

(4) Blanche T. Wise born Aug. 1875 Alton Ill. Married Ignatius McMenamy Jan. 1904 St. Louis. Irgatious M. McMenamy was born Feb. 1869 St. Louis, died July 1920 St. Louis.

(5) Frank A. Wise born Aug. 1878 Alton Ill. Died March 1922

(6) Marie Josephine Wise born Oct. 1880 Alton, Ill. Married Walter Hollis Averill Dec. 1903 St. Louis. Marie Josephine died Dec. 1917 St. Louis. Walter Hollis Averill born Oct. 1879 St. Louis died May 1924 St. Louis.

Children of Marie Josephine Wise and Walter Hollis Averill.

Marie Josephine Averill born Nov. 1904 St. Louis. Married James A. George March 1928 St. Louis. James A. George born Nov. 1903 St. Louis.

Harriet Blanche Averill born July 1906 St. Louis married Nov. 1927 St. Louis John Lancaster Perter. John Lancaster Porter born Feb. 1899 Atlanta Ga. (2 children) Harriet Averill Porter born Nov. 1928 St. Louis. Jeanne Spalding Porter born Feb. 1931 St. Louis.

Walter Hollis Averill, Jr. born Dec. 1907 St. Louis married Margaret C. Lamy Oct. 1934 St. Louis. Margaret C. Lamy born April 1911 St. Louis. 1 child. Margaret Lamy Averill born June 1936 St. Louis.

Willis Weer Averill (Society of Jesus) Born September 1909 St. Louis.

Alexander Morton Averill born Feb. 1911 St. Louis

Louise Trowbridge Averill born June 1914 St. Louis. married Dr. William Charles Korfmacher Jan. 19 1938. Dr. Wm. Charles Korfmacher born Feb. 1900 St. Louis

(7) Cyril P. Wise born July 1883, Alton Ill. Married Karleen Guenotte Oct. 1909 Kansas City. Karleen Guenotte born 1904 Kansas City. 2 Children. Cyril Guenotte Wise born Oct. 1910 Kansas City. Married - Karleen Wise born Aug 1912 Kansas City.

( ( (John Hamilton,buried just north of grave of Mrs. Weer
(in Carlinville cemetery, no stone. Name of wife not
(known to writer.

( ( ( (Frank Hamilton, died in New Orleans in 1926

( ( ( (Lily Hamilton, arried Edw Steidley, St. Louis, Mo.

( ( (Said to have been seven Hamilton children; the other
(two probably died in early childhood and probably
(buried near Blackburn Bridge on Challacombe farm.

( (James Harvey Blackburn (1799-1818-died while a student
(for the ministry at Maryville College; said to have been
(a brilliant young man.

( (Samuel Emmons Blackburn (1803-1836) married Sarah Glass

( ( (Joseph E. Blackburn died about 1838 aged 7 years.

( ( (Jane M. Blackburn (1830-1928) 1st husband Washington
(J. West

( ( ( (Julia A. West died 1929 wife Angrew Washburn,
(Bloomington, Ill.

( ( ( ( (Edna Blackburn Washburn, married Ralph E.
(Boundy, Beloit, Wis.

( ( ( ( ( (Katherine Washburn Boundy

( ( ( ( ( (Lucy Marian Boundy

( ( ( 2nd husband of Jane Blackburn was Philander Y. Stuart

( ( ( (Emmons Stuart, deceased

( ( ( (Margaret Stuart married Charles R.Rode,Chicago,Ill.

( ( ( ( (Marcia Rode married Fred Kennedy

( ( ( ( (Augustus Maxwell Rode

( ( ( ( (Charles Stuart Rode

( ( ( 3rd Husband Jane Blackburn Rev. J.A.Ranney,Pres.Min.

( (Jane Mathews Blackburn (1805-1827 married Rev.Wm.R.King

( ( (Jane M. King married James Burton
( ( ( (Elizabeth Burton married Rev. A. H. Parks
( ( ( ( (Edna Blackburn Parks died in Boxer uprising
(in China
( ( ( ( (Mabel Parks
( ( ( ( (James Parks
( ( ( (Ella Burton unmarried
( ( ( (Carrie Burton never married
( ( ( (?
( (Glorian Blackburn (1807-1825)
( (Grundy Henderson Blackburn (1812-1891 m Eliza McClure
(buried in Pana, Ill.
( ( (Adelaide died in teens buried in Carlinville, Ill.
( ( (Emogene died in teens buried in Carlinville, Ill.
( ( (Charles Blackburn died as a young man never married.
( ( (Emmons ?
( ( (Grizelle married a Mr. Lawrence of Pana, Ill.
( ( ( (Adelaide Lawrence married ? two children
( ( ( (Hal Lawrence three children lives in Washington Stat
( (William Whitfield Blackburn (1814-18??)
( (Gideon Harvey Blackburn(1816-1837)buried in Carlinville,Il
( (Anderson Montgomery Blackburn (1818-1871 m Margaret Hoxse
( ( (Maria Blackburn(1841-1872 2nd wife of Mr. Noyes
( ( (Gideon Blackburn,M.D. lived in Montana
( ( (Mary Blackburn wife of Mr.___ White
( ( (Emma Blackburn wife of Judge Henry Corn.She died in
(1930. Four or five children
( ( (Flora C. Blackburn never married teacher in Utah
( ( (William Blackburn killed in a fall from a hotel window

GEORGE BLACKBURN, born in 1776, 7th child of John & Janet Blackburn; one source says he married Martha Neeley; another source gives his wife's name as Elizabeth Vance.

( (George Blackburn "Father of the Kinmundy, Ill.Blackburns".
( (James Blackburn a bachelor
( (John Blackburn -James & John were in Medora at the
(beginning of the Civil war but left for St. Louis about
(that time because of their sympathy for the southern
(cause. Their names are found on the roll of members of
(the Spring Cove (Summerville) Pres. Church.
( ( ( (William Wallace Blackburn b. No. 15 1869 d Dec.
(24, 1927. m Ida A. Harrison in 1892
( ( ( ( (Thomas McSpadden b 1893 m Cassandria Saffel
(1919
( ( ( ( ( (Thos McSpadden, Jr. b June 1920
( ( ( ( ( (Hugh Saffel b Aug. 1922
( ( ( ( (Hugh Harrison Blackburn (1895-1915)
( ( ( ( (Harley Wert Blackburn b 1897 m Lois Eledge deceased
( ( ( ( ( (Hillis Eloise Blackburn b 1919
( ( ( ( ( (Elda Augusta Blackburn b 1922
( ( ( ( ( (William Lester Blackburn, b 1925
( ( ( ( ( (Elizabeth Lois Blackburn b 1929
( ( ( ( (William Ernest Blackburn 1899 m Mary L Douglass
(1928
( ( ( ( (Benjamin Alvah Blackburn b 1901 m Mary R.
(Marston 1929
( ( ( ( ( (Ida Catherine Blackburn b 1931
( ( ( ( ( (Ruth Ellen Blackburn b 1932
( ( ( ( (Odie Roy Blackburn b 1903 m Alice Stinecipher

( ( ( ( ( (Charles Roy Blackburn b 1932

( ( ( ( (Mabel Ellen Blackburn b 1905

( ( ( ( (Elbert Arthur "Browney" b 1907 m Edith Cash 1934

( ( ( ( (John Kenneth Blackburn b 1910

( ( ( ( (Anna Louise Blackburn b 1912

( ( ( ( (Harriet Grace Blackburn b 1915

( ( ( (Benjamin Rufus Blackburn b 1871 m Effie Yarborough
(1898

( ( ( ( (Hattie P. Blackburn b 1902 m Steve A. Kappe 1923

( ( ( ( ( (Carolyn Elizabeth Kappe b 1935

( ( ( ( (William Charles Blackburn b 1905 m Elva Conrad 193

( ( ( ( ( (Roy Etie, step-son)

( ( ( ( (Benjamin Ralph Blackburn b 1908 m Elois Ramsey 192

( ( ( ( ( (Geraldine Yvonne Blackburn b 1928

( ( ( ( ( (Betty Fay Blackburn b 1930

( ( ( ( (Joseph Lawrence Blackburn b 1913

( ( ( ( (Clifford Wesley Blackburn (1918-1935)

( ( (-2nd wife of Wm. Wirt Blackburn Harriet R.Miller4-6-21)

( ( ( (Horace Edmond Blackburn (1876-1919 m 1st Ida Bell
(Rankin on Mch 18 1902;she died May 1905; issue

( ( ( ( (Edward Earl Blackburn b 1903 m Almeda Haun 1929

( ( ( ( ( (Betty Gean Blackburn b Oct 1930

( ( ( ( (James Wirt Blackburn b 1905 m Dolly Edmons 1925

( ( ( ( 2nd wife of Horance Adel Ireland m June 1909 issue

( ( ( ( (Horace Ireland Blackburn b Aug. 1910

( ( ( (Nellie Margaret Blackburn b 1877 m Mark R. Rankin
(1907

( ( ( (Charles Ardry Blackburn b 1878 m Edith B Rankin 1904

( ( ( ( (Orrille Blackburn b 1907

( ( ( ( (Harriet Blackburn b 1909

( ( ( (Effie Belle Blackburn b 1880 m Mack C. Franklin

(1904

( ( ( ( (Frederick Geo. Franklin b 1910 m Burnice S.

(Edgar 1933

( ( ( ( (Hal Dean Franklin b 1915

( ( ( (Frederick Alexander Blackburn b 1881 m Nema M

(Deming 1910

( ( ( ( (Eloise Blackburn b 1911 m Harry Jas Thayer 1932

( ( ( ( (Nema Marguerute Blackburn b 1916

( ( ( (Katherine Louise B lackburn b 1882 m Sawyers

(Needham 1909

( ( ( ( (Katherine Louise Needham b 1914

( ( ( ( (Anna Grace Needham b 1916

( ( ( ( (C. S. Needham b 1919

( ( ( (Ralph Blackburn b 1884 m Alice M Hale 1917

( ( ( ( (Grace Evelyn Blackburn b 1918

( ( ( ( (Alice Hariett Blackburn b

( ( ( (Anna Estelle Blackburn b 1885

( ( ( (Eva Elizabeth Blackburn b 1886 m Benj W. McMurray

(1908

( ( ( ( (Mildred Joy McMurray b 1910 m Ralph Rankin 1932

( ( ( ( (Myra Elizabeth McMurray b 1915

( ( ( ( (Harriet Jeannette McMurray b 1917

( ( ( (Mary Leta Blackburn b 1889 m Chas. H Babb (Rev)

(1917

( ( ( ( (Chas. H. Babb, Jr. b 1918

( ( ( ( (Harry Chase Babb b 1930

( ( ( (Nina Moore Blackburn b 1892 m Fred Burchese

(Sawyer 1921

( ( ( ( (Doreas Ann Cowan b 1923
( ( ( ( (Elnore Cowan
( ( ( ( (Fred B. Cowan
( ( (Martha Matilda Blackburn died June 22 1875 aged 35 yrs.
( ( (Catherine E. Blackburn 2nd wife of Silas Henry
( ( (Henrietta Isabelle Blackburn married Rev. Jerry Moore
( ( ( (Rev. Jerry Moore Jr.
( ( ( (Mabel Moore
( ( (John Fain Blackburn married Julia Enkel at her home
(Nov 16 1870-three miles from White Plains, Tenn. They
(were the parents of nine children EJB
( ( ( (Eliza Jane Blackburn
( ( ( (Velma who married Mel Scott
( ( ( (Miranda who married Joe Newman
( ( ( (Ralph Blackburn b 1884 m Alice M. Hale 1917
( ( ( ( (Grace Evelyn Blackburn b 1918
( ( ( ( (Alice Harriet Bladkburn
( ( ( (Anna Estelle Blackburn b 1885
( ( ( (Eva Elizabeth Blackburn b 1886 m Benj W. McMurray
(1908
( ( ( ( (Mildred Joy McMurray b 1910 m Ralph Rankin 1932
( ( ( ( (Myra Elizabeth McMurray b 1915
( ( ( ( (Harriet Jeannette McMurray b 1917
( ( ( (Mary Leta Blackburn b 1889 m Chas. H. Babb Rev 1917
( ( ( ( (Chas. H. Babb Jr. b 1918
( ( ( ( (Harry Chas Babb b 1930
( ( ( (Nina Moose Blackburn b 1892 m Fred Burchese
(Cowan 1921
( ( ( ( (Doreas Ann Cowan b 1923

( ( ( ( (Fred B. Cowan

( ( (Martha Matilda Blackburn died June 22 1875 aged 35 yrs.

( ( (Catherine E. Blackburn 2nd wife of Silas Henry -

(husband of her sister

( ( (Henrietta Isabelle Blackburn married Rev. Lorenzo

(Moore

( ( ( (Mabel moore

( ( ( (Rev. Jere A. Moore

( ( ( (Henry Moore died in infancy

( ( (John Fain Blackburn 'married Julia Eckel at her home

(Nov 16 187? three miles from White Plains, Tenn.

(They were the parents of nine children". EJB

( ( ( (Priscella Velma Blackburn

( ( ( (Eliza Jane Blackburn

( ( ( (Martha Miranda Blackburn

( ( ( (William Exkel Blackburn

( ( ( (Ada Elnora Blackburn

( ( ( (Peter Samuel Blackburn

( ( ( (Lucy Mae Blackburn died in infancy

( ( ( (Mamie Blackburn died in infancy

( ( ( (John Blackburn died in infancy

( ( (Joseph Hamilton Blackburn m Anna Eckel

( ( ( (Frank Eckel Blackburn

( ( ( (Ray Formalt Blackburn

( ( ( (Mary Elizabeth Blackburn

( ( ( (George Ardre Blackburn

( ( (Sarah Magdaline Blackburn died not married

( ( (12th child of Benj. Ardre & Isabelle ??

( (Matilda Blackburg dau of John (78-68) m Jas. Gass

(Dec 15 1839 issue?

( (Polly Blackburn married Wm. H. Steele July 23 1823 issue?

( (Maria Blackburn

( (Andrew Alonzo Blackburn born May 18 1804 "my grandparents lived near us and died at good old age - wonderful people and stood all that was good and noble"-Nellie B. Airth, Tampa, Fla. 193? on Oct 22 1839 married Isabelle Lowry Blackburn born Dec. 1823; she died May 4 1844, aged 20 yr. 4 mo 25 d;"Isabelle was a cousin of her husband's and her mother, Nancy J. Blackburn who died Dec. 24 1937 aged 47 yrs 5 mo was a granddaughter one of the McGirk sisters (Mrs. Nellie B. Airth)

( ( (Charlotte Isabelle Blackburn, dau of Andrew & Isabelle was born Apr. 14 1844 married Julius A. Allen Oct. 28, 1866.

( ( ( (Claude J. Allen "a splendid man much like his mother"NB

( ( ( ( (Claude J. Allen, Jr.

( ( ( ( (Eleanor Allen m Huston? Varner of Fairfield, Ala

( ( ( ( (Julius Allen

( ( ( ( ( (Four grandchildren NBA

( ( 2nd wife of Andrew was Ellen Elizabeth Dick of New Market born July 3 1829 m A. A. Blackburn Dec. 26 1848

( ( (Henry Alonzo Blackburn, son of Andrew & Ellen born Jan. 28 1850. About 1923 married Jennie Dickinson (1855-1927) They were the parents of eight children order uncertain

( ( ( (Nellie Blackburn b Sept. 12 1877 m W. S. Airth M.D. Dec. 7 18?



( ( ( (Harry D Blackburn b July 24 1878

( ( ( (Frank Blackburn

( ( ( (Charles Blackburn

( ( ( (Julia Blackburn b Aug. 28 1883 died Dec. 22 1935

m Ausle

( ( ( (Lottie Blackburn

( ( ( (

( ( ( (

( (Catherine Blackburn

( (Gideon H. Blackburn 1829-?? No children

( (Nancy Eliza Blackburn m John Clark Feb. 15, 1874

( (Mathias (Mack) Blackburn Bachelor

JANE BLACKBURN, twin, born 1780 m Thomas Snoddy Sept 6 1804

( (James Snoddy

EDWARD BLACKBURN, twin born 1780 June 3, died Sept 26 1853

m Margaret Peggy McGirk b Oct. 19 1772 d Oct 1 B 50.

Note: Catherine McGirk (1772-1837 wife of Andrew

Elizabeth McGirk (1782-1867 wofe of John

from stones in Cemetery in Dandridge, Tenn. WAC

( (John Nelson Blackburn Pres Minister 1st wife Martha Jane

Morrow

2nd wife Eliza Ambrister 3rd Mrs. E. A. Jones

( ( (Rev. Asa Blackburn was pastor at Stranger's Church

New York City

( ( (Rev. Geo. Blackburn pastor at Columbia S. C.

( ( ( (John Blackburn (See correction following)

( ( (Edward Alexander Blackburn

( ( ( (Annie Blackburn m J. W. Woolfolk

( ( ( ( (Elizabeth 1910

( ( ( ( (Jacqueline 1914

( ( ( ( (Anita 1920

( ( ( (Edward Blackburn m Mave Calvin

( ( (a daughter who married a McCreary

( (Catherine Blackburn wife of Jas. H. Caldwell

she died 2-24-1949

( (Cinderella Blackburn wife of Wm Caldwell

( (Sally Blackburn wife of Joseph C. Bradshaw

( (Andrew Blackburn married a Miss Morrow? (see additions)

( ( (at least one daughter

( (Margaret Blackburn wife of Thos. R. Bradshaw

( (William Isaac Irvin Blackburn (1822-1852) m Bethiah Ann

Howell on Nov 3 1848

( ( (Albert H. Blackburn born Sep 8 1847 m Catherine

Byers 12/26

( ( (Catherine E. Blackburn born Nov. 20 1848*

( ( (Sylvanus Blackburn born Jul 16 1849

( ( (Margaret Elizabeth Blackburn born Sep 23 1851

*Catherine E. born 11/20/48 may be Catherine the

wife of Albert not a sister WAC

( (Also near grave of Edward & Peggy found stone marked

"C.C.B. 1841 aged 3 mo probably a grand daughter WAC

JAMES BLACKBURN born Oct 2 1782 died Nov 13 1860 "a ruling elder in Westminster Pres. Church for 40 years" married Catherine Jamieson b Oct. 24 1784 d Sep 6 1867

( (John H. Blackburn married "Tisha" Branner

( ("Iantha E dau of JH & IE Blackburn 49-54"

( (John A son of JH & IE Blackburn 52-52"

( ("Wm H son of JH & IE Blackburn 59-64"

taken from stone in Westminster Cemetery by WAS in Aug. 1955

( (Elvira Blackburn married Prof Thos. C. Rankin

( ( (Prof. Rankin (Thos) Tusculum College is a grandson

( (John Harvey Blackburn married Evelyn Mathes.

Following entries found on stone in Westminster Cem WAC

( ( ("James M. son 49-49")

( ( ("Wm Minnis 61-61 )Children of James"

( ( ("M. J. J." 68-68 )

( ( (Mary Blackburn who married James H. Scott issue?

( ( (James Archibald Blackburn married Anna Helen Provence They were the parents of "six children" I have the name of only one "Rice M. Blackburn". "Archibald & family moved to Oregon "

( (Alexander Anderson Blackburn born Dec 4 1820 died Feb 20 1893 married Sara Phina Biddle Feb. 15 1844 she was born Sep 23 1822 died Feb 2 1906

( ( (William Emmons Blackburn b Dec 29 1844 d Jan 17 1917; married Sarah J Rankin Dec 21 1865 Sarah born 11/30/44 died 12/12/1925

( ( ( ("Ella S dau of Wm E & S. J. Blackburn 66-68 Westminster

( ( ( (Mary A Clementine 12/18/1886 m Jas L Lyle (1865-19?

( ( ( ( (Lucile 2-16-92 m Herbert Hayhow

( ( ( ( (Sarah Porter 1-19-94 single

( ( ( ( (Carl Blackburn Lyle 7-30-96 m Marguerite Robinson

( ( ( ( ( (James b 6-16-20

( ( ( ( ( (Nancy Eleanor b 12-28-29

( ( ( ( ( (Carl B Jr. b 3-19-1931

( ( ( ( (Paul Alexander 12-21-00 m 6-14-27 Grace Pridmore

( ( ( ( ( (Paul Jr 4-3-1930

(( ( ( (Charles Alexander b 11-27-73 m Georgia Franklin
3-16-1895 (1874-1908)

( ( ( ( (Benj. Ross b 12-15-98 m Mary Donahoo

( ( ( ( (Glenn Douglas b 10-2-05 m Katherine Cate

( ( ( ( (Georgia Inez b 9-17-08 m Chas M Hale

( ( ( (2nd wife of Chas A Blackburn Leola Gass Martin
she was born 1887 died 1927

( ( ( ( (Wm Leland Blackburn b 1-31-17

( ( (Mary Ann Blackburn b Feb. 13 1849 d May 21 1925 m
Sept 14 1864 to Wm P Hammer

( ( ( (Mellville Blackburn Hammer b 6-2865 m Lille
McGuire 11-19-86

( ( ( ( (Robt. Rhea b Jan 18 1888 single

( ( ( ( (Chas. W b Mch 28 1893 m Reva Rankin 10-21-26

( ( ( ( ( (Chas Jr. b 8-7-27

( ( ( ( ( (George b 1-4-29

( ( ( ( (Mack R m 5-17-24 to Nannie J. Ward

( ( ( ( (Marguerite m 3-14-21 to Chas L Gammon

( ( ( ( ( (Edwin F b 4-30-23

( ( ( ( ( (Mary Ellen b 6-12-25

( ( ( ( ( (Robt W b 3-14-27

( ( ( ( ( (Marjorie b 4-18-30

( ( ( ( ( (Lois b 9-6-31

( ( ( ( (Mary Hammner b 2-10-1900

( ( ( ( (Frank L b 3-30-03 single

( ( ( ( (Mildred m 8-19-29 to Frank J Andre

( ( (• ( ( (Marie Jacolyn

( ( ( ( ( (Frank Andre J

( (Thomas Snoddy Blackburn married Mary Minnis dau of
Rev. Wm. Minnis

( ( (Anna

( ( (Emma

( ( (Jennie

( ( (Julia m George Franklin

( ( (Ida m Dr. Snoddy had 2 dau Mary & Ethel

( ( (Jessie

( ( (a son who died in infancy

( (Addenda "Elvira Blackburn and Thos Rankin were the
parents of:

( ( ("James,Robt.,Alexander,Mary, Julia Rankin. James was
"father of Prof Thos Rankin of Tusculum, and John,
"James & Julia

"Mary, dau of Archibald Blackburn and Anna Province
"Married Jas. H. Scott; had one son Wm Scott. Kate
"a second dau. of Archibald married a Mr. Brooks"
"Benj. Ross Blackburn & Mary Donahuehad one child
"Francis.
"Glen Blackburn & Katherine Cate had three children:
"Barbara, Glenna and W i lliam
"In regard to the marriage of John Blackburn the
"pioneer settler in Jefferson Co. I have reliable in-
"formation that his wife was Jennet Mathes, a sister of
"Alexander, Allen, Jeremiah and Geo. Mathes, the four
"brothers were pioneers in E. Tenn. I never had heard

"that his wife first married a man by the name of White.
"There were twelve Matthews or Mathes brothers who
"lived in Va. including the four who came to Tenn.
"Matthes of Ga. might have been related or might have
"been one of those brothers, but I have no information
"in regard to that" W. A. Lyle, Dandridge, Tenn4-1935.
Will of Catherine Blackburn (widow of James) dated
June 3 1865; recorded Oct 1867; mentions "a grand-
daughter Catherine E. Blackburn, daughter of Thos. S.
Blackburn" Catherine is not given in the list above
unless Emma and Catherine E are the same person. See
Will Book 6;; 185 Jefferson Co. Tenn.

NANCY BLACKBURN, born April 7 1785 died at Summerville, Ill.
in Sept. 26, 1851 and buried on the hillside northeast of
"Blackburn Bridge" Macoupin Co.

( (On(June 21 1804 at Dandridge Tenn she married JOHN
Carson 1776-18?

( ( (Jane M. Carson b Apr 14 1805 buried at Rural Cemetery
east of Carlinville, Il l m Thos S. Blair 2-22-21(2nd
m John Cram-

( ( ( (Ferguson Blair

( ( ( (Nancy Blair m a Mr. Baker had three or four sons
lived in Nilwood, Ill.

( ( (Wm. Harvey Carson b Dec 16 1806 d Mch 10 1883 m
Mary Goff b 2-1-08 d 2-10-80 Sept 11 1828. They are
buried in the Summerville Cemetery. Parents of Mary
Goff were Wm Goff d in Henry Co. Mo about 1841 & Edith
Walker. Wm Goff son of Andrew Coff 1754-1831 Rev. War
Veteran & Gracie Williams 1757-1847. Edith Walker

daughter of Henry Walker, Rev. War Vet from Va. &
Lucinda Jeffries his wife.

( ( ( (Nancy Glorian, eldest child of Wm. H. & Mary Goff
was born Aug. 26 1829 died Apr 6 1920 married
Nicholas Challecomb (1824-1896) Mch 22 1847

( ( ( ( (Isabelle Agnes b 2-9-48 d 12-24-04 m Horace
Warner 10-27-1870

( ( ( ( ( (Hervey b 8-1-71 M Florence Hartwell 11-11-18

( ( ( ( ( ( (Howard b 4-26-96 m Mollie Ore 1917

( ( ( ( ( ( ( (Bernice 1920

( ( ( ( ( ( ( (Wendell Norman b 1924

( ( ( ( ( ( (Russell b 11-26-97 m Nadine Moore 1918

( ( ( ( ( ( ( (Dorothy Lee b 1919

( ( ( ( ( (Edwin Warner b Aug 31 1903 m Marie Cookran 1927

( ( ( ( ( ( (Joan Warner b 1932

( ( ( ( ( (Alberta Warner b 4-2-08 m Gilbert Van Camp 1928

( ( ( ( ( ( (Rosella Camp b 1928

( ( ( ( ( ( (Roland Van Camp b 1930

( ( ( ( ( ( (Doris Van Camp b 1932

( ( ( ( (Grace Warner (1873-1876)

( ( ( ( (Ray E Warner (1877-married Harriet Richardson 1906

( ( ( ( ( (Helen Irene Warner b 1910 m Roy Marshall 1935

( ( ( ( ( ( (Donald Ray Marshall b 1936

( ( ( ( ( (Paul Leslie Warner b 1913 m Henrietta Richey
1935

( ( ( ( ( ( (

( ( ( ( (Stella N. Warner b 1880

( ( ( (Mary Elizabeth Challacombe (Oct 16,1849-Jan 1 1935)
married Arthur C. Hartwell Mch 3 1868

( ( ( ( (Ralph W. Hartwell b 1870 m Dorothy Taylor 1904

( ( ( ( ( (Janice Hartwell b 1906 m Ferris Purdy

( ( ( ( ( ( (Diane Purdy

( ( ( ( ( (Mary Ida Hartwell b 1910 m Hugh Metz 1936

( ( ( ( ( (Lucile Hartwell b 1912 m P H Ficke

( ( ( ( ( ( (

( ( ( ( (Myrtle M Hartwell (1872-1922?) m Arthur R. Hartwell 1898

( ( ( ( ( (James A. Hartwell b 1902

( ( ( (Medora Jane Challacombe (Oct 17 1852 - m J. K. Butler 4-24-73

( ( ( ( (Ethel A. Butler 1874-1922 m Chas. L Beall 1-31-00

( ( ( ( ( (William Beall b 1900 m Frances Borger 1933

( ( ( ( ( (Paul Beall b 1902 m Beatrice Chase 1931

( ( ( ( ( (Geo C Beall b 1906 m Katherine Brooks 1935

( ( ( ( ( (Louis Beall b 1909

( ( ( ( (Clay P Butler b 1875 m 1st Della Johnson 2nd Sadie Brown children of Clay & Della were:

( ( ( ( ( (Clay Preston Butler Jr b 1904 m Delilah Barber 1933

( ( ( ( ( (Glorian Butler b 1906 m Bert Thomas 1928

( ( ( ( ( ( (David Thomas b 1929

( ( ( ( ( ( (Nancy Glorian Thomas b 1937

( ( ( ( ( (Kathleen b 1917

( ( ( (John William Challacombe b May 11 1855 m 1st Rosalie Hartwell

( ( ( ( (James Nicholas Challacombe b 1878 m Georgia Mineers 1900

( ( ( ( ( (George (1902-1902)

( ( ( ( ( (Rosalie Challacombe (1903-1934) m Rev Lee Ferry 1926

( ( ( ( ( ( (James Ferry b 1927

( ( ( ( ( ( (Margaret Ferry b 1931

( ( ( ( ( (Margaret Challacombe (1906-1909)

and wife of JWC was Mary Fenton married 1883

( ( ( ( (Edith Challacombe b 1884 m 1st Milton Reek

2nd Wm Flentje

( ( ( ( (Lorena Challacombe b 1886 m Louis McRae 1913

( ( ( ( ( (John Wm McRae b 1914 - Lorena's 2nd husband

Chas Hounsley m 1937

( ( ( ( ( (Raymond McRae b 1920

( ( ( ( ( (Rosalie McRae b 1922

( ( ( ( (Harvey E Challacombe b 1889 m Irma Brinemeyer

1912

( ( ( ( ( (Harold (1916-1922)

( ( ( ( ( (Wayne Challacombe b 1919

( ( ( ( ( (Ione Challacombe b 1922

( ( ( ( (Annabelle Challacombe (1892-1892)

( ( ( ( (Clifford Challacombe b 1898 m Nellie Reau 1920

( ( ( ( ( (Dorothy Challacombe b 1921

( ( ( ( ( (Evelyn Challacombe b 1923

( ( ( (Frances Grizelle Challacombe (1858-1920 m 1st

Richard Odell '76

( ( ( ( (Roy H Odell b 1877 m Mae Beeby 1905

( ( ( ( ( (Frances Odell b 1907 m Orville Lahr 1935

( ( ( ( ( (Richard Odell twin b 1913 m Margaret Craig 1937

( ( ( ( ( (Sylvia Mae Odell twin b 1913

( ( ( ( ( (Russell Odell b 1915

( ( ( ( ( (Paul Odell b 1917

( ( ( ( (Bertha Odell (1879-1888)

( ( ( ( (Esther Odell b 1880 m Edw Reno 1905

( ( ( ( ( (Jerome Reno b 1906 m Evelyn Nagel 1933

( ( ( ( ( ( (Dolores Eileen Reno b 1934

2nd husband of Fran ces John S. Searles m 2-1-1886

Eva Searles b 1886 m Albert Brown; Eldon Searles b 1883 m Bee Harney 1914, children of Eldon, Robert b 1916; Dorothy born 1919; Grace Searles (1888-1917) married Wm. Hobkirk 1912; Dorothy Hobkirk b 1914; m Ralph Lanham; Mildred Hobkirk b 1915 m Wm. Johnson; Donald Hobkirok b 1917; Gertrude Searles b 1892 m Milton Eastman; Marie Searles b 1896 m Earle ------

( ( ( ( ( (Kenneth b 1894 1st wife Zelda Hunt 1916

( ( ( ( ( ( June 1923-1924

( ( ( ( ( (2nd wife m 1934

( ( ( (Nancy Glorian 1898 - 1901

( ( ( ( (F (Lucile 1901-1929; Erwin Morrie 1925

( ( ( ( ( ( (Frances E born 1929

( ( ( ( (NICHOLAS BARTLES CHALLACOMBE (Nov 18 1861-

Sept 1932)

1st wife Anna Dannels 1889 2nd Mary Dodge

( ( ( ( ( (Lathey Stowell b 1890 m Emily Irvine 1912

( ( ( ( ( ( (Eileen b 1915

( ( ( ( ( ( (Katheryn Ann b 1919

( ( ( ( ( (Arthur b 1896 m Gwenlyn French 1919

( ( ( ( ( ( ( Arthur Challacombe Jr

( ( ( ( (Joseph E Mch 15 1865 - Nov 25 1865

( ( ( ( (Sophia A Mch 15 1865 - May 16 1865

( ( ( ( (James E Dec 7 1867 - May 8 1868

( ( ( ( (Mabel G May 13 1869 - Jul 13 1920 m
A. L. Birchard in 1896 a son still born
Feb. 2 1872

( ( ( ( (Wesley A Feb. 17 1873 m Elsa Andel July 26 1904

( ( ( ( ( (Nancy C b Nov 21 1905 C M Peebles 6-21-28

( ( ( ( ( ( (Chas Robert b 5-31-29

( ( ( ( ( (Carl Nicholas b July 31 1907

( ( ( (Thomas Carson July 22 1833 - July 5 1903
1st wife Cynthia Belle Leaton (1834-1870 a first
cousin
2nd wife Mary Howell
3rd wife ----------the mother of son Robert's wife

( ( ( ( (M Blanche 3/14-56- 2-9-96 m John Goff son of
Andrew & Martha Goff her 1st cousin

( ( ( ( ( (Eula B. Carson b 1877

( ( ( ( ( (Wm Clare Goff b 1789

( ( ( ( ( (Winnifred Bell b 1881 m _____McKay

( ( ( ( ( (Howard P Goff b 1885

( ( ( ( (Edward E Carson b Nov 19 1859

( ( ( ( ( ? ?

( ( ( ( Nellie M 5/10/61 - 8/11/13 m Eugene Perry 1883

( ( ( ( ( (Grace b 1885

( ( ( ( ( (Blanche 1887 m Glen Brown 1908

( ( ( ( ( ( (Idell (adopted b 1912

( ( ( ( ( ( (Kenneth b 1918

( ( ( ( ( ( (B Lucille b 1921

( ( ( ( ( (Frank W Perry b 1889 m Eula Poague 1913

( ( ( ( ( ( (Ruth b 1918

( ( ( ( ( ( (John P b 1920

( ( ( ( ( ( (John P b 1920

( ( ( ( ( ( (Gene b 1923

( ( ( ( (Robert Carson b Sept 8 1866

( ( ( ( ( (Roy Carson

( ( ( ( ( (Franklin Eugene Carson

( ( ( ( ( (Robert Carson, twin

( ( ( ( ( (Russell Carson, twin

( ( ( (Edith Jane Carson (1840-1871 m W. J. Elliot

( ( ( ( (Laura, died in early childhood

( ( ( ( (Jessie died in 1935 m Lou Haynes

( ( ( ( ( (Earl b 1888

( ( ( ( ( ( (LaM_____1918

( ( ( ( ( (Alonzo b 1890

( ( ( ( ( ( (Bernice b 1924

( ( ( ( ( (Muriel b 1898 m Cecil Barnes

( ( ( ( ( ( (Helen b 1918

( I( ( ( ( (Edith b 1909 m Lewis Purnell

( ( ( ( ( ( (Lewis Jr b 1935

( ( ( ( ( ( (John b 1935

( ( ( ( (Mamie Elliott m a Mr. Campbell

( ( ( (Gideon G. Carson (1842-1920) unmarried

( ( ( (Margaret (1845-1872 m Daniel Challacombe

( ( ( ( (infant son 1872

( ( ( (Asenath (1847-192?) m Ves McCrury

( ( ( ( (Margaret

( ( ( ( (Jennie m Claire Taylor

( ( ( ( (Sadie, died in early childhood

( ( ( ( (Flossie m _____

( ( ( ( (Elsie

( ( ( ( (Eben

( ( (JOHN BLACKBURN CARSON 1809-1885 m Elizabeth C Walker 1831

( ( ( (Wm. T (1832-1912 m Abbie Colcord (1837-1913)

( ( ( ( (Eula (1857-1936) single

( ( ( ( (Clarence Carson ( 60-23)

( ( ( ( ( (Clarence Jr.

( ( ( ( (Will C b 1874

( ( ( ( ( Mildred

( ( ( ( (Frances P (1862-1905) single

( ( ( ( (Ella

( ( ( ( (Harriet m Willard S Bass, Wilton Maine

( ( ( (Frances (1842-1922) married Restores Smalley

( ( ( ( (Wm R b 1868 m Rosa Hallows 1894

( ( ( ( ( ( Agnes E b 1896

( ( ( ( ( (John Rolland b 1897

( ( ( ( ( (Hazel twin b 1900 m Dr J B Liston

( ( ( ( ( (Helen twin b 1900 m Mr Ash

( ( ( ( ( ( ? daughter of Helen

( ( ( ( ( (Marjorie b 1902 m Chas Peebles

( ( ( ( ( ( (a daughter

( ( (Elizabeth H Carson (1811-1902) m John J Brown 2-21-1833

( ( ( (John C Brown - issue?

( ( ( (Jane m Saml Brown

( ( ( ( (Gilbert

( ( ( (William T

( ( ( ( (Clarence died in his teens

( ( ( ( (Wm B single

( ( ( ( (Josie single

( ( ( ( (Alex, 1st wife a Miss Wheeler

( ( ( ( ( (Clarence married Beatrice _____

( ( ( ( ( ( (a daughter

( ( ( ( ( (Donald twin

( ( ( ( ( (Dorothy twin

( ( ( ( (Sadie married C. P. Butler

( ( ( ( (Thad

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( (9 ( ( ( (James ?

( ( ( ( (Nellie married Mr Ore

( ( ( ( ( (

( ( ( (Gideon

( ( ( (Daniel twin

( ( ( (Margaret twin married Mr Squiers

( ( ( ( (Roscoe and others

( ( ( (Emma m John Pentzer

( ( ( ( (Jennie married Mr Bruce

( ( (Mary A Carson (1814-1856)single

( ( (James M Carson (1816-1891 m Eliza Gulick 1st wife

( ( ( (Harlan Page, died in 1932 aged 1845-1932

( ( ( ( (Rollin

( ( ( ( (Bessie

( ( ( ( (?

( ( ( (John Wm (1848-1910) m Mary Chisholm she died in 1935

( ( ( ( (William (1883-1897)

( ( ( (Medora Josephine, infant, buried at Blackburn Bridge Cem.

( ( ( (Medora Jane, infant, buried in Blackburn Bridge

( ( ( (2nd wife of James M Carson was Lavinia Jane Collins

( ( ( (Julia married Chas Palmer; moved to Kansas

( ( ( (Leonora married Mr. Briggs (2nd husband

Lyman Palmer

( ( ( ( (June, father of several children

( ( ( ( (Ina died in teens (older than June

( ( ( ( (Howard

( ( ( (Ernest - wfe & children ? died in Kansas

( ( ( (Emma husband & children ?

( ( (Margaret Orizelle Blackburn Carson (1818-1863)

m Wm H VanArsdale 2-17-1838 buried Carlinville Cem.

( ( ( (Jas. A. Vanarsdale killed at Shiloh

( ( ( (Elizabeth married Sam Hopson

( ( ( ( (Kate

( ( ( ( (Barto

( ( ( ( ( (Emmett married Ada Pheil

( ( ( ( ( (a (a daughter

( ( ( ( ( (Robert and others

( ( ( ( (Charles

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( ( ( (Ella married Ed Miners

( ( ( ( (Henry

( ( ( ( (Nettie

( ( ( ( (William

( ( ( ( (Lucy

( ( ( (John Madison Vanarsdale bachelor

( ( ( (Gideon

( ( ( ( (Lewis b 1873 father of two children

( ( ( ( (Charles (1878-1918)

( ( ( ( (Bert b 1880 two children

( ( ( ( (Leslie twin b 1886 one child

( ( ( ( (Bessie twin b 1886 6 children

( ( ( ( (Mary 1893-1935)

( ( (Nancy Glorian Carson (5-2-1822-9-27-1824

( ( (Gideon Blackburn Thomas Emmon s Carson (1824-1880)

married Katherine Kemper

( ( ( (Catherine Kemper

( ( ( (Lowell Carson

( ( ( ( (Edgar

( ( ( ( (Carlyle

( ( ( ( (Ethel

( ( ( ( (Alfred

( ( ( (James A b 1862 married Minnie Hewes

( ( ( ( (Gerald Hewes b 1899 m Sara L Gay 1923

( ( ( ( ( (Nancy Gay b 1927

( ( ( ( ( (Sara Ann b 1930

( ( ( (Gertrude married Rev. Warren Goff

( ( ( ( (Lillian Goff b 1894 m Lawrence Taylor 1917

( ( ( ( ( (Robert b 1918

( ( ( ( ( (Harold N b 1923

( ( ( ( (Helen G b 1895 m D Claude Roberts 1916

( ( ( ( ( (David E b 1919

( ( ( ( (Gladys Iola b 1897 M Rev. B. N. Covert 1922

( ( ( ( ( (Catherine L b 1923

( ( ( ( ( (Carveyn Iola b 1929

( ( ( ( (Newell Frederick (1901-1920

( ( ( ( (Catherine May b 1903 m Orval Walker 1927

( ( ( ( ( (Marilyn May b 1931

( ( ( ( ( (James Warren b 1935

( ( ( (Rosa Carson

( ( ( (Carl Carson married Miss B

( ( ( ( (Jean Carson

( ( ( ( (a son

Addenda:

JB NC MARGARET

( ( ( (Addison Vanarsdale bachelor

( ( ( (Willie died in early childhood buried in Carlinville

( ( ( (Belle married George Miners

( ( ( ( (Georgia married Jas H Challacombe (see preceding)

( ( ( ( (Ida married Prof Pasek of Huron College S. D.

( ( ( ( ( (three or four children

( ( ( ( (Maude

JB EDWARD BLACKBURN 1780-1853 (see preceding)

( ( (Rev. John Nelson Blackburn (1809-1886) m 1st Martha Jane Morrow (1809-1844) children by 1st marriage

( ( ( (Calvin C died young

( ( ( (Sarah P married Rufus McClary

( ( ( ( (six children

( ( ( (Edward Alexander 1840-1899 m Ann William Crenshaw 1872

( ( ( ( (Rev. John N Jr b 1875 m Stella Horner 1914 no issue

( ( ( ( (Lizzie Glenn b 1878 m W. L. Acuff 1901

( ( ( (~ ( *(Edward Blackburn Acuff

( ( ( ( ( (Annie Glenn Acuff

( ( ( ( (Edward Morrow b 1879 m Mave Calvin 1913

( ( ( ( ( (Edward Alexander Blackburn

( ( ( ( (Annie Letitia b 1881 m J. W. Woolfolk 1905

( ( ( ( ( (Ann Elizabeth

( ( ( ( ( (Jacqueline Eugenia

( ( ( ( ( (Anita Blackburn

Children of 2nd wife Eliza Ambrister

( ( ( (Rev. Geo A Blackburn b 1861 m Annie Giradeau

( ( ( ( (Bertie Chaney Blackburn married Rev.- McDonald

( ( ( ( (John Cavit Blackburn m Edith Willingham

( ( ( ( ( (2 children

( ( ( ( (Laura Ambrister Blackburn single

( ( ( ( (Ann Giradeau Blackburn married Rev. J Hutchinson

( ( ( (Rev. Asa A Blackburn unmarried

( ( (Catherine

( ( (Cinderella

( ( (Sally

( ( (Andrew Blackburn m Augusta Letitia Morrow 1824-1901

( ( ( (Meppie Blackburn m Wm Kilgore;Issue Frank & Ernest

( ( ( (Mollie Blackburn m Sam Lewis Issue Gussie & Fred

( ( ( (David Edward Blackburn m Linnie Lewis

( ( ( ( (Edward Blackburn

( ( ( ( (Nell Blackburn

( ( ( ( (Morrow Blackburn

( ( ( ( (Ernest Lee Blackburn

JB ANDREW BLACKBURN (1770-1844) see preceding

( ( (John born 1803

( ( (Alexander born 1805 died 1846

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( ( (Sally twin born 1808 died 1892

( ( (Polly twin born 1808 died 1848

Notes on the Children of John Blackburn (1740-1808)

& Jane Mathews (1747-1818

ALEXANDER BLACKBURN, elderest sone of John, born Jan 14, 1766; was killed by the Indians at Babson's Ferry below Dandridge, Tenn about 1785, and is said to be the first man buried in the Cemetery at Dandridge. His death must have occurred shortly after his father moved his family from N. E. of Bristol on Beaver Creek in Va. to Long Creek then in Greene Co. later Jefferson Co. Tenn.

BENJAMIN BLACKBURN, second son of John and Jan, born March 8, 1767; died at 18 yrs of age, 1785.

MARY BLACKBURN, daughter of John born Nov. 1, 1768; date and place of death unknown; married James Moyers Nov. 3 1789. She was still alive in 1846 her brother James wrote under date of January 1846 "Sister Polly Moyers is yet alive I suppose and she has moved to Cegenach valy and livs with her sun John". A letter written by her mother in 1813 to her sisters in Illinois states: "Thro the goodness of God I am Able to be about; came to James Moyers yesterday to see his daughter SUSANNAH married to Enoch Willoughby; his daughter Grissey was married about three weeks ago to John Patton; and his son John Moyers to Mary Snoddy the [illegible] October last".

ANDREW BLACKBJRN, son of John, was born Dec. 13, 1770; died January 1845. His first wife was Margaret Samples whom he married Nov. 9 1791. His second wife was Catherine McCirk who died Feb. 20 1837. The following are the children of Andrew and Catherine:

John Blackburn, born March 23, 1803 "married Sept 22, 1822" (JFB)

Alexander Blackburn, born Feb. 23, 1805; died Feb. 2, 1846. His first wife was Priscilla Morrow; his second wife was Harriet Campbell. Rev. Andrew Blackburn who died Aug. 2 1859, aged 31 yr 10 mo 24 d was the son of Alexander & Priscilla; he was pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Chattanooga. He was buried in Westminster Cemetery near Daddridge.

Sally & Polly, twins, daughters of Andrew were born 1808 married Samuel & David Caldwell respectively; they are buried in Westminster Cemetery.

ISABELLA BLACKBURN, mentioned previously is given as a daughter of Andrew (1770-1845) however I think this is a mistake. She was probably a granddaughter of Andrew and possibly the daughter of John, son of Andrew. Isabbella Blackburn was the first wife of Andrew Alonzo Blackburn son of John, her cousin. Isabelle died May 4, 1844 aged 20 yr 4 mo 25 d; her husband was born in 1804; therefore as 20 yrs. older than Isabelle. Since John, son of Andrew was married "Sept 22 1822" it is reasonable to believe that Isabelle was his daughter. Mrs. Nellie Airth of Tampa, Fla. sent this record to the writer from an old Family Bible:

"Nancy J. Blackburn died the 24th of Dec. 1839; aged 47 yrs. 5 mo." and added "she was the mother of 1st wife of grandfather". Since Isabelle's middle name was Lowry- perhaps her mother's maiden name was Nancy J Lowry. The marriage license of John Blackburn, born 1803 might be found in Dandridge.

Andrew Blackburn (1770-1845) is said to have been an extensive land owner in Jefferson County, Tenn. In his father's will we read "I give and bequeath unto my son Andrew Blackburn that part of land surveyed off to him including his improvements where he now lives be it more or less within said lines to be his and his heirs forever".

Jane Blackburn, Andrew's mother, in a letter under date of May 7 1813 says: "My daughter in law Catey wife of Andrew has not been in good state of health for some time past, nearly two years, but generally is able to be about; the rest of the family are well, but no increase since the twins." James, brother of Andrew, in a letter dated in 1846 wrote "Tell my dier sisters Grizelle and Nancy that their brother Andrew and his wife Thomas Snoddy and sister Jane are all left this world and we believe are now injoing the gloryes of the upper world where this are no parting of friends".

Deed Book W pp 275 Jefferson Co. Tenn, dated April 29,1840 gives "Andrew Blackburn, Sr. David Caldwell and Samuel Caldwell as makers of a deed to Alexander Blackburn, Cary Snoddy and James F. Blackburn, Trustees of the Westminster Meeting House at Long Creek "In consideration of the love and

esteem that we have for Zion and the prosperity of the Church and Congregation belonging to said Meeting House have given and conveyed unto said Trustees a certain tract of land three and three-fourths acres on Long Creek near a spring 00 for the use and benefit of said church as long as they continue with what is called the constitutional or the school of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church".

Witness: Signed Andrew Blackburn
David Caldwell
Samuel Caldwell

Andrew Scott
Benjumin A. Blackburn

WILL OF ANDREW BLACKBURN probated Feb. 1845

Mentions:

"Son, Alexander Blackburn

"Son-in-law, David Caldwell and his wife, Polly, my daughter

"Son-in-law, Samuel Caldwell and Sally, his wife, my daughter

"Executors; my son Alexander and my worthy friend Benjamin Blackburn.

Dated Sept. 27, 1837 Signed
Andrew Blackburn

Witness
John N. Blackburn
Andrew Blackburn

WILL OF ALEXANDER BLACKBURN, son of Andrew probated Mch 1856

mentions:

"Wife, Harriet

"Son, Andrew

"In case both my wife and son die, my property is to be put in the hands of a trustee who is to be selected by the Union Presbytery or whatever Presbytery may embrace Jefferson Co. to be employed by said trustee to assist some indigent young man in the preparatory course for the sacred ministry".

"To my wife; Hannah Moore's works, two vols. One large Family Bible to be procured, one pocket testament, also one vol. styled 'Conditions of Women'

"The balance of my library to my son, now a minor.

"Executors: Saml Meek with my wife.

Signed

Alexander Blackburn

Witness

James Carson

Isaac Crider

Rev. ANDREW BLACKBURN, son of Alexander, son of Andrew, "was born in Jefferson County, Tenn. Sept. 28, 1827; Scotch-Irish descent; he preached in Chattanooga, Tenn. Oct. 5, 1850, Rutledge Church. He edited the "Calvinistic Magazine and Presbyterian Witness" He died Aug. 22, 1859. He married Miss Anne Elizabeth Gillespie." (Pres. Hist. Society Philadelphia, Pa.)

WILLIAM BLACKBURN, fifth child of John and Jane, was born Oct. 7, 1772; date and place of death unknown; married

Anna Samples. Concerning the subject of this paragraph we have little date. He received under his father's will "that tract or parcel of land I bought of Doherty where he and the said William now lives (1805) to be his and his heirs forever". The writer was told by his mother that "William, the brother of my grandmother Nancy was a preacher and had a son John who died in Illinois." After William's two sisters, Grizelle and Nancy and their families moved to Macoupin County, Illinois in the fall of 1833 the Spring Cove Presbyterian Church was organized by Dr. Gideon Blackburn, the husband of Grizelle, and four of the five elders elected were Wm's newphew: namely, Wm. H. Carson, John B. Carson, John J. Brown and Grundy Blackburn. William wrote a letter of these nephews expressing his pleasure on hearing of their election to this office. "This letter was read June 21, 1884 at the 50th anniversary". (per J. W. Challacombe)

GRIZELLE BLACKBURN, sixth child of John and Jane, was born Oct. 27, 1774, died July 25, 1862; buried at Carlinville, Ill. She married her first cousin, Gideon Blackburn, in October 1793. To this union were born seven sons and three daughters. (See other reference) The writer hopes to give more details of her life at some future date under a sketch of the Life and History of Dr. Gideon Blackburn.

GEORGE BLACKBURN, son of John and Jane, was born May 26,1776; date and place of his death unknown. One source says that he married Martha Neely; another says he married Elizabeth Vance. In his father's will we read: "I will that James

pay unto his brother George the balance of three hundred dollars as compensation for his part of the land? He is mentioned as one of the surviving neyhews of Gen. Saml. Blackburn who died in 1835. The writer's mother stated that; "George had three sons; George, the father of the Blackburns around Kinmundy, Ill; James, a bachelor in St. Louis, Mo.; and a son John". On the roll of members of the Spring Cove Presbyterian Church are found the names of George and John Blackburn in 1848. Lyman L. Palmer, in his history of Macoupin County, Ill. speaks of George and J. Blackburn as living in Medora, Ill. during the Civil War. The writer was told that they were Southern sympathizers and found the sentiment around Medora very unfriendly during the war and moved to St. Louis.

JOHN BLACKBURN, Eighth child of John and Jane, was born Mch 24, 1778; died Feb. 23, 1868; buried in the Dandridge Cemebery. He married Elizabeth McGirk Sept. 23, 1802. His wife was born July 19 1792; died April 3 1867. List of their children and grandchildren is found elsewhere in this report. By his father's will, 1805 "that part of land surved off to him including the improvements where he now lives". Of the life activities of this John the writer has heard little. His farm was apparently west of his father's homestead. His son, Benjamin Ardra, seemed to have been a man of a good deal of prominence. It is said that he made gun-powder for the U. S. government during the Mexican War and at the outbrake of the Civil War between the States the Southern

troops tried to force him to make gun-powder for the South. On his refusal a rope was placed about his neck and he only escaped hanging when some neig hbors intervened on the plea that they would get him to reveal the process if he was spared. Whether they learned the art from him, we do not know; but we do know that he lived and died a natural death and was frequently heard to remark when others were accounting their trials during that period that "none of them had a rope around his neck as he did". His son, Wm. Wirt, was a Union soldier.

EDWARD BLACKBURN, was born June 3 1780; died Sept. 26, 1853; married Margaret McGirk(1772-1850) on Sept. 5, 1804. Edward and his wife commonly called "Peggy" are buried in the Dandridge Cemetery. He also received by his father's will, 1805 "that part of the land surveyed off to him including his improvement where he now lives".

JANE BLACKBURN was a twin sister of Edward; on the day following her twin brother's marriage she married Thomas Snoddy; namely Sept. 6, 1804. We have been unable to get a list of her children; one son, James, is mentioned in her mother's letter, 1813, to her sisters in Franklin, Tenn. "Thomas Snoddy and family where I am now are all in health, his son James has a bad wound on his leg he got runing a foot race this morning he being all of the family that continued till that time at the weding . Daughter Jenny was not very well from 15th of October till some time the first part of January when a misfortune that was unavoidable has been succeeded by a good state of health". Her brother James in 1846 wrote: "Thomas Snoddy and sister Jane are all left this world".

JAMES BLACKBURN, the eleventh child of John and Jane, was born Oct. 2, 1782; died Nov. 13, 1860; buried in Westminster Cemetery. On his tombstone are these words: "a ruling elder in Westminster for 40 years". He married Catherine Jamieson (1784-1867). He received by his father's will the old homestead where he apparently continued to live until his death. In his

letter of 1846 he says: "I will now tel about our old cuntry place the very old fields that you have bene running over we can rais forty bushls corn pur acre and wheet and oats and grass and all the good things of life we live here yet as fat as lambs".

NANCY BLACKBURN the twelfth child of John and Jane was born April 7, 1785 died Sept. 26 1851, aged 66. She married JOHN CARSON June 21 1804. Her husband conducted a "subscription" school from time to time and also did some surveying and probably farmed in a small way. In 1811 they left Jefferson County and moved to Franklin, Tenn where Dr. Gideon Blackburn and his family were located. Their letters were received into the Presbyterian Church at Franklin July 12, 1812. They were the parents of nine children. "John Carson died Jan 28, 1826, age 50". Oct. 1, 1833 letters of dismissal were granted from the Franklin Presbyterian Church to "Nancy Carson, M. Grizell Carson, James Carson, Wm. H. Carson, Mary Carson, John B. Carson, Elizabeth Carson, John Brown Elizabeth Brown", That was about the approximate date they left Franklin, Tenn. for Macoupin County, Illinois. They came by wagon, of course; the writer has an old "Dutch oven" that they used en route and some other articles that came from Tennessee. William Harvey Carson, my grandfather, settled on the N. E. section 32 T9N R9W of 3rd P. M. The house stood about ½ mile S. E. of the present village of Summerville. His mother, Nancy, and her unmarried children lived in a log cabin about

200 ft. south of grandfather's. Uncle John B. Carson settled in section 28 and Aunt Jane Blair and her husband, and Aunt Lizzie and her husband lived a mile or so north of the village of Summerville. Uncle Thos. Blair died of the cholera in 1849. Uncle John J. Brown said if he took it, he surely would die. His prophesy came true. They died within a week of each other. My father waited upon them in their last illness. The family thought he would also have it, but he excaped. Thos. Blair- and John Brown were buried in the Cemetery N. E. of the Blackburn Bridge on the hill just east of the State Hard Road as it now is located. All vestage of the cemetery and graves has been removed. Dr. Gideon Blackburn deeded three acres in the ----------(20 rods east and west by 24 rods noth and south) in the N E corner of the N E ¼ of the S. E. ¼ of Sec. 21 T 9 R 9 to the Trustees of the Spring Cove Pres. Church; the church building stood on the north side of the tract for about 13 years (from about 1845 to 1848) and was then moved to Summerville. A cemetery was started in the S. E. corner of this tract and in 1871 the Trustees deeded all the tract to W. G. Palmer except the portion occupied by graves; namely a plot 5 rds north-and-south by 4 rods east-and-west. The title to this plot still rests in the Trustees of said Church. There were a number of stones but some ten years ago the stones were removed "and laid against the east fence" and the ground cleared and cultivated. The writer has made an attempt to find the stones and return them to their places but has been unable to locate them.

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No one seems to be much interested in the old graveyard or the persons buried there, but it is hoped that this brief mention may preserve the location and the memory of this cemetery. My great grandmother, Nancy Blackburn Carson, my two great uncles, Thos. Blair and John Brown, two infant daughters of Uncle James Carson, a Miss Gilmore, some of the Dowland children and also members of another family by the name of Brown, I know were buried there. I distinctly remember the marble stone at the grave of Miss Gilmore. There were four or five other stones but I do not recall the names on any of them except one of them was to the memory of a Brown. Dr. Gideon Blackburn settled about ½ mile west of this cemetery in the fall (October) 1833 near a spring. He bought out a man who had settled by the spring, added two cabins to the cabin already there. My mother said the three cabins stood end to end with an open air-way between them. The Spring Cove Church was organized in Dr. Blackburn's home and also a graveyard started to the south of the church. The church stood just west of where the Macoupin Creek turns to the north; the graveyard stood a little way southeast of the church. I remember seeing the depression of the graves and also a corner post of the church when I was a small lad. Here were buried James Tull, a parent of Robert Bacon, and several of the children of the Blackburns, Carsons and Hamiltons. Aunt Jane married a widower, a Mr. John Cramer, and lived east of Carlinville; Aunt Lizzie Brown lived with her daughter

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8 C 519 State of Tenn. Knox County, August Sessions 1794.

"Robert Love came into Court & made oath that Benj. Blackburn, who then stood present, was the same man who was wounded in an action commonly called the Battle of Mt. Pleasant."

4 N 17 Jan. 10 1763: Abstract from Norfolf Co. Marriage Bonds:

"Samuâl Wise with Miss Mary Blackburn.

"This certifies to the best of my remembrance that Mary Blackburn, Daughter of Margaret McNeil and John Blackburn was baptised in the summer season and in the year of our Lord 1742 by Chas. Smith".

WILL of JOHN BLACKBURN - - Frederick County, Va. - August 1755

"The last will and Testament of John Blackburn weak in body but Perfect in mind and memory and first I Bequeath my Soul to God and my Body to be Decently Laid in ground and all my just Debts to be paid and the Remainder of the Estate that God Hath Blessed me with to be divided as follows & first I Bequeath to my well Beloved Wife, Ann Blackburn the third part of all my movable Estate & Likewise I Bequeath to my Son James Blackburn all my Lands that I now possessed of & Likewise I Bequeath to my

daughter Mary Blackburn Fifty Pounds of my movable Estate and all that remains of my movable Estate I allow to the schooling of my Son James Blackburn and likewise I allow my Father & Mother to have their maintenance of the Prodock of my Plantation at the Discretion of my Executors. Likewise, I allow my son James Blackburn to be Colag Bred & if there be no sufficient of my movable Estate and what can be made of the Prodock of my Plantation to do it I allow some part of the land to be sold as my Executors shall see his need Requires and I constitute and appoint my well Beloved Brother Samuel Blackburn and my well Beloved Cooz Andrew Blackburn to be my Executors of this Estate. Witness my hand and Seal this 2nd day of July 1755. I appoint my Beloved Father in Law David Logan overseer over my Executors.

his
John x Blackburn
mark

Signed & sealed in the Presence of us
William Stephenson
his
James X Blackburn
mark

At a Court Held for Frederick County on Tuesday the 5th day of August 1755.

This Last Will & Testament of John Blackburn decsd, was Presented into Court by Samuel Blackburn and Andrew Blackburn the Executors therein named who made oath according to Law and being proved by the oaths of William Stephenson, James Blackburn and Elioner Blackburn witnesses thereto, is admitted to record

and on motion of said Executors and their Performing what is usual in such cases certificate is granted them obtaining a Probate thereof in Due Form.

Teste J. Wood, Clerk

"I. C. C. Brannon, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Frederick County, Va. do certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the will of John Blackburn as recorded in Will Book No. 2 at page 172 of this office. Given under my hand and seal of the Court this 17th day of March 1936.

C. C. Brannon, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Frederick County."

Copy of a letter

323 West 104th Street
New York
(no date)

Mr. J. W. Blackburn
Grottoes,
Virginia.

My dear Sir:

On a recent visit to Staunton I learned that you were interested in the genealogy of the "Blackburn Family", and that you had made a very successful research. I am a descendant of Archibald Blackburn whose daughter Elizabeth married William Wilson 1746, the place not recorded, save "in the Virginia Valley". Col. Benj. Wilson of Harrison Co. Va. was a son of this marriage and my father, John Wilson, Jr. was born in Harrison Co. on July 5th 1788.

If this branche of the Blackburn family has fallen under

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Dear Sir:

I am very glad to make your acquaintance. I have been reading of your proceedings in the Senate and wondering if you are a relative of mine, and it seems that you are. Gideon Blackburn, that you spoke of, was a great uncle

of mine by marriage. He married Grizelda Blackburn, who was a great aunt of mine, also his first cousin. My great, grandfather partly raised him; he worked on the farm by day and studied by pine knox by night and went 8 miles to recite to Dr. Henderson, I think it was, who lived below Dandridge.

My great Great grandfather's name was William* as near as we can tell; he came from Scotland and settled in Rockbridge County, Virginia. He had two sons, Samuel a General in the Revolutionary War and was a very eminent lawyer, but as we have it, had no children. John B. was the second son and my great grandfather; he raised Gideon Blackburn. He came from Rockbridge County Va and settled in Jefferson County, 6 miles east of Dandridge on Long Creek, was the first Justice of Peace in Jeff. Co., and an elder in the Presbyterian Church. You thought there were four sons, but I was under the impression there were only two. Here is the record of my great grandfather's family taken from his Family Bible, which I have in my possession.

John Blackburn and Janet Mathis were married April 2, 1765. Their children:

Alex. Blackburn was born Jan. 14, 1766 - Killed by the Indians

Benj. Blackburn - - - - - - - -Mar. 8 1767

Mary Blackburn - - - - - - - --Nov. 1 1768

Andrew Blackburn - - - - - - - --Dec. 3 1770

William Blackburn - - - - - - -Oct. 7 1772

Grizzell Blackburn - - - - - --Oct. 27 1774

Geo. Blackburn - - - - - - - - --May 26 1776

John Blackburn - - - - - - - - --Mar. 24 1778

Jane Blackburn, twin - - -June 3 1780

Edward Blackburn, twin - -June 3 1780

James Blackburn - - - - --Oct. 2 1782

Nancy Blackburn - - - - --Apr. 7 1785

(John was my grandfather)

Copied from the family record of W. W. Blackburn

Benjamin Ardery, oldest son of John, was my father. He died on the 20th of Sept. 1877, aged 72. He had 4 sons and 8 daughters, only two sons and one daughter living. John living near Jefferson City, Harriet Moore, Atlanta, Ga.; Rev. John Moore, her son, is pastor of Pres. Church there. Four of my father's grandsons are Pres. preachers. Andrew was 2nd son of my grandfather's and 1 son and 1 daughter who died in Live Oak, Fla. His son Henry is a merchant and lives in Live Oak, Fla. Henry has a large family of fine people.

Gideon H. Blackburn, 3rd son, lives at Coal Creek, Tenn.; married in Va. is 80 years old and has no children. Mac never married, died in Ga. We have 8 sons and 7 daughters; 7 children married. I was 71 years old, the 9th of April. If you write to Rev. Geo. Blackburn of Columbia, S. C. I think you will find out lots about the Blackburn Family. He was here some time ago and was going to get it put into book form and said he would send me a copy, but I have not received it yet. He has gone to quite a great deal of pains to get it up. He is a brother of Rev. Asa Blackburn, who is pastor of the Stranger's Church, N. Y; they are sons of the Rev. John Nelson Blackburn, son of my uncle Edward Blackburn.

I want to congratulate you on the part you took in State-wide Prohibition. Thought you were made of the right material. I would like to hear from you again. I hope you will succeed in tracing your family. Wish I could help you more. I always have taken great interest in my father's ancestors.

I would be glad if you would use your influence for the New Charter Bill for Greater Knoxville.

Very respectfully yours,

William Wirt Blackburn

* Note by WAC

He is in effor about William being his great, great grandfather; the will of Benj. Blackburn, page 9, proves without a doubt that Benj. and not William was his great-great grandfather - perhaps William was the father of Benj? and John? I think it quite probably that Benj., John, William and Samuel were brothers, cousins of Andrew.

The Land Office Record at Richmond, Va. records a grant to Benjamin Blackburn, Sept. 1, 1753 - "Grant to Benjamin Blackburn of 181 acres - - where he now lives".

In Deed Book 4, pp 408 (old number) Frederick Co. Va. Sept. 8, 1758, Benjamin Blackburn of the County of Frederick Va. -- in consideration of fifty pounds to him paid by Andrew Blackburn -- sells to him (Andrew) 181 acres lying and being in said County on Mulberry Run; beginning at two oaks and a red oak on the line of John and Margaret Blair on the side of Little North Mountain.

Signed

Benjamin Blackburn

Mary Blackburn

Witnesses:

John Hoge

James Iresh

Isaac White Recorded Oct. 3, 1758

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In Deed Book 11, pp 289, Mch. 2, 1767; Andrew Blackburn sells to Lewis Stevens, all parties of Frederick Co. Va., his wife Ann Blackburn signs with him -- "consideration fifty pounds sterling and other good causes me moving --- said tract of 181 acres on Mulberry Run in Frederick Co. Va., granted to Benjamin Blackburn by the proprietors of Northern Neck of Virginia, Sept. 11, 1753, and by said Benjamin Blackburn and Mary, his wife, conveyed to Andrew Blackburn, Sept. 6, 1758 -- undivided fourth part, etc. "

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Mrs. Stickley of Memphis, Tenn. in a letter dated Feb. 10, 1921 to Miss Bradford of Chattanooga, says: "It is my belief that the four brothers and their cousin, Andrew, came down into Virginia from one of the border counties of Penn. And I believe we will find the parents of John, Samuel, William and Benjamin, Sr. were in 1755 living in southeastern Pa."

Ann, wife of Andrew Blackburn, was probably the daughter of "Alexander Wilson of Township of Salisbury, County of Lancaster & Province of Pennsylvania" who in his will mentions "my beloved wife, Catherine; my son, Andrew Blackburn; my son John; my son, Moses Wilson; my granddaughter, Isabel Blackburn; my grandson, John Wilson;" dated May 19, 1790

Andrew Blackburn & Ann Wilson Blackburn were the parents of Mary Blackburn who married Benj. McFarland - parents of Rachel McFarland who married _____Bradford - parents of _____Bradford _____father of Augusta Bradford of Chattanooga Historiaal Library, Tenn.

Could "Elizabeth Blackburn, daughter of Archibald Blackburn" who married William Wilson in 1746 "in the Valley of Virginia" been a sister of Andrew Blackburn who married Ann Wilson. The practice of brothers and sisters marrying into the same family lends some weight to the hypothesis. Furthermore Benjamin Blackburn, Sr. named his son, born in 1751 "Archibald" - could the Archibald, father of Elizabeth, been an uncle of Benjamin? We assume that Benjamin, Samuel, William and John who were in Frederick Co. at the close of the French-and-Indian War were brothers, and cousins of Andrew - see John's will in 1755. We are also inclined to believe that George, William and Arthur Blackburn and their sisters, Mary, Martha, and Margaret were nephews and nieces of Benjamin or cousins.

The following interesting letter written by Rev. W. E. Caldwell of Goliad, Texas, in 1880, containing references to Edward, grandson of Benjamin: quoted here in parts:

"My mother's maiden name was Catherine Blackburn; her father was Edward Blackburn and her mother's maiden name was Margaret or Polly McGirk --My grandfather Blackburn was an elder in Hopewell Pres. Church at Dandridge, Tenn. Grandfather Blackburn seemed to me as near a perfect model of a man as ever I had known in all the relations of life; cheerful and affable in the family and social life; earnest and devout in religion. Edward Blackburn died Sept. 26, 1853. The chief features of his character were deliniated in an obituary notice written by his kinsman, Rev. A Blackburn and published in the PRESBYTERIAN WITNESS of which he was the editor. -- my mother, Catherine Blackburn, was born Aug. 26, 1805 and died Feb. 26, 1849. Father and mother were married Feb. 13, 1823. She was a meek, patient and quiet mother. He life and soul seemed given to the love and care of her children, that they should know and do no evil and grow up in the way of godliness and usefulness. My father, James Harvey Caldwell, was a laborious farmer, his education was adequate to his business; a very quiet man of few words on any subject - he was a ruling elder in the New Market Presbyterian Chruch - frequently attended Presbytery and Synod - was counted a good leader in sacred music was born May 2, 1800 and died June 27, 1850.

(Taken from a letter loaned by Mrs. Airth of Tampa, Fla.)

A letter from Arnold Blackburn, Jan. 18, 1936 gives the following short lineage:

Edmund Blackburn of N. C. Father of ----------

Solomon Blackburn of Gap Creek, N. C. father of Calvin C. Blackburn of Kendrick, Idaho; aged 85 in Dec. 1935. ********** Blackburn, father of Arnold Blackburn of El Centro, Calif.

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Notes on the Jacksonville, Ill. Blackburn Family:

Matthew Blackburn born 1787 at Wath-upon-Deane, Yorkshire, England, came to America in 1842 and settled on a farm six miles N. W. of Jacksonville, Ill. He was "one of seven sons" and with two of his brothers in 1816 took part in a famous bell ringing contest in which these Blackburn brothers were experts. He died in Jan. 19, 1864. We have the names of the following children:

Matthew, the eldest son, returned to England where he died at the age of 25 yrs.

Edmund moved from his farm to Jacksonville in 1920. He died at the age of 87. Of his ten children, Matthew Henry Blackburn, the eldest, was a physician at Princeton, Ill. where he died on Feb. 8, 1932, aged 70. He left one daughter who teaches in Girard, Ill. His oldest dauther, Catherine was a missionary in Bulgaria; she died Oct. 11, 1933, aged 68. Charles, the 2nd son, lives in Kansas City, Mo. Fletcher J. another son, is sheriff of Morgan Co. Jacksonville, Ill. He has a son, William who has his grandfather's bells, Luella, a daughter, also lives in Jacksonville, Ill.

To her we are indebted for these items.

Joseph, son of Matthew, Sr. (1841-1913) had "one daughter and one son who lives in C olorado

George (1847-1913) "his two sons had proceded him - both unmarried. Of his four daughters, three live in California.

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Carolina Blackburns

Ambrose Blackburn, Sr. died about 1780. He probably came from Ireland (one source says he came from England.

Ambrose Blackburn, Jr. son of Ambrose (1750-1820) married Francis Halbert in Virginia; removed to N. C.; was there during the Rev. War where he served as Captain of a Company of Rangers; later he removed to Greenville, S. C. along with other Blackburns, and about 1803 moved to Tenn. near Nashville where he died in Maury Co. in 1820. According to the census of 1790, he was the father of six sons and two daughters.

John Porter Blackburn, son of Ambrose, Jr. was a Captain in Jackson's Guard in 1812; he moved to Texas in 1853 with three brothers and two sisters; he was the father of:

Merriweather Blackburn, who was the father of Cleo Blackburn Bell. Co.

John E. Blackburn father of A lice Blackburn (DAR Vol. 62)

Ann Blackburn, mother of Mrs. C lifford Long, Mt. Pleasant Tenn.

Benjamin, Samuel, William and Robert were also sons of Ambrose, Sr. of them we have no record except that Benjamin

lived in Cheraw Dist. S. C. and in the census of 1790 his family consisted of "one man, one woman, and two boys under 16.

Mrs. Clifford Long says there is a tradition in her family that Ambrose, Sr. and Benjamin Blackburn, Sr. (of the Jonesboro, tenn, will of 1799) were brothers and were with Washington at Braddock's Defeat.

We feel that we must bring this Blackburn saga to a close. We have a great mass of unrelated matter on the Blackburns which we cannot take time or space to add. We hope that these pages may be of interest to many of the name and lineage of Blackburn. We are aware that there may be some errors on these pages, and that some lines you may wish there have been more informative. To you we bequeath the pleasure of hunting for them.

We have given special attention to the line of Benjamin Blackburn, Sr. because of our own connection to that line. We have listed his descendants; 11 children; 56 grandchildren; 73 great grand children; 130 great great grand children; 230 great great great grand children 167 great great great grand children 94 great great great great grand children; and 18 great great great great great great grand children - a total of 779 descendants and probably that is not the third of them. All but 94 of the 779 listed are descendants of his son, John Blackburn (1740-1808)

We would be pleased to hear from any one who can add to the ancestory of Benjamin, Sr. or of any glaring effors in the narrative.

Sincerely

W. A. Challacombe

Carlinville, Ill.

Jan. 1937