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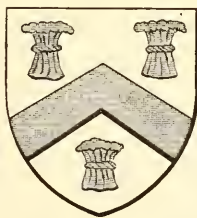
ESPECIALLY IN THE LINE OF

WILLIAM BLAKE, OF DORCHESTER, MASS.,

THE EMIGRANT TO NEW ENGLAND:

WITH ONE BRANCH OF HIS DESCENDANTS.

*FROM THE NOTES OF THE LATE HORATIO G. SOMERBY.*



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## INTRODUCTION.

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THE occasion of the printing of this volume was as follows. Knowing that Mr. Somerby, the late accomplished genealogist, had traced the ancestry of William Blake, the emigrant, and had embodied the results in a handsome manuscript, I obtained leave to examine it. The fact that so many of the descendants of William Blake were greatly interested in this discovery of his and their ancestry, was considered by Mr. Stanton Blake and his brothers, and they have consented to have this book printed for the use of the family.

As there has already been printed a genealogy of that portion of the family which remained in and about Dorchester, the American portion of this record is confined to one line, descended from Edward Blake, third son of the emigrant. Even this branch has not been fully traced, as Joseph Blake, of Boston, his grandson, has been taken as the starting-point for the full register.

The work of the editor, in the main, has been merely to arrange Mr. Somerby's pedigrees in paragraph form. Among the numerous note-books given to the Massachusetts Historical Society by the heirs of Mr. Somerby, are full extracts from parish registers, and, so far as can be concluded therefrom, Mr. Somerby's results are entitled to the fullest confidence.

On p. 31, the number prefixed to Edward Blake should be 4, not 5, but this will probably cause no difficulty to the reader.

The admirable Index was the work of Mr. W. T. R. Marvin.

W. H. W.

BOSTON, *December*, 1881.





## WILLIAM BLAKE.



THE family of BLAKE, originally seated in Wiltshire, derives its surname from Blake-land, a parish in that county, where they were large landed proprietors.

The practice of adopting hereditary surnames from manors and localities, is thought to have originated in Normandy about the close of the tenth century. Possessors of land took them from their own estates about that period, a practice in which the Normans were soon imitated by the English, particularly after the Conquest.

Many families of Saxon origin copied the example of the Normans and prefixed *de* to their names, but the particle was generally dropped about the latter part of the fourteenth century.

The first mention of Blake in ancient records as a surname, occurs in the Wiltshire Roll of Subsidies, granted to Edward the First, in the fifteenth year of his reign, A. D. 1286, when Robert de Blakeland was assessed to that King's requirements. His descendant,

I. ROBERT<sup>1</sup> BLAKE, who appears to have dropped the particle *de* and the particle *land* from his surname, had his residence in the township of Calne, adjoining the family estates at Blakeland, where he was assessed to the subsidies of Edward the Third, in 1347, to an amount far exceeding that of any other inhabitant of the town.

This ROBERT<sup>1</sup> BLAKE by his wife Anne, daughter of William Cole, had a son and heir,

II. HENRY<sup>2</sup> BLAKE, whose wife was a daughter and co-heir of Edward Durant. Their son,

III. WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> BLAKE, succeeded to the estates, and by his wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Power, had a son and heir,

IV. HENRY<sup>4</sup> BLAKE, of Calne, who married Margaret, daughter and heir of Bellett, of Quemberford, near Calne, and was succeeded by his son,

V. ROBERT<sup>5</sup> BLAKE, of Calne, and of Quemberford, in right of his mother. He married Avice, daughter and heir of John Wallop, Esquire, of Nether Wallop, in the county of Southampton. By this marriage he acquired estates in that county, one of which, in Andover, was subsequently transferred to their younger son William.<sup>6</sup> An Inquisition was held after the death of his wife, which occurred on the 29th of October, 1474, to determine the tenure of her estates in Hampshire and her successor, when it appeared that John<sup>6</sup> Blake was her eldest son, aged at the time of her death forty years and more.

They were buried in Calne Church, where, in a window of stained glass, he was represented habited in armor, with a surcoat charged with his armorial bearings, and she in a long robe, with a scarf embroidered with the arms of her family. He bore argent a chevron between three garbs, sable; his wife's arms were gules on a chevron argent two crescents.

Their children were

1. Gilbert,<sup>6</sup> died unmarried.
2. Alexander,<sup>6</sup> died unmarried.

VI. 3. John,<sup>6</sup> born 1434, succeeded to the estates of his father, and of his mother. He died March 2, 1503-4, and was buried in the Church of Nether Wallop, having made his will on the 24th of February, 1503-4, which was proved on the 24th of the following April. He bequeaths his soul to God, to our Blessed Lady His mother, and to all the company of heaven, and desires to be buried in the church of St. Andrew, in Nether Wallop, near his late wife Margary. He appoints his wife Margaret, and his son-in-law John Dauntsey, executors of the will, and his brother Robert Blake, overseer. He had two daughters, Joan, born in 1484, married to Thomas Wroughton; and Alice, wife of John Dauntsey. An Inquisition held after the death of John Blake, particularizes his manors of Calne and Pennells in Wiltshire.

4. Robert <sup>6</sup> Blake; on the death of his brother John without male issue, he succeeded to the manor of Calne and other estates in Wiltshire, which comprised land and tenements in fifteen parishes in that county. He died on the eleventh of December, 1515, having married Margaret, daughter of Sir Thomas Englefield, of Englefield in Berkshire, by whom he had, besides a daughter, Anne, who became the wife of Robert Baynard of Lack-



ham, an only son Roger, whose pedigree is continued in the Heralds' Visitation of Wiltshire, through five generations to the year 1623.

VI. 5. William.<sup>6</sup>

6. Elizabeth.<sup>6</sup>

7. Alice.<sup>6</sup>

8. Joan.<sup>6</sup>

VI. WILLIAM<sup>6</sup> BLAKE, youngest son of Robert Blake, of Calne, resided in the White Parish, in Wiltshire. After his death in 1471, his widow, with her two sons, removed into Hampshire, and settled in Andover, upon an estate called Eastontown, formerly a part of the possessions of her husband's mother. The sons were

VII. 1. William.<sup>7</sup>

2. Robert,<sup>7</sup> of West Enham, in Andover. His wife was a daughter of Snell, of Wherwell, in Hampshire, by whom he had sons, William,<sup>8</sup> of Benham, who died in 1552, leaving descendants: John,<sup>9</sup> Richard,<sup>9</sup> and Robert,<sup>9</sup> who settled at Cutcomb in Somersetshire.

VII. WILLIAM<sup>7</sup> BLAKE,\* eldest son of William Blake, of White Parish, resided at Old Hall in Eastontown, in the parish of Andover. He also had lands and tenements in Knights Enham, which were sometime in the occupation of his brother Robert in 1504. By his wife Mary, daughter of Humphrey Coles, of Somersetshire, he had

1. Nicholas,<sup>8</sup> of Old Hall, who made his will on the 31st of May, 1547, which was proved on the 20th of the following June. He names his wife Margaret, and sons, William and Edmund, and daughters, Elizabeth and Alice.

VIII. 2. Humphrey.<sup>8</sup>

VIII. HUMPHREY<sup>8</sup> BLAKE, the second son of William Blake, of Andover, removed in the early part of the sixteenth century into Somersetshire, and seated himself in Over Stowey, and became lord of the manor of Plainfield in that parish, to which estate he added the adjoining manor of Tuxwell, which he purchased in 1555, of George Sydenham.

\* His Arms are recorded in the Visitation of Hampshire in 1530, as argent, a chevron between three garbs, sable.

Over Stowey, which mostly belonged to the Blakes two centuries ago, is a parish of considerable extent, pleasantly situated on the eastern side of the Quantock hills. It contains four hamlets, viz: Marsh Mills, Addiscombe, Ely Green, and Plainfield, with a population of about six hundred, and nearly every family is employed in agriculture. The church is a plain structure, consisting of a nave, chancel, and north aisle, with a tower at the west end, sixty feet in height, containing five bells. The parish registers, which begin in 1558, contain numerous entries of the family of Blake, and their collaterals, and some monumental tablets of the family yet remain.

The manor house of Plainfield, long the residence of the Blakes, stands about a mile from the church, and affords a good specimen of a gentleman's residence in the early part of the sixteenth century, its massive walls, arched entrance porch, and general construction bearing evidence of its antiquity.

In the great hall, over the fire-place, are the sculptured arms of the family, as borne by their progenitors in Wiltshire and Hampshire. A venerable chestnut tree overspreads the building, and adds much to the picturesqueness of the spot. Many years ago the estate passed from the Blakes, and the mansion is now occupied by a tenant farmer of the Earl of Egmont.

Humphrey<sup>8</sup> Blake died in 1558, and was buried in the church of Over Stowey on the twenty-eighth of December. An inquisition was held after his death, to determine the tenure of his estates, and also to ascertain the name and age of his heir. His will is dated on the nineteenth of November, 1558, and was proved on the eleventh of the following May. He describes himself of Over Stowey, Gentleman, and desires to be buried in the church with such orisons and prayers as shall be thought most meet by his executors, and directs that there shall be given to every priest at his funeral, twelve pence. He also provides for prayers to be said for him by the vicar of Over Stowey, and the parson of Aisholt, of which church he was patron, and makes bequests for repairs, ornaments and reparations of the buildings.

By his wife Agnes, who was buried on the twenty-fourth of June, 1585, he had four sons and three daughters: —

IX. 1. John,<sup>9</sup> called John the elder, to distinguish him from a younger brother, who was also named John.

X. 2. Robert.<sup>9</sup>

3. Thomas.<sup>9</sup> His father gave him lands and houses of the manor of Tuxwell. His wife, whom he married

at Bridgewater, April 29, 1569, was Agnes Castleman. As nothing more is known of him, he probably died without issue.

4. John,<sup>9</sup> the younger, was of Over Stowey, where he married August 18, 1558, Christian Jugg, by whom he had two sons and two daughters, who continued to reside at Over Stowey. He was appointed, with his mother, a co-executor of his father's will, and they were made residuary legatees.

5. Agnes,<sup>9</sup> who was married to — Manning.

6. Eleanor,<sup>9</sup> whose husband was — Langham.

7. Alice,<sup>9</sup> who was wife of George Slocumbe.

IX. JOHN<sup>9</sup> BLAKE, eldest son of Humphrey Blake, was born in 1521. He succeeded to the manor of Plainfield and other estates in the neighborhood, and to the patronage of Aisholt church, which continued in the family for more than two centuries. He was buried in the chancel of the church of Over Stowey, on the tenth of December, 1576, having made his will on the twenty-sixth of the preceding month. He bequeaths to each of his sons certain lands and tenements, and to his son Richard

the advowson of the church of Over Stowey. By his wife Jane, who was buried June 17, 1595, he had

XI. 1. Humphrey.<sup>10</sup>

2. William.<sup>10</sup> His father gave him houses and land in Over Stowey and in Bishops Lydiard. He died in 1618, at Bishops Lydiard, leaving a widow, Joan, but no children.

3. Alice,<sup>10</sup> married October 2, 1569, to James Richards.

4. Anne,<sup>10</sup> married August 3, 1573, to Thomas Saunders.

5. Elizabeth,<sup>10</sup> married October 5, 1572, to Robert Sellick. Their son John succeeded his cousin John Blake, in the Vicarage of Over Stowey, and was buried in the chancel of the church, with the inscription over his grave: "Hic jacet corpus Johannis Sellick, hujus parochiae nuper rectoris, qui obiit 24 die February Ao. Dom. 1657 aetat. 80."

6. Richard,<sup>10</sup> baptized January 1, 1562-3. His father gave him the advowson of Over Stowey church, and his son John became the incumbent in 1611. He resided some time at Stogumber, but was buried in the chancel of Over Stowey church, leaving five sons and five daughters.

XII. 7. Robert,<sup>10</sup> baptized May 12, 1566.

X. ROBERT<sup>9</sup> BLAKE, second son of Humphrey<sup>8</sup> Blake, of Over Stowey, was a merchant of Bridgewater, and resided in St. Mary's Street, since called Blake Street. His father gave him the manor of Tuxwell, in Over Stowey, and other landed property. He died on the twelfth of October, 1592, and his nuncupative will was made on the day preceding. He bequeathed to his son William the manor of Tuxwell-with-Radlett, and to his son Humphrey, the manor of Puriton-with-Crandon, and made him executor to the will. At an Inquisition held after his death, respecting the tenure of his lands, it was proved that he died possessed of the manors of Tuxwell, Puriton, and Crandon, and lands in Calcot, Bawdryn, Woolavington, Ashwell, Spaxton, Over Stowey, and Nether Stowey, and that William Blake was his eldest son and heir, aged at the date of the Inquisition forty years and more. His wife was Margaret, daughter of

Symonds, and she was buried at Bridgewater on the 10th of April, 1600. In her will, dated April 20, 1599, she bequeaths to the Mayor and Aldermen of Bridgewater, ten pounds in trust, the interest of which is to be invested in certain articles of clothing for six poor women. She also makes bequests to the Almshouses of Bridgewater and Stogursey, and to the poor of Spaxton. To her son William she gives a

coverlet of tapestry, and a silver spoon. To Robert, son of her son Humphrey, she leaves a spur royal of gold, and to her daughter Anastatia Buckinge, she bequeaths a large quantity of personal effects. Among others named in the will as beneficiaries, are her sister Elizabeth Symonds, sister Dorothy Sindercomb, cousin Richard Blake of Over Stowey, and her god-daughter Sarah Popham. Her executors were Nicholas Streete, William Blake, and Richard Blake.

The children of Robert<sup>9</sup> and Margaret Blake were

1. William,<sup>10</sup> born in 1552, succeeded to the estates of his father, but dying without issue, they passed to his brother Humphrey.

2. Anastatia,<sup>10</sup> married at Bridgewater, May 16, 1563, to Robert Buckinge.

3. Humphrey<sup>10</sup> Blake, baptized at Bridgewater, May 16, 1563, succeeded to the manors of Tuxwell and Puriton and other estates, on the death of his brother without issue. At the visitation of Somersetshire in 1623, by the Heralds from the College of Arms, his pedigree and armorial bearings were certified and recorded among their archives. His residence was the mansion house of his father, in St. Mary's Street, where he died on the



nineteenth of November, 1624. By his will, not dated, but proved February 24, 1625, he makes bequests to the Cathedral church at Wells, and to the churches of Bridgewater and Paulett. To his son Robert<sup>11</sup> he bequeaths the manor and lordship of Puriton and Crandon, and articles of silver plate. To his son William<sup>11</sup> he assigns a lease of lands at Puriton towards defraying the expense of his education at Oxford. He also makes bequests to his sons Nicholas,<sup>11</sup> Samuel,<sup>11</sup> Benjamin,<sup>11</sup> and Alexander,<sup>11</sup> and to his daughter Bridget,<sup>11</sup> and appoints his wife Sarah, and his son Humphrey<sup>11</sup> co-executors of his will.

His wife was Sarah, daughter, and one of the heirs of John Williams, of Paulet, near Bridgewater, by whom he had fourteen children, viz :

1. *Robert*,<sup>11</sup> baptized at Bridgewater, September 27, 1598. He was educated at the Grammar School in Bridgewater, and went from thence to Oxford, and was entered at St. Alban's Hall, but removed to Wadham College, and in 1617 took the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In 1623 he wrote a copy of verses on the death of Camden, and soon after left the University. He was tinctured pretty early with republican principles, and disliking that severity with which Laud, then Bishop of Bath and Wells, pressed uniformity in his diocese, he began to fall into puritanical

opinions. In 1640, he was elected member of Parliament for Bridgewater. When the civil war broke out in 1642, he declared for the Parliament, and in 1649 he was appointed to command the fleet. In 1651, he received the appointment of one of the Admirals and General of the Fleet, and in 1654 he was made sole Admiral. He died as his fleet was entering Plymouth, on the seventeenth of August, 1657, and his body was conveyed to Westminster Abbey, and interred with great pomp in Henry the Seventh's Chapel; but removed from thence in 1661, by order of Charles the Second, and re-interred in the adjoining churchyard of St. Margaret.

Disinterested, generous, liberal, ambitious only of true glory, dreadful only to his avowed enemies, he forms one of the most perfect characters of the age. The Protector, Cromwell, ordered him a pompous funeral at the public charge, but the tears of his countrymen were the most honorable panegyric on his memory. His will, written with his own hand, on board his ship *Naseby*, March 10, 1655-6, was proved August 20, 1657. He bequeaths to the poor of each of the parishes of Bridgewater and Taunton one hundred pounds, and makes liberal bequests to all his brothers and sisters; his brother Humphrey receiving the manor of Puriton.

2. *Humphrey*,<sup>11</sup> baptized January 17, 1599–1600, succeeded to the manor of Puriton. His wife was Susannah, daughter of Alexander Harwood, and widow of William Sealey, by whom he had an only daughter, Sarah.

3. *William*.<sup>11</sup> baptized February 28, 1602–3. He was educated at Oxford, where he obtained the degree of Doctor of Law. He practiced as a physician at Bridgewater, where he died in 1667, having made his will on the 24th of October in that year, which was proved on the 30th of the following March. He bequeaths to the poor of Bridgewater one hundred pounds, and legacies to his brothers Humphrey, Nicholas, Benjamin, and Alexander, and to the children of his brother George, late of Plymouth, deceased. To his sister Bowdich of Chardstock, he gives ten pounds, and to his niece Sarah, daughter of his brother Benjamin, he bequeaths all his plate.

4. *George*,<sup>11</sup> baptized October 22, 1604, died young.

5. *George*,<sup>11</sup> baptized May 29, 1606, died at Plymouth, in Devonshire, in 1667, leaving a widow, Jane, two sons, and three daughters.

6. *Samuel*,<sup>11</sup> baptized February 16, 1607–8, died before 1656, leaving two sons, Robert, who was a captain in the parliamentary service, and Samuel.

7. *Nicholas*,<sup>11</sup> baptized August 30, 1609.

8. *Edward*,<sup>11</sup> baptized January 26, 1610–11, died young.

9. *Benjamin*,<sup>11</sup> baptized May 21, 1612, died young.

10. *Edward*,<sup>11</sup> baptized December 5, 1613.

11. *Benjamin*,<sup>11</sup> baptized November 11, 1614. A captain in the parliamentary forces. His brother Robert gave him the family mansion in Bridgewater. He had a daughter Sarah.

12. *Bridget*,<sup>11</sup> baptized May 17, 1616. Her husband was Henry Bowdich, of Chardstock, in Dorsetshire.

13. *John*,<sup>11</sup> baptized August 10, 1617.

14. *Alexander*,<sup>11</sup> baptized April 13, 1619. He was appointed a co-executor of his brother Robert's will, and made one of the residuary legatees.

The following is a copy of a letter written by him to Robert Dale, Richmond Herald, of the College of Arms, who was amplifying the pedigree of Blake of Wiltshire,\* recorded in the Visitation of that county in 1623:—

\* A brief pedigree of three generations of this branch is printed in the Visitation, published by the Harleian Society in 1876.—W. H. W.

St. Neots (Huntingdonsshire) May 8, 1690.

In your last letter you desired to know Gen'll Blake's Christian name which was Robert, born at Bridgewater, in the County of Somerset, his fathers name was Humphrey who m<sup>d</sup> a coh. some 3 miles from Bridgewater, whose maiden name was Williams, either our grandfather or Gt. grandfather who before wrote his name Blague, did ever after write it Blake, as now we do.

Yours t<sup>o</sup> serve you

A Blake



We now return to the main line.

XI. HUMPHREY<sup>10</sup> BLAKE, eldest son of John<sup>9</sup> Blake, succeeded to the manor of Plainfield and other estates, and to the patronage of Aisholt church. He was buried in the centre aisle of Over Stowey church, and over his grave is a large flat stone with this inscription: —

Here Lyeth  
The Body of  
Humfry Blake  
Of Over Stowey  
Clothier  
Deceased Who  
Was Buried The  
XX Day Of March  
1619.

Also Ann the wife of Hum-  
fry Blake was here interred  
December y<sup>e</sup> 11. 1645.

His will is dated September 2, 1618, and was proved June 17, 1620. He desires to be buried in the church of Over Stowey, and makes bequests to the poor of that and Nether Stowey parishes. He also bequeaths legacies to his sons Humphrey, Richard, John, and Robert, and to his daughter Mary. To his son Edmund he gives the advowson and patronage of Aisholt church. His executors were Robert Perry, Robert Blake, John Richards, John Sellick, and Richard Sellick.

He was twice married. By his first wife, Agnes James, whom he married October 13, 1578, and who was buried August 10, 1602, he had

1. Humphrey,<sup>11</sup> baptized March 13, 1580. He succeeded to the manor of Plainfield, and by his wife Elizabeth, had two sons: John,<sup>12</sup> baptized January 29, 1603-4, and buried the same day; and Humphrey,<sup>12</sup> baptized 24th November, 1611, and died in 1665, naming in his will, in which he describes himself of Plainfield, gentleman, his wife Elizabeth, and children, John,<sup>13</sup> who succeeded to Plainfield; Nathaniel,<sup>13</sup> who had the advowson of Aisholt, Arthur,<sup>13</sup> Elizabeth,<sup>13</sup> and Mary.<sup>13</sup> He was buried in Aisholt church, June 14, 1665, and his son Nathaniel<sup>13</sup> was also buried there on the 17th of November, 1705, having been rector of the church thirty-five years.

2. John,<sup>11</sup> baptized April 5, 1583.

3. Richard,<sup>11</sup> baptized September 7, 1585, died in 1659, at Enmore.

4. John,<sup>11</sup> baptized May 13, 1588; buried the same day.

5. Robert,<sup>11</sup> baptized June 8, 1589.

6. Arthur,<sup>11</sup> baptized June 11, 1592, buried the 15th of the same month.

By his second wife, Anne, who survived him, and died in 1645, he had

7. Edmund,<sup>11</sup> baptized October 21, 1605; buried July 27, 1606.

8. Edmund,<sup>11</sup> baptized August 16, 1607. His father gave him the advowson and patronage of Aisholt church, but dying unmarried they passed to his eldest brother, Humphrey.

9. Mary,<sup>11</sup> baptized August 26, 1609.



XII. ROBERT<sup>10</sup> BLAKE, fourth son of John<sup>9</sup> Blake, (*ante*, p. 13,) had his baptism thus recorded: "Anō d̄m̄ 1566, 12 daie of Maye was baptized Rob<sup>t</sup> Blake the sonne of John Blake." He received from his father houses and lands of Spaxton and Aisholt, but resided at Over Stowey, where he was buried on the twenty-sixth of January, 1626-7. By his wife Eleānor, whose maiden name has not been preserved, he had

1. Robert,<sup>11</sup> baptized March 11, 1589-90, and buried December 2, 1602.

2. John,<sup>11</sup> baptized June 2, 1592, and buried February 28, 1612-13.

XIII. 3. William,<sup>11</sup> baptized June 5, 1594.

4. Alice,<sup>11</sup> baptized September 12, 1596.

5. Humphrey,<sup>11</sup> baptized October 21, 1598.

6. Hugh,<sup>11</sup> baptized February 22, 1600-01.

7. Eleanor,<sup>11</sup> baptized February 27, 1602-3. Her husband was James Clark, whom she survived, and in her will, dated at Over Stowey, June 19, 1647, she men-

tions her late husband, and bequeaths to her daughter Eleanor a house and lands, formerly in possession of her brother, now in New England.

XIII. WILLIAM<sup>11</sup> BLAKE, third and eldest surviving son of Robert<sup>10</sup> Blake, of Over Stowey, has his baptism thus recorded:—

1594 Anō doīm 5 day of June was baptized William blake some of Robert Blake.

He resided some time at Aisholt, a parish adjoining Over Stowey, where the Blakes were lords of the manor, patrons of the church, and owners of most of the land.

The church, dedicated to All Saints, is a neat structure, consisting of a nave, chancel, and south aisle, and tower at the west end containing three bells. In the church are several monuments to the Blake family, who continued to reside here as patrons and incumbents until the beginning of the present century. The Egmonts are now lords of the manor, and the Rev. John West is patron and incumbent of the church. The parish registers previous to 1645 have not been preserved.

In the year 1630 Mr. Blake sold his house and land at Aisholt to his brother-in-law James Clarke, and on the 20th of March embarked at Plymouth, in Devonshire, on board the "Mary and John," \* taking with him his family, and arrived at Nantasket on the thirtieth of May.

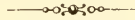
\* We are not aware of the authority for the statement that William Blake came in this ship. Capt. Roger Clapp was a passenger then, but in his memoirs he does not name his associates. James Blake's annals, written 1749-1752, say, under date of 1663: "This Year Died Mr. William Blake, who had been Clerk of the Writs for the County of Suffolk, and Recorder of the Town near 8 Years. He was also Clerk of the Training-band. He Died the 25th of the 8th mo. 1663, in the 69th Year of his Age."

It will be noted that this statement would exactly agree with the record of the birth of William Blake, (No. XIII,) who was baptized June 5, 1594. This coincidence, with the statement of his sister (Mrs. Eleanor Clark) in 1647, that her brother was in New England, makes the identification of the emigrant beyond question. The attempt in the Blake Genealogy (Boston, 1857,) to identify him with the son of a Giles Blake of Little Baddow, Co. Essex, was simply an unwarranted assumption, without the slightest foundation. Such a reckless guess cannot stand for a moment before the careful and extended research made by Mr. Somerby, the results of which are given in the preceding pages. — W. H. W.





THE  
AMERICAN BRANCH.\*



1. WILLIAM<sup>1</sup> BLAKE fixed his residence at Dorchester, in that part now called Milton, where he filled the offices of Selectman, Town Clerk, Recorder, &c., &c., and is spoken of as a most useful and influential citizen. He was also elected a member of the Ancient and Honorable

\* In 1857, Mr. Samuel Blake published a genealogy of part of the descendants of William Blake, which, though disfigured by the insertion of a totally incorrect English affiliation and pedigree, seems to be reasonably full within the limits prescribed.

It gives the children of William,<sup>2</sup> then of James,<sup>3</sup> his son, then of James,<sup>4</sup> jr., (son of James.<sup>3</sup>) This last was born in 1688, and died in 1750. He wrote the "Annals of Dorchester," before cited.

The printed record then takes Samuel,<sup>5</sup> son of the Annalist, and traces his descendants in various lines. It will be seen that this is not a full record of even one line of the descendants of the emigrant.

Artillery Company, in 1646. He made his will on the third of September, 1661, which was proved in January, 1664. He died on the twenty-fifth of October, 1663, in his sixty-ninth year, according to Blake's Annals; and his widow Agnes, whose maiden name has not been preserved, died on the twenty-second of July, 1678. Their children were

2 i. William,<sup>2</sup> born in 1620; resided at Milton, formerly a part of Dorchester. He was chosen Deputy to the General Court for several successive years, and died in 1703, having had by his wife Hannah, four sons and five daughters, namely, Samuel,<sup>3</sup> born May 14, 1650; Ann,<sup>3</sup> March 6, 1653; Mary,<sup>3</sup> March 20, 1655; William,<sup>3</sup> February 22, 1657; Nathaniel,<sup>3</sup> July 4, 1659; Edward,<sup>3</sup> April 13, 1662; Experience,<sup>3</sup> June 17, 1665? Susan<sup>3</sup> and Mehitable.<sup>3</sup>

3 ii. James,<sup>2</sup> born in 1623. A Representative from Dorchester in 1667; died June 28, 1700. His wife, who died January 16, 1694, was Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Edward Clapp. Their children were, James,<sup>3</sup> born August 15, 1652; John,<sup>3</sup> March 16, 1657; Elizabeth,<sup>3</sup> October 5, 1658; Jonathan,<sup>3</sup> July 12, 1660; Sarah,<sup>3</sup> February 28, 1665; Joseph,<sup>3</sup> August 27, 1667.

4 iii. Edward,<sup>2</sup> born in 1625.

5 iv. John,<sup>2</sup> born in 1626. A member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. He resided some time at Dorchester, where he married Mary, daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ and widow of \_\_\_\_\_ Shaw, by whom he had an only daughter, Hannah,<sup>3</sup> who died in infancy. He died at Boston in 1689.

v. Anne,<sup>2</sup> married to Jacob Seager of Boston.

5. EDWARD<sup>2</sup> BLAKE, of Milton, lived some time in Boston, where the first five of his children were born. He married Patience, daughter of John Pope, and had

- i Jane,<sup>3</sup> b. 29 Sept. 1658; m. Nathaniel Kelson.
- ii Joseph,<sup>3</sup> b. 2 Sept. 1660; not mentioned in father's will.
- iii Susanna,<sup>3</sup> b. 20 July, 1661; m. Nathaniel Wales.
- iv Abigail,<sup>3</sup> b. 10 Nov. 1663; m. 31 Dec. 1695, Obadiah Swift.
- v Mary,<sup>3</sup> b. 21 March, 1670; m. — Pitcher.
- 6 vi Jonathan,<sup>3</sup> b. 5 July, 1672; m. 16 March, 1699, Elizabeth Candage.

- 7 vii Solomon,<sup>3</sup> d. in 1741.  
 viii Sarah,<sup>3</sup> ; m. Richard Talley.  
 ix Edward,<sup>3</sup> ; d. 30 Sept. 1676, prob.  
*unm.*

His will (Suffolk Wills, lib. 13, fol. 59,) is dated 31 August, 1692; and the inventory is dated 3 November, 1692.

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7. SOLOMON<sup>3</sup> BLAKE, of Boston, married 24 August, 1704, Abigail Arnold, and had

- i Solomon,<sup>4</sup> b. 12 Sept. 1705; d. 20 Feb. 1705-6.  
 ii Solomon,<sup>4</sup> } ; d. 31 Oct. 1707.  
 iii Abigail,<sup>4</sup> } b. 30 May, 1707; m. — Holden.  
 8 iv Joseph,<sup>4</sup> b. 10 Aug. 1709.  
 v Elizabeth,<sup>4</sup> b. 16 July, 1711; m. Skinner Russell.  
 vi Hannah,<sup>4</sup> b. 17 June, 1713.  
 vii Sarah,<sup>4</sup> bapt. 2 Jan'y, 1714-15.  
 viii Solomon,<sup>4</sup> bapt. 2 Sept. 1716.



- ix Edward,<sup>4</sup> bapt. 16 Aug. 1719.
- x Jonathan,<sup>4</sup> bapt. 4 June, 1721.
- xi John,<sup>4</sup> bapt. 5 May, 1723.
- xii William,<sup>4</sup> bapt. 28 March, 1724-5.
- xiii Hannah,<sup>4</sup> bapt. 8 Dec. 1728.

All these baptisms are on the Second Church records. His will dated 26 Sept. 1740, proved 25 Aug. 1741, gives wife Abigail house, &c., for life, also negro woman Flora with her three children. To son Joseph his silver-hilted sword and longest fowling-piece; to son William, other two guns and brass-hilted sword. Mentions grandson Solomon Russell, son of Skinner R., daughters Abigail Holden and Elizabeth Russell. Land at Stoughton, and at the west end of Boston, bought of Samuel Wentworth, formerly Jeremiah Allen's. Seven of the eight younger children seem to have died, if we are right in assigning them to *this* Solomon.

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8. JOSEPH<sup>4</sup> BLAKE, of Boston, married 18 May, 1738, Mary Welland, and had

- 9 i Joseph,<sup>5</sup> b. 5 Feb. 1739.
- ii John,<sup>5</sup> b. 27 Aug. 1740.

- iii Elizabeth,<sup>5</sup> b. 23 May, 1742; m.  $\left. \begin{array}{l} 1 \\ 2 \end{array} \right\}$  Taylor.  
Smith,  
a sea-captain of Middletown, Connecticut.
- iv Solomon,<sup>5</sup> b. 22 June, 1744.
- v George,<sup>5</sup> b. 1746, (posthumous, probably died young.)

He died 17 September, 1745.

9. JOSEPH<sup>5</sup> BLAKE, of Boston and Hingham, was a Lieutenant in the army, and saw some service at Crown Point. He was High Sheriff of Worcester County, married —— first, Deborah, daughter of Samuel Smith, and had

- i Charlotte,<sup>6</sup> b. ; m. William Caldwell.
- 10 ii John Welland,<sup>6</sup> b. 1759.
- iii Harriet,<sup>6</sup> b. 13 Apr. 1761; d. unm. 3 May, 1780.
- iv Sophia,<sup>6</sup> b. ; m. Nathan Rice; d. 1814.
- v Deborah,<sup>6</sup> b. 1 Sept. 1764; d. 11 Dec. 1781.
- vi Joseph,<sup>6</sup> (H. C. 1786,) m. Anna Black; d. at Kingston, Jamaica, 10 July, 1802.

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- 11 vii George,<sup>6</sup> b. 16 April, 1769; (at Hardwick, Mass.)
- 12 viii Charles,<sup>6</sup> b. 1771; (at Hingham, Mass.)
- 13 ix Francis,<sup>6</sup> b. 14 Oct. 1774.
- x Joshua,<sup>6</sup> ; d. 18 Dec. 1777.
- 14 xi Joshua,<sup>6</sup> b. 1779.
- xii Harriet,<sup>6</sup> b. 5 Dec. 1780; m. Elijah H. Mills;  
d. 9 Feb. 1871.

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He married secondly, Thankful Baty, widow of Gideon Baty, Senior [her second husband, to whom she was married 23 September, 1777.] Her first husband was Watson Freeman, whom she married 18 March, 1762, and her son by him is mentioned by Mr. Blake in his will as his "son-in-law" Watson Freeman.

He married thirdly, Huldah Dix, by whom he had no children. He died at Billerica, Mass., 21 July, 1818.

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10. JOHN WELLAND<sup>6</sup> BLAKE,  
of Brattleboro', Vt., married 24 May, 1790, Abigail,  
daughter of Judge Daniel Jones, of Hinsdale, Vt.,  
and had

} great-grand  
grandfather  
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- i Henry Jones,<sup>7</sup> b. 4 March, 1792; m. Feb. 18, 1816, Gertrude Bleeker, dau. of Isaac Truax, of Albany, N. Y., and d. 30 Nov. 1822, at Brattleboro', Vt.
- 15 ii John Rice,<sup>7</sup> b. 3 Feb. 1794.
- iii Anna Sophia,<sup>7</sup> b. 2 July, 1796; m. Henry Cabot, and had Elizabeth,<sup>8</sup> George,<sup>8</sup> and Anna Sophia.<sup>8</sup> She d. at Boston, 22 March, 1845.
- iv Charlotte Smith,<sup>7</sup> b. 7 Apr. 1798; m. Dexter Chapin, of N. Y., 15 Jan. 1822; d. at Boston, 17 March, 1839.
- v Frances Williams,<sup>7</sup> b. 10 Oct. 1800; m. Edward Clarke, of Northampton, 13 Jan. 1823; d. 30 Sept. 1828, on the voyage from Liverpool to Boston.
- vi Harriet Barker,<sup>7</sup> b. 6 Sept. 1802; m. James Houghton, of Brattleboro', Vt., 10 Dec. 1827.
- vii William Caldwell,<sup>7</sup> b. 10 July, 1804; d. unm. 17 Aug. 1836.
- viii Mary Welland,<sup>7</sup> b. 30 March, 1806; m. 1 (7 June, 1828,) Frederick S. Hill; 2 Dr. Page.
- 16 ix George Baty,<sup>7</sup> b. 19 May, 1808.

He died 27 October, 1818; his wife died December 14, 1808.

11. GEORGE<sup>6</sup> BLAKE, of Boston, married first, Rachel, daughter of Gideon Baty, and had

- i Helen Adèle,<sup>7</sup> b. Oct. 20, 1796; m. Aug. 29, 1814, George Grinnell, and d. March 4, 1818. Their child, Helen Sarah, b. 18 Feb. 1818, d. 11 Aug. 1819. Her husband died Nov. 20, 1877.

Mrs. Rachel Blake died at Marseilles, France, 2 August, 1807, aged 34; and he married secondly, Sarah Olcott, (daughter of Col. Jasper) Murdock, who was born 25 June, 1788. They had

- 17 ii George,<sup>7</sup> b. Nov. 30, 1813.

Mrs. Sarah O. M. Blake died 13 May, 1826, aged 37; her husband died 6 October, 1841.

Hon. George Blake was graduated at Harvard in 1789; he was "a lawyer of eminence, and United States District Attorney for Massachusetts." He delivered the Town Oration, July 4, 1795, and in 1800

a eulogy on Washington, before St. John's Lodge, Boston, both of which were printed. He served in both branches of the State Legislature, and was the first Democratic candidate for Mayor of Boston. He served as Alderman one term, in 1825.

12. DR. CHARLES<sup>6</sup> BLAKE, of Northfield, Mass., married in 1802, Frances, daughter of Gov. Jonathan Hunt, of Vermont, and had

- i Fanny,<sup>7</sup> d. aged 18 months.
- 18 ii Charles Augustus,<sup>7</sup> b. 1805; (at Keene, N. H.)
- 19 iii Jonathan Hunt,<sup>7</sup> b. 26 Sept. 1807.
- 20 iv Joseph,<sup>7</sup> b. 13 July, 1809.
- v Frances Lavinia,<sup>7</sup> b. 24 Feb. 1813; m. in 1832 Dr. Marshall S. Mead, of Chesterfield, N. H., and had issue.

Dr. Blake was a graduate of the Harvard Medical School, and was a surgeon, first in the navy, and later in the army. He was surgeon's mate on the frigate *Constitution*, where he was wounded. He settled at Northfield in 1807. He died 20 April, 1841, and his widow died 8 July, 1856, aged 73 years.

13. FRANCIS<sup>6</sup> BLAKE, of Worcester, Mass., married 14 December, 1794, Elizabeth Augusta, daughter of Gardiner Chandler, and had

- 21 i Francis Arthur,<sup>7</sup> b. 4 April, 1796.
- ii Juliana,<sup>7</sup> b. 8 Oct. 1798; m. first Sept. 7, 1819, Charles Carver Tucker, by whom she had two sons and three daughters; second, Wm. S. Young. She d. Nov. 4, 1861.
- 22 iii Joseph Gardiner,<sup>7</sup> b. 21 March, 1800.
- 23 iv George Smith,<sup>7</sup> b. 5 March, 1802.
- v Charlotte Caldwell,<sup>7</sup> b. 14 Jan'y, 1804; d. 2 July, 1863; m. 19 Jan. 1826, Rev. Thomas Russell Sullivan, and had five sons and three daughters.
- vi Elizabeth,<sup>7</sup> b. 20 Feb. 1806; d. 21 Apr. 1810.
- vii Dorothea Ward,<sup>7</sup> b. 9 Oct. 1807; m. 16 May, 1828, Oliver Hunter Blood,\* and had four sons and four daughters.

\* Her sixth child was Charles Follen Blood, born 21 March, 1843. On entering the U. S. Navy, he changed his name to Charles Follen Blake. He graduated at the Naval Academy in 1861; became an Ensign in 1863; a Lieutenant in 1864; and a Lieutenant-Commander in 1866. He served on board the steam sloop-of-war Brooklyn, at the battle of Mobile Bay, 5 Aug. 1864, and is thus referred to in the report of Captain James Alden, U. S. N., her commanding officer:—"The other division officers, Captain Houston of the marines, Lieutenant Charles F. Blake, Ensigns Cassel and

- viii Elizabeth Chandler,<sup>7</sup> b. 21 Sept. 1810; m. April 16, 1828, Geo. Tilley Rice, and had issue.
- 24 ix Edwin Barton,<sup>7</sup> then Samuel Chandler, and finally by Act of Mass. Legislature, 1832-33, Francis; b. 7 July, 1812; d.
- 25 x Harrison Gray Otis,<sup>7</sup> b. 10 April, 1816.

Francis<sup>6</sup> Blake graduated at Harvard in 1789, was admitted to the bar in 1794 and settled at Worcester in 1802. For many years prior to his death he stood at the head of his profession in Worcester County. The traditions of the bar give him a reputation for genius and eloquence, which is fully supported by the few of his arguments and orations which have been preserved in print. He was in 1810 elected to the State Senate. He died Feb. 23, 1817.

14. JOSHUA<sup>6</sup> BLAKE, of Boston, married 13 November, 1806, Sarah, daughter of John Stanton, and had

- i John Stanton,<sup>7</sup> b. 27 Sept. 1809.

Sigebre, with their assistants, Master's Mates Duncan and Stevens, fought their guns nobly and well." He m. Mary Ladd of Portsmouth, N. H., and had several children; d. at North Platte, Nebraska, February, 1879.



- ii Sarah Chandler,<sup>7</sup> b. 12 March, 1811; m. R. Austin.
- iii Mary Stanton,<sup>7</sup> b. 30 July, 1813; m. Edward Clarke.
- iv Ann Hull,<sup>7</sup> b. 22 March, 1815; m. George Baty Blake. [See No. 16.]
- v Francis,<sup>7</sup> b. 31 March, 1817, m. Mary Nevins, and had a daughter, Mary F.<sup>8</sup>
- vi Charles Smith,<sup>7</sup> b. 9 June, 1820; m. Katharine Phillips, and d. 9 March, 1866.
- vii Charlotte Caldwell,<sup>7</sup> b. 26 Aug. 1822; m. Gardiner Hubbard.
- viii Sophia Rice,<sup>7</sup> b. 5 Oct. 1824; m. B. E. Carr.
- ix Joshua,<sup>7</sup> b. 27 March, 1827.

Joshua Blake died 22 December, 1844; his widow died 22 May, 1863.

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15. JOHN RICE<sup>7</sup> BLAKE, of Boston, married first, Lucy Goodhue, 6 May, 1816; died 29 September, 1829. Secondly, Helen, daughter of Grindall Ellis, 1830; died 11 December, 1833.

Thirdly, Sarah, daughter of Rev. Aaron Bancroft, ———; died 23 December, 1839. Fourthly, in 1844, Louisa, daughter of James Dumaresq, still surviving.

By his second wife he had

26 i John Ellis,<sup>8</sup> b. 20 Oct. 1831.

By his third wife he had Henry Cabot,<sup>8</sup> who died aged 6 years; and Sarah, who died at the age of 3 months. He died 6 June, 1873.

John Rice Blake was for many years a prominent merchant in Brattleborough, and served several times in the Legislature, both as Representative of that town and as Senator. About 1850 he removed to Boston and joined his brother George Baty, in the banking firm of Blake Brothers & Co. "He was a very true and a very thoughtful man, with far more in his heart than ever found expression in word." "A man downright, upright, and forthright, not untouched by the questionings of the day, and yet holding fast the essentials of faith and all the weightier matters of the law." — (*History of Brattleboro'*, p. 156.)

16. GEORGE BATY<sup>7</sup> BLAKE, of Boston, married 6 May, 1833, his cousin, Ann Hull, daughter of Joshua Blake, and had

- i Henry Cabot,<sup>8</sup> b. 31 Jan'y, 1834; d. 1 Feb. 1834.
- ii Henry Cabot,<sup>8</sup> b. 3 Nov. 1834; d. 26 Dec. 1834.
- iii Stanton,<sup>8</sup> b. 8 May, 1837. (H. C. 1857.)
- 27 iv George Baty,<sup>8</sup> b. 13 Dec. 1838.
- 28 v Arthur Welland,<sup>8</sup> b. 5 Nov. 1840.
- vi Elizabeth Cabot,<sup>8</sup> m. 14 Sept. 1876, Dr. David H. Hayden, and has one child.
- 29 vii Henry Jones,<sup>8</sup> b. 11 June, 1843.
- viii Anna Sophia Cabot,<sup>8</sup> b. 29 Nov. 1844.
- ix John Welland,<sup>8</sup> b. 19 April 1846; d. 19 Feb. 1861, at Newport, R. I.

His wife died 7 June, 1873; and he died 6 August, 1875.

George Baty Blake came to Boston in 1821, and entered the store of Mr. Dickinson, a dealer in dry goods. Before he was of age he became a partner with his brother-in-law, Edward Clarke, in the same business; and next with Mr. William Almy, was of the firm of Almy, Blake & Co. Afterwards, with David Nevins and Edward H. R. Lyman he engaged

in the importation of dry goods under the firm of George B. Blake & Co. Owing to failing health he gave up business in 1846, but in 1850 with Addison Gilmore and George Cabot Ward he resumed business as a banker, the firm being Gilmore, Blake and Ward. The firm, changed to Blake, Ward & Co., Blake, Howe & Co., and Blake Brothers & Co., still continues, Mr. Blake's sons having been admitted as partners.

17. GEORGE<sup>7</sup> BLAKE, jr., of Boston, married Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Hon. John Tarbell, of Cambridge, and had

- i Sarah Olcott Murdock<sup>8</sup>; m. Charles J. Whitmore, and has four daughters.
- ii Georgeanna Mary<sup>8</sup>; m. Vicomte Renée de Coëtlogon, of Paris.

George Blake's widow married, secondly, Charles O. Whitmore, of Boston, as his second wife.

18. CHARLES AUGUSTUS<sup>7</sup> BLAKE, of \_\_\_\_\_, married Jane M. Hayes, of Columbus, Ohio, and had

- i Frances,<sup>8</sup> b.    ; m. Albert Jackson,  
of Washington, D. C.
- ii Helen,<sup>8</sup> b.    ; m. George B. Cork-  
hill, of Washington.
- iii Charles Burke,<sup>8</sup> b.    ; died recently.

He died at Washington, 21 March, 1850.

19. JONATHAN HUNT<sup>7</sup> BLAKE,  
of                          , married Bethia A. Reed, December,  
1835, and had

- i Anna H.,<sup>8</sup> b. 5 Sept. 1836; d. May 16, 1861.
- 30 ii Jonathan Hunt, b. 12 March, 1839;
- iii George Bancroft,<sup>8</sup> b. 16 May, 1841; died in  
the war, unm.
- 31 iv Joseph M.,<sup>8</sup> b. 1 May, 1843.
- v Gertrude Schuyler,<sup>8</sup> b. 27 Aug. 1845; m. John  
Turner, of Bristol, R. I., 26 Dec. 1866.

20. JOSEPH M.\* BLAKE,<sup>7</sup> of Bristol,  
R. I. married 26 February, 1834, Hope E. T. Rich-  
mond, and had

\* The M was an initial merely, added in later life for convenience.

- i Charles,<sup>8</sup> b. 6 Dec. 1834.
- ii Hunt,<sup>8</sup> b. 26 Sept. 1837.
- ii Frances Lavinia,<sup>8</sup> b. 23 Aug. 1843.

He was Attorney-General of Rhode Island from 1843 for eight years, and was one of the most learned and successful lawyers of his time. He died Nov. 8, 1879, and a very interesting tribute was paid to his memory in the *Providence Journal* of the 10th November.

21. FRANCIS ARTHUR<sup>7</sup> BLAKE, of Boston, married 8 July, 1817, Elizabeth, daughter of Judge Thomas Dawes, of Boston, (born 1795,) but left no issue. His widow afterwards married Joseph Cowden, as her second husband, by whom she had issue.

He was a graduate of Harvard College, in the Class of 1814, and died 22 March, 1824, at New York.

22. JOSEPH GARDINER<sup>7</sup> BLAKE, of Worcester, married Almira, daughter of Samuel Johnson, and had

- i Juliana,<sup>8</sup> b. 1 May, 1841; m. 30 May, 1866,  
Horace S. Emery, of Boston.
- ii Edwin,<sup>8</sup> b. 6 Nov. 1844.

He died \_\_\_\_\_

23. GEORGE SMITH<sup>7</sup> BLAKE,  
(Commodore U. S. N.) married 16 August, 1829,  
Mary Ann Allen, daughter of Commodore James  
Barron, U. S. N., who was born 31 August, 1808.  
Their child was

- 32 i Francis Barron,<sup>8</sup> b. 8 Nov. 1837.

George Smith Blake died at Longwood, 24 June, 1871; appointed Midshipman in the U. S. Navy, 1 Jan. 1818; Lieutenant, 21 Feb. 1827; Commander, 8 March, 1847; Captain, 14 Sept. 1855; Commodore, 1862. Retired 24 April, 1863, upon completion of forty-five years on active list. From 1 June, 1835, till 17 April, 1846, he was Assistant in the U. S. Coast Survey, and the scientific work accomplished by him in this interval is a lasting monument to his genius and talents. 11 Oct. 1846, he was wrecked on the coast of Florida in the

Brig "Perry," during a terrific hurricane; but he succeeded in saving his ship and in bringing her to Philadelphia, and was highly complimented by the Department for his behavior. From 18 April, 1857, till 28 Aug. 1865, he was Superintendent of the U. S. Naval Academy, effecting such reforms in its organization as have permanently improved the navy. His last service was as Lighthouse Inspector for the Second District of the Atlantic Coast for five years, until 1 Oct. 1870.

24. FRANCIS<sup>7</sup> BLAKE, of Boston, married 14 June, 1842, Caroline Burling, daughter of George A. Trumbull, of Worcester (born 24 June, 1820); and had

- i Francis,<sup>8</sup> b. 15 April, 1843; d. 15 July, 1845.
- ii Elizabeth Augusta,<sup>8</sup> b. 16 June, 1845; d. 24 Aug. 1845.
- iii Louisa Trumbull,<sup>8</sup> b. 19 Aug. 1846; m. 11 Aug. 1868, Charles B. Wells, and has one daughter.
- 33 iv Charles Henry Mills,<sup>8</sup> b. 29 Sept. 1848.
- 34 v Francis,<sup>8</sup> b. 25 Dec. 1850.



Mr. Blake was engaged in business pursuits in early life, but in 1862 he was appointed first assistant in the Appraisers' office at Boston. In 1866 he was called to Washington in regard to the revision of the tariff; and in 1874 he was obliged by ill-health to resign. He returned to Worcester, where he died 24 Dec. 1879. His widow died at Boston, 28 March, 1880.

25. REV. HARRISON GRAY OTIS<sup>7</sup>

BLAKE, of Worcester, (H. C. 1835,) married first, 25 June, 1840, Sarah Chandler Ward, by whom he had

i Sarah Chandler,<sup>8</sup> b. 22 March, 1841; m. 25 Jan. 1861, Alonzo A. Hamilton, of Boston. She d. Oct. 1872.

ii Harrison,<sup>8</sup> b. 8 May, 1846; d. 14 Dec. 1846.

His wife died 12 May, 1846, and he married, secondly, Nancy Conant, of Sterling, (born 1 January, 1829,) who died 16 April, 1872, leaving no issue.

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26. DR. JOHN ELLIS<sup>8</sup> BLAKE, of New York City, married January, 1858, Eliza-

beth Stone, daughter of Samuel C. Gray, of Boston, and had

- i Henry Sargent,<sup>9</sup> b. 10 March, 1860.
- ii Louise Dumaresq,<sup>9</sup> b. 8 April, 1862.
- iii John Rice,<sup>9</sup> b. 22 Feb. 1869.

Dr. Blake entered Williams College, 1848; Harvard, 1849, graduating at the latter A. B. 1852, M. D. 1855. He studied his profession in France, and became a successful physician in Middletown, Conn., for nine years, and afterwards in New York, where he died 27 Sept. 1880.

Dr. Blake contributed a number of articles to medical journals, and was a member of several medical societies; in the resolutions passed by one of these bodies, at his death, he was characterized as 'a careful observer and conscientious student, a man of broad and ripe scholarship, who died with the esteem and respect of every one in the profession who was privileged to know him.'

27. GEORGE BATY<sup>8</sup> BLAKE, JR., of Boston, (H. C. 1859, and Harvard Law School 1861,) married first, 15 January, 1867, Harriet

Davis, daughter of Judge Johnson, of Kentucky, who died 2 June, 1872, and by whom he had

- i George Baty,<sup>9</sup> b. 28 Sept. 1870.
- ii Francis Stanton,<sup>9</sup> b. 26 May, 1872.

He married secondly, 18 May, 1876, Sarah Putnam, daughter of John Amory Lowell, of Boston, by whom he has

- iii John Amory Lowell,<sup>9</sup> b. 2 Oct. 1879.

28. ARTHUR WELLAND<sup>8</sup> BLAKE, of Boston, married 25 April, 1878, Frances, daughter of Henry Greenough, and had

- i Anne,<sup>9</sup> b. 11 Feb. 1879.

29. HENRY JONES<sup>8</sup> BLAKE, of Boston, married 22 May, 1865, Sarah Hammond, daughter of Walter C. Green, and had

- i Henry Jones,<sup>9</sup> b. 28 Jan. 1867.
- ii Alice Russell,<sup>9</sup> b. 11 Feb. 1870.

He died at Paris, 11 October, 1880.

The following tribute to his memory was adopted by the Massachusetts Commandery of the Loyal Legion:—

“Lieutenant Blake entered the Naval Academy as a cadet, Sept. 29th, 1858. Graduating from that school, he entered into active service, June, 1861. He was attached to the ‘Colorado,’ at Pensacola. While on this vessel he fell into the hold of the ship and received a severe contusion of the head, from which he never fully recovered. As soon as he was able, he again went into active service, and was attached to the ‘Hartford,’ flagship of Admiral Farragut, being present at the capture of New Orleans and both passages of the batteries at Vicksburg. He was promoted to the grade of Ensign, February, 1863, and to that of Lieutenant, February 22d, 1864. He was attached to the iron-clad ‘New Ironsides’ during the first attack and also at the final capture of Fort Fisher. He resigned from the navy, April, 1866, and resided in Europe till his death. \* \* \* Lieutenant Blake was one of the most amiable and unselfish of men, and of the highest standard of honor—a great favorite with his classmates, and beloved by all who knew him.”

30. JONATHAN HUNT<sup>s</sup> BLAKE,  
of \_\_\_\_\_, married \_\_\_\_\_, and had  
issue, but no sons.

31. JOSEPH M.<sup>8</sup> BLAKE, of \_\_\_\_\_,  
 married \_\_\_\_\_ 1865, Julia Vosbury, of Troy,  
 N. Y., and had

- i Anna Hunt,<sup>9</sup> b. 7 Nov. 1866.
- ii George Bancroft,<sup>9</sup> b. 5 June, 1868.

32. FRANCIS BARRON<sup>8</sup> BLAKE,  
 of London, married Sarah Elizabeth Spencer, and  
 had

- i William.<sup>9</sup>
- ii Mary.<sup>9</sup>
- iii George Francis.<sup>9</sup>
- iv James Barron,<sup>9</sup>
- v Catharine Carmichael,<sup>9</sup> } twins.
- vi \_\_\_\_\_

He graduated at the U. S. Naval Academy in 1857; became a Lieutenant in 1861. On the night of

14 Sept. 1861, while serving on board the frigate "Colorado," he participated in the very gallant exploit of destroying the privateer "Judith," moored at the south end of the Pensacola navy-yard, under the protection of a battery and field-piece. He was attached to the steam gun-boat "Kennebec" in her attempted passage of Forts St. Philip and Jackson, 24 April, 1862; and at Vicksburg, 28 June, 1862. He became a Lieutenant-Commander in 1863, and resigned 15 June, 1870. He is a member of the banking firm of Messrs. Blake Bros. & Co., of London, England.

33. CHARLES HENRY MILLS<sup>8</sup>

BLAKE, of Pawtucket, married 15 June, 1871, Margaret, daughter of Dr. William Swasey, of Limerick, Me., and had

i William Swasey,<sup>9</sup> b. 20 July, 1878.

34. FRANCIS<sup>8</sup> BLAKE, of Auburndale, Mass., married Elizabeth Livermore, daughter of Charles T. Hubbard, of Boston, and had

i Agnes,<sup>9</sup> b. 2 Jan. 1876.

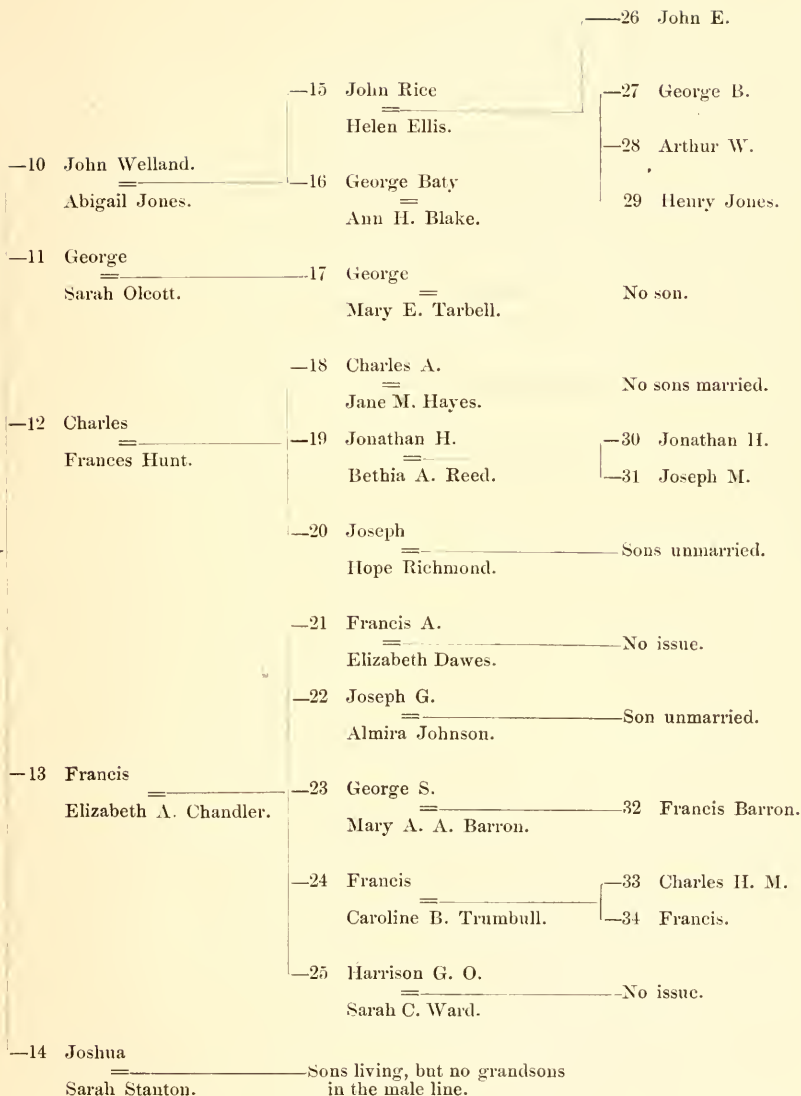
ii Benjamin Sewall,<sup>9</sup> b. 14 Feb. 1877.

Mr. Blake, who was for several years connected with the U. S. Coast Survey, has gained distinction by his valuable scientific discoveries in relation to electricity and the telephone.



1 William—— 5 Edward ——7 Solomon ——8 Joseph ——9 Joseph  
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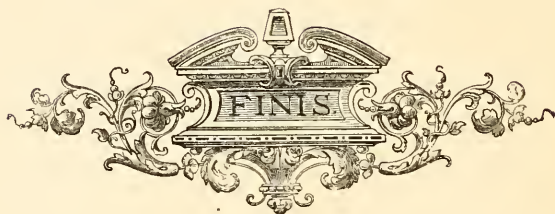
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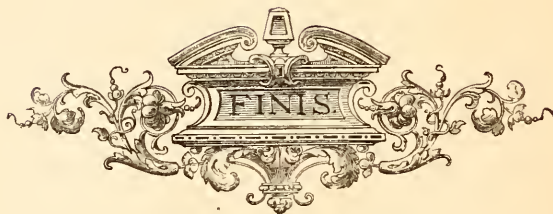
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