

A HISTORY OF THE
FAMILY OF
MARION ALONZO BLAKE
WITH THE SPECIAL ADDITION
OF OUR WARREN ANCESTORS
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INTRODUCTION

This little history is being compiled at the urging of aunts, uncles, and cousins descended mostly from the grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Joseph Benjamin Blake and Lillie Viola Smith. The reason it was decided to include the children of Joseph's father, Marion Alonzo Blake, is that, after contacting many of these cousins, I've found they have as great an interest in a family record as do the descendants of Joseph. Also, these are cousins that many of Joseph's descendants have close ties with.

To those of my relatives who show such love of family, I've got great news. After researching this family for 20 years, I stumbled onto another 'Blake' family researcher who has been looking up Blake kin since the mid 1960's and has spent far more time doing it than I've been capable of doing. Why it took me so long to find him, I don't know. He is Chester R. Johnson of Hurst, Texas. For more information on Mr. Johnson and his research, please read "Acknowledgements" Section B.

I have divided this record into (I hope) logical sections so that people in today's fast-paced world will be able to find what interests them most without having to sift through a lot of material.

No work of this nature is ever free from errors. When you find errors that you feel I should correct in order to bring the information contained herein up to date, or to make things less confusing please contact me by phone or by letter. My address, my telephone number and a description of who I am may be found in Section A.

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This special edition which includes the addition of our our Warren ancestors was occasioned by the sad passing of Johnnie Russell Warren on 8 Mar 1991. I dedicate this work to his memory, my cousin, my neighbor, and my friend and fellow guitarist. We shared some great times, and he'll be missed.

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SECTION A

A word or two about the author.

In the twenty years I've been actively working on my family history, I've learned that records like this humble work are often widely dispersed and often end up years later in the hands of people interested in family research who can't figure out who the author is or how to get in touch with him.

My name is Ronald Eugene Vincent. I am the 3rd child of Wilburn Glenwood Vincent and Doris Virginia Warren. Doris is the 2nd child of Grover Cleveland Warren and Lela Oney Blake. Oney is the 6th child of Joseph Benjamin Blake and Lillie Viola Smith. Joseph is the first child of Marion Alonzo Blake and Harriette Emaline Merrell.

I have been interested in family history since my early childhood but took an avid interest in it when I became a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormons) in 1969. I began gathering information in earnest in 1970 when I got out of the U.S. Air Force and I have spent at least a few days each year since then working mostly on my mother's ancestry (Warren, Blake, Smith, and Farmer families). I have not neglected my father's ancestry. Most of it except for the last few generations had already been thoroughly researched by another researcher.

Please contact me if you have comments or suggestions, if you are researching any of the family lines mentioned herein, or if you have any information on anyone with the surnames of Blake, Warren, Smith, Farmer, Fulman, or Merel (Merrel, etc.) of Bibb or nearby counties. Serious family researchers have my permission to copy this record in whole or in part provided they give proper credit. Permission to copy portions of this record which were taken from Chester Johnson's book (see next section) must be obtained from it's author.

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SECTION B

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I must mention how grateful I am for the many hours my mother and father have spent with me looking in old graveyards, researching old county records, and visiting relatives, distant and not-so-distant. I also wish to mention how grateful I am to have such a sweet and supportive wife. Thanks to her, I have been able to spend many hours doing research when she really needed me at home.

This record would not be possible if it were not for the friendly nature of my Blake and Warren kin. They seem ever eager to help -- never pushy or insistent as relatives can sometimes be, and always loving. How they managed to be dispersed so widely and still never come in contact with Chester Johnson, I'll never know.

Chester Rankin Johnson has been researching the Blake family since 1966, "... and never heard from anyone that there had been a J.B. Blake family reunion." I wrote to him about our annual June get-togethers at Cahaba Valley Church. He has attended the Pratt family reunion many times (we're kin to them). They hold it on July 4th in Riverbend. The J.B. Blake reunion is on the 4th Sunday in June. Another Blake family reunion (without a doubt, the largest), the descendants of John Henry Blake, have their reunion on the 1st Sunday in August in Lowerytown at the Daniell Cemetery.

Why Mr. Johnson's research is so important to us is he has taken the family all the way back to pre-Revolutionary War times, back to the beginnings of this country. He has graciously granted me permission to use excerpts from his history. It would be unfair to include very much from his book in this brief record.

No Blake descendant seriously interested in the family should be without a copy of Mr. Johnson's book. It is titled, "The Blakes of Bibb County, Alabama 1819 - 1988". It is softbound, 176 pages with tons of references, and it is available from The Gregath Company, P.O. Box 1045, Cullman, Ala. 35056. The cost is \$35.00. Once you see a copy, you'll know what a good investment it really is. I have a copy, and there is a copy available at the Brent/Centreville Public Library.

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Mr. Johnson uses an ingenious numbering scheme so that each person may be identified by generation and the association between individuals may be seen more easily. It is explained below.

PLEASE NOTE

EXCEPT FOR APPENDIX II, THE SPECIAL SECTION ON OUR
WARREN KIN, DESCENDANTS WILL BE NUMBERED AS FOLLOWS:

If you number each of the children of a common ancestor then the 1st child would be number 1, the 2nd would be number 2, and so on. If there are more than 9 children, the 10th child would be number 'X', the 11th would be number 'A', the 12th would be number 'B', and so on. Each of the grandchildren will also have a number. The first child's children will all start with number 1. So the 1st child's 1st child (or the 1st grandchild) would be number 11 and the 1st child's 2nd child would be number 12. Please don't confuse number "11" as eleven. It is not eleven. Read it as "one one" and read "12" as "one two". It's the same as saying, "first child of first child" only we say it with numbers to save space. The 11th grandchild (11th child of 1st child) would be number 1A.

Our oldest ancestor in Bibb county is John Blake Sr. Therefore I would be the 3rd child of the 2nd child of the 6th child of the 1st child of the 2nd child of the 1st child of the 4th child of John Blake Sr. If you put that in numbers, (read it backwards) my number would be 4121623. Since all of the children of Marion Alonzo Blake would start with 412 (that's his number) we'll just use the numbers that come afterward to keep them short. That makes me number 1623.

One more thing. If you want to see how you're related to someone, just find what numbers you have in common and go from there. For example, Gary Buron Blake is number 458. Since my number is 1623, we have no numbers in common. That means our common ancestor is the oldest one in this book, or Marion Alonzo Blake. On the other hand, Mildred Leola Warren is number 161. We have the first two numbers in common "1" and "6". That means we both descend from Marion Alonzo Blake's firstborn child, Joseph Benjamin Blake and Joseph's sixth born child, Lela Oney Blake Warren.

Don't worry if all this seems confusing. You'll see what a help it is when you see how many kinfolks we have.

SECTION C

WHERE WE CAME FROM

Earliest Blakes

John Blake Sr. was the oldest member of the Blake family to come to Bibb County. He was a son of William Blake, a Revolutionary War soldier who died in Elbert County, Georgia in 1798. Blakes before Bibb County are given in Chester R. Johnson's book, "The Blakes of Bibb County 1819 - 1988". The book, "Southern Blakes" has William's ancestors back to Isle of Wight County, Virginia. Interested persons may find a copy of this book in the Birmingham Public Library. Please be advised that "Southern Blakes" may be difficult to follow and the information therein may not be proved to the satisfaction of the most discriminating researcher.

John Blake Sr.

John Blake Sr. was born March 8th, 1766 (I'm not sure where) and died December 11th, 1836 in Bibb County, Alabama. He married Martha Moon about 1789. I don't know when Martha died. John and Martha are buried in the small Blake-Thompson Cemetery in the forest about 2 miles north of Centreville and about 3/8 mile west of Alabama Highway 25. Martha's grave is not marked. John's grave was marked until vandals stole the tombstone. Fortunately, the marker was photographed by Chester Johnson before it was removed. The photo is in his book which is mentioned in Acknowledgement's, Section B. Anyone with any information which may lead to the recovery of John Blake's tombstone should contact me at the address and phone listed in Section A, "About the Author". John Blake Sr. and Martha Moon had 11 children.

Archibald Henry Blake Sr.

"Archer" Blake (as he was called) was the 4th child and the 2nd son born to John Blake Sr. He was born December 8th, 1795 in Elbert County, Georgia. He died June 9th, 1874 and is buried in the Pratt-Wallace Cemetery at Riverbend. On the 23rd day of September, 1819, he married Theodocia Pratt (through whom we're related to the Pratts). They were married in Cahawba (Bibb) County, Alabama. Archer's old Bible was photocopied by Chester Johnson. The entries are given on the following page.

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Marriages

Archer and Theodocia Blake
23rd of Sept. 1819

Births

Archer Blake
December 8, 1795
Theodocia Blake
December 11, 1795
John Blake son of
Archer and his wife
Theodocia
July 13, 1820
Richard Blake
March 24, 1822
Archer H. Blake
April 22, 1824
Maria Blake
February 23, 1826
Asa Blake
July 26, 1828
Rebecca Blake
May 9, 1830
Rachel Blake
March 6, 1832
Mary Blake
February 20, 1834

Deaths

Archer Blake
9 June 1874
Theodocia Blake
Oct. 20, 1877
John Blake
Oct. 13, 1883
Richard Blake
February 14, 1905
Archer H. Blake
Aug. 9, 1892
Maria Blake
July 8, 1910
Asa Blake
Nov. 21, 1901
Rebecca Blake
April 2, 1919
Rachel Blake
Jan. 30, 1923
Mary Blake
Oct. 11, 1926

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John Blake

John Blake was the firstborn of Archer and Theodocia. He was born the 13th of July, 1820 in Bibb County, Alabama and died the 13th of October, 1883 in Bibb, County, Alabama. On August 22nd, 1844 in Bibb County, Alabama, he married Dicie Jane Griffin who was born April 7th, 1826 in Georgia. Dicie died July 13th, 1902 and She and John are both buried in the Pratt-Wallace Cemetery. They had 9 children.

Once again, I remind anyone interested in these descendants of John Blake Sr. to look for information on their other children and much other useful and interesting information in Chester R. Johnson's book mentioned in Section B, "Acknowledgements."

SECTION D

MARION ALONZO BLAKE AND HARRIETTE EMALINE MERRELL

Marion Alonzo Blake was born September 16. Depending on who wanted to know, the year of his birth varied from 1846 to 1850. Because of his birth year shown on two census records and a family record, it is most likely he was born in 1848. According to Alice Blake Howard (phone conversation 15 Feb 1982), Marion's birthplace was Marion, Perry County. However, on the 1850 Census he is shown as living in his father's home in Bibb County at age 2 (information from Chester Johnson's book). It is likely though that Marion lived for a time in Perry County. Marion's oldest son, Joseph Benjamin Blake, showed his birthplace as 'Perry County' in two marriage records and a baptism record. According to Joseph Benjamin Blake's Death Certificate, his father Marion's birthplace is West Blocton. This is unlikely. Marion was probably born in rural Bibb County as were most of our Blake ancestors.

Marion was too young to enter the War between the States. He was only 12. Marion was no weakling though. Although he was short and stocky, he was also a boxer. People would come around to his home and ask him to box them. Marion was red-headed. This is a characteristic of many Blakes. Perhaps the red hair and the eagerness for mischief (another of Marion's traits) indicates an Irish heritage. He is credited with tripping a lady at church with his umbrella when he was an old man.

Harriette Emaline Merrell

Marion married his first wife, Harriette Emaline Merrell, August 4th, 1867 in Perry County, Alabama. She is possibly the daughter of John Merrell and Mary Manuel of Perry County. There is a Harriette age 6 on the 1850 Census of this family. Her last name is spelled variously, "Merle, Merel, Mirele, Merell, Merrill" and "Merrell". I tend to favor the spelling, 'Merrell', this is the spelling used in her marriage record (Perry Cty. Marriages 1866 - 1876, #51). Harriette Emaline Merrell was born January 7, 1845 and died March 5th, 1893 in Bibb County (dates from Chester Johnson's book). According to Juliette Hicks she had dark skin, black eyes, and black hair. Harriette died of pneumonia.

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According to Alice Blake Howard (phone conversation 15 Feb 1982) Harriette Emaline Merrell was a school teacher. The order of birth and the names of all of Harriette's children has been difficult to determine. All of my sources had different opinions as to which of Harriette's children were youngest, as well as what their names are and in what order they were born. An appeal to public records such as census records has not helped the situation much. The 1880 Census shows the children as Joseph B., James F., John H., Dicy M., and Velma T. The 1900 Census adds Richard and Rachel.

Family members give Harriette's children as Joseph Benjamin, John Henry, James, Ollie, Martha (Dicy M.), Velma, Rachel, Richard, Janie, and possibly a child named Emma. But why is Ollie not mentioned in the census? Are Dicy and Martha the same person? Is the 10th child Emma? If she was the youngest, why don't any relatives remember her. Luckily, a record was kept by one of Harriette's children, John Henry. He gave it to his daughter, Mary Lou West, before he died.

According to Imorgene Blake West (interview 15 Apr 1981), Rachel Stewart got all of Marion Alonzo Blake's papers. Rachel is child #9. As yet, I haven't been able to track down Marion's papers. Perhaps they no longer exist.

Alice Blake Howard said Marion Blake lived at Brent when Harriette died. This agrees with Agnes Blake Peaton who said Harriette was buried around Schultz's Creek which isn't too far from Brent.

Elizabeth Matilda Sanders

The 1910 Census (Enumeration District 2, Sheet 9, Vol. 5 Bibb County) shows Marion Blake as age 60, wife, Lizzie, age 42. Length of present marriage, 13 years. Both born in Alabama.

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When Harriette died, Marion still had young children to raise. Back then more than now, the husband spent so much time working that he needed another wife soon.

Marion Alonzo Blake married Elizabeth Matilda Sanders on the 28th of June 1893 just 3 months and 23 days after Harriette died. Elizabeth was born in Alabama (according to the census mentioned above) on Aug 16th, 1866. Juliette Hicks tells me she was a large woman with long red hair. Since Elizabeth was 27 years old when she married Marion she may have been a widow. I have no record of a previous marriage or any other children. Her daughter Alice tells me Elizabeth had 10 miscarriages before giving birth to Alice. Since Elizabeth had so much trouble in childbirth, it is likely that Alice is her only child. For more on Alice, see the last section (Section Q).

Marion is listed as a wagoner on one record. He was a peddler. He would travel from house to house on horseback while Elizabeth would travel in a wagon. They sold vegetables. An interesting story is told by Marion's great-grandson also named Marion (grandson of John Henry Blake) about the horse he sold vegetables from. At the end of the War Between the States, a mounted union officer who was part of the occupation forces kicked Marion. Marion looked older than he was. Although Marion was only about 16 years old at the time, he came back that night, killed the union officer, and took his horse. It is said the horse must have been a parade horse. He would dance every time he heard music.

Elizabeth died on August 21, 1922. According to a family tradition, at her funeral Marion said, "My work on this earth is finished." It is said he then fell dead across her grave. There may be some truth to this. Marion died just two weeks later.

Imorgene Blake West, daughter of John Henry Blake, told me Marion died on September 4th, 1922 and is buried at Mt. Carmel Cemetery. According to Kirby (Cotton) Blake, Marion's second wife, Elizabeth Sanders is buried there also. One of John Henry Blake's grandchildren, also named Marion, said he was once shown Marion Blake's gravesite. He said it was down in the hollow by the road on the side of the cemetery nearest new Highway 5. The grave is not marked.

1880 United States Federal Census record for John W. Blake

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 Supervisor's Dist. No. 2
 Enumeration Dist. No. 1

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Note A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1879, and ends May 31, 1880.
 Note B.—All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1880. No others will. Children BORN SINCE June 1, 1880, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DIED SINCE June 1, 1880, will be INCLUDED.
 Note C.—Questions Nos. 13, 14, 22 and 23 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Beat 11, in the County of Bibb, State of Alabama
 enumerated by me on the 25th day of June, 1880.

J. B. Wallace Enumerator

No. in Fam.	Full Name	Sex	Age	Color	Married	Profession, Occupation or Trade of each person, male or female	Place of Birth of each person, giving the State, Territory, or Foreign Birth	Place of Birth of the Father of each person, giving the State, Territory, or Foreign Birth	Place of Birth of the Mother of each person, giving the State, Territory, or Foreign Birth
1	Davidson, Annie	F	21	Wife	1	Farm hand	ala	ala	ala
2	Violet	F	14	1st Daughter	1		ala	ala	ala
3	Wacmuth, George	M	51		1	Farm hand	ala	ala	ala
4	Violet	F	50	Wife	1	Farm hand	ala	ala	ala
5	Eliza	F	23	born	1	Farm hand	ala	ala	ala
6	George	M	6	Grandson	1		ala	ala	ala
7	Hill, Eastern	F	30		1	Farm hand	ala	ala	ala
8	Ginnie	F	15	Daughter	1	Farm hand	ala	ala	ala
9	Mildie	F	13	Daughter	1	Farm hand	ala	ala	ala
10	Hill, Martin	M	62		1	Farm hand	ala	ala	ala
11	Louisa	F	35	Wife	1	Farm hand	ala	ala	ala
12	Redd, William	M	32		1	Farm hand	ala	ala	ala
13	Sarah	F	34	Wife	1	Farm hand	ala	ala	ala
14	Blake, Marion	M	31		1	Farm hand	ala	ala	ala
15	Marvitt	F	33	Wife	1	Keepsinghouse	ala	ala	ala
16	Joseph B.	M	10	born	1		ala	ala	ala
17	James F.	M	7	born	1		ala	ala	ala
18	John H.	M	6	born	1		ala	ala	ala
19	Lily M.	F	5	Daughter	1		ala	ala	ala
20	William J.	M	3	Daughter	1		ala	ala	ala
21	Willie J.	F	1	Daughter	1		ala	ala	ala
22	blumata, James	M	18	born	1	Booth Agent	ala	Georgia	Georgia
23	Boyd, Thomas	M	16		1	Farm hand	ala	ala	ala
24	Mary	F	31	Wife	1	Keepsinghouse	ala	ala	ala
25	Mary	F	20	Daughter	1		ala	ala	ala
26	William	M	18	born	1		ala	ala	ala
27	Sarah M.	F	16	Daughter	1		ala	ala	ala
28	Robert L.	M	13	born	1		ala	ala	ala
29	Sarahanna	F	11	Daughter	1		ala	ala	ala
30	Martin M.	M	8	Daughter	1		ala	ala	ala
31	Randolph	M	6	born	1		ala	ala	ala
32	Asale	F	4	Daughter	1		ala	ala	ala
33	Henry J.	M	14	born	1		ala	ala	ala
34	Prineta, Caroline	F	60	Wife Mother	1		ala	ala	ala
35	Samuel Alfred	M	38		1	Farm hand	ala	ala	ala
36	Sary	F	26	Wife	1	Farm hand	ala	ala	ala
37	Elizabeth	F	13	Daughter	1	Farm hand	ala	ala	ala
38	Eliza	F	10	Daughter	1	Farm hand	ala	ala	ala
39	Annie	F	8	Daughter	1		ala	ala	ala
40	James	M	7	Daughter	1		ala	ala	ala
41	William	M	4	born	1		ala	ala	ala
42	Mary	F	2	Daughter	1		ala	ala	ala
43	Annie	F	1	Daughter	1		ala	ala	ala
44	Blake, John W.	M	51		1	Farm hand	ala	Georgia	Georgia
45	Dia	F	54	Wife	1	Keepsinghouse	ala	Georgia	Georgia
46	Rachel	F	18	Daughter	1	Farm hand	ala	ala	Georgia
47	John	M	16	born	1	Farm hand	ala	ala	ala
48	Ginnie	F	14	Daughter	1	Farm hand	ala	ala	ala
49	Eniffin Anderson	M	12	Nephew	1	Farm hand	ala	ala	ala
50	Hester Anderson	M	23		1	Farm hand	ala	ala	Georgia

Note D.—In making entries in columns 8, 9, 11, 13, 15 to 21, an affirmative mark only will be used—namely, "X", except in the case of divorced persons, column 11, when the letter "D" is to be used.
 Note E.—Questions 13, 14 will only be asked in cases where an affirmative answer has been given either to question 10 or to question 11.
 Note F.—Question 14 will only be asked in cases where a colored respondent has been reported in column 11.
 Note G.—In column 7 an abbreviation in the name of the month may be used, as Jan., Apr., Dec.

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The family record mentioned previously was kept by John Henry Blake, son of Marion and Harriette. The record is now in possession of John Henry Blake's daughter, Mary Lou Blake West. It is reproduced as follows:

Mch 17, 1935.

Birth Records of M.A. Blake Family

M.A.	Blake	Borned	Sept. 16,	1848
Harriet E.	Merill	"	Jan. 7	1845
Joe B.	Blake	"	Sept. 21	1869
Mamie E.	Blake	"	Feb. 3	1871
James F.	Blake	"	Feb. 8	1873
John H.	Blake	"	Feb. 21	1874
Ollie D.	Blake	"	Feb. 18	1876
Velma T.	Blake	"	Dec. 29	1877
Jane N.	Blake	"	April. 13	1879
Richard T.	Blake	"	Dec. 9	1880
Rachel D.	Blake	"	June. 26	1884
Bessie E.	Blake	"	Sept. 27	1886

M.A. Blake of Bibb Co; Ala., and Harriet E. Merrill, of Perry Co., Ala. was married August 4, 1867 by Rev. Carter Tubbs of Perry Co., Ala.

Deaths

Mamie E.	Blake	died	July 14	1877.
James F.	Blake	"	Dec. 9	1889.
Bessie E.	Blake	"	Sept. 29	1891.
Harriet E.	Blake	"	April	1893.
Ollie	Hill	"	May	1911.
Marion A.	Blake	" in the fall		1923.
Lizzie	Blake	" " summer		1923.
Velma	Perry	"	"	1913.
Della	Blake	"		1925.

Marion's children and their descendants will be discussed in the following sections.

SECTION E

#1 JOSEPH BENJAMIN BLAKE

Joseph Benjamin Blake was the first person in my lineage that I did serious research on. When I realized that all my mother's aunts were getting old and would not be around forever, I decided to get from them all the information they could provide on each of their families (husband, children, etc.) and on their father and mother. Slowly a picture began to emerge. A picture of hard times and poverty, but, at the same time, a picture of a very close-knit family.

Joseph was born on September 21st, 1869 in Perry County, Alabama. He was a stocky man with light colored hair. All the grandchildren remember him as an antagonist. He was full of mischief. He could be good to them at times though. My mother remembers how he would carve little wooden dolls for the girls out of apple crates. He would carve slingshots for the boys.

The South had never fully recovered from the Civil War during reconstruction days before the depression of the early 1930's hit. Most of his life Joseph Blake was a poor share-cropper. He occasionally worked in the sawmill. At one time or another, he provided food and shelter for his wife, his 10 children, and most of their families. Because he had little, he was understandably possessive of the few things he did have. However, during the Great Depression, when his children needed a place to live to shelter themselves and their children, his was the home they went to. At times there were four families living in his small share-croppers house.

According to records of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (the Mormons), Salt Lake City, Utah, Joseph Benjamin Blake joined the church and was baptized the 3rd of April, 1897. At that time he gave his date of birth as 21 Sep 1869, his place of birth as Perry County and his mother's maiden name as Harriette Emaline. Family tradition has it that he later quit the church over the plural marriage issue (rumors were abundant back then, plural marriage had been outlawed in the church since Joseph's birth).

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Discipline of children in Joseph's time was often tough. Two of Joseph's grandchildren, Tommy Vest and Johnny England, remember him this way, "Grandpa was mean to the children. he would hit the kids with a stick of stovewood of anything. He would chase the kids into the loft then tie 2 leather belts end-to-end and stand on the bed and try to hit the kids with it as they tried to run away."

Joseph Blake died on the June 7th, 1947 in Bibb County and is buried in the Cahaba Valley Church Cemetery.

Lillie Viola Smith

Joseph Blake was married three times. He had no children by his last two wives. His first wife, Lillie Viola Smith was born the 15th of April, 1875. This is the accepted birth year. According to daughter, Lillie Blake Warren who was named after her, "Lillie Viola Smith was about 18 when she married and about 57 when she died. Lillie Smith didn't know her own birth date as she was only 10 or 11 when her Mother died. Her Father died within a year or so."

Lillie Smith is said to be the daughter of Jessie Kirby Smith. This differs from data in the 1880 Census which indicates a Lillie (and a sister, Ellen) in the family of Rufus Smith, and wife Emaline ages 35 and 37 of Kingdom Beat. Jessie Smith, age 60, and Fannie, age 38, both of Six Mile, have no Lillie (Lillie, Lilly) in their family. However, they do have many other family members which Lillie Blake Warren told me were Lillie Smith's brothers and sisters (Dock, John, Mollie, etc.). Jessie Kirby Smith died, according to family tradition, from old wounds received in battle during the Civil War. Another family tradition has it that Kirby was a general. There is no evidence to support this. I have yet to find a record of his service during the war. I'm sure it will turn up sooner or later, but, there was a General Kirby Smith (not our Kirby) who fought during the war. He was a college educated man from another state. It is possible that our Kirby was aware of General Kirby Smith and was so proud they shared the same name that he made mention of it to his descendants. Tales get twisted over time and this mention of the General and Jessie Kirby Smith could have blended with age. This is only an assumption and has no historical foundation.

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Lillie Viola Smith's mother

According to Doris Warren Vincent, granddaughter, Lillie Viola Smith's mother died of jaundice and was buried at night because of the swelling. The funeral could not be held off. There was no embalming back then. The unexpected deaths of Lillie Smith's mother and father within a year of each other and while the children were still young caused much hardship for the children. There were no orphanages back then. A home had to be found for each of the children. Tradition has it that they all went to different homes and some of their foster parents were not very kind to them. Some of them were made to work very hard.

Joseph Blakes marriage to Lillie Smith is recorded as follows:

(from Bibb County Marriage License Records Book I Page 163)
"J.B. Blake and Lillie Smith 28 Nov 1892 married at Isaac Parkens by J.T. Avery J.P."

Joseph Blake's son-in-law, Lawson Barnett, records Lillie Smith's death: (from Lawson Barnett's journal)
"May the 12, 1931 Dide at 630 AM at age of 56 years".

Martha Farley Witcher

Five years after his wife, Lillie, died, Joseph married Martha Farley, the widow of a man named Witcher. From Bibb County Marriage License Records Book 1 Page 14:

"Joseph Benjamin Blake to Martha Witcher 19 Sept 1936 at Piper, Ala.

	Husband	Wife
Date of Birth	[not mentioned]	Apr. 17, 1876
Age	70	55
Place of Birth	Perry County	Bibb County
Occupation	Farming	
Father	Marion Alonzo Blake	Robert Farley
Mother	Harriet Emmaline Mirele	Martha Griffin
Number of Marriage	2nd (widower)	2nd (Widow)
Witnesses	T.B. Thompson John M. Brosher"	

According to Lillie Blake Warren, Joseph took her back to her family because she went mad. She died about a year later.

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Dizzie Collins Cunningham

From Tuscaloosa County Marriage Records Book 17, Page 160

"Joseph Benjamin Blake and Dizzie Cunningham were . . .
joined in marriage . . . 23 Jan 1938 at Rt. 1 Northport, Ala.

	Husband	Wife
Date of Birth	Sept. 21, 1866	Mar. 1883
Age	72	55
Place of Birth	Perry County	Tuscaloosa County
Occupation	Farming	
Name of Father	M.A. Blake	Y.A. Collins
Maiden Name of Mother	Harriet Merrell	Ida Christian
Number of Marriage	2nd (widower)	2nd (Widow)"

Joseph died Jun 7th, 1947 as stated previously, less than
10 years after this last marriage. Joseph and Harriette's
children are discussed on the following pages.

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Myrt & Lawson

Jenny Blake Slyger, daughter of Rufus Blake, says Myrt played guitar and mandolin and Lawson played a fiddle. Many of the Blake descendants show musical talent.

#11 Myrtie Bell Blake

b. 26 Oct 1894 Bibb County, Al.

d. 25 Apr 1957

m. 23 Jul 1916

Lawson Herbert Barnett

(b.26 Oct 1894 Bibb County, Al.,

d.1987 McCalla, Al.)

#111 Susie Lois Barnette

b. 23 Nov 1917 Bibb County, Al.

d. 1988 McCalla, Al.

m. 11 Jul 1936

Grady Norwood Battle

#1111 Mitchell Battle

#112 Larkin Herbert Barnette

b. 26 Oct 1919 Bibb County, Al.

m. 3 Aug 1941

Marie Grammer

m.(2)(name unknown)

#113 Lilly Melvina Barnette

b. 13 Feb 1926 Bibb County, Al.

m. Timothy Tittle

m.(2) 30 Dec 1950

Charles Henry Prather

(deceased)

#1131 Lance Prather

#1132 Robin Prather

#114 James Willie Barnette

b. 4 Dec 1931 Bibb County, Al.

m. 10 Nov 1954

Geneva Watkins

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- #115 Charles Wayne Barnette
b. 25 Sep 1934 Bibb County, Al.
m. 10 Nov 1954
 Louise Moore
m.(2) (name unknown)

Pearl

I recall Pearl coming to visit us when I was a young child. Her hair touched the floor when she combed it out at night. She told me it hadn't been cut since she was a little girl. Pearl outlived three husbands.

- #12 Bertie Pearle Blake
b. 7 Jan 1896 Primitive Ridge, Al.
d. 2 May 1980 Hueytown, Al.
m. 27 Apr 1919 Adamsville, Al.
 James Marcus England
 (b.Ragland, Al. d. 6 Jun 1925 Docena, Al.)
- #121 Henry Lee (Jack) England
b. 18 Aug 1920 Ragland, Al.
d. 1943 Jefferson County, Al.
m. Oct 1939
 Evelyn Lena Armstrong
- #1211 David Lee England
 (lives in Fultondale, Al. owns ACE Roofing)
b. About 1940
m. Ana
- #122 Jessie James England
b. 16 Feb 1922 Ragland, Al.
d. 27 Oct 1988 West Blocton, Al.
m. 1943
 Mary Warren, no children
m.(2) 18 Aug 1948 Tupelo, Ms.
 Mildred Lorene Reach
 (b.23 Aug 1929 Piper, Al.
 d.19 Jun 1984 Birmingham, Al.)

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- #1221 James Michael England
b. 10 May 1949 Smith Hill, Bibb Cty., Al.
d. 25 Apr 1974 Birmingham, Al.
m. 15 Jun 1970
Sheila Catherine Stockton
(b. 25 Jun year unknown)
- #12211 Delissa Casandra England
b. 6 Jul 1970 El Paso, Tx.
- #1222 Sandra Kay England
b. 22 Jun 1953 Bessemer, Al.
m. 21 May 1971 Bessemer, Al.
Thomas Ray Nelson Earnest
(b. 5 Jul 1953 Birmingham, Al.)
- #12221 Wendy Jo Earnest
b. 28 Aug 1975 Birmingham, Al.
- #12222 Christopher Ray Earnest
b. 27 Jan 1977 Bessemer, Al.
- #12223 Crystal Leigh Earnest
b. 22 Jan 1980 Birmingham, Al.
- #1223 Carla Deborah England
b. 29 Nov 1954 Dolomite, Jefferson Cty., Al.
m. 14 May 1971 Bessemer, Al.
David Wayne Atchison
- #12231 Robin Renea Atchison
b. 24 May 1973 Birmingham, Al.
- #12232 Michael Eugene Atchison
b. 17 Mar 1974 Birmingham, Al.
- #1223 Carla Deborah England
m. (2) About 1974 Bessemer, Al.
Terry Joseph Hughes
(b. 19 Jan 1950 Birmingham, Al.)
- #12233 Carrie Michelle Hughes
b. 29 Nov 1975 Birmingham, Al.

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#1223 Carla Deborah England
m.(3) 3 Feb 1978 Bessemer, Al.
Earl Travis Kimbrell
(b. 3 Feb 1949 Birmingham, Al.)

#1223 Carla Deborah England
m.(4) About 1987 Pleasant Grove, Al.
Mac Thomas

#123 Johnny Marcus England
b. 13 Feb 1926 Piper, Al.
m. 4 Oct 1947
Edna Louise Karr
(b.19 Mar 1929 Ragland, Al.)

#1231 Eddie Marcus England
b. 21 Dec 1948 Birmingham, Al.
m. About 1963 Bessemer, Al.
Betty Sue Baker
(b. About 1946)

#12311 Marcus Wayne England
b. 10 Dec 1970 Fairfield, Al.

#12312 Bridget Michele England
b. 25 Apr 1972 Fairfield, Al.

#1231 Eddie Marcus England
m.(2) Patricia Hemphill

#12313 Robert Christian England
b. Birmingham, Al.

#12314 Christiana England
b. 7 Jan 1984 Birmingham, Al.

#1232 Kathy Diane England
b. 8 Mar 1951 Birmingham, Al.
m. Jun 1969 Pleasant Grove, Al.
Steven Wayne Davis

#12321 Jonica Michele Davis
b. 14 Nov 1979 Birmingham, Al.

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#1233 Wanda Sue England
b. 3 Jan 1954 Fairfield, Al.
m. Jun 1973 Fairfield Highlands, Al.
Lewis Forte McConnell II
(b. 19 Feb 1954 Birmingham, Al.)

#12331 Jason McConnell
b. 23 Sep 1973 Birmingham, Al.

#12332 Bryan Keith McConnell
b. 3 Jun 1975 Birmingham, Al.

#12333 Andrea Dawn McConnell
b. 21 Sep 1979 Birmingham, Al.

#12334 Megan Shea McConnell
b. 25 Sep 1982 Birmingham, Al.

#12 Bertie Pearle Blake
m.(2) Feb 1934
Earley Lee Miller (d. about 1942)
m.(3) 27 Apr 1957
John William McCloud (d. about 1964)

Uncle Rufus

Jenny Blake Slyger, daughter of Rufus Blake, says her Dad told her his name was Samson at birth. Lillie, another daughter of Rufus Blake, said her Dad told her he named himself. Back then it was common to delay naming your children. Often, names given when children were young changed as time passed. It would appear from public record and family tradition that Rufus was called simply, "Boy" during his early years. His father named him Samson as a joke according to Joseph Merrell Blake. Rufus did not like the name. Anyway, the name never stuck, but "Boy" did stick. He picked the name "Rufus" himself, but, since he had been called "Boy" so long, his name became "Rufus Boyd".

#13 Rufus Boyd Blake
b. 7 Mar 1898 Bibb County, Al.
d. 24 June 1970 Big Rock, Ky.
m. Lill Harmon (div.)(no children)
m.(2) 24 Sep 1930 Harlan, Ky.
Omie Harris
(b.2 Nov 1916 Leatherwood, Ky.)

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- #131 James Russel Blake
b. 2 Jan 1932 Kenvir, Ky.
d. 18 Aug 1968 Harlan, Ky.
m. Jan 1962 Hazard, Ky.
Julia Ann (Geraldine) Melton
- #132 Virginia Lee (Jenny) Blake
b. 17 Jun 1934 Kenvir, Ky.
m. 17 Jan 1952 Hazard, Ky.
John Slyger Jr.
- #133 Mary Ruth Blake
b. 3 Jan 1936 Kenvir, Ky.
m. About Jun 1954 Hazard, Ky.
William Childers
- #134 son (no given name) Blake
b. About 1938 Kenvir, Ky.
d. About 1938 Kenvir, Ky.
- #135 son (no given name) Blake
b. About 1938 Kenvir, Ky.
d. About 1938 Kenvir, Ky.
- #136 Jackie Rogers Blake
b. 29 Oct 1947 Big Rock, Ky.
m. Dec 1970 Dayton, Oh.
Doris Ellen Garrett
- #137 Lillie Darla Dean (Dot) Blake
b. 2 Oct 1949 Big Rock, Ky.
m. 7 Feb 1970 Clintwood, Va.
Evans John (E.J.) Bailey
(b.16 Jul 1949 Hazard, Ky.)
- #1371 Holly Rebekah Bailey
b. 30 Dec 1981 Lexington, Ky.
- #1372 Blake Evans Bailey
b. 31 Dec 1985 Lexington, Ky.
- #1373 Lindsey Nicole Bailey
b. 26 Apr 1987 Lexington, Ky.

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#138 Linda Ann Blake
b. 9 Jun 1951 Pine Mountain, Ky.
m. 11 Jun 1969 Leatherwood, Ky.
Richard Allen Trent

#139 Wanda Sue Blake
b. 29 Dec 1953 Big Rock, Ky.
m. Dec 1972 Hazard, Ky.
John Watkins

Uncle Earnest

Lois Reid, Earnest Blake's step-daughter tells this story:
"Earnest Blake's mother-in-law, Ella McDougal, was Irish. She had an Irish temper inherited from her mother. Ella's mother would be quilting and her Dad would elbow her and make her stick her finger with a needle. Although she was a Christian woman, she would flash her dark eyes at him and say something very threatening and curse him and warn him to never do that again."

#14 Earnest Blake
b. 17 Jul 1900 Bibb County, Al.
d. 28 May 1953 Bibb County, Al.
m. 16 Apr 1925 Moffat, Al.
Effie Ilar Harmon
(b.21 Nov 1885, d. 4 Jun 1979 West Blocton, Al.)

#141 Annie Louise Sanson
b. 20 May 1914
d. Jul 1987 (buried at Cahaba Valley Church Cemetery)
m. Emeris Parks
(Louise is dau. of Effie Harmon by previous marr.)

#142 Nellie Mae Sanson
b. 1911
d. About 1986 Everts, Ky.
m. Joe Pack
(Nellie is dau. of Effie Harmon by previous marr.)

#143 Daisy Lois Smith
b. 21 Feb 1917 Greenpond, Al.
m. Lois (Lost John) Reid
(Lois is dau. of Effie Harmon & Jewel Smith)

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- #144 Gladys Marie Smith
b. 17 Sep 1921 Piper, Al.
d. 8 Nov 1923
(Gladys is dau. of Effie Harmon & Jewel Smith)
- #145 Willie Dee Blake
b. 21 Oct 1926 Piper, Al.
m. 12 Oct 1943
Joseph Eugene Goggins
m.(2) Ralph Brown
- #146 Effie Faye Blake
b. 14 Jun 1929 Piper, Al.
m. 8 Mar 1947
Shelly Martin (div.)
m.(2) Sep 1958 George Stafford (div.)
m.(3) Bob Brooks (div.)
m.(4) 4 Feb 1961 Robert Gentles (div.)
m.(5) 6 Apr 1976 Edward Childress (div.)
m.(6) 27 Nov. 1985 Oliver Parks (div.)
- #147 Earnest Ray (Buddy) Blake
b. 14 Jun 1929 Piper, Al.
m. 7 Mar 1961
Alma Louise Hammond
- #148 William Eugene (Dinky) Blake
b. 7 Jan 1932 Piper, Al.
m. 1953
Peggy Joyce Melton
- #15 Lillie Mae Blake
b. 17 Aug 1902 Shelby County, Al.
d. 25 Feb 1987 Shelby County, Al.
m. 4 Jan 1920
Samuel Leroy Warren
(b.23 Aug 1890 d. 5 Jul 1970)
- #151 Evelyn Frances Warren
b. 11 Mar 1921
m. 29 Nov 1941 Jemison, Al.
Joe D. White
(b. 2 Aug 1921 Montevallo, Al.
d.13 Nov 1982 Homewood, Al.)

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- #1511 Frances Janette White
b. 11 Dec 1942
m. 25 Jun 1960 Bessemer, Al.
Richard Wyman Woodruff
- #15111 Michael Richard Woodruff
b. 6 Oct 1962 Bessemer, Al.
- #1511 Frances Janette White
m. (2) 25 Jun 1975 Birmingham, Al.
James P. Hiers
- #1512 Eugene White
b. 20 Jan 1944 Wilsonville, Al.
m. 16 May 1965 Bessemer, Al.
Susan Helen May
(b.17 May 1946 EauClaire, Wi.)
- #15121 Tammy White
b. 6 Sep 1965 Bessemer, Al.
m. 10 Jul 1989
Howard Keith Simpson
(b.14 Dec 1964 Bessemer, Al.)
- #151211 Adam White
b. 23 Aug 1985 Ensley, Al.
- #151212 Daniel Keith Simpson
b. 20 Nov 1989 Tuscaloosa, Al.
- #15122 Stacie White
b. 9 Feb 1970 Orlando, Fl.
Attends Birmingham Southern University
she is on the Dean's List and has a
4.0 Grade Point Average
- #15123 Bobby White
b. 6 Sep 1971 Orlando, Fl.
m. 10 Feb 1990
Anna Leigh Bell
(b. Apr 1972 Tuscaloosa, Al.)
- #1513 Mary Jo White
b. 23 Dec 1945 Bootheton, Al.
m. 23 Jun 1962 Sanford, Seminole Cty., Fl.
Donald Larry Hudson

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#15131 Amy Michelle Hudson
b. 18 Dec 1969 Daytona Beach, Fl.

#1514 Doris Ann White
b. 25 Jan 1948 Sanford, Fl.
m. 18 Jun 1965 Sanford, Fl.
Charles Dan Miller
(b. 4 Aug 1945 Greenville, Al.)

#15141 Frances Lynn Miller
b. 7 Mar 1968 Sanford, Fl.

#15142 Russell Edwin Miller
b. 25 Jul 1970 Sanford, Fl.

#1515 Sandra Lee White
b. 28 Oct 1952 Fairfield, Al.
m. 27 May 1977
David Leroy Thompson
(b. 2 Apr 1950 Michigan)

#15151 Cory Christopher Thompson
b. 13 Mar 1972 Sanford, Fl.

#15152 Kelly Rachael Thompson
b. 2 Jan 1978 Tampa, Fl.

#152 Grady Samuel Warren
b. 23 Oct 1923 Helena, Al.
m. 28 Jan 1951 Columbus, Ms.
Virginia Fay Davis
(b. 5 Mar 1929 Shelby Cty, Al.)

#1521 Charlotte Kay Warren
b. 27 Sep 1951 Birmingham, Al.
m. 17 Dec 1971 Columbiana, Al.
John Charles Duncan
(b. 12 Dec 1950)

#15211 Kimberly Michelle Duncan
b. 14 Jun 1975 Birmingham, Al.

#15212 Jeffery Charles Duncan
b. 8 Jan 1981 Birmingham, Al.

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#1522 Sheila Joyce Warren
b. 9 Apr 1954 Birmingham, Al.
m. 23 Oct 1976 Columbiana, Al.
Randall Earl Moses

#15221 Brandi Edith Moses
b. 27 Jan 1979 Tuscaloosa, Al.

#15222 John Mark Warren Moses
b. 9 Dec 1980 Tuscaloosa, Al.

#1523 Jeffrey Keith Warren
b. 25 Mar 1963

#153 James Thomas Warren
b. 21 Apr 1927
not married

#154 Robert Claton Warren
b. 23 Dec 1928 Chilton County, Al.
m. 10 Apr 1961 Miami, Dade Cty., Fl.
Frances Ann Knauff
(b.14 Apr 1942 Georgia)

#1541 Theresa Ann Warren
b. 15 Apr 1962 Hialeah, Dade Cty., Fl.
m. 4 Jun 1988 Dade Cty., Fl.
Jerry Cresswell

#15411 Brittany Elizabeth Cresswell
b. 17 Dec 1988

#1542 Kenneth Robert Warren
b. 27 Nov 1964 Hialeah, Dade Cty., Fl.
m. Sep 1988 Dade Cty., Fl.
Wendy Elizabeth Lavine

#15421 Ashby Magan Warren
b. 3 Mar 1990

#1543 Charles Samuel Warren
b. 19 Jun 1970 Hialeah, Dade Cty., Fl.

#1544 Jammie Jean Warren
b. 23 Aug 1977 Miami, Dade Cty., Fl.

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#155 Johnnie Russell Warren

b. 6 Jul 1931
d. 8 Mar 1991 Birmingham, Al.
m. 18 Jul 1957 Birmingham, Al.
Noranne Young
(b.26 Jul 1937 Birmingham, Al.
d.18 Apr 1991 Woodstock, Al.)

#1551 Johnny Earl Warren

b. 10 Mar 1958 Birmingham, Al.
m. 27 Jun 1981 Bremerton, Wa.
Melinda Ann (Mindy) Cole
(b. 7 Apr 1959 Bremerton, Wa.)

#15511 Ashley Nicole Warren

b. 24 Sep 1985 San Diego, Ca.

#1552 Russell Wayne (Rusty) Warren

b. 11 Jul 1959 Birmingham, Al.
m. 15 Mar 1979 West Blocton, Al.
Sherry Denise Hallman
(b.22 May 1959 Tuscaloosa, Al.)

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#15521 Kevin Wayne Warren
b. 4 Sep 1980 Tuscaloosa, Al.

#15522 Russell Keith Warren
b. 11 Sep 1984 Tuscaloosa, Al.

#1553 Nancy Anne Warren
b. 18 Aug 1960 Birmingham, Al.
m. 20 Jul 1979
Jerry Lee Edge Jr.
(b. Oct 1958)

#15531 Rebekah Anne Edge
b. 2 Oct 1981

#1554 Valerie Dawn Warren
b. 24 Feb 1967 Bessemer, Al.
m. 3 Dec 1985 McCalla, Al.
Gregory Vines Headrick
(b. 2 Mar 1967 Missouri)

#15541 Gregory Michael Headrick
b. 18 Jan 1987 Birmingham, Al.

#15542 Jordan Reid Headrick
b. 13 Jun 1988 Virginia Beach, Va.

#156 Charles William Warren
b. 27 Mar 1933 Jemison, Al.
m. 13 Sep 1952 Meridian, Ms.
Betty Jean Templin
(b. 11 Nov 1933 Columbiana, Al.)

#1561 Melanie Denise Warren
b. 7 Mar 1958 Pensacola, Fl.
m. Jun 1976 Wilsonville, Al.
Marlin Gallups

#15611 Christopher Timothy Gallups
b. 3 Apr 1978 Homewood, Al.

#1561 Melanie Denise Warren
m. (2) 28 Feb 1981 Pleasant Grove, Al.
James R. Herring
(b. 25 May 1959)

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#15612 Samantha Lea Herring
b. 26 Feb 1982 Birmingham, Al.

#1562 Charles David (Chuck) Warren
b. 21 Dec 1960 Wilmington, Delaware

#157 Minnie Lee Warren
b. 30 May 1936 Jemison, Al.
m. 15 Nov 1954 Birmingham, Al.
James Roland Bourne Sr.
(b. 8 Jun 1932 Clarkesville, Tn.)

#1571 Judy Ann Bourne
b. 25 Apr 1957 Clarkesville, Tn.
m. Eddie Claxton Sr.

#15711 Eddie Claxton Jr.

#1572 Cynthia Kay Bourne
b. 16 Apr 1958 Clarksville, Tn.
m. 1978 Pasadena, Texas
Londale Moore, no children

#1573 James Roland Bourne Jr.
b. 27 Aug 1959 Clarkesville, Tn.

#1574 Beverly B. (Bebe) Bourne
b. 1 Aug 1960 Clarkesville, Tn.
m. David Dorris

#15741 William Dorris
b. 1981

#15742 Johnathon Dorris
b. 1983

#15743 Benjamin Dorris
b. 1986

#1575 Douglas Wayne Bourne
b. 13 Oct 1962 Clarkesville, Tn.

#1576 Kenneth E. Bourne
b. 5 Dec 1963 Clarkesville, Tn.

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- #1577 Anthony L. Bourne
b. 31 Dec 1964 Clarkesville, Tn.
- #158 Linnie May Warren
b. 30 Mar 1936 Jemison, Al.
m. 31 Mar 1956 Prattville, Al.
James Leo Smith
(b. 15 Mar 1934 Montgomery, Al.)
- #1581 Donna Lee Smith
b. 13 Jun 1958 Birmingham, Al.
m. 15 Aug 1975 West End, Al.
Gary Wayne Merchant
(b.11 Feb 1954 Birmingham, Al.)
- #15811 Jeremy Wayne Merchant
b. 11 Apr 1976 Birmingham, Al.
- #15812 Megan Dawn Merchant
b. 1 Nov 1980 Birmingham, Al.
- #1582 Timothy James Smith
b. 4 Aug 1962 Birmingham, Al.
- #159 Violet Louise Warren
b. 11 Jun 1939 Ashby, Bibb Cty., Al.
m. 27 Oct 1956 Columbiana, Al.
Leslie Willard Huff
(b.23 Sep 1936 Auburn, Ky.)
- #1591 Leslie Dale Huff
b. 28 Aug 1957 Clarkesville, Tn.
d. 19 Jul 1989 Clarkesville, Tn.
m. 10 Mar 1987 Clarkesville, Tn.
Denise Beal
(b. Nashville, Tn.)
- #15911 Leslie Nicole Huff
b. 3 Jun 1988 Springfield, Tn.
- #15912 Lee Cohea
b. Springfield, Tn.
- #1592 Steve Allen Huff
b. 19 Oct 1959 Clarkesville, tn.
m. 1 Jul 1978
Gay Lynn Williams
(b.12 Nov 1962 Clarkesdale, Ms.)

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#15921 Crystal Gail Huff
b. 26 Aug 1980 Clarkesville, Tn.

#15922 Steve Curtis Huff
b. 15 Jun 1989 Clarkesville, Tn.

#1593 Ronald Gene Huff
b. 17 Aug 1962 Clarkesville, Tn.
m. Debra Jean Wheese
(b. Buffalo, N.Y.)

#15931 Christy Blankenship
b. 1 Apr 1977 Clarkesville, Tn.

#15932 Ryan Blankenship
b. 12 Dec 1979 Clarkesville, Tn.

#1594 Sherry Louise Huff
b. 30 Oct 1963 Clarkesville, Tn.
m. 26 Aug 1989 Clarkesville, Montgomery Cty, Tn.
Mark Allen Deason

#15931 Jamie Lynn Deason
b. 16 May 1977 Clarkesville, Tn.

#15932 Tara Dale Deason
b. 5 Apr 1990 Clarkesville, Tn.

#1595 Randy Thomas Huff
b. 16 Jan 1965 Clarkesville, Tn.
m. 8 Apr 1989 (div.)
Susan Kay Hyatt, no children
(b. Clarkesville, Tn.)

#15X Troy Hubbard Warren
b. 11 Feb 1941
m. 28 Apr 1967
Lois Doris Johnson
(b.12 Aug 1948 Ragland, Al.)

#15X1 Craig Steven Warren
b. 18 Sep 1967 Birmingham, Al.
m. 17 Jun 1988 Bessemer, Al.
Karen Joan Handcock

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#15X11 Ashley Joan Warren
b. 18 Aug 1989 Birmingham, Al.

#15X2 Jeffery Gilbert Warren
b. 10 Jul 1969 Bessemer, Al.

#15X3 Tabatha Jane Warren
b. 10 May 1971 Bessemer, Al.

#15A Fred Donald Warren
b. 14 Mar 1946 Columbiana, Al.
m. Brenda Bradley, no children
m.(2) Mary Elizabeth Lambert
(b. 3 Sep 1942 Adger, Al.)

#15A1 Christopher Michael Wesson
b. 25 Apr 1976 Birmingham, Al.

#15A2 Heather Nicole Warren
b. 25 Mar 1978 Birmingham, Al.

#16 Lela Oney Blake
b. 30 Apr 1905 Bibb County, Al.
d. 20 Dec 1942 Birmingham, Al.
m. 23 Dec 1920 Woodstock, Al.
Grover Cleveland Warren
(b.14 Dec 1900 d. 5 Mar 1937)

#161 Mildred Leola Warren
b. 12 Apr 1922 Bibb County, Al.
d. 3 Jun 1984 Birmingham, Al.
m. 22 Aug 1946 Irondale, Al.
Joseph Marion Abels
(b. 6 Jun 1918 Walker Cty, Al.)

#1611 Donald Joseph Abels
b. 24 Aug 1949 Birmingham, Al.
d. 11 Feb 1986 Birmingham, Al.
m. 8 Nov 1967 (div.)
Cathy Lynette Simmons
(Cathy married Jun 1979
to Dave Kennemore)

#16111 Shelly Lynette Kennemore
b. 26 Jan 1972 Birmingham, Al.

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#16112 Joseph Allan (Joey) Kennemore
b. 23 Mar 1977

#1612 Judy Faye Abels
b. 21 Apr 1952 Birmingham, Al.
m. 16 Jun 1971 Birmingham, Al.
Ronnie G. Black

#16121 Rachel Amy Black
b. 23 Jul 1974 Lafayette, La.

#16122 Joshua Matthew Black
b. 12 Mar 1976 Lafayette, La.

#16123 Jacob Aaron Black
b. 14 Dec 1979 Homewood, Al.

#162 Doris Virginia Warren
b. 25 Jun 1924 Moffat, Al.
m. 15 Oct 1940 Birmingham, Al.
Wilburn Glenwood Vincent
(b.28 Jul 1919 Talladega Cty., Al.)

#1621 Richard Glenwood Vincent
b. 9 Oct 1941 Birmingham, Al.
m. 19 Oct 1963 Bessemer, Al. (div.)
Peggy Jean Bigbee
(b.17 Jan 1947 Bessemer, Al.)

#16211 Carmen Yvette Vincent
b. 3 May 1965 Fairfield, Al.
m. 6 Apr 1985 Hueytown, Al. (div.)
Kenneth Earp, no children
m.(2) 1 Sep 1989 Bessemer, Al.
James Ray Pesnell

#162111 Jessica Lynn Pesnell
b. 13 Jul 1989 Birmingham, Al.

#16212 Monica Elaine Vincent
b. 20 Mar 1969 Fairfield, Al.
m. 6 Jun 1987 Concord, Al. (div.)
Lindsey Courington, no children
m.(2) 11 Feb 1988 Bessemer, Al.
Frank Allen Burgess

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- #1621 Richard Glenwood Vincent
m.(2) 5 Jun 1970
Mary Nell Hudspeath (div.), no children
m.(3) 28 May 1981 Wylam, Al.
Jacqueline Rose Tillery, no children
(b.30 Oct 1947)
- #1622 Larry Warren Vincent
b. 21 Jul 1944 Birmingham, Al.
m. 30 Jul 1965 Hueytown, Al.
Carol Anne Jones
(b.31 Aug 1947)
- #16221 Shannon Lea Vincent
b. 11 Jul 1975 Birmingham, Al.
- #1623 Ronald Eugene Vincent
b. 19 Feb 1949 Fairfield, Al.
m. 24 Feb 1967 Dolomite, Al.
Beverly Sue Little
(b.10 Feb 1949, Birmingham, Al.)
- #16231 John Little Vincent
b. 26 Nov 1969 Peru, In.
m. 7 Jan 1989 Bessemer, Al.
Tracy Michelle Mosley
(b.1 Sep 1969, Birmingham, Al.)
- #162311 Jamie Renee' Vincent
b. 5 Sep 1989 Tuscaloosa, Al.
- #16232 David Aaron Vincent
b. 27 Jun 1973 Birmingham, Al.
- #16233 Jo Anna Vincent
b. 24 Oct 1974 Birmingham, Al.
- #16234 Sarah Elizabeth Vincent
b. 30 Oct 1975 Birmingham, Al.
- #16235 Rainey Rebecca Vincent
b. 6 Jan 1978 Birmingham, Al.
- #16236 Karen Virginia Vincent
b. 4 Feb 1980 Bessemer, Al.

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#16237 Adam Michael Vincent
b. 7 Mar 1984 Homewood, Al.

#16238 Leah Ellen Vincent
b. 11 Apr 1986 Homewood, Al.

#17 Joseph Merrell (Son) Blake
b. 7 Apr 1908 West Blocton, Al.
m. 7 Apr 1927 Helena, Al. (div.)
Bertha Aders
(d. May 1972 buried at Johns, Al.)

#171 Maudell Blake
b. May 1929 Black Mountain, Ky.
d. Jun 1929

#172 Estell Blake
b. May 1929 Black Mountain, Ky.
d. Jun 1929

#173 Billie Joe Blake
b. 14 Jun 1931 Piper, Al.
m. Louise

#174 Janny Marie Blake
b. Tuscaloosa, Al.
m. 1950's
Wilson Thompson

#17 Joseph Merrell (Son) Blake
m. (2) 1949 Columbus, Ms.
Willie Kathleen Melton

#175 Nancy Jane Blake (adopted)
b. 4 Aug 1943 Birmingham, Al.
m. 19 Jan 1964
Lyle Sedlock

#18 Lucille Blake
b. 6 Dec 1910 West Blocton, Al.
d. 28 May 1988 Birmingham, Al.
m. 18 Apr 1927 Helena, Al.
Walter Edwin Vest
(b. 8 Jul 1906 Irondale, Al.
d. 22 Nov 1968 Birmingham, Al.)

#1 JOSEPH BENJAMIN BLAKE
(continued)

#181 James Edwin Vest
b. 27 Mar 1928 Piper, Al.
m. About 1952
Cindy Allred

#1811 James Kenneth Vest

#1812 Karen Vest

#1813 Elaine Vest

#182 Betty Inez Vest
b. 8 Jan 1932 Irondale, Al.
m. 6 Jun 1952 Irondale, Al.
Frazier James King Sr.
(b. 5 Oct 1926 Walker Cty., Al.)

#1821 Frazier James King Jr.
b. 14 Mar 1953 Birmingham, Al.
m. 29 Feb 1972 Leeds, Al.
Hazel Gill

#18211 Jenifer King
b. 8 Apr 1972 Birmingham, Al.

#182111 daughter (name unknown) King
b. 8 Sep 1988

#18212 Rebecca King
b. 13 Feb 1975 Birmingham, Al.

#18213 Rachael King
b. 1 Sep 1976 Birmingham, Al.

#1821 James (Jimmy) King
m.(2) Oct 1983 Trenton, Ga.
Susan Gable

#18214 Kara King
b. 7 Jul 1984 Birmingham, Al.

#18215 James Edward King
b. 13 Sep 1986 Birmingham, Al.

#18216 Jamie Marie King
b. 13 Sep 1986 Birmingham, Al.

#1 JOSEPH BENJAMIN BLAKE
(continued)

#1822 Juanita Kay (Nita) King
b. 14 Aug 1958 Birmingham, Al.
m. 3 Jun 1977 Irondale, Al.
Ronald Dale Tidwell

#18221 Amanda Kay Tidwell
b. 17 Jul 1980 Birmingham, Al.

#18221 Holly Ann Tidwell
b. 23 Jan 1984 Birmingham, Al.

#1823 Gloria Jean King
b. 6 Jul 1966 Birmingham, Al.
m. Barry James Bailey
(b. May 1964 d. 26 Oct 1989 Birmingham, Al.)

#18231 James Adam Bailey
b. 12 May 1989 Birmingham, Al.

#183 Tommy Jackson Vest
b. 14 Aug 1934 Irondale, Al.
m. Addie, no children
m.(2) Ann Shaw

#1831 son (name unknown) Vest

#1832 son (name unknown) Vest

#184 Chester Ray Vest
b. 14 Mar 1942 Irondale, Al.
m. Nancy

#1841 daughter (name unknown) Vest

m.(2) Frances Stewart

#1842 son (name unknown) Vest

#1843 daughter (name unknown) Vest

#185 Sharon Lee Vest
b. 13 Nov 1946 Irondale, Al.
m. Marvin Stanley Thompson

#1851 John Wayne Thompson

#1 JOSEPH BENJAMIN BLAKE
(continued)

#1852 Kirk Douglas Thompson

#1853 Phillip Thompson

#1854 Ashley Thompson

#186 Roy Gene Vest
b. 29 Apr 1948
m. Cathy Potts

#1861 son (name unknown) Vest

#1862 daughter (name unknown) Vest

#18 Lucille Blake
m.(2) 2 Jul 1969
Lester Davis

#19 Lorene Blake
b. 17 Sep 1913 Briarfield, Al.
d. 6 Mar 1979 Helena, Al.
m. 20 Jun 1933 Centreville, Al.
Oliver Herbert Parks
(b.24 Mar 1912 Briarfield, Al.)

#191 Franklin Herbert Parks
b. 27 Mar 1934 Briarfield, Al.
m. 1953
Bobbie Jean Martin

#1911 Franklin Parks

#1912 Terry Parks

#191 Franklin Herbert Parks
m.(2) Mar 1958
Patricia Ann Bailey

#1913 Pamela Parks

#1914 Jamie Parks (son)

#1915 Rebecca Parks
b. 1969
d. 1973

#1916 Angel Parks

#1 JOSEPH BENJAMIN BLAKE
(continued)

#192 Lonnie Raymond (Jimmy) Parks
b. 26 Nov 1935 Birmingham, Al.
m. Yvonne Scurlock

#1921 Ruth Parks
m. George Tickle

#1922 Mark Parks

#1923 Connie Parks

#1924 Iris Parks

#193 Ellen Fay Parks
b. 2 Nov 1936 Northport, Al.
d. Dec 1936

#194 Shirley Anne Parks
b. 12 Dec 1938 Northport, Al.
m. 4 Jan 1958 Pensacola, Fl.
Benjamin Edward Golden
(b.12 Jun 1934)

#1941 Susan Elaine Golden
b. 26 Sep 1958 Pensacola, Fl.
m. Otis Claude Plowman II
(b.21 Jul 1954 Tuscaloosa, Al.)

#19411 Courtney Lane Plowman
b. 19 Sep 1988 Birmingham, Al.

#1942 Theresa Renee' Golden
b. 14 Mar 1960 Phillipines
m. Nov 1977 Tuscaloosa, Al.
Ronald Ray Cooley
(b.17 Mar 1961)

#19421 Jeremy Ray Cooley
b. 16 Jul Tuscaloosa, Al.

#19422 Lorin Nicole Cooley
b. 7 Oct Tuscaloosa, Al.

#1943 Christopher Michael Golden
b. 26 Aug 1962 Anaconda, Montana
m. Lee Ann (div.)

d. (C) 2003 *

d. (C) 2002 *

* per
Morgan Blake
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#1 JOSEPH BENJAMIN BLAKE
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#19431 Christopher Brandon Golden

#19432 Ashton Lee Golden (daughter)
b. 26 Dec 1986 Tuscaloosa, Al.

#1944 Timothy Oliver Golden
b. 1 Dec 1968

#1945 Jason Edward Golden
b. 29 Mar 1973 Tuscaloosa, Al.

#195 Oliver Parks
b. 14 Mar 1939 Northport, Al.
d. 17 Mar 1939

#196 Earnestine Parks
b. 6 Nov 1944 Maylene, Al.
m. 20 Jun 1962 (div.)
James Joiner, no children
m.(2) Oct 1973
Walter F. Cranford

#1961 Walter Cranford

#1962 Russell Cranford

#197 Richard Michael Parks
b. 27 Dec 1953 Helena, Al.
m. 1979 no children

I am told that "Cotton" got his nickname from the color of his hair when he was a little boy. He was the baby of the family.

#1X Kirby (Cotton) Blake
b. 27 Jan 1916 Ashby, Al.
d. 31 Jul 1986 Tuscaloosa, Al.
m. 22 Jan 1938 Piney Woods, Al.
Mennie May Bearden
(b.23 Dec 1921 Foster, Al.)
Mennie May m(2) 5 Jan 1988 to W.D. (Pete) Moore

#1X1 Marion Alonzo Blake
b. 30 Oct 1938 Piney Woods, Al.
m. 10 Jul 1956
Jo Ann Morrison

#1 JOSEPH BENJAMIN BLAKE
(continued)

#1X11 Cathy Blake

#1X12 Pete Blake

#1X13 Bill Blake

#1X1 Marion Alonzo Blake
m. (2) Martha Sue Miles

#1X14 Anita Blake

#1X15 Andy Blake

#1X2 Kirby Mitchell Blake
b. 7 Sep 1940 Alberta City, Al.
d. 1980
m. 5 May 1961 Tuscaloosa County, Al.

#1X21 Caroline Blake

#1X22 Mickey Blake

#1X23 Ricky Blake

#1X3 Lilly Faye Blake
b. 7 Oct 1942 Lowrytown, Al.
m. 4 Oct 1958 Bibb County, Al.
Elmer Kizziah

#1X31 Eddie Kizziah

#1X32 Reba Kizziah

#1X33 Robin Kizziah

#1X34 Jamie Kizziah (son)

#1X35 Tammy Kizziah

#1X3 Lilly Faye Blake
m. (2) Robert (surname unknown)

#1X4 William David Blake
b. 7 Oct 1944 West Blocton, Al.
m. 5 Mar 1963 Selma, Dallas, AL
Agnes McIntyre ~~McIntyre~~
McIntyre 6.8 Feb 1946

#1 JOSEPH BENJAMIN BLAKE

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- Teresa*
#1X41 ~~Theresa~~ Blake *McBride* b. 12 Dec 1963 Tuscaloosa,
(Theresa is a model and an actress. She has been on
'Star Search' and 'Miami Vice'). *Theresa plays the*
character "Gloria" on
#1X42 ~~son (name unknown)~~ Blake *Walter Darren*
Wesley b. 28 Nov 64 Tusc. *The soap opera "All my children"*
#1X43 Dennis Blake *Her mother lives on*
Eastern Valley Road in
McCalla.
#1X4 William David Blake
m. (2) 16 Mar 1968 ~~Blake~~
Evelyn Sue Redding
- #1X44 David Blake
- #1X4 William David Blake
m. (3) Elouise Willcut
- #1X45 Shane Blake
- #1X46 Miranda Blake
- #1X47 Amanda Blake
- #1X5 James Edward Blake
b. 5 Dec 1945 West Blocton, Al.
d. 10 Nov 1979
m. 15 Oct 1965 Betty Jane Vaughn
- #1X51 James Blake
- #1X6 Deborah Jean Blake
b. 15 Aug 1958 Tuscaloosa, Al.
m. 25 Jan 1975 Floyd Ray Cook
- #1X61 son (name unknown) Cook
- #1X62 Laurie Cook
- #1X63 son (name unknown) Cook
b. Mar 1990

SECTION F

#2 MAMIE E. BLAKE

Mamie was unknown to me before I was told by Juliette Hicks that Mary Lou Blake West had the record mentioning her birth. She was born February 3rd, 1871. Except for her death date, July 14th, 1877, nothing else is known of her. She was only 6 years old when she died.

SECTION G

#3 JAMES F. BLAKE

James was born the 8th of February, 1873, the 3rd child of Marion and Harriette. He died when he was only 16 years old on December 9th, 1889. Like his sister, Mamie, nothing else is known of him.

SECTION H

#4 JOHN HENRY BLAKE

John Henry Blake was born the 1st day of February, 1874 at Primitave Ridge, Al. He married Della Daniell on the 15th of January, 1899 at Lowrytown, Al. Since John Henry's 1st three children were born at Primitave Ridge, I'm assuming he lived there until about 1904 when he must have moved back to Lowrytown. Imorgene told me the rest of the children were born in Lowrytown but John Henry died at Primitave Ridge on December 26th, 1945. He spent his last years with his daughter, Mary Lou Blake West who lived at Primitave Ridge. He worked in the coal mines at least some. His grandson, James John Blake, tells me he was once trapped by a cave-in in a mine near Blocton and had to wait until he could be dug out.

Della Daniell was born September 20, 1883 in Lowrytown, Al. She was the daughter of Soloman Daniell and Martha Jane Stewart. Della died in West Blocton, Al. on June 20th, 1925.

John and Della are buried in the Daniell Cemetery in Lowrytown where the family reunion for their descendants is held each August on the 1st Sunday. Their tombstones are inscribed as follows:

"John Henry Blake Feb. 21, 1874 to Dec. 26, 1945

Dellar Daniel Sept 20, 1883 to June 19, 1925"

Just a note on the family reunion - - It used to be held on the 1st Sunday in September, but it was moved to the 1st Sunday in August about 20 years ago. Marion Blake, grandson of John and Della told me that it has only rained on the reunion about twice in the last 30 years. Marion also told me that the name Daniell (with two "l's" is pronounced "Dan'l" and he thinks it may be derived from a European name pronounced "Dan - eel" or something like that rather than the popular but unrelated name of Daniel (with one "l"). This is in spite of the fact that the name is sometimes spelled with only one "l".

John and Della's children are by far the most numerous of all Marion Alonzo Blake's descendants. Listed on the following pages, they number more than 200.

#4 JOHN HENRY BLAKE
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Henry Wesley Blake was a coal miner. He worked at Bootheton, Black Diamond #9, and Marvel #3 from 1933 to 1952. He then moved to Brighton where he worked at Jones Manufacturing and did yard work and other odd jobs until his death.

#41 Henry Wesley Blake

b. 1 Apr 1900 Primitave Ridge, Al.
d. 25 Nov 1974 Bessemer, Al.
m. 26 Jul 1920 Bibb County, Al.
Ellen Cathrine (Nellie) Gillespie
(b. 21 Sep 1902 Johntown, Al.)

#411 daughter (no name) Blake

b. About Jul 1922
d. About Jul 1922 (stillborn)

#412 Leo Wesley Blake

b. 20 Jan 1923 Lowrytown, Al.
m. 6 Dec 1947
Mary Lee Smith
(b. 9 Jul 1927 Mesena, Al., d. 20 Jun 1986
buried Daniell Cemetery)

#4121 daughter (no name) Blake

b. About Jun 1947 Piper, Al.
d. About Jun 1947 (stillborn)

#4122 (Reverend) Wesley David Blake

b. 19 Jun 1949 Marvel, Bibb, Al.
m. 7 May 1968 Alabaster, Al.

#41221 David Wesley Blake

b. 11 May 1969 Daleville, Dale Cty., Al.
m. 1 Sep 1989
Jerri Marlene Griffin
(b. 17 Feb 1967 Bessemer, Al.)

#41222 Philip Andrew Blake

b. 20 Feb 1975 Birmingham, Al.

#4123 Rosemary Cecelia Blake

b. 1 Jun 1951 Birmingham, Al.
m. 9 Jun 1967 Alabaster, Al.
Charles Edward Sparks
(b. 27 Jun 1949 Bibb Cty., Al.)

#4 JOHN HENRY BLAKE
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#41231 Charles Adrian Sparks
b. 2 Dec 1967 Alabaster, Al.
m. 19 Nov 1988 Alabaster, Al.
Mary Downs
(b.10 Nov 1968 Florida)

#412311 Dustin Charles Sparks
b. 10 Aug 1989 Homewood, Al.

#41232 Brian Keith Sparks
b. 8 Jul 1970 Alabaster, Al.

#413 James John Blake

b. 12 Oct 1924 Lowrytown, Al.

m. 6 Jul 1942 Pea Ridge, Shelby, Al.

Margaret Josie Locke

(b. 30 Aug 1925 Youngblood, Bibb, Al.)

*d. Dec 29, 2003 * Bibb, AL
(Frog Level)*

*d. 1991 * Frog Level*

#4131 James Hardy Blake

b. 13 Mar 1947 Marvel, Bibb, Al.

m. 4 Aug 1976 Bessemer, Al.

Janie Mae Daily

(b.15 Nov 1946)

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#41311 James John Blake

b. 29 Dec 1975 Fairfield, Al.

#4132 Mary Catherine Blake

b. 23 Aug 1948 Smith Hill, Al.

m. 18 Nov 1968 West Blocton, Al.

Thomas Earnie Ryan

(b.23 Oct 1939)

#41321 Earnie Ryan

b. 6 Jul 1971 Birmingham, Al.

#41322 Margaret Catherine Ryan

b. 6 Aug 1975 Tuscaloosa, Al.

#41323 Anna Marie Ryan

b. 14 Nov 1984 Birmingham, Al.

#4133 Marion Lee Blake

b. 17 Nov 1949 Smith Hill, Al.

m. 14 Jul 1981 Centreville, Al.

Janet D. Reach

(b.17 Dec 1960)

#4 JOHN HENRY BLAKE
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#41331 Cynthia Diane Blake
b. 22 Jul 1982 Tuscaloosa, Al.

#41332 Ronald Wesley Blake
b. 13 Dec 1984 Tuscaloosa, Al.

#4134 Lennis Blake
b. 16 May 1952 Birmingham, Al.
m. 5 Dec 1972 Pea Ridge, Shelby, Al. (div.)
Judy Fletcher

#41341 Robert Peavey Blake
b. 1 Jul 1979 Alabaster, Al.

#41342 Jamie Louise Blake
b. 5 Feb 1981 Germany

#4134 Lennis Blake
m.(2) 24 Jun 1989
Deborah Williams

#41343 Leigh Ann Williams
b. 2 Jul 1975

#41344 Evan Williams
b. 22 Feb 1979

#4135 Dennis Blake
b. 16 May 1952 Birmingham, Al.
m. 20 Jan 1979 West Blocton, Al.
Carmela Beuntello

#41351 Consular Marie Blake
b. 19 Jan 1980 Bessemer, Al.
b. 22 Feb 1979

#4135 Dennis Blake
m.(2) 15 Apr 1989 Shelby Cty, Al.
Debbie Davis

#41352 Adam Davis

#41353 Jake Davis

#4136 Lewis Ray Blake
b. 28 Jun 1953 Birmingham, Al.
m. 5 May 1973 Alabaster, Al.
Brenda Kay Hensley

#4 JOHN HENRY BLAKE
(continued)

- #41361 Lewis Shannon Blake
b. 19 Nov 1974 Tuscaloosa, Al.
- #41362 Mindy Lynn Blake
b. 31 Oct 1975 Tuscaloosa, Al.
- #41363 Amanda Kay Blake
b. 25 Nov 1981 Tuscaloosa, Al.
- #4137 John Henry Blake
b. 21 Jun 1954 Birmingham, Al.
m. 8 Oct 1973 Orlando, Fl.
Janice Kay Bishop
(b.10 Jul 1955 Virginia)
- #41371 Cindy Kay Blake
b. 11 Nov 1976 Bessemer, Al.
- #41372 Andria Eve Blake
b. 11 Feb 1984 Bessemer, Al.
- #41373 Connie Liane Blake
b. 3 Jun 1985 Bessemer, Al.
- #4138 Joseph Frances Blake
b. 4 Nov 1955 Bessemer, Al.
- #4139 Ronald Wesley Blake
b. 18 Dec 1956 Bessemer, Al.
d. 14 Dec 1979 West Blocton, Al.
- #413X Donald Leslie Blake
b. 18 Dec 1956 Bessemer, Al.
m. 11 Nov 1978 Montevallo, Al.
Emily R. Wright - teaches school in Centreville)
(b. 9 Jun 1960)
- #413X1 Ashley C. Blake
b. 8 Jul 1979 Bessemer, Al.
- #413X1 Leslie Brooke Blake
b. 16 Jan 1985 Bessemer, Al.
- #413A Margaret Gail Blake
b. 31 Jan 1960 Birmingham, Al.

#4 JOHN HENRY BLAKE
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#413B Gloria Jean Blake
b. 21 Jul 1961 Birmingham, Al.
m. 13 Jun 1980 Centreville, Al.
Danny R. Robbins
(b. 15 Jun 1951 South Carolina)

#413B1 John Dewey Robbins
b. 23 Sep 1980 Tuscaloosa, Al.

#413B2 Wesley Albert Robbins
b. 18 Feb 1985 Tuscaloosa, Al.

#413B Gloria Jean Blake
m.(2) 7 Nov 1986 Centreville, Al.
Richard Wesley Aultman
(b. 25 Nov 1946 Perry Cty., Al.)

#413B3 Richard David Aultman
b. 7 Oct 1987 Tuscaloosa, Al.

#413C Robert David Blake
b. 3 Jan 1963 Birmingham, Al.
d. 17 Jan 1963 Fairfield, Al.

#413D Gregory Wayne Blake - a school teacher
b. 19 Sep 1964 Birmingham, Al.

Gregory taught school at West Blocton 1988 & 1989

#413E Carl Thomas Blake
b. 19 Sep 1969 Birmingham, Al.

#414 Edward Paul Blake Sr.
b. 31 Mar 1927 Lowrytown, Al.
m. 21 Oct 1947 Marvel, Bibb, Al. (div.)
Josephine Brunetti
(b.28 Oct 1928 Eddingstown, Bibb Cty., Al.)

#4141 Carol Ann Blake
b. 8 Nov 1949 Eddingstown, Al.
m. 7 Feb 1970 Montevallo, Al.
Donald Neil Holseback
(b.17 Oct 1942 Marvel, Bibb, Al.)

#41411 Donald Neil Holseback
b. 5 Oct 1973 Birmingham, Al.

#4 JOHN HENRY BLAKE
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#41412 Christy Ann Holseback
b. 29 Sep 1974 Birmingham, Al.

#4142 Edward Paul (Eddie) Blake Jr.
b. 12 Nov 1950 Eddingstown, Al.
m. 10 Oct 1978 Centreville, Al.
Judy Kay Holseback
(b.30 Jan 1950 Marvel, Bibb, Al.)

#41421 Jinnefer Lynn Blake
b. 20 Oct 1976 Birmingham, Al.

#41422 Jared Daniel Blake
b. 19 Jun 1980 Birmingham, Al.

#4143 Cathryn Sue Blake
b. 21 Dec 1951 Birmingham, Al.
m. 27 Jun 1970 Columbiana, Al.
Charles Alfred Goggins
(b.18 Oct 1939)

#41431 Charles Scott Goggins
b. 19 Jun 1972 Alabaster, Al.

#41432 Bradley Wade Goggins
b. 17 Sep 1975 Alabaster, Al.

#4144 Nellie Jo Blake
b. 8 Jan 1953 Birmingham, Al.
m. 10 Nov 1972 Dogwood, Al.
Charles Nelson
(b.14 Mar 1954 Birmingham, Al.)

#41441 Kimberly Denise Nelson
b. 26 Oct 1977 Birmingham, Al.

#41442 Charles Wayland Nelson
b. 25 Jan 1982 Birmingham, Al.

#4145 James Domenico Blake
b. 11 Nov 1954 Bessemer, Al.
m. 8 Jun 1982 Centreville, Al.
Susie (no children)
(b.20 May 1964 West Blocton, Al.)

#4 JOHN HENRY BLAKE
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#4146 William Joseph Blake
b. 22 Mar 1956 Bessemer, Al.
m. 11 Oct 1980 Bessemer, Al.
Beverly Howard (no children)
(b.10 Dec 1962)

#4147 Mary Lynn Blake
b. 8 Dec 1957 Birmingham, Al.
m. 8 Dec 1978 Columbiana, Al.
Stan Moreland
(b.18 Feb 1960)

#41471 Stefanie Lynn Moreland
b. 31 May 1983 Birmingham, Al.

#41472 Stanton Keith Moreland
b. 16 Mar 1985 Birmingham, Al.

#41473 Jaqueline Rose Moreland
b. 16 Mar 1990 Birmingham, Al.

#4148 Johnny Daniel Blake
b. 15 Feb 1960 Birmingham, Al.

#4149 Donald Matthew Blake
b. 18 Sep 1961 Birmingham, Al.

#414X Virgil Patric Blake
b. 25 Oct 1962 Alabaster, Al.
m. 23 Jun 1990 Dogwood, Al.
Sheila

#415 Marion Eugene Blake
b. 28 Apr 1932 Northport, Al.
Pratt City, Al.
ry English
936 Pratt City, Al.)

Next

Christopher Blake
y 1957 Birmingham, Al.
t 1977 Quantico, Va.
Lou White

#41511 Ryan Elizabeth Blake
b. 2 Sep 1980 Quantico, Va.

* d. 12 Jun 1998 Carraway/Bessemer
*conv. w/ Matthew Blake
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#4 JOHN HENRY BLAKE
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#41512 John Christopher Blake
b. 16 Apr 1982 Hawaii

#41513 Megan Louise Blake
b. 1 Mar 1985 Maryland

#4152 Matthew Phillip Blake
b. 1 Aug 1958 Birmingham, Al.
m. About 1980 Jasper, Al.
Jeanie Renee' Draper
(b. About 1960 Chicago, Il.)

**as of 3/1/2004
Matthew Blake
21458 Washington Dr.
Vance, AL 35490*

#41521 Mary Elizabeth Blake
b. 27 Nov 1981 Birmingham, Al.

#4152 Matthew Phillip Blake
m. (2) 3 Aug 1984 Clarke Cty., Al.
Tammy Jean Chilson
(b. 19 Apr 1966 Bessemer, Al.)

#41522 Phillip Eugene Blake
b. 21 Jul 1986 Birmingham, Al.

#41523 Anthony Allan Blake
b. 27 Sep 1988 Birmingham, Al.

#4153 Margaret Theresa Blake
b. 7 Jul 1959 Birmingham, Al.
m. Anniston, Al.
Timothy Plumley

#41531 Kenneth Marion Plumley
b. 31 Jul 1981 Tuscaloosa, Al.

#41532 John Wesley Plumley
b. 19 Jul 1982 Bethesda, Md.

#4153 Margaret Theresa Blake
m. (2) Leonard Amos Vandergriff (no children)
(b. 23 Aug 1959 Cleveland, Oh.)

#4154 Michael Henry Blake
b. 29 Jul 1961 Birmingham, Al.

** Matthew Blake invited me 3-1-2004 and gave me
info on pages 39, 46, & 51*

#4 JOHN HENRY BLAKE
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- #42 Oris Alter Blake
b. 24 Mar 1902 Primitive Ridge, Al.
d. 28 Sep 1904 Buried at Daniell Cemetery,
Lowrytown, Al.
Her tombstone is marked:
"Oris Altrie dau of J.H. & D. Blake
born Mar 24, 1902 died Sept 28, 1904"
- #43 daughter (no given name) Blake
b. 21 Nov 1903 Primitive Ridge, Al.
d. 16 Jan 1904
- #44 Martha Agnes Blake
b. 27 May 1905 Lowrytown, Al.
m. 25 Sep 1927 Tuscaloosa, Al.
Leroy Hobson Peaton
(b. 8 Feb 1899 Tuscaloosa, Al.
d. 21 Apr 1949 Tuscaloosa, Al.)
- #441 Roy Allen Peaton
b. 2 Dec 1930 Tuscaloosa, Al.
m. Sep 1951 Tuscaloosa, Al.
Violet Joyner
(b. North Carolina)
- #442 Della Katherine Peaton
b. 30 Sep 1933 Tuscaloosa, Al.
m. Apr 1954 , Ms.
William Andrew Hobson
- #45 Chester Buron Blake
b. 20 Oct 1906 Lowrytown, Al.
d. 1 Mar 1978 Fairfield, Al.
m. 23 Mar 1929
Mae Bell Crider
(b. 22 Feb 1913 d. 23 Feb 1985)
- #451 son (no given name) Blake
b. 6 Dec 1929
d. 9 Dec 1929
- #452 son (no given name) Blake
b. 18 Sept 1931
d. 18 Sept 1931

#4 JOHN HENRY BLAKE
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#453 Nora Helen Blake

b. 28 Apr 1934 Bibb County, Al.
m. 4 Jun 1954 Birmingham, Al.
James Robert Mitchell
(b.31 Dec 1927 Hamilton, Al.)

#4531 Norman Wade Mitchell

b. 26 Nov 1957 Birmingham, Al.
m. 20 Jul 1985 Sumiton, Al.
Phyllis Warren

#4532 Robert Dale Mitchell

b. 3 Nov 1959 Birmingham, Al.
m. Jan 1986
Shelby Sharrict

#45321 Jessica Gail Mitchell

b. 21 Apr 1987 Birmingham, Al.

#45322 Christopher Dale Mitchell

b. 6 Aug 1988 Birmingham, Al.

#4533 Richard Daniel Mitchell

b. 30 Mar 1965
m. May 1989 Winston, Ga.
Marla Watts

#454 Maybeline Blake

b. 5 Sep 1937 Piney Woods, Al.
m. 31 Mar 1954 Columbus, Ms.
Melvin John (M.J.) Geesling
(b. 13 May 1933 Centreville, Al.)

#4541 Belinda Denice Geesling

b. 15 Jun 1955 Birmingham, Al.
m. 4 Sep 1985 Decatur, Ga.
Thomas David Hanes
(b. Decatur, Al.)

#45411 Erin Elyse Haynes

b. 28 Aug 1989 Birmingham, Al.

#45412 Timothy Wayne Geesling

b. 18 Oct 1958 Bessemer, Al.
m. 6 Oct 1978 Hueytown, Al.
Diane Johnston
(b.13 Oct 1960 Fairfield, Al.)

#4 JOHN HENRY BLAKE
(continued)

#454121 Jennifer Michele Geesling
b. 13 Jul 1984 Bessemer, Al.

#454122 Kristin Lanette Geesling
b. 21 Mar 1986 Birmingham, Al.

#455 Dorothy Lynell Blake
b. 17 Feb 1943 Lowrytown, Al.
m. 23 Jun 1962 Hueytown, Al.
Jimmy Franklin Taylor Sr.
(b.27 Apr 1940 Bessemer, Al.)

#4551 Sondra Kay Taylor
b. 3 Jun 1964 Bessemer, Al.
m. 11 Jul 1986 Hueytown, Al.
Steven Vann Dove Sr.
(b. 15 Dec 1966 Midfield, Al.)

#45511 Steven Vann Dove Jr.
b. 14 Jun 1990 Birmingham, Al.

#4552 Jimmy Franklin Taylor Jr.
b. 12 Jun 1968 Bessemer, Al.

#456 son (no given name) Blake
b. 22 Dec 1944
d. 25 Dec 1944

#457 daughter (no given name) Blake
b. 22 Dec 1944
d. 22 Dec 1944

#458 Gary Buron Blake
b. 17 Mar 1946 Lowrytown, Al.
m. About 1965 Greenwood, Al.
Thelma Ann Hastings

#4581 David Buron Blake
b. 3 Sep 1966 Birmingham, Al.

#4582 Tammy Renae Blake
b. 27 Feb 1968 Birmingham, Al.
m. 25 Aug 1990 Bessemer, Al.
Barry McGowen

#4 JOHN HENRY BLAKE
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#4583 Melinda Paige Blake
b. 9 Jan 1971
m. Sep 1989 Bessemer, Al.
Rodney Parker

#45831 Rod Parker
b. About 1985

#45832 Ryan Parker
b. About 1987

#458 Gary Buron Blake
m(2). 25 Jan 1974 Bessemer, Al.
Brenda Fay Wright
(b. 2 Sep 1946 Bessemer, Al.)

#4584 Kimberly Annette Blake
b. 8 Apr 1977 Bessemer, Al.

#459 Geneva Blake
b. 24 Dec 1947 Lowrytown, Al.
m. 21 Dec 1965 Hueytown, Al.
Billy Ray Snow (div.)
(b.10 Jul 1947 Rock Creek, Al.)

#4591 Billy Dwaine Snow
b. 12 Jul 1966 Bessemer, Al.
m. 17 Apr 1988 Rock Creek, Al.
Rene' Gilbert

#45911 Codi Blair Snow
b. 17 Oct 1988 Birmingham, Al.

#4592 Bryan Ray Snow
b. 2 Jan 1970 Bessemer, Al.

#46 Della Lanora Blake
b. 2 Apr 1908 Lowrytown, Al.
d. 23 Sep 1951 Tuscaloosa, Al.
m. 30 Jan 1928 Tuscaloosa, Al.
Melvin Watts Watkins Sr.
(b. 4 Jan 1891 Mississippi
d. 1980 d. 2 Jun 1978 Jackson, Ga.)

#4 JOHN HENRY BLAKE
(continued)

#461 Della Elizabeth Watkins
b. 30 Sep 1929 Tuscaloosa, Al.
m. 2 Apr 1968 Atlanta, Ga.
Stacy Hughey, no children
(b. 11 Dec 1908 Carrolton, Ga.
d. 2 Feb 1981 Jackson, Ga.)

#462 Helen Doris Watkins
b. 2 Jul 1932 Tuscaloosa, Al.
d. 14 Sep 1982 Marietta, Ga.
m. Paul Lawrence Mayoux

#4621 Andria Marie Mayoux
m. Tim Jackson

#46211 Amy Jackson

#46212 Bonnie Jackson

#46213 Rachael Jackson

#4622 Theresa Lynn Mayoux
m. Johnson

#46221 Amanda Lynn Johnson
b. About 1981

#46222 Paul Jeffrey Johnson
b. About 1985

#4623 Claudia Jean Mayoux

#463 Melvin Watts Watkins Jr.
b. 10 Sep 1939 Tuscaloosa, Al.
m. Brenda

#4631 Samantha Watkins
b. About 1972

#4632 Marie Watkins
b. About 1973

#4633 Charles Watkins

#4634 John Wayne Watkins

#4 JOHN HENRY BLAKE
(continued)

#464 Mary Ellen Watkins
b. 13 Aug 1942 Tuscaloosa, Al.
m. Robert Stone

#4641 Lenora Stone
b. 7 Feb 1969

#4642 Bobby Stone
b. 1 Nov 1975

#4643 Rebecca Stone
b. 14 Sep 1977

#47 Imorgene Vera Blake
b. 17 Aug 1910 Lowrytown, Al.
d. 12 Feb 1986 Lowrytown, Al.
m. 6 Apr 1931 Centreville, Al.
R.F. (Pid) West
(b.23 Jul 1910 Primitive Ridge, Al.)

#471 Ruth Duie West
b. 22 Feb 1932 Piper, Al.
d. 26 Dec 1980
m. Louis Gilbert

#472 Thelma Catherine West
b. 6 May 1934 West Blocton, Al.
m. Leonard Cain

#473 Augusta Joyce West
b. 8 May 1935 West Blocton, Al.
m. 16 Jan 1955 Lowndes Cty, Ms.
John Warren Gamble Sr.
(b. 2 May 1929 Reno, Bibb Cty., Al.)

#4731 Betty Joyce Gamble
b. 3 May 1956 Bessemer, Al.
m. 4 Aug 1985 Caffee Jct, Al.
Damon Lee Roge't
(b.22 Jul 1957)

#47311 Lauren Elizabeth Roge't
b. 21 Jun 1986 Homewood, Al.

#4 JOHN HENRY BLAKE
(continued)

- #47312 Adam Brent Roge't
b. 28 Apr 1988 Homewood, Al.
- #4732 John Warren Gamble Jr.
b. 26 Oct 1957 Birmingham, Al.
m. 8 Aug 1975 Caffee Jct., Al.
Tina Diane Hall
- #47321 John Jacob Gamble
b. 14 Oct 1978 Homewood, Al.
- #47322 Jody Warren Gamble
b. 21 Nov 1980 Homewood, Al.
d. 28 Nov 1980 Birmingham, Al.
- #4733 Thomas Grant Gamble
b. 3 May 1960 Birmingham, Al.
m. About 1985 Woodstock, Al.
Sauna Hardeman
m.(2) May 1988 Bryson City, N.C.
Antoinette Page
- #4734 Dana Gene Gamble Sr.
b. 23 May 1961 Birmingham, Al.
m. 12 Feb 1986 Bessemer, Al. (div.)
Sonya Shackelford
- #47341 Stefanie Fay Gamble
b. 16 Aug 1986 Homewood, Al.
- #47342 Dana Gene Gamble Jr.
b. Jun 89 Homewood, Al.
d. Jun 89 Homewood, Al. (stillborn)
- #4735 Kerry West Gamble
b. 15 Apr 1965 Birmingham, Al.
m. 13 Aug 1983 Caffee Jct., Al.
Cynthia Diane Cook
(b. 6 Jun 1967)
- #47351 Kerry Luke Gamble
b. 14 Sep 1984 Tuscaloosa, Al.
- #47352 Brittney Joanne Gamble
b. 3 Oct 1989 Tuscaloosa, Al.

#4 JOHN HENRY BLAKE
(continued)

- #4736 Sonya Kay Gamble
b. 25 Jul 1967 Birmingham, Al.
- #474 Ralph Donald West
b. 29 Dec 1937 West Blocton, Al.
m. Nell Cooper
m.(2) Joyce Burkhalter
- #475 Norma Jeane West
b. 17 Nov 1939 West Blocton, Al.
m. Jack Holden
- #476 Martha Elizabeth West
b. 8 Sep 1941 West Blocton, Al.
m. Douglas Dyer
- #477 Vera Mae West
b. 19 Feb 1943 West Blocton, Al.
m. Jackie Hudson
- #478 Janice Merel West
b. 11 Dec 1945 West Blocton, Al.
m. William E. Walker Jr.
- #479 Larry Ray West
b. 12 Feb 1950 West Blocton, Al.
m. unknown
m.(2) unknown
m.(3) Tamela
- #48 Joseph Solomon Blake
b. 7 Apr 1912 Lowrytown, Al.
d. 24 Mar 1974
m. Lorene
(b. 8 Sept 1922 d. About May 1975)
- #49 Mary Lou Blake
b. 1 Jan 1914 Lowrytown, Al.
m. 15 Feb 1931 Lowrytown, Al.
R.V. Riley West Sr.
(b.12 Oct 1909 Lucille, Bibb Cty., Al.
d.17 Mar 1976 Birmingham, Al.)

#4 JOHN HENRY BLAKE
(continued)

- #491 Jewel Ellen West
b. 11 Jan 1932 Primate Ridge, Al.
m. 28 May 1949 West Blocton, Al.
Aubrey D. (Buck) Gilliland
(b. About 1928 in Ala.,
d. 10 Nov 1967 West Blocton)
- #4911 Laura Gilliland
b. date unknown
m. Robbie O'Bryant
- #49111 Joseph O'Bryant
- #49112 Jessica O'Bryant
- #4912 Susan Gilliland
b. date unknown
m. (given name unknown) Appleby
- #49121 Steven Appleby
- #49122 Daniel Appleby
- #49123 (given name unknown) Riley
- #491 Jewel Ellen West
m.(2) 1 Nov 1969 West Blocton, Al.
Luther Boozer
(b.24 Dec 1923)
- #492 R.V. Riley West Jr.
b. 14 Feb 1935 Primate Ridge, Al.
m. Melbie Mimms
(b. Clanton, Al.)
- #4921 Cathy West
b. date unknown
m. (Reverend) Tommy Smitherman
- #49211 Joseph Smitherman
- #49212 Josh Smitherman
(Joseph & Josh are twins)
- #4922 Kevin West

#4 JOHN HENRY BLAKE
(continued)

- #493 John Burgues West
b. 6 Jun 1938 Marvel, Bibb, Al.
m. About 1956 Vance, Al.
Janette Porter
- #4931 John Wayne West
b. About 1960
m. Sherry
- #49311 John West
b. About 1980
- #4932 Donna West
b. date unknown
m. name unknown
- #4933 Regina Kim West
b. date unknown
m. Don Bearden
- #493 John Burgues West
m. (2) 12 Mar 1983 Tuscaloosa Cty. Al.
Ann Sexton
- #4934 Tony West
b. date unknown
m. name unknown
- #494 Linda Lou West
b. 2 Jan 1947 Primitave Ridge, Al.
m. About 1970 West Blocton, Al.
Gerald Eugene Cullum
(b. 17 Nov Denver, Co.)
- #4941 Scott Cullum
- #4942 Matthew Cullum
- #4943 Lori Cullum
- #495 Margaret Sylvia West
b. 14 Apr 1948 Primitave Ridge, Al.
m. 18 Apr 1970 Primitave Ridge, Al.
Dewey Lee Bryant, no children
m. (2) 12 Mar 1983 Smith Hill, Al.
Jack Quinn, no children

#4 JOHN HENRY BLAKE
(continued)

#496 Kenneth Dale West
b. 1 Dec 1949 Primitave Ridge, Al.
m. 19 Aug 1972 Centreville, Al.
Brenda Gail Blackmon

#4961 John Michael West

#4962 Angie West

#497 Sharon Kay West
b. 5 Dec 1952 Birmingham, Al.
m. 1975 Bull Dog Bend, Al.
Larry Belcher

#4971 Amanda Belcher

#4972 Mary Beth Belcher

#4X Thelma Lee Blake
b. 27 Jun 1915 Lowrytown, Al.
d. 31 Mar 1989 Tuscaloosa, Al.
m. 10 Sep 1935 Tuscaloosa, Al.
Sam Patton Fincher

#4A Eunice Hazel Blake
b. 24 Jun 1917 Lowrytown, Al.
d. 15 Aug 1962 Denver, Co.
m. 9 Jul 1934 Tuscaloosa, Al.
Sam Evans

#4B Audrey Pauline Blake
b. 9 Jan 1919 Lowrytown, Al.
m. 23 Feb 1936 Northport, Al.
Buary Searcy Smalley (div.)
(b. 23 May 1914 Tuscaloosa, Al.)

#4B1 John Searcy Smalley
b. 17 Sep 1937 Tuscaloosa, Al.
d. 22 Dec 1937 Tuscaloosa, Al.

#4B2 Buary Douglas Smalley
b. 6 Feb 1939 Tuscaloosa, Al.
d. 4 Aug 1946 Tuscaloosa, Al.

#4 JOHN HENRY BLAKE
(continued)

- #4B3 Wayne Daniel Smalley
b. 3 Jan 1942 Tuscaloosa, Al.
m. 28 Oct 1961 Tuscaloosa, Al.
Sedna Fay Strickland
- #4B31 Brent Earl Smalley
b. 22 Jul 1962 Tuscalooa, Al.
- #4B32 Darrel Wayne Smalley
- #4B33 Aprillie Smalley
b. 1 Apr
- #4B4 Robert Harold Smalley
b. 16 Jun 1944 Tuscaloosa, Al.
m. name unknown
- #4B41 Timothy Allen Smalley
- #4B42 Robert Dale Smalley
- #4B4 Robert Harold Smalley
m.(2) name unknown
- #4B43 Carrie Smalley
- #4B44 Matthew Smalley
- #4B4 Robert Harold Smalley
m.(3) name unknown
- #4B45 (name unknown)
- #4B5 Autry Aden Smalley
b. 26 Apr 1951 Tuscaloosa, Al.
m. Tuscaloosa, Al.
Linda Fay Sellers
- #4B51 Shelley Smalley
- #4B52 Shannon Smalley
- #4B6 Jimmy Benard Smalley
b. 1 Feb 1953 Tuscaloosa, Al.
m. Tuscaloosa, Al.
Charlene Earnest

#4 JOHN HENRY BLAKE
(continued)

- #4B61 Brannon Smalley
b. About 1974
- #4B7 Bruce LLOYD Smalley Sr.
b. 1 Oct 1956 Tuscaloosa, Al.
m. Donna Fontaine
Tuscaloosa, Al.
- #4B71 Bruce LLOYD Smalley Jr.
b. About 1975
- #4B72 Joshua Smalley
b. About 1977
- #4B8 Steven Dale Smalley
b. 9 Jul 1958 Tuscaloosa, Al.
m. Marsha Norman
Tuscaloosa, Al.
- #4B81 Erica Dale Smalley
b. 23 Sep 1980
- #4B82 Blake Steven Smalley
b. 23 May 1982
- #4C Ruth Cecelia Blake
b. 27 Feb 1921 Lowrytown, Al.
m. 7 Sep 1940 Tuscaloosa, Al.
Cyrus Patton Howell Sr.
(b. 4 Nov 1918 Tuscaloosa Cty., Al.)
- #4C1 Cyrus Patton Howell Jr.
b. 18 Oct 1944 Mobile, Al.
m. 26 Dec 1963 Tuscaloosa, Al.
Carol Sue Estes
(b. 8 Oct 1944 Tuscaloosa, Al.)
- #4C11 Michael Allen Howell
b. 9 Aug 1966 Laurel, Ms.
- #4C12 Cyrus Patton Howell III
b. 23 Mar 1963 Birmingham, Al.
- #4C1 Cyrus Patton Howell Jr.
m. (2) 13 Jul 1971 Tuscaloosa, Al.
Vera Ruth Simpson

#4 JOHN HENRY BLAKE
(continued)

#4C13 Kimberly Leona Howell
b. 16 Feb 1974 Tuscaloosa, Al.

#4C2 Glen Michael Howell
b. 10 Jul 1947 Tuscaloosa, Al.
m. 11 Apr 1971 Coker, Tuscaloosa Cty., Al.
Margaret Ann O'Bryant

#4C21 Jeffery Michael Howell
b. 2 Nov 1981 Little Rock, Arkansas

#4C3 Phyllis Cecelia Howell
b. 10 Aug 1948 Tuscaloosa, Al.
m. 2 Sep 1967 Tuscaloosa, Al.
Anthony Michael Malatino

#4C31 Annette Cecelia Malatino
b. 5 Jul 1969 Tuscaloosa, Al.

#4C32 Patricia Lynn Malatino
b. 11 Mar 1972

#4C33 Christie Michelle Malatino
b. 11 May 1974

#4C4 Alvin Keith Howell
b. 16 Jun 1955 Birmingham, Al.
m. 24 Apr 1976 Tuscaloosa, Al.
Brenda Gail Morris
(b. 11 Dec 1954 Tuscaloosa, Al.)

#4C41 Joshua Keith Howell
b. 8 Jan 1980 Tuscaloosa, Al.

#4C42 Amanda Gail Howell
b. 18 Dec 1983 Tuscaloosa, Al.

#4C43 Jenifer Leigh Howell
b. 14 Jul 1985 Tuscaloosa, Al.

#4D Margaret Sylvia Blake
b. 14 Oct 1924 Lowrytown, Al.
d. 23 Aug 1976 Pensacola, Fl.
m. Tommy Rogers

SECTION J

#5 OLLIE D. BLAKE

Ollie's family was unknown to me until the 26th of August, 1991 when I received a call from Ruth Blake Howell. It seems a granddaughter of Ollie, Evelyn Howard, had called Ruth about the family. Ruth gave me her phone number. Evelyn has a son, Tony Ferrell, who has been working on the family history for years. Tony and I got together the next day and spent the day together. I learned all that is in this section from Tony and his family.

I had been told that Ollie died giving birth to her last child. Actually, her youngest child, Ellon, was seven months old when Ollie died of pneumonia and measles. Her, husband, John Hill, was a farmer. He was born in Tuscaloosa County and moved with his wife back to Bibb County after the birth of their third child. They lived in or near West Blocton. The third child, Henry, was buried in an unmarked grave at Shiloh Church Cemetery.

After Ollie's death, John and the children moved back to Tuscaloosa and took jobs in the Rosenau Hosiery Mills in the Rosedale area. A year later they moved back to the Shiloh Church area. John ran a grist mill (Doss's Mill) for several years in that section of Bibb County.

John Hill is one of eleven children born to David Hill and Sarah Norwood. David was the son of William R. Hill of Georgia. For people who are interested in the Hill line, I suggest you contact Tony Ferrell who gave me this information. Tony's address in August 1991 was P.O. Box 794, Tuscaloosa, AL. 35402.

John G. Hill was born the 19th of January, 1861 in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. He died the 13th of November, 1951. John married Ollie Dicey Blake on the 28th of June, 1893 in Tuscaloosa County and is buried in the Ducanville Methodist Church Cemetery in Tuscaloosa County.

Ollie Dicey Blake was born on the 18th of February, 1877 in Bibb County, Alabama. She died the 9th of April, 1911 and is buried at Mt. Carmel Cemetery in West Blocton, Bibb County, Alabama. Her grave is located in the old section of the cemetery which is across the street from the parsonage and directly behind the church. Her grave is directly across the street from the new part and near a cedar tree.

John and Ollie's descendants are given on the following pages.

#5 OLLIE D. BLAKE
(continued)

- #51 Sarah May Hill
b. 30 Aug 1894 Tuscaloosa County, Al.
m. about 1912 probably Tuscaloosa County
David James
- #511 Jesse Clinton James
- #512 Ben James
- #513 Edna May James
m. Horton
- #514 Elizabeth James
m. Reach
- #515 Bertha James
m. Lee
- #516 Frances James
m. Cook
- #517 Lois James
m. Knoblock
- #518 Louise James
m. Kennedy
- #519 (infant son)
- #51A (infant son)
- #51B (infant son)
- #51C (infant son)
- #52 Emma Ludie Hill
b. 19 Mar 1896 Tuscaloosa County, Al.
d. about 1989 Northport, Tuscaloosa Cty., Al.
m. 1915 Tuscaloosa, Al.
Rufus Stephens
- #521 Irene Stephens
m. Rankin
- #522 Robert Stephens

I had a note that
said the birth order
on this page is
wrong. Unfortunately,

The note did not
say why it is wrong.
Now I've forgotten.

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#5 OLLIE D. BLAKE
(continued)

#523 Margaret Stephens
m. Parker

#524 Opal Stephens
m. Payne

#525 George Stephens

#526 Ruth Stephens
m. Dillard

#53 Henry Hill
b. 19 Apr 1897 Tuscaloosa County, Al.
d. 16 Sep 1898 Tuscaloosa County, Al.
(buried at Shiloh)

#54 Dora Leona Hill
b. 25 Nov 1898 West Blocton, Bibb County, Al.
m. 23 Dec 1921 Tuscaloosa, Al.
Melton Edward Hobson Howard

#541 Eunice Evelyn Howard
b. 14 Nov 1922 Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa Cty., Al.
m. 10 Sep 1980 Tuscaloosa, Al.
Roy Houston Channell
(b. Jul 1910 ,Al.)

#5411 Howard Huston Channell
b. 17 Jun 1949 Tuscaloosa, Al.
m. Joyce Tubbs

#541 Eunice Evelyn Howard
m.(2) (date unknown)
Ralph Ferrell

#5411 Antonio Douglas Ferrell
b. 10 Sep 1957 Tuscaloosa, Al.
m. 4 Dec 1979 Tuscaloosa, Al.
Joyce Mae Gossett

#54111 Elizabeth Ferrell
b. 20 Feb 1991

#5412 Joseph Ferrell
b. 1 Jul 1959

#5 OLLIE D. BLAKE
(continued)

#542 Lessie Howard (twin)
b. 9 Jul 1924
m. Hutchins

#5421 Philip Hutchins

#543 Lester Howard (twin)
b. 9 Jul 1924

#5431 David A. Howard

#54311 Jimmy A. Howard

#54312 Matthew Howard

#54313 John Howard

#5432 Linda Howard
m. Talbert

#5433 Michael Howard

#54331 Bertrum Howard

#54332 Lucas Howard

#54333 Dora Alice Howard

#54334 Peter Lester Howard

#5434 John Howard

#54341 William Charles Howard
b. about 1988

#54342 Robert Lester

#544 Lee Edward Howard
b. 31 Aug 1927
d. Nov 1930

#5 OLLIE D. BLAKE
(continued)

#545 Paul Howard
b. 28 Aug 1931
m. (2)

#5451 Andy Howard
b. 8 Mar

#54511 Kevin Charles

#5452 Larry Howard

#5453 Joan Howard

#55 Willie Albert Hill
b. 15 Apr 1900 West Blocton, Bibb County, Al.
d. 19 Oct 1946 Galveston, Galveston County, Tx.
(buried in Freeport, Brazoria County, Texas)
m. Martha (no children)

#56 Clara B. Hill
b. 19 Aug 1902 West Blocton, Bibb County, Al.
m. about 1924 Tuscaloosa, Al.
Martin Jack Cook

#561 Joyce Cook
m. Barger

#562 Harold Cook

#563 Faye Cook
m.

#564 Peggy Cook
m. Smith

#565 Ray Cook

#57 Hattie Lee Hill
b. 17 Jul 1904 West Blocton, Bibb County, Al.
m. 1922 maybe Hale County, Al.
Walter Morrison (no children)

#58 (infant son) Hill
b. 6 Jun 1906 West Blocton, Bibb County, Al.
d. 6 Jun 1906 West Blocton, Bibb County, Al.

#5 OLLIE D. BLAKE
(continued)

- #59 Rufus Hill
b. 8 May 1908 West Blocton, Bibb County, Al. (twin)
d. Mar 1972 Lucedale, Ms.
m. (date unknown) Tuscaloosa County, Al.
Helen Jones
- #591 Jean Hill
- #592 Peggy Hill
d. age 3
- #5A Ruby L. Hill
b. 8 May 1908 West Blocton, Bibb County, Al. (twin)
m. 1930 Tuscaloosa, Al.
Homer A. Flanigan
- #5A1 Hilda Flanigan
m. Kilgore
- #5A2 Homer Douglas Flanigan
- #5A3 John N. Flanigan
- #5A4 Betty Flanigan
m. Hendrick
- #5A5 Sarah m.(2) Campbell
- #5A6 Juanita Flanigan
m. Schuller
- #5A7 Onita Flanigan
- #5B Ellon N. Hill
b. 23 Aug 1910 West Blocton, Bibb County, Al.
m. 1928 Bibb County, Al.
Manly Hubbard

#5 OLLIE D. BLAKE
(continued)

#5B1 Richard Hubbard

#5B2 Lawrence Hubbard

#5B3 Dorothy Hubbard
m. Breeland

#5B Ellon N. Hill
m. (2) Bowman (no children)

SECTION K

#6 VELMA T. BLAKE

In an interview on April 15, 1981 Imorgene Blake West told me that Velma married Ben Perry and had the following children: Charlie, Earl, Carl, and M.R. She said some of this information she obtained from tombstones at the old Hill place. I have no idea where the old Hill place is. Imorgene died before I could get back with her to find out.

Juliette Hicks told me that Velma had twin boys. She didn't know of the other children. She also told me that Velma lived in Scottsville or Vernontown or some place like that. Perhaps the old Hill place is around that vicinity. Scottsville Road is near Lowrytown where the Daniell Cemetery is located.

SECTION L

#7 JANE N. BLAKE

On the 15th of April, 1981, I went with my mother and Uncle Kirby and Aunt Mennie May Blake to the Bibbville Baptist Church Cemetery where Janie and her husband Oscar Lawrence are buried. We found tombstones with the following inscriptions:

"Janie Lawrence 1879 - 1967"
(daughter of Marion A. Blake)

"Oscar Lawrence 1869 - 1919"
(Janie's Husband)

"Lee Roy Lawrence Jan. 22, 1897 to Aug. 15, 1966"
(Janie's son)

"Fannie Lawrence Feb. 3, 1899 to Nov. 24, 1978"
(Lee Roy's wife)

The relationships were given to me by Uncle Kirby Blake.

I was told by Imorgene Blake West that Lee Roy's name was James Leroy Lawrence. James John Blake told me that Hardy O. Lawrence (born 18 September, 1919 and died 30 Dec 1941) is Leroy's son.

On August 9th, 1990, Juliette Hicks told me that Janie's children were Leroy, Lonnie, Willie (a male), Clara, Robert, Jack, and Irabell. She said Irabell married a Hodges and lives in Dora, Alabama.

In a telephone conversation on February 15, 1982 Alice Blake Howard told me that Janie Blake Lawrence had a son, Robert Lawrence, phone 665-2214. I called the number but the people that answered don't know anyone named Lawrence. Perhaps he is dead now, I don't know. Juliette Hicks told me that Willie and Ira Bell are the only ones still living. Juliette said Ira Bell married a Hodges and lived in Dora, Al. and her mother, Jane, lived there with her prior to her death.

SECTION M

#8 RICHARD T. BLAKE

Richard Taylor Blake was born December 9th, 1880 in Alabama. His daughter, Juliette is not sure which county he was born in. She said it may have been Bibb County but she's not sure. He married Margie Melvina Roland, daughter of Andrew Dennis Roland and Almerina Jane Cox, on January 15th, 1904 in West Blocton, Al. and Richard died on May 22nd, 1950 in Bessemer, Al.

Margie Roland's mother, Almerina, was from a people known as Black Dutch. They look like the Dutch people but aren't as fair as them. They have a darker skin tone and dark hair and eyes. Margie was born April 13th, 1889 at Primitive Ridge, Al., and died May 26, 1953 in Bessemer, Al. Richard and Margie are buried in the Hickory Hill Cemetery behind Mt. Carmel Church.

Richard Blake was a tall man who had black hair, dark colored skin and high cheekbones. He was a good Christian man with high morals. He took his children to church every Sunday. He was the Sunday School Superintendent of the 3rd Baptist Church in Primitive Ridge for years. He was also a deacon of the church. It is Southern Baptist now, but, back then, it was a Missionary Baptist Church.

When Richard was a little boy, he had to work hard for the family. He and his father, Marion Alonzo Blake, would get up before dawn and work all day until after dark for 25 cents a day. Marion was a share-cropper. His family lived near Centreville.

Juliette said her father had an uncle named Richard who was a Missionary Baptist minister. This older Richard had long white whiskers. She only saw him once when he came by her father's home in a wagon and her father went out and stopped him to talk. This, no doubt, is Richard Hobson Blake who was Marion Alonzo Blake's brother. Juliette remembers him and two of Marion Blake's sisters, namely Theodocia Blake, and Amanda Jane Blake (known as Aunt Jeanie).

Richard Taylor Blake and Margie Melvina Roland had the following descendants:

#8 RICHARD T. BLAKE
(continued)

#81 Claude Lee Blake

b. 21 Apr 1906 West Blocton, Al.
d. 22 Feb 1977 Greenwood, Al.
m. 8 Sep 1934 Dogwood, Al.
Lucille Bunn
(b.14 Jul 1915)

#82 Willard Juliette Blake

b. 20 Apr 1910 West Blocton, Al.
m. 25 Jun 1928 West Blocton, Al.
Lester Lee Hicks Sr.
(b. 8 Apr 1907 Piper, Al.
d. 8 Feb 1970 Birmingham, Al.)

#821 Lester Lee Hicks Jr.

b. 7 Jun 1929 West Blocton, Al.
m. 7 Sep 1956 Bessemer, Al.
Nancy Harbarger
(b. 8 Jun 1934)

#822 Peggy June Hicks

b. 3 Apr 1932 Underwood, Al.
m. 1951
Myron Veitch
m.(2) Tuscaloosa, Al.
Jimmy Estes
m.(3) Stanley Casey

#823 Roland David Hicks

b. 14 Sep 1934 Birmingham, Al.
m. 7 Nov 1959 Bessemer, Al.
Mitzie Ann Fisher
m.(2) Dorothy Reynolds

#824 Benny Blake Hicks

b. 14 May 1940 English, West Virginia
m. 11 Nov 1960 Helena, Al.
Linda Elaine England

Cheltz was named after Cheltz White, a boarder of his grandfather Andrew Dennis Roland. Cheltz White was the manager of a T.C.I. dry goods store in West Blocton.

#83 Cheltz Andrew Blake

b. 16 Nov 1913 West Blocton, Al.
d. 1987 Bessemer, Al.
m. 11 Nov 1939 Shelby Cty., Al.
Tommie Mae Horton

#8 RICHARD T. BLAKE
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- #84 Louise Estelle Blake
b. 20 Nov 1916 West Blocton, Al.
d. 4 May 1939 Shelby Cty., Al.
m. 24 Nov 1934 Dogwood, Al.
Ralph Harkins
(b. 1914 Garnsey, Al.
d. 21 Dec 1938 Dogwood, Al.)

Royce's parents died when he was quite young.
Juliette Hicks, his aunt, raised him as if he were
her own child.

- #841 Royce Flynn Harkins
b. 5 Feb 1936 Underwood, Al.
m. About 1957 , Ms.
Betty Jennings
m.(2) 20 Feb 1965 , Ca.
Sharon Vann

- #85 Frieda Marie Blake
b. 4 Apr 1924 West Blocton, Al.
m. 26 Oct 1943 Powderly, Al.
William Elwin Winters

- #86 (Reverend) Paul Ellis Blake
b. 18 Oct 1926 West Blocton, Al.
m. Powderly, Al.
Elaine Eaves

SECTION N

#9 RACHEL D. BLAKE

According to the family record in possession of Mary Lou Blake West, Rachel was born June 26, 1884. This agrees with the 1900 census (except for the month). That would make her 9 years old if her mother died in 1893. Juliette Hicks said her father, Richard was 6 and Rachel was 4 when their mother died. Alice Howard said Harriette's youngest child was 6 when Harriette died. Since several written sources (family records and census records) agree with the years of birth for both Richard and Rachel, and the family record of Harriette's death agree's with Chester Johnson's book, I must assume that Richard and Rachel were older than 6 and 4 when their mother died.

According to Lillie Blake Warren in an interview 1972, Rachel married Clint Stewart. In August, 1990 Juliette Hicks told me Rachel had the following children that she could remember: Clarence, Ora Mae, Lavera, and R.F. Juliette said R.F. died at Bryce's Mental Hospital in Tuscaloosa. He had no children. Lavera had two daughters. They're buried at Hickory Hill Cemetery. Juliette doesn't recall their names.

In 1982 Alice Blake Howard said Ora Mae married J.B. Kornagay. I called J.B. in June 1990. J.B. told me Ora Mae died in 1967.

SECTION P

#X BESSIE E. BLAKE

The following is excerpted from the family record in possession of Mary Lou Blake:

Bessie E. Blake	[born]	Sept. 27	1886
Bessie E. Blake	[died]	Sept.29	1891.

Imorgene Blake West told me that she thought Harriette Emaline Merrell's 10th child was named Emma or something like that. Perhaps Bessie middle initial "E" stood for "Emma". Since Bessie only lived to age 5, its understandable that those living 80 years later would have difficulty remembering her. It is not known where Bessie is buried. However, a copy of Marion Blake's marriage to Lizzie Sanders shows they were married at Primative Ridge in 1893 just two years after Bessie's death. Residents in the area told me that members of the 3rd Baptist Church bury their dead at Mt. Carmel. Bessie's grave may be in there.

SECTION Q

#A ALICE W. BLAKE

Alice W. Blake is the only daughter I have record of born to Marion Alonzo Blake and Elizabeth Sanders. Alice was born in 1908. She married Clarence S. Howard and they had one son, Samuel Eugene Howard. Samuel has one child, a daughter, Hilary. Samuel and his wife live in Mountain Brook. They are professional concert pianists. Alice babysits and keeps house for them while they are on tour.

APPENDIX I

BIBB COUNTY DURING THE
GREAT DEPRESSION(An Autobiography of
Doris Warren Vincent)

I have included this biographical sketch for two reasons. First and foremost, it is very dear to me and I want to leave it for posterity. But, secondly, I feel it will touch the hearts and memories of Blakes and Blake descendants of my mother's generation who grew up in Bibb County during the Depression years of 1930 to 1940. My mother, Doris Warren Vincent, was 5 years old when the stock market crashed in 1929. I want the people of my generation to have at least one record of what things were like back then and I want the people of the next generation to know that it is possible to get by with very little and still be happy.

I will not indent or use quotes (to save space). What follows beginning with the next paragraph is a copy of my mother's history as she wrote it out in longhand.

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I was just remembering my childhood today & something came to mind that still means a lot to me today. Since I grew up during a rough time for the whole country, I got to thinking why so many things mean so much to me. The Market Crash and the Great Depression of 1929 meant nothing to us because we had nothing before, so it didn't matter too much we had nothing afterward. It was an uphill climb all the way. Nobody we knew had any more than we did. Now, I figure this is why I cherish everything I own, especially my home and family, my whole family, aunts, uncles, cousins & all.

I was five years old in 1929. That was the year I had typhoid & spent my first night (two weeks) in a hospital, saw my first fire engine & saw Birmingham, Ala. for the first time (from my hospital room window). Of course, I didn't know where I was till my fever broke and I started recovery. I don't remember much except for the last week, cause I also had chicken pox while I was there. I loved my nurses & they must have loved me because when I left, one gave me her manicure scissors, one gave me the saucer and bowl I ate mashed potatoes and ice cream out of , all of which I still have 50 years later.

The earliest I can remember, I must have been about 3 years old. We lived somewhere near Briarfield & Montevallo. My paternal grandmother died & is buried at Cahaba Valley (Carlton Hill at the time), Cemetery. the road going to the church was under water & we had to go in a wagon. The hearse couldn't get thru so they put the casket in a wagon to get there. Aunt Lillie Warren verifies this. Somewhere between that time & the time I was four, I remember walking at nite with my sister and parents thru the woods & fields to my Aunt Lucille Warren Lucas' house. I got so tired & my daddy would not carry me!

I don't know how long we stayed with them or why. My daddy must have been out of work. I was running thru some plowed ground while there & ran into an old rusty plow blade which was buried. The point hit my right foot an top & down I went. It cut a bad gash across a vein & bled & bled. My mother and Aunt Lucille bathed my foot & soaked it in kerosine & bandaged it with a piece of clean white cloth. While we were there, my cousin Rosie Lucas struck a match & blew it out & stuck it to my arm, just to see if it would burn. It did & I still have the scar to prove it!

I remember my mother and Aunt Lucille slicing apples and laying them out to dry on a sheet spread over some boards or wire. They turned all of them over every few days.

I have no idea where we went from there but I believe my daddy got a job in a mine because we moved into a house of own -- rented of course. We must have moved to Piper or Coleanor or Marvel. Maybe he went to work in a sawmill because I remember my sister started to school. And I know we lived near a sawmill when she started to school. We had no furniture except a mattress, a table & chairs. My mother cooked on a fireplace. We had flapjacks & potatoes & beans. All our belongings were packed in boxes & a trunk.

We played in a sawdust pile near our house. After that I know we moved near a mine because my memory is sharper as I get near school age. I know we lived at Marvel near a company owned store.

One day my mother went to the store to get something to go with our supper & left me with my sister. I cried to go. After mama left, my sister called me in from play & put a freshly ironed dress on me (over dirt & all) & told me to go after mama. She was embarrassed to have me there in my clean dress over all that dirt but she bought me an ice cream cone. I took one big lick & the cream hit the floor & I was left with an empty cone. The storekeeper felt sorry for me & gave me another one. I was so happy!

We also saw our first movie while living in Marvel -- a silent film of course. The year was 1928 probably. We had electric lights, too. First we'd ever had or probably seen. A drop cord bulb in the middle of each room, with a pull chain to turn it on & off.

I remember so well my mother rocking me to sleep singing, "My Baby, I want you tonite, Dear, after my work is thru. To rock you to sleep in my arms, Dear & sing lullaby to you."

While we lived at Marvel, I was playing on the porch rail & tumbled overboard & landed on my head & back on our rocky yard. When I came to, Dr. H.C. Cochran was examining me & telling my parents I would probably be alright but I might have some kidney damage. Well, I did - which is another story. Or rather, kidney trouble is what he said.

My grandparents lived near Cahaba River most of the time I can remember. At one time it seems over half their ten children and their offspring lived with them. My Uncle Son (J.M. Blake) & his wife lived with them. So did Aunt Pearl, who was a widow with three sons, my mother (Oney Blake) & her two girls, Aunt Lorene & uncle Cotton (Kirby) who weren't married yet. My mother & daddy were separated at the time. All this before my sister started school. I remember living with my grandparents at least three different times. Once at Six Mile, once at Bulldog Bend on the Fancher Farm & once near there, maybe on the same farm, different house. Two places stand out in my mind, both near the river. Of course, the most vivid is when I "drowned", about 2 miles below Bulldog Bend, according to my uncles, Cotton & Son. We had all gone swimming & I was in about 2 ft. deep water when I went to the bottom. My cousin Jack England, Aunt Pearl's son, stumbled over me, & picked me up.

I must have been all of 2 1/2 to 3 yrs. old. It scared me so bad, 'til I still have a fear of Cahaba River, yet I love that part of Alabama because it also brings back some happy memories.

Once, when we lived near the river, my daddy acquired a Model T Ford. We were on our way home one night when the lights went out just as we got on the bridge to cross the river. This time it had rained very hard & the water was up near the bridge, which was being repaired. It had no side rails on it! the repairmen had placed 2 by 4 boards along the sides near the edges. My daddy had a carbide miner's lamp & he lit it & got out & looked. Our front tire was over one of the 2 by 4's already. We were scared stiff. Mama had to hold the lamp & walk backwards across the bridge 'til daddy could inch his way across without going overboard. The wind kept blowing out the lamp, they had to stop & relite every few minutes. I'm sure we all gave a prayer of thanks once we got across. Today that bridge has been replaced but part of the old one is still there. It's to the left of the first one crossing the river going from West Blocton toward Centreville.

After talking with my Aunt Pearl last week, we decided that my family had to live at Helena or Coleanor when I had typhoid because Aunt Pearl had it the same year. She says there were five members of the family besides me who were sick with fever at the same time, my grandparents & 2 aunts & an uncle. I have no idea how they contracted it but the County Health Dept. decided they would condemn a spring from which we had been getting our drinking water. I also have no idea how my parents & sister avoided it, if that's where I got it.

After my stay in the hospital, I had to learn to walk again, which took about a week or 10 days. All my hair came out & came back a different color & not nearly as curly.

We had to get water from a neighbor's well, which was tested & declared safe. Just a short while later we moved to somewhere else.

As I mentioned in the beginning we had little to eat, very few clothes, or belongings. I do know that none of the children in my family seemed to realize how little we had. We treasured all that we owned, especially an old cedar pencil with no eraser & a rough, first grade tablet. If the pencil HAD to be sharpened we would get our parents to do it with a very sharp knife so as little as possible would be cut away.

We were always happy & played hide & seek, climbing trees, whittling wood - if we could get hold of a knife, or we played school & church & sang. We had to amuse ourselves because we had no toys & our parents had no time to help us stay busy. We stayed out of trouble too. We knew all too well if we didn't we'd have stripes on our legs for everyone to see. We didn't get a spanking or a beating, we got a switching we didn't forget. Doing anything really bad just never occurred to us. If it did, we knew to put it out of our minds.

We were absolutely delighted to find an old innertube. That meant we could make slingshots. We didn't shoot each other, we shot to see who could get a rock or gravel as far from where we were standing as possible. The one who won just won & that was it, just plain old competition. We also played with bottles like castor oil or medicine bottles. They had to be flatsided because we laid them on the side & used them for cars. Our people inside them were little sticks or match sticks - already burned.

When hickorynuts fell the whole family would go into the woods & hunt hickorynuts. That was fun. We would crack them on the hearth at nite & pick the meat out with horseshoe nails & eat 'til we got tired of them.

On rainy days we would all huddle up in a bunch & get our grandpa to tell us stories. He also whittled dolls out of apple crate wood occasionally. My sister has one he made for her. It's shaped like a gingerbread man or woman.

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Today was homecoming day at Cahaba Valley Church in Bibb County. We always have a good time visiting with aunts & uncles & cousins and eating all that good food. Everyone wants pictures of everyone else. this year was a lot sadder than usual because we had two of our precious members missing. Two of my mother's sisters died within the past fourteen months, one just five weeks ago. My oldest living aunt, Pearl who was 84, died in May. the year before our youngest aunt, Lorene had died. She was 66.

Thinking on this got me started looking in the Church Cemetery for markers on graves. On my father's side I have two cousins, an aunt & uncle & both grandparents. the uncle is my grandfather's brother, Byrd Warren & his wife. One of the cousins is Thomas Warren, who was a soldier in the Civil

War. The other cousin's grave is unmarked. My grandparents are LaFayette and Frances Farmer Warren. These graves are near the Church at the back. They have markers.

Across the small road in front of the Church are the Blakes, including my mother, her mother & father, my mother's sisters, Myrtie Bell Blake Barnett, and Lorene Blake Parks.

There is another cemetery at West Blocton, also in Bibb County where more relatives are buried. My Uncle Earnest Blake and his wife Ilar, and my Aunt Pearl Blake and her second husband, Early Miller are buried there. This one is named Mt. Carmel & Hickory Hill Cemeteries next to one another.

My parents and another family, a cousin I think, went fishing on the Cahaba River one nite & we all slept on quilts on the ground. We were afraid of the nite sounds so they kept a fire going all nite. The next morning we had fresh fish from the river and flapjacks for breakfast -- Umm -- best fish in the world! All cooked on our campfire.

We had taken our little black & white dog with us & he had jumped out of the car & disappeared just as we neared the river. We never saw him again. My sister and I were so sad about losing him. We kept hoping we would wake up & find him the next morning but he didn't come back.

I believe we left that part of Bibb County about 1930 or 1931 because we moved to Brent, Ala. & lived there for nearly a whole summer.

Let me go back to my first year in school, which was at Bull Dog Bend. The school was a one room building - a former church. We had one teacher for 6 or 7 grades of pupils. Her name was Miss Narramore, & we loved her. Even tho she spanked my hand with a ruler for accepting a note from my first sweetheart, name of Wilburn Parks (a cousin of my Uncle Oliver Parks, who was to marry my Aunt Lorene). Oh, he got a spanking too.

We had a Christmas party at school, where every child received a gift. Who bought those gifts, I don't know. On Valentines Day our teacher gave us beautiful Valentines. We enjoyed every day of school because it was somewhere to go & we were learning how to read & write & do arithmetic. The winter must have surely been hard on us because we had to walk to school but I don't remember much about the weather.

Our school had a big pot belly heater which burned wood. The older boys had to bring the wood in & the teacher kept the fire going. this was the year my mother & daddy were separated most of the year because I don't remember seeing my daddy the whole winter.

The latter part of April or the first of May my daddy came to the school & got my sister & me & told us we were going to pick up mama, that they were getting back together. Of course, we believed him (what child wants to believe their daddy or mama would lie to them? After all, weren't they the ones who taught us not to lie?). He took us to his sister's house near Montevallo. We didn't mind, but after a few days & our mama didn't come we realized she wasn't coming at all. He had literally kidnapped us!

We did not get to finish school that year. I know now we weren't there long but it seemed like a year because so much happened while we were there. Our maternal grandmother died. My mother's sister, Lillie, who was married to my daddy's brother, Sam, came to take us to the funeral. My daddy's sister, Genie Warren Hughes, would not let us go with her. She was afraid my mother would get us, (and she fully intended to) & she would lose her "little girls", as she called us. My sister and I cried because we wanted to go. We wanted to see our mama so bad. After that, if she let us go to the highway to get the mail we would sit by the mailbox & wish our mama would come by & get us.

This is a tale of something which happened to me there, unbelievable but so true. Remember, I was 6 yrs. old & my sister was 8. My aunt & uncle made us work, my sister helped with the housework & I helped my uncle feed the animals. He worked for a man who ran a dairy farm. I went with him every evening to feed. I honestly don't remember actually seeing him take feed for his own hog, but I'm sure he bought no feed. The dairyman, a Mr. Holloway, called him before him one day & told him he was missing feed or that he was feeding too much at one feeding. I suggested (remember I was 6 yrs. old) the animals opened the door to the feedroom themselves. I was to regret opening my mouth later. My uncle, took me back to the house, got my sister & my aunt & a rope & we went walking into the woods. He tied my feet with the rope & hung me by my heels from a tree limb. He told me he was going to leave me there 'til the buzzards came & picked my eyes out. I have no idea how long I hung there but they walked off & left me. I'm sure my sister was wishing she could kill both my uncle & aunt. they finally took me down & told me to keep my mouth shut from then on. Would you believe I wouldn't try to mind anyone else's

business to this day. But, if I see someone taking something that doesn't belong to them, I will if possible, report them to the proper authorities.

My daddy finally came & got us & tried to get back together with my mother. We never visited that particular aunt & uncle again to my knowledge. The Uncle's name was Dutch Hughes. I never liked him very much because he always called me PugUgly. We were so happy to get away from their house. My aunt had us wash dishes and every time one got broken we got a spanking, or rather, a switching. I find it hard to punish a child for breaking dishes or glasses to this day. The one thing we learned from that was if you aren't careful with them they will break. Everybody breaks them sometimes.

Remember, all these times we lived with our different relatives, my mama & daddy were always separated. Still, I don't remember ever hearing them fuss at each other or fight at all. If they did, it was out of earshot to my sister and me. I believe most of the time we were left with relatives, my daddy was looking for a job. Where he stayed, I never knew.

We lived for a time, perhaps a couple of months with my daddy's brother, Sam, but he was always with us there. He helped my uncle work in the fields. Once, we had an old Model T truck and my daddy brought vegetables to Birmingham and peddled them from the truck bed. I came with him once and I'm sure he parked at Owen's Station along Third Ave. which is now known as Bessemer Road or Hiway 11.

There is one particular spot where Arkadelphia Road crosses 3rd Ave. West that I remember. It was vivid in my memory because the buildings were only torn down a few years ago. I remember every one of them, a grocery store, a drug store, & a barber shop. Later, the grocery was used as an apartment and my own sister-in-law, Celia Vincent Bass, lived in it. It was attached to a two-story house. That road was the main road coming into Birmingham from the northern end of Bibb County toward Bessemer. Still is, except for the freeway which by-passes it.

The truck bed had stake sides that held up a piece of old muslin sheet, or maybe feed sack sheet, which kept the sun off the vegetables. We had moved from Brent, Ala. in that truck & probably moved to Irondale in it later. We moved there in June or July of 1932. Again, we moved in with relatives. This time with my mother's sister, Aunt Lucille Vest (later Davis). My Uncle Ed had a job in a mine & he helped my daddy get one there, too.

Later on we moved into a house by ourselves which we liked. This was one of 6 houses in a cluster on the corner of 20th St. in Irondale, all owned by the same family. We lived in 4 of them at various times, with & without relatives. The first was a three room apartment in a house which had about 6 rooms. Since nobody owned that much furniture we rented part of a house. Another couple with one son rented the rest of the house. The rent was never more than 2 or 3 dollars a month. If we lived with relatives we each paid half the rent. Remember, this was 1930, the worst part of the Depression.

One man, who owned a mine my uncle & daddy worked for didn't pay money at all. He paid in flour, meal, lard, salt, coffee & beans & sugar. Fifty cents a day was good pay. The staples were weighed & measured & the amount received was judged by how much coal you had dug or how hard you worked that week. Anyone fortunate enough to have garden tools & seeds & a place to plant them had more food. The only tools I can remember us having were a hammer, an ax, a pair of pliers and a shoe last. The shoe last was for keeping the shoes fixed & for cracking hickory nuts on, in the winter time. The ax was for cutting wood & fingers & toes & the hammer was for pulling nails out of one thing & putting them in another. The only nails bought were shoe tacks. Of course, the hammer was used for cracking nuts on the shoe last.

Remembering teachers.

I remember all of my teachers because many of them had been with the school I went to since their beginning & many also lived in the same community. Teachers are numbered grades 2 thru 9, 1931 thru 1940.

First grade was Miss Narramore whom I loved dearly, even if she did spank me & Wilburn Parks for my acceptance of a "love" note from him! She also made me stand & read it to the classroom. No, we didn't get taken to the cloak room, we got the palms of hands spanked in front of the whole school which went through the 6th or 7th grade -- all in one room -- all the same teacher. We learned right quick we were there to study, & learn to read & write & do arithmetic. I doubt she had over 25 or 30 kids, if that many.

Second grade was Miss Margaret Pope who married in the summer & became Mrs. Naff. To me she was beautiful. She took up a lot of time with me & made me feel like "somebody". She got the room mothers to buy me a new dress which I treasured very much. It may have been the first "bought" dress I ever had because mama made all of our dresses & slips & panties. I cried the first time it got dirty 'cause I knew I had to wait a whole day for it to be washed & ironed.

In the third grade I had Miss Booth who was in love with our school principle, Mr. Millsap, whom she married in the summer. She was a pretty woman, with very black hair which was long & she wore it in a bun at the back of her neck. All during the school term, Mr. Millsap would come by our classroom door & look in several times a day. In a few minutes she would go out in the hall & they would talk & she would come back in all smiling & happy. It took us a while to catch on but we were happy too, when we found out they were going to be married. Then, that summer they had their wedding in one of our community churches.

The fourth grade brought Mrs. Esther Turnham. She was a close friend of Miss Booth, now Mrs. Millsap. She really believed in writing legibly & neatly. We had writing classes & she was very strict. We had tests & were graded just like for math or any subject. If we wrote sloppily on any test paper we got points off, also on homework. I made A's & B's but you'd never know it now. She probably wouldn't admit to being my teacher. In mid-year one day she was called out of the room by another teacher & she came back in crying & dismissed us for the day. Our beloved principle had committed suicide. We found out later that he had cancer & couldn't face life because there was absolutely no cure then. This was 1934. He had shot himself in the head at his & his bride of about 4 months, home, just a half block from the school. We didn't go back to school until after the funeral. His wife quit teaching & left Irondale shortly after & we never heard from her again.

The fifth grade brought us Miss Tillie Wood. She was old & taught different from any teacher in school. She was tiny & wore glasses & wore her black hair in long Shirley Temple curls as long as anyone can remember. She was the first teacher there after the cornerstone was laid & as far as I know never taught any where else. Every morning she had prayers to begin the day & a Bible reading & then a story from Peter Rabbit. Oh, we looked forward to that because it was always continued. She was easy going, never scolding very much & we all loved her, as did every one she taught. The fifth & sixth grades were joined by a partition which could be raised which turned them into the auditorium. In front of our room was the stage & the piano used for plays & choir practice was in our room. We got to listen in on a lot of things the rest of the school didn't.

When I reached the sixth grade I had a teacher who was very strict on everybody & none of the kids liked her. I started making bad grades in math & never did catch up again. All my other subjects were not as hard to learn as math. I believe all the kids were so glad when that year was over that we shouted. By the way, the teacher's name was Mrs. Macon.

The seventh grade was just heaven compared to sixth. Everyone loved Mrs. McClendon. She was another teacher who had been at the school since the year One. She was very sympathetic & understanding about all our problems. I once showed her a patch of poison oak on my arm, which I had gotten on a field trip, & she brought medicine from home & gave it to me to heal my arm. Since we were in junior high we didn't mind leaving our homeroom teachers we loved because they taught us from grades 7 thru 9. Mrs. "Mac" taught English & history. Miss Margaret Haynes taught P.E. & health. Mrs. Rayfield taught Home Economics & spelling. Mr. Hammond came as our homeroom 9th grade teacher & he took over history class & math. Miss Haynes had us for a half year as 8th grade homeroom & then Mrs. Rayfield came, so Miss Haynes took over science & health & they worked together as P.E. teachers.

When I mentioned field trips, I meant hiking & walking thru the woods, around dirt roads wherever we went. Not enough folks owned cars, nor made enough money in those years to charter a bus or drive us anywhere. we visited a sand pit a few miles from school. We walked thru woods identifying trees & flowers as we went, & making notes as we walked. One year we did get enough parents to take the home Ec. class to a popular swimming place on Cahaba River nearby. We spent the nite, & did our own cooking & went swimming & had a great time.

We also had a girls choir which got to go sing at other schools for special programs, & we got to sing on two radio stations, W.A.P.I. & W.S.G.N. This was the highlight of the whole year. We thought we were absolutely beautiful in our navy blue skirts & white blouses. We only had one music teacher throughout our junior years, Mrs. Irene Ziegler Hill who also lived to teach my own children in the nineteen fifties.

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Now, I'll go back to our first years in Irondale. As I said we moved in with my Aunt Lucille & Uncle Ed Vest. Her son James is about 2 or 3 yrs. my junior but we played together good for several years. We all had to move so we

got the 2 room apt. I mentioned earlier, on the southeast corner of 20th St. in Irondale. They moved to East Irondale with my uncle's parents. This was before school started in the fall of 1930, or maybe '31. Anyway, my daddy had a job at the time. The house we lived in needed a roof sa bad 'til when it rained we had to use all of our 2 or 3 pots & pans, dishpan, washpan, washtubs, water buckets & still move the bed to the driest part of the room & even then it would get wet sometimes! But we liked living there because we were a family again & we had something to eat & good neighbors. Besides, one of our neighbors had a cow & we could get milk & butter when we had the money. Milk was about 20 cents a gallon & butter about 15 cents a half pound cake. Of course, that was a very rare treat because nobody had 20 cents or even 1 cent most of the time. We ate a lot of rice, and or, bread & thick gravy.

I just don't know about prices much the first year or two, but later on I remember that a dollar would buy quite a few groceries. My gosh, if somebody had a 2 dollar bill they were rich!

The house we were living in was coming apart. The walls & ceilings were falling in. They were plastered & painted & the leaky roof didn't help. After we moved out it was condemned & torn down. We moved across the street to another house owned by the same family. A whole house for \$3.00 a month! That was a dollar per room but we only used two & couldn't fill them up. We had a bed & a trunk in the bedroom & a table & chairs(4) & stove in the kitchen.

Now this stove was something else. It was a gasoline stove. A tank held gas & there was a pump that had to be pumped up like pumping a tire before it could be lit. And you had to be very careful because it would blow up! It did once & caught my daddy on fire. We were scared half to death. Mama got the fire out by beating it with her hands & a towel & trying to get his shirt off without tearing it. He probably only had two shirts to his name, one to work in & one to put on at home. From that time on, mama would not let us in the kitchen when the stove was being lit. All the food cooked on it had a taste of gasoline. The only thing that didn't seem to pick it up was beans, maybe because they cooked with a lid & were always steaming up away from the fumes.

This was the house where my daddy was keeping some white mice for a man who raised them for the government. Mama hated them. They were just rats to her, but I enjoyed playing with them, when she wasn't looking. We moved from

this house to the one next door. My Aunt Lucille & her family moved into this one. While we lived there her daughter Betty came down with diphtheria & then we were all quarantined. That meant nobody could come in or go out of our yard or houses. She nearly died but they finally got someone to take her to the hospital & they saved her. I remember her brother James praying for God to not let his baby sister die. Later on I wondered how anybody as mean as he was could get God to do anything. We were left to look after him while his parents were at the hospital with Betty. He would not mind my mama no matter what. My sister & I held him down so mama could switch him but he still didn't mind unless the notion struck him! He was forever doing things to make my sister & me mad at him.

My daddy finally left us again & was gone a very long time. We moved again to a house behind & down the street from this one, along with Aunt Lucille & her family. This house we stayed in from 1932 til I had married & moved away & my mama & sister stayed until mama died in 1942. It had 3 rooms and a large hall which we took for storage along with our one room and my aunt & uncle had 2 rms. including the kitchen. We set up a pot bellied iron stove on the outside wall & put the pipe thru the top part of the window. In this room we had a bed, an easy chair & dresser (the latter 2 pcs. compliments of Welfare) a table & four chairs & a little table for storage of food, which didn't hold much but there wasn't much available, not to us anyway. It also held all the pots & pans & dishes & silverware.

Mama was & had been for quite some time taking care of washing & ironing & scrubbing for anyone who could afford to pay her, with money or food. She also had a half day work on Sat. for a bookbinder in Birmingham. We were able to buy flour, meal, lard, white meat & eggs. Eggs were only 10 cents a dozen. Also beans which we had quite often, & peas. Since there were only three of us we could get by 4 days on a dozen eggs.

For a long time we bought a half gallon of butter-milk & bread for supper every nite. Since mama was earning a few dollars we were able to buy dress material. She sewed all our clothes by hand. Our slips & panties were made from flour sacks.

My aunt & uncle finally moved out in 1932 or '33 & went to Kentucky for a year. He got a mining job there. We were so happy to have the whole house again! My daddy showed up again in 1933 but he didn't stay long, maybe just a day or two. Anyway, it was spring & he wanted mama to go with him

to run a motel. She would be the cleaning woman & we would live in one of the cabins. Now, back then a motel was NOT used exclusively for travelers. It was used mostly for hanky-panky & the operator was not supposed to notice who came & went at what hours. Of course, my mama would have no part in trying to raise two girls in a place like that, much less work at one. So daddy bade us goodbye & we watched him out of sight, walking down the railroad in front of our house, toward Birmingham. We figured he'd catch the next freight that came by. He must have because four years later came a letter from my Aunt Lillie (married to daddy's brother, Sam) saying he had died in Kentucky in March 1937.

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Back at the house that had the plaster falling and the leaky roof, we had a little puppy. As I said we ate a lot of rice so the dog did too. The little thing got rice stuck on his paws & it dried & he walked thru the house sounding like he had on tap shoes. There was a boy next door whom I really liked. His parents had a cow & that's where we bought buttermilk & butter when we could afford it. He gave me my first Valentine from a friend. He had his daddy come over with him & slipped it under our kitchen door. Then he went back home & his daddy got my daddy to the door & told him to get me to come & look what I had under the door!

I started to school while we lived there & we walked to school together. I didn't like him very long though. I had a new store bought dress, that the teacher & one of the mother's had given me. I loved it. My other dress was homemade. On our way home one day, I had lost a "cracker jack" ring & this boy found it & wouldn't give it back. We got in a scuffle & I jerked my hand back and poked myself in the nostril with my pencil. Blood went all over my new dress. I was so heartbroken I never liked that boy afterward.

At the house we moved to, the one where daddy had the rats, our daddy left us again. Now, since we had been in the County of Jefferson long enough to qualify my mother filed a claim for welfare aid. It was no easy thing to get. The social worker couldn't seem to understand why we couldn't go back to Bibb County to my grandpa's house, or to some other relative. She couldn't believe that none of our relatives were financially able to support their own family, much less take on three more. In the meantime we were surviving literally on handouts & leftovers from the neighbors. A dear friend, who had a mean non-compassionate husband who actually had a job just cooked a little extra & went out to

"feed" his dog after meals & brought it to us instead. Oh, we had rice, don't ask me where we got it but it was always there. The gas stove, which we were afraid of, and had to "charge" a nickel's worth of gas for, was rarely lit. I'm sure the poor gas station owner died with us owing him at least a couple of dollars 'cause we never saw money. Someone came to visit us once and brought a very small jar of mayonaise and box of crackers & sister & I ate every bite of it in one sitting. It was manna from heaven to us. Somehow we survived.

Our daddy came back & we moved into the house next door. We did not stay in this one but a short while until we moved into the one with my Aunt Lucille. The one we stayed in the longest. We had finally gotten Welfare Aid, food, or rather a slip of paper worth so much on food at a store. My mother had started washing, ironing & cleaning for a family who had a wage earner in the house! We had biscuits & white meat for breakfast & beans & bread for supper. We bought eggs, too, which we all loved, & potatoes & every now & then sausage. We ate more blackeye peas & potatoes & cornbread for supper than anything else, & more biscuits & thick gravy & white meat for breakfast. Since my mama liked greens we had them & cabbage every chance we got to find some. The foods we got from Welfare were grapefruits & juice, powdered milk & canned beef. None of it was good but it was food. We used a lot of sugar in the grapefruit juice. We even managed to buy a nickel's worth of bulk peanut butter from the meat market. That's what we took to school for lunch. When our school got a new lunchroom with a steam table we got a lunch ticket thru Welfare. For a dime we got a plate lunch & a half pint of milk. By this time mama was working for two families & at the bookbinding place. We could buy shoes & thread, & good soap to wash our face with instead of Octagon. We could afford shampoo & deodorant & face cream. We also had rayon slips & panties. Mama could buy hose that looked nice & silky.

Sunday June 10, 1984

In 15 minutes my precious sister will have been dead exactly one week. That is just one thing I never came to grips with. I still hope some one will wake me & say it isn't so. Even tho I held her hand as she died (as we did together when our precious mother died) it is just unbelievable. She talked many times to me lately about dying. She knew she was going & she felt that it would be best for her family. She would call me on the phone & tell me nobody loved her anymore & she wouldn't be missed. I can't even remember the last time we talked but it was only a few days before her death. I never dreamed she was so sick. I knew she had many physical problems but she refused to go to the doctor. The last time I saw her I told her to please go for my sake because there were only two of us.

Since our mama died we had stayed very close & in touch with each other. Sister talked a lot about mama recently. How she wished she had talked with her about different things. She also talked about Aunt Pearl & Aunt Lorene. She gave her testimony to me & to her daughter Judy & to a cousin (Betty Vest King). I'm sure she talked to others about it, too.

We shared so much in our lifetime it's hard to pinpoint any one thing. She figure's all through the little book I've been writing since Jan. 1979, because what was my life was also hers.

I think she felt so lost after mama died. After all, I was married & had a baby. She felt that we didn't want to be bothered with living with us. She did stay until she found a job & then got herself an apartment. Neither of us realized how much we depended on mama just being there. She was in the hospital from Thurs. to Sun P.M. & sister was in from Sat. A.M. til Sun. A.M.

Sister thought it was wonderful because my children & grandchildren all get together 2 or 3 times a year. She'd managed to call & talk to at least 2 of us at those times.

I loved her so much & told her so, many times. I'll miss her call & telling me her troubles & her cheerful little "Hi" when she felt good.

APPENDIX II

OUR WARREN ANCESTORS

The Warren family figures heavily in the descendants of Joseph Benjamin Blake. Two of his daughters, Lillie Mae, and Oney Lela married two brothers, Sam and Grover Warren. Their descendants are given in detail in Section E (see the index for specific individuals). Grover was my grandfather. Since he and his wife died before I was born, I was closest to my Uncle Sam and Aunt Lillie.

In the year 1970 when I was just getting out of the Air Force I was most interested in getting started on some serious family research but things like raising kids and earning a living kept getting in the way. I got an opportunity back then to talk to my Uncle Sam Warren about his family but I was inexperienced and didn't know the right questions to ask or the right information to record. Uncle Sam died that year. When my mother and I went back to visit Aunt Lillie she told me I should have asked Sam about the Warren family. She said she was getting old and had trouble remembering all the particulars about the family. As near as she could remember, and not much of this information has been verified, she said Sam Warren's grandfather was named Rubin. The name of Rubin's wife is unknown. She also told me she thought Sam Warren's father, Lafayette Warren, was born in Cedartown, Georgia. On the 1910 census, Lafayette stated that both his parents were born in Alabama and that he was also. Census records are notoriously inaccurate on such accounts, but I have reason to believe they were all from Alabama.

Three of Rubin's children are buried at Cahaba Valley Cemetery. They are: Lafayette (Sam Warren's father who will be discussed later), and the twins Virginia Byrd Burton Warren (a male) and Eugenia Warren (a female) born 16 Dec 1860. Burton died 6 Jun 1918 according to his tombstone. No death date is mentioned for Eugenia.

Aunt Lillie told me she believed Rubin's other children may have been Tom, Floyd, and Jane. She wasn't sure and neither am I. I haven't come across much on the family. There is, however, a most interesting tombstone at Cahaba Valley for one Thomas Warren (possibly our "Tom" above). It says simply, "Co. B, 30th Ala. Inf. C.S.A." I haven't researched this out for possible connecting Civil War records, but most Civil War records are severely lacking in any useful family information.

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According to family bibles Lafayette married Frances Elizabeth Farmer about 1889 (I'm told in Bibb County). The 1910 census shows that their marriage occurred in 1892. This is an error. Frances had 7 brothers and sisters. Some of their names are known. Pearl Blake McCloud told me their order of birth was John, Walter, Frances, Addie, and four younger sisters. Three of these sisters were widows and lived in Louisiana. John was from Chilton County and had sons named Fred and Claude. Some of this information came from Sam Warren before his death in 1970. I'm sorry, but I didn't keep accurate records back then and I don't know how much information I got from him on his mother's family and how much I got from Aunt Pearl.

Frances was born April 7th, 1865 in Prattville, Alabama. She died June 22, 1928 and is buried at Cahaba Valley with her husband. Lafayette died March 4th, 1928. For those of us who wonder where he got his non-traditional name the following story may shed light on the subject. It seems that the great French General and Revolutionary War hero the Marquis de Lafayette made a trip through Alabama late in life. Many thousands of dollars were spent making his trip through the state an event not soon to be forgotten. Parades were held wherever he went and babies were named after him. This reinforces the likelihood that Lafayette was born in Alabama rather than Georgia. His family is shown as follows.

Lafayette Leon Warren

b. 9 Jun 1858 probably Al.

d. 4 Mar 1928 Bibb Cty., Al.

m. about 1889

Francis Elizabeth Farmer

(b.7 Apr 1865 Prattville, Al.

d.22 Jun 1928 Bibb Cty., Al.)

#1 Samuel Leroy Warren

b. 23 Aug 1890 Bibb Cty., Al.

d. 5 Jul 1970

m. 4 Jan 1920

Lillie Mae Blake

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 - b. 28 Mar 1892 Bibb Cty., Al.
 - d. 14 Jul 1961
 - m. 6 Feb 1929
William Chester Hughes
- #3 Gracie Lucille Warren
 - b. 29 Sep 1894
 - d. date unknown
 - m. Elmore Lucas
(d. Oct 1984)
- #4 Grover Cleveland Warren
 - b. 14 Dec 1900 Bibb Cty., Al.
 - d. 5 Mar 1937 Etty, Pike Cty., Ky.
 - m. 26 Dec 1920 Woodstock, Bibb, Al.
Oney Lela Blake
- #5 Ruby Mae Warren
 - b. 9 May 1905
 - d. Jun 1971
 - m. John D. Sparks
 - m.2 Carl Perry

I have become aware of other Warren's that are related to us besides children of Lafayette. In February 1991, I visited William Harris Warren of Hueytown. Mr. Warren recalls a visit by Sam Warren when he was young. He is aware that Sam was a cousin but isn't sure of the relationship. Harris's father was William Wiggins (Bud) Warren who was born around 1882. Harris was born in 1909. His sister, Bessie knows more about the family. I haven't contacted her yet. She may be able to help us make a connection.

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Gene White #1512 (p. 25) saw a man
named Farmer same as his grandfather,
Sam Warren, who looked just like Sam.
He asked and they said they had their
family traced. The man's brother owns
a store in Chilton County.

#12321 (p. 20) Date of Birth change
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not 11 Nov.

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#474 Ralph Donald West

m(1) Nell Cooper

#4741 Lewis Green

b. 9 Oct 1959 Tuscaloosa

m(1) Eudora Rene Harding

(b. 1 Sept 1964)

#47411 Michael Eugene Green

b. 8 Dec 1980 Jeff. Co.

#4741 Lewis Green

m(2) Katie Diane Byrd

(b. 14 Nov 1966 Jeff. Co.)

#47412 Jodie LeAnn Green

b. 19 Dec 1986 Jeff. Co.

#47413 Daniel Chad Green

b. 28 June 1989 Jeff. Co.

#4742 Lisa Green

b. 30 Aug 1962 Tuscaloosa

m. Robert Oran Bush Sr.

#47421 Robert Oran Bush Jr.

b. 8 Sept 1990 Jeff. Co.

#474 Ralph Donald West

m(2) Nell Cooper

#4743 Ralph Dewayne West

b. 26 June 1961 Tuscaloosa

m. 3 May 1991

Cytheria Diane Chilton

(b. 1972)

#47431 Christopher Dewayne Vinies

b. 16 Dec 1980 Jeff. Co.

Additions

27A - Nora dd

40 - Mennie dd 1991

45 - #41 joined Catholic ch. n. Catholic

60 - (see back)

67 - Ollie

73 - Laveria nTwice. Dou by 1st m. Dave & Son by 2nd

~~84~~ her + 2 hrs bur. @ Hickory Hill

84 "... we lived with relatives..."

1932 also

#4744 Anthony Wede West
b. 28 Nov 1973 Tuscaloosa
m(1) Aug 1986 Bessemer
Lisa Ceravello
m(2) 1990 Jeff. Co.
Wendy Thomas

#4745 Donna Joyce West
b. 10 Nov 1974 Jeff. Co.

Obtained 9/5/91 from Diane Green
(wife of #4741) 785-6222
6701 Iceland Ave,
Birmingham, AL 35224



Pedigree Chart

Chart no. _____

No. 1 on this chart is the same as No. _____ on chart no. _____.

Mark boxes when ordinances are completed.

- ☐ B Baptized
☐ E Endowed
☐ SP Sealed to parents
☐ SS Sealed to spouse
☐ F Family Group Record exists for this couple
☐ C Children's ordinances completed

2 Terry Joe HUGHES

(Father of no. 1) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS ☐ F ☐ C

Born/Chr

Place

Married

Place

Died

Place

4 Roy Joseph HUGHES

(Father of no. 2) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS ☐ F ☐ C

Born/Chr

Place

Married

Place

Died

Place

8 Joseph Wiley HUGHES

(Father of no. 4) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS ☐ F ☐ C

Cont. on chart no. _____

Born/Chr

Place

Married

Died

Place

9 Julia Ann FOSTER

(Mother of no. 4) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS ☐ F ☐ C

Cont. on chart no. _____

Born/Chr

Place

Died

Place

10 Zachery Taylor HOWARD

(Father of no. 5) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS ☐ F ☐ C

Cont. on chart no. _____

Born/Chr

Place

Married

Died

Place

11 Nellie Irene HARMON

(Mother of no. 5) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS ☐ F ☐ C

Cont. on chart no. _____

Born/Chr

Place

Died

Place

1 Carrie Michelle HUGHES

☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS ☐ F ☐ C

Born/Chr

Place

Married

Place

Died

Place

Bennie Howard WEHUNT Jr.

(Spouse of no. 1) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS ☐ F ☐ C

3 Carla Deborah ENGLAND

(Mother of no. 1) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS ☐ F ☐ C

Born/Chr

Place

Died

Place

6 Jesse James ENGLAND

(Father of no. 3) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS ☐ F ☐ C

Born/Chr

Place

Married

Place

Died

Place

12 James Marcus ENGLAND

(Father of no. 6) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS ☐ F ☐ C

Cont. on chart no. _____

Born/Chr

Place

Married 27 APR 1919

Died

Place

13 Bertie Pearl BLAKE

(Mother of no. 6) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS ☐ F ☐ C

Cont. on chart no. _____

Born/Chr

7 JAN 1896

Place

Bibb, Al.

Died 3 JUN 1979

Place Hueytown, Jefferson, Al.

14 Carl Ervin REACH

(Father of no. 7) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS ☐ F ☐ C

Cont. on chart no. _____

Born/Chr

Place

Married

Died

Place

15 Carrie Estelle WEST

(Mother of no. 7) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS ☐ F ☐ C

Cont. on chart no. _____

Born/Chr

Place

Died

Place

7 Mildred Lorene REACH

(Mother of no. 3) ☐ B ☐ E ☐ SP ☐ SS ☐ F ☐ C

Born/Chr

Place

Died

Place

member Bess II

Your name and address
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