

First Generation

1. **William BLAGG**¹⁻⁹ was born on 8 Mar 1740.¹⁰⁻¹¹ Property: owned 283 acres lying on Mecham's River; purchased for 25 pounds Virginia currency in Albemarle County, VA between 1772 and 1777.¹² Property: paid 25 pounds to William Smith for 283 acres in Albemarle County, VA on 10 Sep 1772.¹³ Property: sold 283 acres to William Smith in Albemarle County, VA on 13 Nov 1777.¹⁴ Location: in Doe Hill area, VA 1 mile NW in 1780.¹⁵ Location: moved to Doe Hill, VA from Albemarle County, VA about 1781.¹⁶ Property: 81 acre survey in Augusta County on the head of the west branch of the Bullpasture on 6 Jun 1782.¹⁷ Property: purchaser of portion of Joseph Gamble's estate in Augusta County, VA on 1 Oct 1782.¹⁸ Property: 86 acre survey on a west branch of the Bullpasture river in Augusta County, VA on 9 Feb 1786.¹⁹ Individual Note: in 1787–1797 On Pendleton County Grand Jury.²⁰ Property: owns 4 horses and 5 cattle in Augusta County, VA in 1787.⁶ Property: 81 acre Virginia land grant on the west branch of the Bullpasture in Augusta County, VA on 18 Aug 1794.²¹ Property: 50 acre survey lying near the head of Bullpasture in Pendleton County, VA on 29 Mar 1796.²² Property: 100 acre survey on a west branch of the Bullpasture in Pendleton County, VA on 1 Sep 1800.²³⁻²⁴ Property: 100 acre Virginia land grant on the Bullpasture; from two 50 acre Virginia Land Office Treasury Warrants (10 Dec 1794 and 11 Dec 1795) in Pendleton County, VA on 6 Sep 1802.²⁴⁻²⁶ He signed a will on 14 Feb 1809 in Pendleton County, VA.⁴ Property: sold 50 acres on head of Bullpasture adjoining lands of Blagg, Knapp, and Wilsons, to John Armstrong for \$100 in Pendleton County, VA on 5 Nov 1816.²⁷ He died on 13 Jan 1820; at the age of 79.¹⁰⁻¹¹ Estate: in 1847 45 acres valued at \$405 including buildings valued at \$80, 50 acres valued at \$75, and 50 acres valued at \$50, all on the Bullpasture adjoining McCoy, 11 miles east of the courthouse.²⁸⁻²⁹ Estate: in 1848 in Bullpasture River Valley, Highland County, VA 45 acres adjacent to McCoy, 8 miles east of courthouse, valued at \$9 per acre with buildings valued at \$80; tax of \$.41.⁷ Estate: in 1848 in Bullpasture River Valley, Highland County, VA 50 acres adjacent to McCoy, 8 miles east of courthouse, valued at \$1.50 per acre; tax of \$.08.⁷ Estate: in 1848 in Bullpasture River Valley, Highland County, VA 50 acres adjacent to McCoy, 8 miles east of courthouse, valued at \$1.00 per acre; tax of \$.05.⁷ Estate: in 1851–1857 in Highland County, VA 45 acres, 50 acres, 50 acres on Bullpasture adjacent to McCoy; listed under Henry J. Blagg, Benjamin H. Blagg, James W. Blagg, and mother.³⁰ Family Note: efforts to link pioneers William Blagg and Caleb Blagg genetically via DNA testing failed. Two male descendants of Caleb and two male descendants of William had Y-DNA testing performed. The two descendants of William, James Abner and Gary Stuart Blagg agreed on 34 of the 39 markers tested that were common to both. The two Caleb descendants agreed entirely with each other for all their 37 markers tested, but only agreed with 17 of the 37 tested that were common to both of William's male descendants. Caleb and William's descendants were also of different haplogroups, further showing their lack of relationship.³¹

William BLAGG and Elizabeth Jane WILSON were married in 1773.³² **Elizabeth Jane WILSON**^{1,10,33-34}, daughter of William WILSON and Mary, was born on 26 Sep 1752.^{10,35-36} She died on 17 Jan 1808; at the age of 55.^{10,36}

William BLAGG and Elizabeth Jane WILSON had the following children:

- +2 i. **Samuel Wilson BLAGG**, born 30 Sep 1774, Virginia; married Jemima HEMPENSTALL, 1795; married Mary WAGGONER, 29 Oct 1833.
- +3 ii. **John BLAGG Sr.**, born 9 Jun 1778, Albemarle County, VA; married Mariah HINER, 1804; died 20 Nov 1862, Doe Hill, VA.
- +4 iii. **William BLAGG Jr.**, born 28 Oct 1780, Virginia; married Nancy WIMER, 14 Feb 1803, Greenbrier County, VA; married Jane THARB, 14 Sep 1817, Gallia County, OH; died 29 Dec 1853, Gallia County, OH.
- +5 iv. **Abraham BLAGG**, born 30 Mar 1783, Augusta County, VA; married Virginia Jane Carlile JONES, 25 Oct 1809, Pendleton County, VA; died 1817, Pendleton County, VA.
- +6 v. **Mary "Polly" BLAGG**, born 16 Apr 1785, Augusta County, VA; married John WELCH, abt 1805.
- +7 vi. **Harriet BLAGG**, born 18 Oct 1787, Augusta County, VA; married Alexander Burner HINER, 13 Sep 1809; died 11 Jan 1842.

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- +8 vii. **Priscilla BLAGG**, born 31 Aug 1790, Pendleton County, VA; married James Junius JONES, 24 Aug 1809; died 29 Dec 1862.
- +9 viii. **James Wilson BLAGG**, born 7 Jan 1794, Pendleton County, VA; married Mary SMALLRIDGE, 9 Nov 1815, Pendleton County, VA; died 13 Oct 1869, Upshur County, WV.

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1. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 267, 349.
2. *New History of Highland County, VA* (1983), 93, 150.
3. William Blagg Family Bible. Two entries on same page of the Bible read William Blagg Jnr., one refers to his birthdate and one to his date of death.
4. Pendleton County, VA Probate Records, Willbook 4, pages 52-53.
5. **Lyman Chalkley**, *Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlement in Virginia*, 307, Volume II. surety for marriage of Elibab Wilson and Hannah Hempenstall.
6. Augusta County, Virginia 1787 Personal Property Tax List, 128.
7. Highland County, Virginia Land Tax Book, 1848, 3.
8. Pendleton County, VA Probate Records, Will Book 2, pages 51-53. William Blagg Snr. as witness to William Wilson's will.
9. Pendleton County, Virginia Census, 1810, 1095.
10. William Blagg Family Bible.
11. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 267.
12. Albemarle County Deedbook, Book 6, pages 26-27; Book 7, pages 183-184.
13. Albemarle County, VA Deedbook, Book 6, pages 26-27.
14. Albemarle County, VA Deedbook, Book 7, pages 183-184.
15. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 250.
16. James A. Blagg. based on land record dates and Morton's entry.
17. Augusta County, Virginia Land Records, page 118, Record book #3.
18. **Lyman Chalkley**, *Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlement in Virginia*, 176, Volume III.
19. Augusta County, Virginia Land Records, page 250, Record book #3.
20. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 110.
21. Library of Virginia on-line image. reference to Office of the Treasury Warrant dated 6 May 1782 and survey of 6 June 1782.
22. Pendleton County, VA Land Surveys, page 62, 1796.
23. Pendleton County, VA Land Surveys, page 157, 1796.
24. Library of Virginia on-line image.
25. *Pendleton County Land Patent from Sims' Index*, 2:166.
26. Pendleton County, VA Courthouse Deed Books, Book 6, pages 361-363.
27. Pendleton County, VA Courthouse Deed Books, Book 6, pages 361-363. Was 50 acres of the 100 acres surveyed in 1800 and patented 6 Sep 1802 by William Blagg.
28. Land taken off of Pendleton by the County of Highland, 1847.
29. Highland County, VA Land Tax Book, 1847.
30. Highland County, VA Land Tax Book, 1851, 1852, 1853, 1854, 1855, 1856, 1857.
31. James A. Blagg. see Ysearch user IDs 88287, Y7UAE, D9M3S, and QQVCP for specific results.
32. William Blagg Family Bible. Based on the land records of Albemarle County it is logical to assume William and Elizabeth were married there. However, the marriage records for Albemarle for that time no longer exist. Per one genealogist at the Albemarle Historical Society, it is thought that they were destroyed during the American War for Independence. .
33. *New History of Highland County, VA*, 150. gives middle name.
34. Pendleton County, VA Probate Records, Willbook 2, pages 51-53.
35. Blagg documents.
36. **Morton, Oren F.**, *Morton's History of Highland County, VA*, 349.