

Jesse James' descendant hid artifacts in Huntington

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HUNTINGTON BEACH — For the past 14 years, some of the most valuable artifacts of Jesse James' life were hidden in Ethel Rose Owens' mobile home.

His handmade boots — the ones he was wearing when he was shot dead by Robert Ford in 1882 — were in the kitchen, tucked underneath cans of corn and beans. His guns, a Winchester rifle, a Colt revolver and a shotgun, were stashed with other keepsakes behind a fake fireplace in the den.

Last week, Owens, the last surviving grandchild of the legendary outlaw, went back to the family farm outside of Kearney, Mo., where the weapons and other belongings were enshrined in a new

Jesse James museum.

After zealously keeping them from gun collectors and curiosity seekers for 106 years, the family finally decided to part with the heirlooms.

"We wanted to make sure there was a proper place for them," Owens said Thursday. "When they built a museum, we were impressed. Mom and Dad were so afraid someone would get them and make a sideshow."

Making the donation on behalf of her family was a relief for the 80-year-old widow, who was always afraid that someone would steal the artifacts, which also included James' spurs, wallet, coin purse, horse bridle, boot brush, neck warmer and cartridge belt.

Although people in the Kansas City area knew of her lineage, her



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Ethel Rose Owens, 80, holds a book about her notorious grandfather.

many friends at the Huntington Harbour Estates mobile-home park did not find out until this week.

Despite James' notoriety — one historian estimates the James

Gang robbed nine banks, eight trains and four stagecoaches, resulting in 32 deaths — Owens said the family has not felt hostility over the years. Quite the oppo-

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ARTIFACTS: Jesse James' boots given away

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site, in fact.

James, historians say, was considered a hero by many in his native Missouri, first for his guerrilla fighting on behalf of the South in the Civil War and, later, for stealing from wealthy institutions that many people despised.

In her youth, Owens recalls going to Kearney with her father, Jesse Edward James, "and people would be all over us. It was fun. I thought my grandfather was wonderful."

Jesse James the outlaw died in 1882 at age 34. Ford, a new member of the James Gang, shot him in the head when his back was turned. Ford was tempted by a \$5,000 reward for James' capture.

Owens' father, then just 7 years old, was in the next room.

"He came in and saw his father dead and bleeding on the floor," Owens said. "I don't think he ever got over it, because he loved his father so much."

Owens' father became a lawyer, married and raised four daughters in Kansas City. Owens was the youngest.

She remembers her great-uncle Frank James, Jesse's older brother and partner in the James Gang, along with Younger brothers, Cole, Jim and Bob.

"(Frank James) wrote to the governor, saying he would turn himself in if he got a fair trial," she said. "He was acquitted twice and lived as a free man on the James farm."

The family has always held that deep down the James brothers were not bad sorts, she said. As the story goes, they harbored a deep hatred for authority. They saw their stepfather nearly die when he was strung up with a rope around his neck by Union soldiers.

"Both boys were quite religious and they were very bright boys, so they tell me," she said.

Her firsthand knowledge of Jesse James is limited to his feet. She tried on his boots once.

"He must have had small feet, because there was only about this much room left in the toe," she said, holding her thumb and index finger about a half-inch apart. Owens' father, who suffered from poor health, moved the family to Southern California in 1926. He died in 1951.

Ethel Rose, known as "Babe" to her family, married building contractor Calvin Owens in 1937. When he died in 1975, she left the home he built for her on a hill in Santa Monica and moved with her artifacts to Huntington Beach.

Her sister Estelle lived with her until she died last year. Another sister, Lucille, died two months ago. The fourth sister, Josephine, died 26 years ago.

Among the next generation of Jesse James' descendants is Josephine's son, Orange County Superior Court Judge James R. Ross.

And there is a never-ending stream of would-be relatives.

"I had six telephone calls yesterday from people who thought they were related," Owens said. "We've always had people who want to belong to the family."

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HISTORICAL SKETCH No. 69, Part I

The JAMES FAMILY, by Thelma Barr

There no doubt has been millions of words written about Frank and Jesse James. Very little has been written about their ancestors and their background. They were Virginians and eventually several of them migrated to Missouri.

Great Grandparents of Frank and Jesse James

They were William JAMES and Mary (HINES) JAMES. It is thought that their family emigrated from England to Virginia. William was born in Hanover County, Virginia. They were married July 15, 1774. The records of Hanover County were sent to a library in Richmond, Va., for safe keeping but the records were destroyed during the sack and fire of Richmond toward the end of the war between the States. They moved to Goochland County on Lickinghole Creek in 1777. They had seven children: (1) John was born in 1775 in Hanover County; (2) Nancy Ann, born 1777 (Douglas Register), married David HODGES, a shoemaker; (3) Mary married Edward LEE in 1796; (4) William Jr. born 1782; (5) Thomas, born 1783; (6) Richard, (7) Martin.

Grandparents of Frank and Jesse James

They were John JAMES 1775- (No. 1 above) and Mary POLLY POOR, daughter of Robert POOR and Elizabeth MIMS. They were married in 1807. John was a Baptist minister, They moved to Logan County in 1811. John was also a very prosperous farmer and they had eight children. Polly came from a very old family. Her father's family came from England in 1660. The MIMS family also dates back to 1660. They were of Welsh ancestry. The POOR and MIMS families inter-married several times. The children of John JAMES and Mary (Polly) POOR were:

1. Mary JAMES, born September 18, 1809 in Goochland Co., Va., married Rev. John W. MIMS, born in 1808. They were double first cousins. Mary's parents died within a few months of each other and she and John assumed the care of her brothers and sisters. Her youngest brother was only a few months old. Mary was only 18 years old at this time. They had 12 children of their own. When John's father died, he also had to look after his mother and manage her land and estate. In 1857, they sold their land and moved to Missouri, settling in Harlem, across the river from Kansas City, Mo. For a time he operated the MIMMS Hotel. The MIMS families that migrated to Kentucky and Missouri changed the spelling of their names to MIMMS. (The MIMMS Hotel was in Kansas City, Mo.) Rev. MIMMS moved back to Harlem in 1865. In later years he moved back to Kansas City. Then their daughter "Zee" married Jesse JAMES, it broke her mother's heart. It was in their home that "Zee" helped nurse Jesse when he had been shot and was ill for a long time.

2. William JAMES, born Sept. 11, 1811 in Logan County Kentucky, married Mary Ann VARBLE on Dec. 2nd, 1843 in Westport, Oldham County, Kentucky. He was a merchant and also an ordained Methodist minister. In 1860, they came to Missouri. He was a minister in Platte County from 1875 to 1880. He later moved to Clay County. He officiated at the marriage of his niece, Zerelda A. MIMMS, to his nephew, Jesse JAMES at the home of Zee's sister Lucy BROWDER, at Kearney, Mo. He tried to persuade Zerelda not to marry Jesse but she wouldn't listen to him. William and Mary Ann had nine children.

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3. John R. JAMES, born Feb. 5, 1815, married Amanda WILLIAMS Sept. 1, 1836. They moved in with her parents. They had three children: Robert, Susan and John. John R. JAMES was a dentist. As far as is known he did not leave Kentucky. He died in 1881.
4. Elizabeth JAMES, born Nov. 25, 1816, Logan County Kentucky. Married Tillman Howard WEST in 1837. They came from Russelville, Kentucky to Pleasant Hill, Mo. in 1844 where Mr. West became Postmaster in 1847. Later he moved to Randolph, Missouri, then to Harlem, Missouri, then finally to Kansas City, Mo. He was a prominent business man and a charter member of Methodist Church South in Kansas City, Mo.
5. Robert Sallee JAMES, born July 17, 1818 in Logan County, Kentucky. Married December 28, 1841 to Zerelda COLE. He was educated at Georgetown College and graduated in 1842. While at Georgetown, he met Zerelda, a student at a Catholic convent, though not a catholic. Robert became a minister, educator, gifted orator, and successful farmer. He was a soft spoken and kindly man of God but his days were few and troubled. Zerelda's mother had married Robert THOMASON whom Zerelda did not like. They came to Kearney, Mo. to live and Zerelda stayed in Kentucky to live with her Uncle James Madison LINDSAY at Stamping Ground, close by Georgetown. In 1841 Robert and Zerelda visited her mother in Missouri and decided to settle there. They settled, after Robert's graduation, on a farm of 275 acres, today known as "The James Farm".

Robert was an ordained minister and was founder of New Hope Baptist Church and another church near Excelsior Springs. He was one of the organizers of William Jewell College at Liberty, Mo., and a member of its first board of trustees. They had four children, one died in infancy. Those remaining were: (a) Alexander Franklin; (b) Jesse Woodson; and (c) Susan Lavenia.

In 1850, Robert decided to go to Hangtown, California, which was in the gold fields where his brother Drury Woodson JAMES was located. He joined a wagon train which spent about three months enroute. A few weeks after his arrival in California he died of food poisoning and was buried in an unmarked grave.
6. Nancy G. JAMES, born 1821, married George B. HITE in June, 1841 in Logan County, Ky. They had ten children. Five died very young. Two of their sons rode with Frank and Jesse. Son "Wood" was killed by Bob Ford.
7. Thomas Martin JAMES, born April 8, 1823, Logan County, Kentucky. Married Sarah S. Woodward July 25, 1847 in Goochland, Virginia. They had five children. He was a school teacher in Logan County, Ky., in early years. He operated a store in Todd County, Ky., in 1852. He later moved to Kansas City, Mo. where he was a civic and business leader. He founded the T. M. James China Company. His two sons, graduates of Brown University, operated the company. Thomas M. was an organizer and deacon in the First Baptist Church in Kansas City, Mo.

8. Drury Woodson JAMES, born Nov. 14, 1826 in Logan County, Ky. Married Louisa DUNN in Sept., 1866 in San Luis Obispo, California. Drury was only a few months old when his parents died. His sister Mary (Mrs. John W. MIMMS) reared him. Drury enlisted in Capt. Triplett's Co. H, First Regiment, Kentucky Infantry, at Ceaham City, Ky., on May 19, 1846 and served in the Mexican War until he was mustered out in 1847. In 1848, Drury and his nephew Robert W. MIMMS went to the Hangtown, California gold fields where they mined until the spring of 1850. At that time Drury became a cattle dealer, supplying the mining camps with beef. He had a herd of 5000 at one time. He was at Hangtown (now Placerville), Calif., when his brother Rev. Robert S. JAMES arrived and possibly was with him when Robert died. In 1860, he and a friend, John G. Thompson, a Kentuckian, bought the La Panza Ranch. Drury's wife was afraid of the indians so he sold out and went to Paso Robles. He erected a hotel and bathhouse at Paso Robles sulphur springs. He surveyed the town site and in October, 1886, began selling lots. The town was incorporated in 1889. Drury and his partner, Daniel Blackburn, donated land for a city park and Drury gave land for a public school. Drury was County Supervisor of San Luis Obispo County for 17 years, school trustee for four years, and Representative of the County in the State Legislature. He died in San Francisco in 1910.

HISTORICAL SKETCH - Part III

The JAMES FAMILY

PARENTS OF FRANK AND JESSE JAMES

Robert Sallee JAMES, born July 17, 1818, Logan County, Kentucky, married Zerelda COLE Dec. 28, 1841 at the home of her Uncle-guardian, James Madison LINDSAY, of Stamping Ground, Scott County, Kentucky. They met when Zerelda was only 16 years of age and while Robert was a student at Georgetown Collehe. Zerelda's mother had re-married to Robert THOMASON and they came to Missouri to live. Zerelda was left with her Uncle James LINDSAY to live and go to school at a Catholic convent. Robert and Zerelda went to Missouri to visit her mother after they were married. Zerelda stayed in Missouri while Robert returned to Georgetown to finish his education. As soon as he graduated, he came to Missouri in 1843. Robert was a farmer; but primarily an itinerant Baptist minister as well as being Pastor of New Hope Baptist Church in Clay County. He traveled all over the countryside, holding services and building churches.

Robert's brother, Rev. William James, in an interview by the Kansas City Journal April 6, 1882, said "Rev. Robert James was the most able of any of the brothers. That Rev. Robert James was an active and zealous minister. He was, at various times, pastor of many churches in Ray, Clay and adjoining counties. He was known for his piety and eloquence throughout the entire region." William stated, "that had Robert remained at home, he had no doubt that the natural wit with which his boys were both plentiful endowed, would have been turned to proper and legitimate channels, that then the young men would never have become outlaws.

"Zerelda did not like being left at home a large portion of the time. Her objections became so emphatic a nature finally that Rev. Robert determined to go to California. He did not go for gold! He had a fine 275 acre farm, seven slaves, and the comforts of life. He thought he could do some good in the mining camps by preaching. He intended to return home in one year and find things more pleasant at home." He had hardly gotten to the home of his brother, Drury, before he was taken sick and died."

Zerelda James Cole married Benjamin SIMMS in 1852. They were divorced. She then married Dr. Reuben SAMUEL Sept. 26, 1855. To this union four children were born: Sarah (Sallie) L. SAMUEL; John T. SAMUEL; Fannie Quantrill SAMUEL; and Archie Payton SAMUEL.

CHILDREN OF REV. ROBERT SALLEE JAMES AND ZERELDA (COLE) JAMES

1. Alexander Franklin James, born Jan. 10, 1843, died Feb. 18, 1915, married Anna Ralston in 1874. She was born Jan. 25, 1853 and died July 6, 1944. They had one son, Robert Franklin James, born Feb. 6, 1878 (Tenn.) died Nov. 18, 1957. He first was married to May Sullivan. His second marriage was to Mae Sanborn, born Dec. 14, 1881 and died at the I.O.O.F. hospital in Liberty, Mo.
2. Robert R. James, born July 19, 1845, died August 21, 1847.
3. Jesse Woodson James, born Sept. 5, 1847, died April 3, 1882, married Zerelda A. Mimms April 23, 1874. "Zee" was born July 21, 1845, died Nov. 13, 1900. They had four children:

Twins died in infancy.

Jesse Edward James, born Aug. 31, 1875 at Nashville, Tenn., died March 26, 1951, Los Angeles, California. He married Stella McGown 1900, born Feb. 27, 1882, died April 1, 1971. They had four daughters. Josephine is deceased, Lucille, Estelle, and Ethel Rose live in California. There are four grand children and seven great-grand children.

Mary James, born June 17, 1879, died Oct. 11, 1935, married March 6, 1901 to Henry L. Barr, born May 20, 1867, died June 16, 1935. They had three sons, Lawrence, Forster and Chester. They also had a daughter who died in infancy. There is a grand son and a grand daughter.

4. Susan Lavenia James, born Nov. 25, 1849, died March 3, 1899, married Nov. 24, 1870 to Allen H. Parmer, who had ridden with Frank and Jesse, born May 6, 1848, died Oct. 20, 1927. They had nine children. Only three reached adulthood. They were Flora Parmer, born 1877, had three children; Zelma Parmer, born 1879, had two children; Feta Parmer, born 1888, had three children. There are eight grand-children.

CHILDREN OF DR. REUBEN SAMUEL AND ZERELDA (COLE) JAMES SAMUEL

1. Sarah (Sallie L. Samuel), born Dec. 26, 1858, died Sept. 15, 1915, married William A. Nichols on Nov. 28, 1878. He was born May 25, 1856, died June 7, 1944. They had three sons: Frank, Arch and Fred.

2. John T. Samuel, born May 25, 1861, died March 15, 1932. Married Norma L. Maret July 22, 1885. She was born April 20, 1866, died August 15, 1940. They had no children.

3. Fannie Quantrill Samuel, born Oct. 18, 1863, died May 30, 1922. Married Joseph C. Hall on Dec. 30, 1880. He was born April 24, 1859, died Oct. 20, 1932. They had three children: Jesse Franklin Hall, Susie Hall and George W. Hall.

4. Archie Payton Samuel, born July 26, 1866, killed by Pinkerton bomb Jan. 26, 1875.

REV. JOHN W. MIMMS AND WIFE, MARY (JAMES) MIMM

The Virginia branch of the family spelled their name MIMS. The Kentucky and Missouri branches spell it MIMMS.

MARY JAMES, daughter of John James and Mary (Polly) Poor James was born Sept. 28 1809 in Goochland County, Kentucky. She married REV. JOHN W. MIMMS, born 1808, in March 1828 in Logan Co. Ky., when Mary was 18 years old. They were double first cousins. Their children were:

1. Robert W. Mimms, born 1830, married Martha Ann (Mattie) Thomason Sept. 8, 1870. Martha Ann's mother was Sallie (Lindsay) Cole-Thomason or the same mother of Zerelda Cole which made them half-sisters. Robert and Martha Ann had two children: Gen. Robert Mimms, Jr. who married Miss Thomas; Lizzie Mimms who married Frank Weir. They had three children.
2. John Wilson Mimms, born July 4, 1831, married a Dobbins. They had two children: Nannie Mimms married George Shelton of Riverside, Calif. and John Mimms.
3. Drury Lilburn Mimms, born May 9, 1833.
4. David Woodson Mimms, born August 23, 1835.
5. Mary Elizabeth Mimms, born Oct. 18, 1837.
6. Lucy Frances Mimms, born July 14, 1839, married Boling Browder in July, 1879. Zerelda, (her sister) was married in her home in Kearney, Mo. Lucy had two children - Mary Browder and John Browder.
7. George Tilman Mimms, born Nov. 6, 1841.
8. Nancy Catherine Mimms, born Aug. 15, 1843, married Charles McBride. They had Thomas William McBride and Xennie McBride.
9. Zerelda Amanda Mimms, born July 21, 1845, married her first cousin Jesse Woodson James April 24, 1874. They were married at her sisters, Lucy Frances (Mimms) Browden, at Kearney, Mo. Zerelda's Uncle, Rev. William James married them after trying to persuade Zerelda (Zee) not to marry Jesse. They had four children: Jesse Woodson James, born Aug. 31, 1875 in Nashville, Tenn., married Stella McGown Jan. 24, 1900. They had four children: Josephine, Lucilla, Estelle and Ethel Rose. Zerelda and Jesse had a daughter Mary Susan James, born June 17, 1879, married Henry L. Barr March 6, 1901. The twins died in infancy.
10. Thomas Martin Mimms, born Nov. 27, 1846, married Mary Giberson. They had two children: Irene Mimms married William Purnell and Thomas Mimms who died when a young man.
11. Sarah((Sallie) Ann Mimms, born May 3, 1849, married #1 Willis Sullivan and had two sons John Sullivan and Conn Sullivan. Conn Sullivan had two children: Nannie and George Robertson Sullivan. Sarah married #2 James Nicholas Groom.
12. Henry Clay Mimms, born August 13, 1857.

Only 6 of Mary's 12 children grew to maturity. She helped raise her brothers and sisters as well as her own children.

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MRS. G. W. JAMES 1863 - 45

Funeral services were held at 2:30 Saturday afternoon from the Wyoming Methodist church for Mrs. G. W. James, who died early Thursday morning, Oct. 25 at her home in Wyoming. Rev. E. G. Steinman was in charge of the services. Mrs. Howard Remley sang two numbers, accompanied by Miss Leota Wherry. Pallbearers were Allison Fishwild, Martin Petersen, Howard Countryman, William Bronson, Harry Lindsey and Nial Paul.

Mrs. James, as Carrie Burch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Burch, was born at Virgil, N. Y., July 16, 1863, and came with her parents when one and a half years old to Iowa, settling on a farm in Madison township. In July, 1882, she was married to G. W. James, also of Madison township, and the home was established on his farm, where they lived until 1911, when they retired to Wyoming. Mr. James a Civil War veteran, died in 1937.

Mrs. James was a charter member of the Dorcas class and of the American Legion Auxillary and was also a member of the W. R. C. and of the Methodist church, being especially interested in the work of the W. S. C. S.

Survivors are two sons and four daughters, Lee James of Pasadena, Calif., Mrs. J. C. Glenn of Norway, Mrs. Dale Swordes of Maquoketa, Mrs. J. Hayden of Pasadena, Raymond James of Olin and Mrs. Ernest Reitz of Wyoming. 12 grand

children, 16 great-grandchildren, a step-son, Rolla James of Cedar Rapids, 3 step-grandchildren, a brother and two sisters, Frank M. Burch of Cedar Rapids, Mrs. Ellsworth Dodge of Mooreland, Okla., and Mrs. Effie Craig of Minneapolis, Minn.

Attending the funeral from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Dodge of Oklahoma, Mrs. Effie Craig of Minneapolis, Frank Burch of Anamosa, Mrs. Cora Hayden of Pasadena, Mrs. Keith Hayden, Nancy and Jackie of Los Angeles, Mrs. Earl Solma of Minnesota, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Glenn of Norway, David Glenn of Waverly, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Trosky, Hal Jr. and Jimmy of Norway, Mrs. Ethel Wright of Cedar Rapids, Mrs. Bess Hafferd of Cedar Rapids, Mrs. Geo. Glenn of Cascade, Mrs. Becker of Cascade, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Miller of Anamosa, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Swordes and Dale Jr. of Maquoketa, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond James and Stewart of Olin, Daniel James and Mrs. Frank Porter of Anamosa. Friends attended from Olin, Maquoketa and Center Junction.

Mr. & Mrs. Lee R. James

Pasadena, California

JAMES Family

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- Blackstone analysis from Census records, etc:
- From the 1860 Poinsett Co. Census (Mangrum#6), we find that Isaac Mangrum was 22 b. TN. married to Tabitha (Blackstone) 21 b. GA. (b. 1838-9). Their first son (William) Frank was b. AR 1856-7, so his parents were married ca. 1855, probably in Poinsett Co. AR. The Goodspeed's data (Mangrum# 2) said the Mangrums came to Poinsett Co. from TN. in 1854. If Tabitha married at age 17, her parents must have also lived in Poinsett Co. by then. I have not finished searching 1860 AR. for Blackstones, but in 1850, only one family was there (from TN.) but no where near Poinsett Co. A search of MS, AL, & TN 1850 also has produced no families that could be Tabitha's. If they were not in AR, TN, MS, or AL in 1850, then they had to still be in GA. A search of 1850 GA found no Blackstone family with a daughter, Tabitha, but two had girls the right age. (Tabitha might be a middle name.) John Blackstone age 38 b. SC was in Cobb Co. with a daughter, Jane 11, also b. SC. Zepheniah Blackstone 47 b. GA. was in Richmond Co. with a daughter, Sophronia, 11 b. GA. However, this family was still there in 1860. Tabitha Sophronia would be quite a name!
- Richmond Co. GA. seems to be the point of origin of all the GA. Blackstones. In 1850, five of the six Blackstone families were there. In 1840 (the first Census after Tabitha was born.) five heads of households were in Richmond Co: Zepheniah, Thomas, Sarah, James and Argyle all lived in the same area. Three more lived in nearby Columbia Co: Bennington, Frances and James W. I will look at the microfilm to see which ones had a daughter Tabitha's age in 1840 (1-3). Of the eight families in 1840, four were not in the 1850 GA Census: Thomas, Sarah, Bennington and Frances. I did find a Thomas, an Argyle and a B.W. Blackstone in TN 1850 and a J.W. in AL 1850. In 1860 GA. I found Argyle, B.B., James, James W. Thomas and Zepheniah. Still missing were Sarah and Frances. If Frances was indeed female (not misspelled), then either she or Sarah could have been the widowed mother of Tabitha and remarried or died before 1850.
- In 1830 GA. James and Zepheniah headed the only Blackstone families in Richmond Co. And in 1820, J. Blackstone was the only family head. The 1818 Tax List of GA. lists Argyle and James as family heads. GA. wills 1733-1866 lists a Frances Blackstone who d. 1841 in Columbia Co. (Frances of 1840?) In 40,000 GA. Early Marriages, I found that Argyle Blackstone married Sarah Burges 7 Jan 1819 (Sarah of 1840?) and James Blackstone married Rebecca Newman 8 Sep 1818. (Argyle and James were probably brothers.)
- Another James Blackstone married Catherine Harvey 11 Apr 1799. In the GA. D.A.R. Collection Vol. 1. the Will of Zackry James was probated Mar. 8, 1790, named his wife, Mary, sons, a daughter, (widow) Wenefred Blackstone, and her sons, John and James. A later record of 4 Nov 1797 said Winny Blackstone m. Basil Morann. In the 1790 GA. Census Substitutes, Winfred Blackstone received a Headright & Bounty Land Grant 1790-95 in Richmond Co. To receive such a grant, she was possibly a widow of a Revolutionary War soldier. (I will look into this.) The Second GA Land Lottery (1807) lists Argyle Blackstone as having a successful draw in Richmond Co. To get one draw he had to be single, of age and in GA at least three years, or be a minor son of a deceased Revolutionary War Vet.
- Back to the other lead: John Blackstone of 1850 GA. b. SC. Living next to Argyle (b.1800 GA.) in 1850 Richmond Co. was James 56 b. SC (b.1794) The 1800 Census of SC lists 2 Blackstons, James and Isam, in Barnwell District. James had a son b. 1790-1800. Barnwell Co. SC is right across the State line from Richmond Co GA. I found no Blackstones in 1790 SC or VA, but in 1790 NC Newbern Dist, Pitt Co. were John Thomas and James Blackston, Sr. Between them they had 12 sons - plenty to be the ancestors of those of SC and some GA.
- In the Genealogical Helper Mar-Apr '87 pg. 94 "Regimental Histories of Confederate Units from official records. \$10.00 for each unit. Send name of unit (Isaac was in Co. A, 23rd Ark Infantry) to Civil War Descendants Soc. P.O. Box 233, Athens, GA. 35611"
- Same source, pg. 101, "Ark. research; County, military, cemetery and land records. Send S.A.S.E. for rates to: Mrs. James Reed 711 Dulin Rd. Little Rock, AR. 72206"

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