

The Grave & Family of Dock Blincoe (c1839-1864)

By Jerry Long

Hancock Clarion, Hawesville, KY, Saturday, 13 August 1904, p.1:



A visit to the Bates burying ground near New Chapel Church, four miles north-east of Lewisport, this county, recalls a tragedy of the Civil War that was visited upon the people of that neighborhood.

In that burying ground, which is situated on the brow of a hill on the farm now owned and occupied by Mr. Samuel Thrasher and just north of his house, is, save by a rude brown stone, the unmarked grave of William C. Blincoe, who was familiarly known as Dock Blincoe, a native of that neighborhood. He was a young Confederate Soldier and had risen to the position of Lieutenant of his company. He had been captured and in retaliation of the death of a Federal soldier whose body had been found near Jeffersontown, in Jefferson County, Ky., but the circumstances attending his death and his slayer being unknown. Dock Blincoe and three of his comrades, W. B. Lilly, Sherwood Hadley and Lindsey Buckner, were taken from prison and shot near Jeffersontown by order of Stephen G. Burbridge, who was then in command of the Union forces there.

This was in October, 1864. The bodies of these four men were buried at Jeffersontown by those who sympathized with them, but later those of Capt. Buckner and Lieut. Blincoe were taken up by their friends and conveyed to their former homes. Lieut. Blincoe's body having been brought to Lewisport and buried in the Bates burying ground, where it is said the largest number of people gathered that ever assembled in that section upon the occasion of a funeral. There are many persons around Lewisport yet living who attended the burial of this young Confederate officer, and some of those who helped to bury his remains are yet living there.

The Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, has recently erected a suitable monument at Jeffersontown, over the graves of W. B. Lilly and Sherwood Hadley, the two of the four victims of Burbridge's cruel and inhuman policy, and announced that similar monuments would be erected by the society over the graves of Capt. Buckner and Lieut. Blincoe should they be located and the place be reported to it, and in view of this fact examination of the Bates burying ground has been made with a view of discovering the location of Dock Blincoe's grave, and while it is unmarked except by a rough stone and is in an old burying ground largely in a state of decay, some of those who helped to make the grave and assisted in the burial, state they

can locate the exact spot, and this will soon be done and its location reported to the officers of the Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy above mentioned so that its purpose to erect a monument to a Hancock County man who died a martyr to the cause he loved may be carried out.

[Article was also published in the Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, 14 August 1904, p.3.]



BZ (Confederate.)
2 Cavalry. | **Ky.**
 (Duke's.)

Wm Blincoe
Pat, { (New) Co. D, Duke's Regiment,
 Kentucky Cavalry.*

Appears on
Company Muster Roll
 of the organization named above,
 for *June 1 to Nov 1*, 1862.

Enlisted:
 When *June 1*, 1862
 Where *Wharton ga*
 By whom *Capt Worley*
 Period *3 yrs.*

Last paid:
 By whom _____
 To what time _____, 1862

Present or absent *Absent*
 Remarks *Wounded & made prisoner
 at Elizabeth town Ky Oct 21 1862*

*This company was also known as (New) Company D, 2d Regiment (Duke's) Kentucky Cavalry.

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Last paid:
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 To what time _____, 1862

Bounty paid \$ *100*; due \$ *50* *100*
 Present or absent *Absent*
 Remarks *Wounded & made prisoner
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Courier-Journal, Louisville, KY, Tuesday, 25 October 1864, p.3:

GUERRILLAS EXECUTED.—A detail of fifty men of the 26th Kentucky infantry yesterday started for Jeffersontown, Ky., with four guerrillas under guard to execute them in retaliation for the murder of a Union soldier by a gang of guerrillas. The guerrillas were captured in the State, and all are Kentuckians. Their names are, Wilson Lilly, L. P. Buckner, M. Bincoe, and Sherwood Hatley. They were shot to death last night on the commons of Jeffersontown.



**History of Kentucky, Richard H. Collins,
Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., 1874, p.144:**

1864: Oct. 25 — In retaliation for the shooting, by Sue Munday's guerrillas, of a Federal soldier, near Jeffersontown, Jefferson co., four men — Wilson Lilly, Sherwood Hatley, Lindsey Duke Buckner (a Confederate captain in Col. Chenoweth's regiment), and M. Bincoe — are ordered to be taken, and by Capt. Rowland E. Hackett and 50 men of the 26th Ky., are taken to the spot, and shot to death.



Jeffersontown Cemetery, Jeffersontown, Jefferson County, KY:
October 25, 1864 – Robbed of the Glory of Death on the Field Of
Battle By Stephen G. Burbridge, Who Ordered Them Shot Without
Cause or Trial. Erected to the Memory of the Four Martyrs by the
Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter D.O.C. of Louisville, Ky. June 11,
1904



**Forgotten Pathways, Genealogical Society of Hancock
County Quarterly, Vol. VII, Issue 1, Summer 1990, pp.3-4:**

Submitted by Donald Blincoe, Sr. 2624 Columbine Dr. N., Jacksonville, Fla. 32211:

On Saturday, August 13th, 1904, the Hancock Clarion published a story dedicated to a Confederate Army Lieutenant, WILLIAM C. "DOCK" BLINCOE titled, "Monument To His Memory." It told of his death and burial, and reburial by his friends in Hancock County, and the efforts of the Albert Sidney Johnson Chapter of the Daughters of The Confederacy to locate his grave in the Bates Burying Ground in Lewisport and erect a suitable monument in his honor.

Dock Blincoe was born in 1838, the son of Thomas Sanford Blincoe and Margaret Pate, descended from pioneer Hancock County families. His Grandfather, Thomas Blincoe, Sr., and his older brother, Benjamin, emigrated to Nelson County, Ky, in 1795 from Loudoun County, Virginia. In 1807, Benjamin moved to Breckinridge County, followed by Thomas, Sr. in 1809. They bought lands and settled in the great bend of the Ohio River between Hawesville and Lewisport which became Hancock County in 1829.

Dock, like many young men of Kentucky in 1861, were sympathetic to the Confederate cause and rushed to enlist in the rebel army. He was then just 21 years old. His military records show that he was enrolled for duty as a private on June 1st, 1861 by Capt. JOHN P. THOMPSON, at Owensboro, for 12 months. In July or August, 1861 his company was part of four units consolidated to form the 1st Regiment of Kentucky Infantry, Anderson's Battalion of Kentucky Infantry, and Co. H., 1st. Regiment, Louisiana Infantry. On the 27th of February 1862, Dock was detailed as a Pioneer. Those duties included clearing and construction of fortifications and campsites, and may have included demolitions work.

He was mustered out of service and paid up to May 31st, 1862 by 2nd. Lieut. Wm. H. PORTER, CSA. He apparently enlisted again although no records are available, except the one newspaper article, to show that he continued to serve until October, 1864 when he and three comrades, as prisoners of war at Jeffersontown, Ky., were taken out and shot in reprisal for the death of a Union Soldier whose body had been found near there. That article also mentions that he had, by then, risen to the rank of lieutenant in his company.

Ref: National Archives, Veteran's Records, Washington, D. C. File cards # 4646, 4716, 4796, 4875, 4955, 5028, and 6919.

Ref: Hancock County, Kentucky Federal Census for 1860, household #481

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At present date, there is still no marker that has been placed on this Martyr's grave. At least none that have survived these many years since the article in mention was first written. It is sad indeed, that there is none to remember the exact spot where this gallant young man was buried.

Many family histories, will be able to mark the graves of those gallant young men who died fighting for their beliefs and their country.



Hancock Clarion, Hawesville, KY, 17 August 2000, p.23:

Monument to honor Hancock
County Civil War soldier

By Sam Roberts

Kentucky was a house divided during the American Civil War. In recording events of that time, it appears the rural population was sympathetic to the south, while urban residents were Union supporters. Communities, and even families, were split in their sympathies and allegiance to the Union and the Confederacy. Kentucky did not secede from the Union with other southern states but the majority of residents apparently believed in states' rights, the major issue of the war. The division within the Commonwealth led to atrocities by both camps.

The story of William Blincoe of Hancock County deals with one of those atrocities of war. Nancy Hitt, a Civil War buff of Louisville, found some of his military records and will honor him with a monument, which was ordered through the Veterans' Administration. She is a member of the Order of Confederate Rows and is very interested in the Confederacy. The VA will provide a grave marker, free of charge, to mark the resting place of any war veteran who is in an unmarked grave, she said. An effort was begun in 1904 to secure a stone for Blincoe, she added.

Much of Ms. Hitt's research meshes with information provided by local sources.

According to Rose Pell Henderson of Lewisport, William Blincoe lived at Troy Bend, near Lewisport. He joined the Army of the Confederate States, Company D, Kentucky Cavalry, at Owensboro, for a six-months tour of duty June 1, 1862, and was due for release from duty November 1, 1862. He rejoined the army for three years, while serving in Georgia.

Private Blincoe was subsequently wounded in action and captured by Union forces. He was taken to a prison in Louisville to be transferred to Michigan. Before he was removed, a Union soldier was killed in the area. Blincoe and another man were taken from the prison and shot in reprisal, Ms. Henderson said.

Ms. Hitt confirmed that William C. "Dock" Blincoe, a son of Thomas S. Blincoe, did join Company D, Second Kentucky Cavalry. He was wounded and taken prisoner at Elizabethtown October 21, 1862 [correction – should be 1864]. She stated Blincoe was one of approximately 200 southerners, many prisoners of war, that Union General Stephen Gano Burbridge is believed to have had executed, although they had no direct connections to crimes. On October 25, 1864, Gen. Burbridge gave the order to execute four innocent Confederate prisoners in retaliation for the killing of a mail carrier. They were Pvt. William C. Blincoe, Capt. Lindsey Duke Buckner, Rev. Sherwood Hatley, a 70-year-old man, and Pvt. Wilson Lilly. The United Daughters of the Confederacy erected a monument to their memory in Jeffersontown, KY cemetery in 1904.

The four martyrs were selected at random from the Louisville military prison, executed and dumped into shallow graves. A group of ladies in the Louisville area had the bodies removed and interred in the Jeffersontown cemetery. Later, the remains of William Blincoe and Lindsey Buckner were-transferred to other burial grounds.

According to Rose Pell Henderson, an aunt of Blincoe, who lived in Hancock County, drove a road wagon to Louisville to retrieve his body. She traveled by night and hid by day, fearing Union troops would take the young man's body from her. The trip required several days to complete because of dirt roads All the way and the extreme danger travelers were subject to at the time.

Private Blincoe was laid to rest an unmarked grave in an unknown location in the old Bates Cemetery, which is about 100 yards from New Chapel United Methodist Church on Highway 605, just south of Highway 344, east of Lewisport. Mrs. Henderson stated the cemetery is in need of clearing and said no one has been buried there in probably 100 years.

Mr. George Gibbs, who works in the Hancock County Archives, has been helpful in securing information for this story. He said he believes he found the Blincoe grave, marked with a field stone. His son s cut some of the weeds in the cemetery.

Mr. Gibbs gave The Clarion copies of records from the Civil War era concerning Pvt. Blincoe. The Muster Roll for Company D, Duke's Regiment, Second Kentucky Cavalry, show he reenlisted for 3 years, while in Georgia. He was paid \$50, in absentia, for his service during November and December, 1862, according to the document dated March 11, 1863. The record notes that he had been wounded at Elizabethtown, KY and taken prisoner.

Military records and census records of the mid-1800s were not always accurate. Some researchers believe William Blincoe was also a soldier identified as M. Blincoe. At least one reference declares he had risen to the rank of Lieutenant.

The legal ground for Gen. Burbridge's order of executions laid on July 5, 1864, when President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed martial law for the entire Commonwealth of Kentucky. The extreme action was caused by guerilla actions all over the state as the war was going badly for the Confederacy. The guerillas were deserters from both sides, who had launched a reign of terror that the Union Army had to cope with. The order stated that whenever an unarmed Union citizen was murdered, four guerillas would be selected from prisoners and publicly shot to death near the scene of the crime. The first prisoners were executed July 19, 1864. More followed on July 22, July 29, August 12, at least three separate executions August 15 and two others August 20. Four persons were shot at Brandenburg on that date.

Guerilla terrorism was so rampant that Gen. Burbridge issued an order on October 26, 1864 that guerillas were not to be taken prisoner but were to be summarily executed on the spot. Actually, almost every guerilla caught claimed to be legitimate Confederate soldiers and the majority had forged or stolen papers to prove it.

Mrs. Henderson reported this week that she has been in contact with Ms. Hitt. Ms. Hitt told her if the graves of any additional Confederate soldiers are found in Hancock County, she will secure a monument for each of them.

Ms. Hitt said the incidents of mistreatment of Confederate soldiers were not the only atrocities committed by Union troops. Her research revealed that hundreds of women were taken from Georgia, against their will, and transported to the north to work as slaves. Some of them were put to work in the mills in Cannelton, IN, she said. Many died and never returned to their homes. She found the graves of two of them in Cave Hill Cemetery in Louisville.



Hancock Clarion, Hawesville, KY, 18 October 2001, pp. 1 & 2:

Doc Blincoe of Lewisport

executed while prisoner of war

Memorial service to honor Confederate soldier October 28

By Sam Roberts

Hancock County residents, who have an interest in Civil War history, are urged to attend a Martyrs' Weekend Memorial Service for a Confederate soldier executed at Louisville October 25, 1864. The Memorial Weekend is an observance conducted by the Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy.

The memorial honoring Private William C. "Dock" Blincoe of Lewisport, will take place Sunday, October 28 at 1:00 p.m., where he is buried, at the Bates Cemetery at 2780 Adair Road near the New Chapel United Methodist Church. The DAR requests that people wear period attire, bring flags if possible, and bring chairs and refreshments if desired.

William Blincoe was born in 1838, a descendant of pioneer Hancock County families. His grandfather, Thomas Blincoe, Sr., and his older brother, Benjamin, came from Loudoun County, VA, to Nelson County, KY, in 1795. In 1807, Benjamin moved to Breckinridge County and was followed by Thomas, Sr., in 1809. They bought land and established homes in the great bend of the Ohio River between Hawesville and Lewisport. The area became a part of Hancock County, which was created in 1829.

Military records show Dock Blincoe enlisted in the Confederate Army June 1, 1861. He was enrolled as a private, by Captain John P Thompson, at Owensboro, for 12 months. He was assigned to Anderson's Battalion, Company H, one of four units which made up the First Kentucky Infantry. On February 27, 1862, he was detailed as a Pioneer, in a group that cleared land and built fortifications and campsites.

Private Blincoe was mustered out of service and paid up to May 31, 1862 at Chattanooga, TN. He reenlisted for a period of 3 years and was attached to Company H of the Second Kentucky Cavalry. Some records indicate he rose to the rank of Lieutenant.

William Blincoe was wounded and taken prisoner at Elizabethtown in October, 1864. He and three comrades were sent to the Union military prison at Louisville, KY...

... Gen. Burbridge had issued orders that no guerillas would be taken prisoner but were to be executed on the spot, whenever they were found. The directive stated that for each Union soldier murdered by guerillas, four guerillas would be taken from prison and put to death.

Union soldier's murder sparks reprisal

William Blincoe and three others met their fate as the result of an incident just outside Louisville in the fall of 1864. The body of a murdered Union soldier was found on the Bardstown Pike. Consequently, four prisoners were taken from the prison and transported to Jeffersontown, where they were to be shot.

The people of the village objected to having the prisoners executed within the town limits, so they were marched to a walnut grove on a hill in a pasture. They were shot and their bodies were rolled into a shallow trench.

The four prisoners were William Blincoe, 70-year-old Rev. Sherwood Hatley, who claimed to be a military chaplain, Lindsey Duke Buckner and Wilson P. Lilly.

The Louisville Daily Democrat reported on November 2, 1864, that ladies of Jeffersontown had the bodies dug up and reburied in the city cemetery. The bodies of William Blincoe and Lindsey Buckner were claimed by relatives and interred in the counties where they had lived before their enlistment.

Research has revealed that all four men were totally innocent of the crime for which they were executed. They were condemned without a trial or legal representation...

... Over the past century, historians have investigated the atrocities alleged to have been committed by Gen. Burbridge. Because military records were prepared in such a haphazard manner, or not kept at all, the activities of the four prisoners could not be fully accounted for. Many concluded they were honorable sons of the Confederacy. Others formed the opinion they were rogues and scoundrels who had actually preyed upon law-abiding citizens. It is unlikely the whole truth will ever be known.

The Daughters of the Confederacy are intent on assuring that Confederate soldiers be given the honors they deserve. The national policy today is to assure recognition of all American veterans of all wars.

The ceremony in honor of William "Dock" Blincoe of Hancock County is scheduled for Sunday, October 28. The event is expected to arouse considerable interest and those attending may hear more of the story than The Clarion had available.

(Material for the story was provided by the Hancock County Archives, The Hancock Clarion of August 13, 1904, Collins History of Kentucky, Confederate Veteran magazine, Louisville Daily Democrat, City of Conflict by McDowell and other sources.)

A memorial service for Captain Lindsey Duke Buckner is scheduled at the Edwards Cemetery in Green County at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, October 27.



Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, 29 October 2001, p.1C:

Resting In Peace – Marker honors executed Resting Civil War soldier

By Steve Vied, Messenger-Inquirer



William C. Blincoe's Veterans Administration headstone stands near the center of Bates Cemetery after it was unveiled Sunday afternoon in Hancock County. The cemetery is at 2780 Adair Road.

LEWISPORT - Perhaps now, 137 years after he was slain not on the field of battle, but in front of a Union firing squad for a crime he knew nothing about, Pvt. William C. Blincoe can rest a little easier.

Sunday, more than 50 people gathered at tiny Bates Cemetery in northern Hancock County to honor Blincoe, a member of the Confederate Kentucky Second Cavalry. He was the victim, the organizers of the memorial service said, of a mean and altogether unjust retaliation policy authored by Union Gen. Stephen G. Burbridge in 1864.

In that unsettled year as the Civil War dragged on, marauding guerrillas were a thorn in the Union's side in Kentucky, enough so that Burbridge, a son of Kentucky himself, put into place his infamous Order No. 59, which commanded that four Confederate prisoners would be executed for each Union man killed by guerrillas.

More than 50 Confederate prisoners held in Lexington and Louisville met that fate. On Oct. 26, 1864, Blincoe, only 25, was one of them.

Civil War historian Stewart Cruickshank said the four died because a Union mail carrier had been gunned down and robbed.

"Sixteen men were chosen for the firing squad, and the four were killed on a farm near Jeffersontown," Cruickshank told the little gathering. "They were buried in a shallow ditch."

Not long afterwards, a relative had Blincoe's body exhumed, and she secreted it to Hancock County, he said, where the young soldier was buried in a grave marked only by a rough field stone.

Sunday a plain white Veterans Administration stone marker was set on Blincoe's grave.

"I've been waiting all my life for this," said Rose Pell Henderson of Lewisport.

Henderson, confined to a wheelchair, is 97. She said Blincoe was the brother of her great-great-grandfather.

"My family has been telling his story for years," she said. "I've known about it all my life. I've been trying to get this done all my life. It feels good."

The 90-minute ceremony included speeches and the singing of "Rock of Ages," "My Old Kentucky Home" and "Dixie." The cemetery, next to New Chapel United Methodist Church, was decorated with several types of Confederate flags. Some of the participants were dressed in period Confederate attire.

Linda Pell Tongate, Henderson's niece, said her aunt has kept the family informed about Blincoe for years.

"It's a great honor to have him recognized and to have a stone," Tongate said.

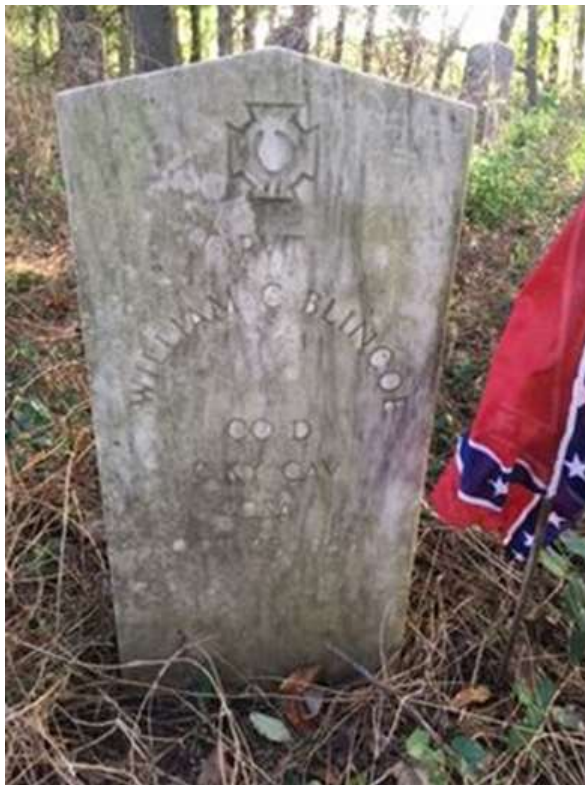
The memorial followed a similar event Saturday near Greensburg, where Confederate Capt. Lindsey Duke Buckner is buried. Buckner was executed alongside Blincoe.



Hancock Clarion, Hawesville, KY, 1 November 2001:



Descendants of Confederate Army veterans gathered at Bates Cemetery on Adair Road Sunday, to honor the memory of Confederate martyr William "Dock" Blincoe of Hancock County. Blincoe was executed for a crime he did not commit in 1864. A representative of the Kentucky Division of Sons of Confederate Veterans speaks to those attending on the subject of history of the Confederate States of America.



William C. "Dock" Blincoe gravestone



Blincoe Family of Hancock County, KY

By Jerry Long

In October 1986 this writer interviewed the late Donald Blincoe (1930-2000) of Jacksonville, FL. Mr. Blincoe was working on a history of the Blincoe family. He said that the Blincoes of Hancock County, KY were descendants of James Blinco(e), who was transported from England to Virginia by Capt. John Lee. On 8 June 1671 James Blinco was on a list 47 colonist transported by Capt. Lee.

The next record of James Blinco appears in the administrations of Westmoreland County, Virginia in 1673 where he witnessed the deed of Thomas Yowell and his wife Anna, daughter of Col. Richard Lee and sister to Capt. John Lee. On 4 September 1674, Morgan Jones of

Westmoreland County, a potter, assigned to James Blinco, planter, a plantation in Nominy River along with 32 head of livestock. Between 1675 and 1677, the records show that James was witness to three more transactions of his neighbors.

On 10 September 1677, Thomas Keene, of Northumberland County, Virginia, made his will. In it he devised his lands at Cherry Point Neck to his son, Thomas Keene, with the provision that should the said Thomas die without issue, the lands would revert to his mother, Mary, and become entailed upon her. This occurred and Mary Keene, widow, came into possession of the lands. Not long afterward, Mary Keene was wed to James Blinco(e).

In 1682, a lawsuit against James Blinco was brought by Edward Tarleton to collect 816 pounds of tobacco and casks. The court ordered James to pay out of the Keene estate which indicates that the debt was Thomas Keene's and not James Blinco's.

James and Mary Blinco had two children, Susannah, who married John Selfe and John Blinco. James Blinco(e) must have died sometime between 1682 and 1699. In 1700, John Selfe and his wife, Susannah, filed suit against Matthew Meyers for three thousand pounds of tobacco and costs owed the estate of James Blinco. Meyers was ordered to pay.

John Blinco(e), son of James & Mary, married Rebecca, whose maiden name is not known. In May, 1722, John made petition to the House of Burgesses for an act to enable him to trade 50 acres of the lands entailed upon his mother, Mary, to Thomas Cralle, Jr. for fifty acres on the branches of the Wiccomico River and one Negro slave called Membo. The entailment of the land meant that they could be passed on through inheritance but not sold without the House of Burgesses passing a special act. This was done and on the 18 July 1722, John Blinco(e) and Thomas Cralle, Jr. and his father, John Cralle signed indentures conveying the aforesaid lands and Negro slave.

John Blinco died interstate in 1723. An inventory of his estate was made and valued at about L75 Stirling, exclusive of the land. Rebecca was made administrator of the estate. John and Rebecca Blinco had three children – James (wife, Ann), the eldest and heir, John (wife Mary), and Susannah (married Thomas Standley).

John Blinco's widow, Rebecca, married again to Richard Crute, who had an older son, Robert. She had three more children by Richard Crute, Frances Conley, Catherine Pare and Richard. All six of her children were named in her will and young Richard Crute named as her executor. Rebecca died in December of 1756, one week separating her death from that of her second son, John. John Blinco, Jr. had two children, William, mentioned in his grandmother's will, and Diana.

James Blinco, son of John & Rebecca, is believed to have been born about 1715 and his wife, Ann, about 1720, both in Northumberland County. James inherited the Blinco lands and his father's estate. He accumulated a nice fortune for the times, assessed at L413 Stirling at the time of his death in 1759. The estate was equally divided between his children but placed in the hands of Ann until the youngest became of age when it was apportioned. Ann died in 1781 and left a will.

James and Ann had seven children:

- John, the eldest and heir; born c1738, married Mary Connolly, daughter of George Connolly, of Lancaster County, VA. He owned two plantations and lands in the forest, as they were described in his will. In 1776, John and Mary sold for L75, 50 acres of the Cherry Point lands to John Cralle and his wife Sarah. These are described in a deed of indenture four pages long which also delineates John's direct male line pedigree back to James Blinco. This document proves the descent of the first four generations of Blincos. John died in 1782, one year after his mother, Ann. He and Mary Connolly had 8 children.

- Thomas, born in the 1740's, married Lettice Read, daughter of Joseph Read of Loudoun County, VA. Thomas died in Loudon County, VA in 1806 and his wife, Lettice in 1818.
- Rebecca, married Joseph Eidson.
- William.
- Anne, married John Hornby.
- Betty, married Samuel Adams.
- Mary, married William Norris.

Thomas Blinco, son of James & Ann, with his wife, Lettice Read, and his brother William, moved to Loudoun County, Virginia in the late 1760s and by 1770 was leasing and buying lands in that county. Thomas became very wealthy and at one time owned or controlled more than three thousand acres of land. He owned twenty slaves. Thomas' lands were between Broad Run and Sugarland Run, not far from the present location of Dulles International Airport. He was plaintiff in a large number of court suits arising from his land leases, many of them with in-laws.

Thomas and Lettice had seven sons and is believed to have had several daughters. The daughters names have not been found with sufficient data to separate them from those of Thomas' brother William. The children of Thomas & Lettice included:

- Mark, appears in several of the Loudoun County censuses after 1800.
- James, born c1765, married Sarah Carroll, 2 February 1804 Mason County, KY. He moved to Nelson County, KY and then to Hardin County, KY, where he is listed in the 1810 and 1820 censuses.
- Benjamin, married about 1788 to Elizabeth Stark€, daughter of William Starke and Susan Trammell. Benjamin died in Breckinridge County, KY about 1825.
- Thomas, married Rebecca Sampson about 1795. Thomas died in Breckinridge County, KY in 1825.
- Sampson, born 1779, married Martha S. Jones in 1808. She was the daughter of William and Sarah Edward Jones. Sampson died in Loudon County, VA in 1806.
- Joseph.
- John.

During 1795-1800, James, Benjamin and Thomas Blincoe, sons of Thomas & Lettice, and their families left Loudoun County, VA to settle in Mason County, KY. By 1800 they moved to Nelson County, KY. Brothers, Benjamin and Thomas, appear in the 1800 tax list of Nelson County, KY. Benjamin and Thomas settled in Lewis Bottoms, along the Ohio River, near Lewisport, KY. At the time of their settlement there it was part of Breckinridge County, KY. Benjamin & Thomas are listed in the 1810 & 1820 censuses of Breckinridge County. Benjamin first appears in the Breckinridge County tax lists in 1806 and Thomas was first there in the 1809 tax list. Benjamin during 3 August 1807 to January 1816 served as one of the justices on the court of Breckinridge County and during 15 January 1816 to January 1818 was the sheriff of that county. In 1829 the former homes of Benjamin and Thomas became part of the new county of Hancock.

Benjamin Blincoe, son of Thomas & Lettice, died about 1825 in Breckinridge County, KY. His widow, Elizabeth, appears in his place in the 1825 tax list of Breckinridge County, KY. Elizabeth appears as a household head in the 1830 census of Hancock County, KY. The children of Benjamin Blincoe & Elizabeth Starke included:

- James, born 18 January 1789 Loudon County, VA; married Rosamond Pitt (1796-1859), 3 February 1815 Nelson County, KY. James died 22 May 1832 Nelson County, KY. He was the father of – Thomas Jackson, Susan E., James Archibald, Benedict V., Benedict Berkley, Rosamond, Felix H., Frances E. and Julia Ann
- Thomas, married Rachel Munday, c1823. (see below)
- Nancy Ann, born 20 January 1799 Nelson County, KY, married Benoni Smith Lamar (1790-1840), 3 January 1819 Breckinridge County, KY and Jonathan Sawyer (1797-1870), 1 December 1843 Hancock County, KY. Nancy died 20 August 1881 in Cloverport, Breckinridge County, KY, where she was buried in the Cloverport Cemetery. By her first husband she was the mother of – Lucretia, William Smith, Elizabeth Jane, Mary Ann, Benjamin Berkely, Thomas, Frances Horr, Susan Tramel, John Smith and William Starke.
- Berkley, born c1800 KY, married Mildred Ann Grafton, 21 November 1825 Spencer County, KY and Ann S. Burch.
- Elizabeth, born c1804 KY, married Dr. Timothy Holmes (1802-1881), 3 March 1831 Hancock County, KY. Elizabeth died 3 December 1878 Hawesville, Hancock County, KY, where she was buried in the Hawesville Cemetery. They were the parents of – Hester, Benjamin M., Lewis T., Hester, Sophrona H., William H. and Amelia.
- Frances, ‘Fanny’, born 1 April 1808 Breckinridge County, KY, married Benjamin Horr, 1824-1839. Frances died 11 June 1881. She was buried in the Lewisport Cemetery, Hancock County, KY. She was the mother of Elizabeth Horr, who married James W. Ireland in 1867.

Thomas Blincoe, son of Thomas & Lettice, wrote his final will on 10 March 1825 and it was recorded in Breckinridge County, KY in August 1825 (Will Book 1, p.45). His wife, Rebecca, appeared in his place in the 1826 tax list of Breckinridge County, KY; she was assessed taxes on 200 acres on the Ohio River and 30 acres on Lead Creek. Rebecca died after the 1840 Hancock County census and before 24 December 1842. On the latter date her heirs transferred a lot of land to George Henry Blincoe. The heirs of Thomas Blincoe & Rebecca Sampson were recorded on 1 April 1836 in Hancock County, KY Deed Books 2, p.238 & 3, p.443. The deed in addition to his widow, Rebecca, named the following 6 children:

- Harriet, born 10 July 1796 VA, married George B. LaHeist (1796-1869), 23 October 1828 Breckinridge County, KY. Harriet died 28 December 1860 in Cloverport, Breckinridge County, KY, where she was buried in the Oglesby Cemetery. They were the parents of – Rebecca Elizabeth, Thomas Henry, Cincinnatus, Katherine Anna and Lafayette.
- Zillah, born 12 January 1801 KY, married William S. Bates (1799-1885), about 1825. Zillah died 28 July 1842 in Hancock County, KY, where she was buried in the Bates Cemetery. Their children were – Thomas Sanford, Benjamin B., Nancy J., Rebecca Ann, Samuel Henshaw, Mary C., Dr. John Daviess and Elizabeth F.
- Nancy Ann, born 1815-1820 Breckinridge County, KY, married John Norris Lashbrook (c1809-), 8 November 1832 Hancock County, KY. They were divorced during 1833-1840. Thomas Blincoe was appointed guardian of their daughter, Susan R., born c1833, who married Dr. John D. Ogden, 24 June 1848 Hancock County, KY. Nancy Blincoe Lashbrook died after 1836.
- Dr. Benjamin Berkley, born 22 April 1808 Breckinridge County, KY, married Louisa Juliet Daviess, 15 September 1831 Daviess County, KY. Benjamin died 10 August 1849, buried Moore Cemetery, Hancock County, KY. (see below)

- Catherine, 'Kittie', born c1812 Breckinridge County, KY, married William Bondurant Maxey (1810-1883), 21 February 1833 Hancock County, KY. She died 9 July 1834. Her husband was remarried in 1837.
- Thomas Sanford, born 26 December 1812 Breckinridge County, KY, married Margaret Pate, 25 May 1834 Hancock County, KY. Thomas died 25 November 1876, buried Adams Cemetery, Hancock County, KY. (see below)
- George Henry, born about 1820. He appears in the annual tax lists of Hancock County, KY during 1840-1844. In 1842 his siblings transferred 60 acres to him that had formerly been owned by his mother, Rebecca.

Those of the name Blincoe in the early records of Hancock County, KY are descendants of three individuals. They are Thomas Blincoe (1791-1847) and his first cousins, Dr. Benjamin Berkley Blincoe (1808-1849) and Thomas Sanford Blincoe (1812-1876).

Thomas Blincoe, son of Benjamin Blincoe & Elizabeth Stark, was born 18 February 1791 VA. He married Rachel Munday about 1823. Nancy was born c1790 and was named as a daughter of William Munday in his will recorded in Breckinridge County, KY in 1815 (will book 1, p.11). At the time of the marriage of Thomas Blincoe he was a resident of Breckinridge County, KY, where the early marriage records have been lost. Thomas is listed in the 1820 census of Breckinridge County, KY, 1830 and 1840 censuses of Hancock County, KY. Thomas died 17 January 1847 and his wife, Rachel, died 16 November 1836. They were buried in the Mason-Blincoe Cemetery in the Troy Bend neighborhood of Hancock County, KY. Their children were:

- Betsy Ann, born c1824 Breckinridge County, KY. She died 10 April 1839 and was buried in the Mason-Blincoe Cemetery, Hancock County, KY.
- Nancy Munday, born 3 May 1825 Breckinridge County, KY, married James Madison Mason (1815-1878), 18 October 1842 Hancock County, KY. Nancy died 12 April 1874 in Hancock County, KY, where she was buried in the Mason-Blincoe Cemetery. They had 12 children – Veturia Elizabeth, Richard Womack, Mary R., Kate, Robert, Michael A., Margaret Holmes, Thomas Blincoe, Henry W., James Munday, Nannie Blincoe and Charles Madison.
- Susan Trammell, born c1826 Breckinridge County, KY. She died 29 February 1836 and was buried in the Mason-Blincoe Cemetery in Hancock County, KY.
- Virginia, born c1828 Breckinridge County, KY. She married Levi Smith (1823-1910), 14 May 1850 Hancock County, KY. She died during 1860-1868.
- William Munday, born 7 December 1830 Hancock County, KY on a farm a short distance above Lewisport, KY. He married Henretta O'Bannon (1835-1921), 9 May 1855 Hancock County, KY. As a young man he began a career as a flatboat pilot and later became a riverboat captain, serving on various boats primarily on the Ohio River between Louisville, KY and Cairo, IL. He died on 19 December 1909 in Evansville, Vanderburgh County, IN. He was buried at the Mason-Blincoe Cemetery in Hancock County, KY. He and Henretta were divorced during 1870-1880. They were parents of Thomas E. and Laura.

Benjamin Berkley Blincoe, son of Thomas Blincoe & Rebecca Sanford, was born 22 April 1808 KY. He married Louisa Juliet Daveiss, 15 September 1831 Daviess County, KY. Louisa, daughter of John Daveiss & Sally J. Duncan, was born 9 March 1811 in what became Daviess County, KY. Louisa was niece of Joseph Hamilton Daveiss (1774-1811), for whom Daviess County, KY was named. Benjamin was a doctor and is listed in the 1840 census of Hancock

County, KY. Dr. Blincoe died on 10 August 1849 and was buried in the Moore Cemetery in Hancock County, KY. Louisa Blincoe in the 1850 federal census slave schedule of Hancock County was reported to be the owner of 6 slaves. Louisa married Westley Roberts (c1790-1862), 19 October 1853 Hancock County, KY and John Prince Miller Jett (1828-1911), 30 September 1857 Hancock County, KY. Louisa died 31 July 1874 and was buried in the Lewisport Cemetery, Hancock County, KY. Benjamin B. Blincoe and Louisa J. Daveiss had 9 children:

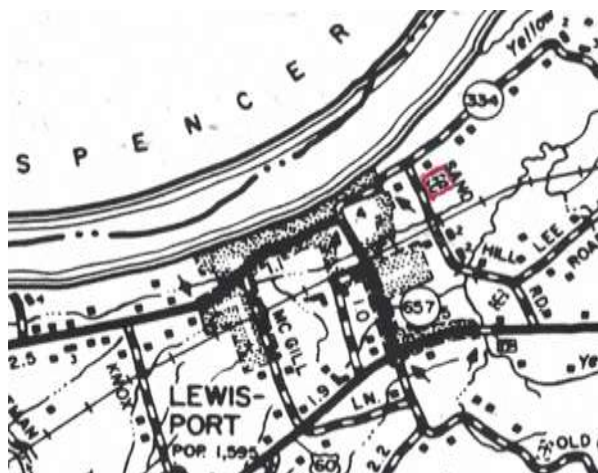
- Ann Caroline, born 18 July 1832 Daviess County, KY. She married Joseph Curtis Pell (1822-1896), 7 June 1848 Hancock County, KY. Ann died 16 March 1903 in Hancock County, KY, where she was buried in the Lewisport Cemetery.
- Josephine H., born 3 January 1835 KY. She married David C. Searce, 26 December 1852 Hancock County, KY. She died 20 January 1854 in Hancock County, KY, where she was buried in the Lewisport Cemetery.
- Eliza Jane, born 13 December 1835 KY. She married William H. Ragland, 29 December 1853 Hancock County, KY. Eliza died 14 March 1855 and was buried in the Lewisport Cemetery, Hancock County, KY.
- Sarah F., born in December 1837 KY. She married George Washington Pell (1834-1864), 30 November 1855 Hancock County, KY. Sarah died 16 August 1903 in Lewisport, Hancock County, KY, where she was buried in the Lewisport Cemetery.
- John Daveiss, born in January 1840 Hancock County, KY. He married Mary Elizabeth Dale (c1845-), 27 January 1864 Lewisport, Hancock County, KY; Annie R. Patterson (c1852-), 3 February 1875 Hancock County, KY; and Nannie Wollner (1858-1920), 18 June 1893 Hancock County, KY. John D. Blincoe died 13 June 1905 in Lewisport, Hancock County, KY, where he was buried in the Lewisport Cemetery..
- Harriet R., born 5 October 1841 KY and died 12 April 1848. She was buried in the Moore Cemetery, Hancock County, KY.
- Mary L., born 2 April 1844 KY and died 7 June 1851. She was buried in the Moore Cemetery, Hancock County, KY.
- Thomas Ballard, born 23 September 1846 Hancock County, KY. He married Annie Patricia Brown (1850-1902), 14 October 1868 Hancock County, KY. Thomas died 1 December 1874 in Hancock County, KY, where he was buried in the Lewisport Cemetery.
- Benjamin C., born 22 March 1849 Hancock County, KY. He died 13 July 1850 in Hancock County, KY, where he was buried in Moore Cemetery.

Thomas Sanford Blincoe, son of Thomas Blincoe and Rebecca Sanford, was born 26 December 1812 Breckinridge County, KY. He is listed in the 1840, 1850, 1860 and 1870 censuses of Hancock County, KY. He married Margaret Pate on 25 May 1834 Hancock County, KY. Margaret was the daughter of John Pate & Jane Crawford. Her parents had been residents of Breckinridge and Ohio Counties, KY. Margaret's father had served as a sheriff of Breckinridge County, KY. The town of Patesville, the first post office established in Hancock County, KY, was named for her uncle, William Pate, who operated an inn there. Another of Margaret's uncles, Joseph Allen, was for many years the county & circuit court clerk of Breckinridge County, KY. Margaret Pate Blincoe died during 1845-1850. Thomas was widowed when his family was listed in the 1850 census; the census taker visited his home on 14 August 1850. On the website Find A Grave it is reported that Thomas Sandford Blincoe's wife was Margaret Jane Pate, who was born 9 March 1816 and died 5 June 1850. The same dates are quoted in many family trees. In none of

these is the original source for the dates given. If anyone knows the source for these dates please let me know. Margaret Pate is a sister of this writer's third-great-grandfather, William Pate (c1806-1873).

Thomas S. Blincoe in the 1850 & 1860 federal census slave schedules of Hancock County was reported to be the owner of 2 slaves. Thomas married Lucy L. Roberts, 1 January 1868 Daviess County, KY. The daughter of Dr. Henry B. Roberts & Harriet H. Daveiss, was born 1847-1848 in Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. Lucy was a niece of Louisa J. Daveiss, wife of Dr. Benjamin Berkley Blincoe. Lucy (Roberts) Blincoe died of flux in Lewisport, Hancock County, KY on 26 September 1869 (1870 Hancock County, KY census mortality schedule and History of Daviess County, Kentucky, 1883, p.422). Lucy was buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. Thomas Blincoe & his second wife, Lucy, had a son, Henry Roberts, who is listed in his father's home in the 1870 census; he was then reported to be 2 years old. "Henry R. son of Tom Blincoe" has a gravestone in the Adams Cemetery in Hancock County, KY; his death date was engraved as 26 December 1872.

Thomas Sanford Blincoe died 25 November 1876 in Hancock County, KY. He was buried in the Adams Cemetery in Hancock County, KY. The cemetery is in an open field on the east side of the Sand Hill Road near its intersection with Highway 334 a short distance east of the town of Lewisport.



Grave of "Tom Blincoe, born 26 Dec 1812, died 25 Nov 1876" in Adams Cemetery, Hancock County, KY; site of cemetery is marked in red on map

On 29 January 1877 John B. Blincoe, was appointed administrator of the estate of Thomas S. Blincoe, deceased. Securities on the administrator's bond were Thomas' son-in-laws, Robert C. Adams, John A. Adams and Edward B. Prentis (Hancock County, KY Administrator Bond Book 1863-79, pp.1-2). At his death Thomas S. Blincoe owned land along the Ohio River and the road from Lewisport to Hawesville. On 22 September 1877 a division of the lands of Thomas S. Blincoe was made among his heirs, who were listed as – John B. Blincoe, Jennie V. Adams, Mary A.

Adams, Elizabeth Prentis and Mattie Blincoe – the first four named were his surviving children and the last named was his granddaughter, who was the only heir of his deceased son, Daniel S. Blincoe.

Children of Thomas Sanford Blincoe and Margaret Pate were:

- Elizabeth Frances, ‘Lizzie’, born 1834-1835 Hancock County, KY. She married Edward Brule Prentis (1831-1882), 8 April 1886 Hancock County, KY. Edward was the son of James Prentis & Lucy Baugh, whose family came to Lewisport, Hancock County, KY in 1845 from Petersburg, VA. Elizabeth died 31 March 1886 of cancer of the liver at the home of her brother, J. B. Blincoe in Hancock County, KY. She was also survived by a sister, Mary Adams and several nieces. She was buried at the Lewisport Cemetery in Hancock County, KY. They had one child, Minnie Myrtle (1863-1864).
- John B., born 8 September 1836 Hancock County, KY. He married Lucy T. Prentis (1840-1865), 23 December 1864 Lewisport, Hancock County, KY. She was the daughter of James Prentis & Lucy Baugh and was buried in the Lewisport Cemetery. John B. Blincoe married second Susan Margaret Blackford (1855-1889), 31 October 1883 Lewisport, Hancock County, KY. Susan was the daughter of Zephaniah Martin Blackford & Susan A. Hall and was buried in the Lewisport Cemetery. John B. Blincoe died 16 May 1895 and was buried in the Lewisport Cemetery, Lewisport, KY. John B. & Margaret Blincoe had four children – infant (1887-1887), Thomas Miller (1888-1888), John B. (189-1889) and Jimmy Zephaniah (1889-1889), all were buried at the Lewisport Cemetery. John B. Blincoe wrote his will on 4 February 1895 and it was recorded on 27 May 1895 (Hancock County, KY Will Book 5, pp.1-2). He left his estate to his sister, Mary A. Adams, and six nieces – Maggie Adams, Lila Stein, Edna Adams, Myrtle McDaniel (wife of C. A. McDaniel), Pearl Adams and Mattie Howe.
- William C. ‘Dock’, was born 1838-1839 Hancock County, KY. During the Civil War he served in the Confederate Army. After being captured and imprisoned he was shot and killed on 25 October 1864 at Jeffersontown, KY. He was executed in retaliation for the killing of a Union soldier in which he had no involvement. His body was returned to Hancock County, KY and was interred in the Bates Cemetery. He was not married.
- Rebecca J., born 1839-1840 Hancock County, KY. She is listed with her father in the 1850 census of Hancock County, KY; she was then reported to be 10 years old. She appears to have died during 1850-1859. A division of her father’s estate in 1877 proves that she was not then living and had died leaving no children.
- Daniel Sanford, born 2 April 1840 Hancock County, KY. He was living with his father at the time of the 1850, 1860 & 1870 censuses of Hancock County, KY. He married Catherine Elizabeth Greathouse, ‘Cattie’ (1849-1923), on 1 January 1872 Hancock County, KY; she was the daughter of Harmon Bukey Greathouse & Martha R. Haywood. Twenty-five months after their marriage Daniel Blincoe died on 17 February 1874. He was buried in the Adams Cemetery, Hancock County, KY. He had one child – Martha Roberta, ‘Mattie’ (1873-1964), who married Charles Gallatin Howe. Catherine Greathouse Blincoe married Milton Cornelius Tracy (1845-1915), 5 November 1878 Hancock County, KY, they were divorced. Catherine married third Thomas James Rooker (1857-1924), 22 August 1893 Macon, Macon County, MO. By 1880 she was residing in Macon County, MO, where she was buried in the Oakwood Cemetery in the town of Macon in 1923.

- Mary Ann, born 20 February 1843 Hancock County, KY. She is listed with her father in the 1850 & 1860 censuses of Hancock County, KY. She married Robert Culbertson Adams, 'Bob' (1838-1922), 8 August 1861 in Lewisport, Hancock County, KY. R. C. Adams was the son of David Adams & Eliza Sterrett. He was a captain on numerous boats on the Ohio River for many years including the riverboats Mary Ament and the Dick Johnson. Mary Ann Adams died of flux on 1 August 1896 in Lewisport, KY. After her death her husband married Lula Zenor (1855-1929) on 7 June 1899. Robert C. Adams died 17 February 1922 in Hancock County, KY. He and his wife, Mary Ann were buried in the Adams Cemetery, Hancock County, KY. A will of Mary Ann written one day before her death named two children. Robert C. & Mary Ann Adams were the parents of – Myrtle (1871-1949, wife of Cromwell Adair McDaniel, they operated a dairy in Lewisport for many years) and Georgia Pearl (1873-1896, single).
- Virginia Harriet, 'Jennie', born 9 August 1845 Hancock County, KY. She is listed with her father in the 1850 & 1860 censuses of Hancock County, KY. She married John A. Adams (1835-1899), 4 August 1866 Hancock County, KY. He was the son of David Adams & Eliza Sterrett. He was a brother of Robert C. Adams, who had married Virginia's sister, Mary Ann Blincoe. He was a noted riverboat captain entering work on the river during the 1870's. He had operated numerous boats on the Ohio River between Cannelton, IN and Evansville, IN. One of the boats, the Edna Adams, was named for his blind daughter. He appears in several entries in the book, Way's Packet Directory, 1848-1983. Virginia Blincoe Adams died 19 June 1881 and was buried in the Adams Cemetery, Hancock County, KY. John A. Adams married Inez A. Batson (1855-1900), 12 December 1882 Richland County, IL. John A. Adams died at his home in Lewisport, Hancock County, KY. He and his wife, Inez, were buried in the Adams Cemetery, Hancock County, KY. Virginia H. Blincoe & John A. Adams had three children – Margaret, 'Maggie' (1867-1906, single), Lila A. (1869-1929, married Frank S. Stein) and Edna C. (1871-1895, single). John A. Adams and his second wife, Inez, had two children – Harriet B. (1883-1921, single) and C. Johnnie (1885-1896, a daughter).



View of the Adams Cemetery, Sand Hill Road, Hancock County, KY