# **Children of Elizabeth Corder and William Blakeney**

John Thomas Blakney-he was born Dec. 25, 1849 and died May 13,1928. He married Lydia Ann Nabors in 1868. They are buried at Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery in Pickens County, Al. (Ashcraft Corners)

James Vincent Blakney- he was born on May 1, 1853 and died on April 30, 1936. He was married to Evelyn Shepherd, 1873, and Sarah Elizabeth Thornton, 1881.Sarah and Vincent are buried at Ashcraft Memorial Cemetery, Ashcraft Corners, Fayette County, Alabama. According to Reed Blakeney he was named after his mother’s brother.

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Newton David Blakeney-he was born Feb. 8, 1857 and died Nov. 5, 1937. He married Molly Lindsey in 1883. They are both buried at Chapel Hill Cemetery on County Road 12, west of Newtonville in Fayette County, Alabama.

Belza Ann Blakeney-she was born Sept. 18, 1859 and died March 16, 1960. She was 100+ years old. She married George Washington Baker 27 Nov. 1878. They are both buried at Shepherd Baptist Church Cemetery at Newtonville in Fayette County, Alabama.

Martha Jane Blakeney-she was born in 1860 and died in 1936. She married Thomas Raymond Wright in 1878. Both are buried at Chapel Hill Cemetery, County Road 12, west of Newtonville in Fayette County, Alabama.

**Children of Elizabeth Clanton Blakeney Ashcraft and Thomas Ashcraft**

Thomas Sidney Ashcraft (Jon-Tom), he was born May 25, 1867 and died March 21, 1949. Possibly buried in Fayette County.

He was married five (5) times, not necessarily in order:

1. Sally D. Lindsey, born May 17, 1866, d/o James M. Lindsey and Nancy J. Walden. She died and is buried near Nashville, Arkansas.Sallie and Jon-Tom were living there at the time of her death. (Children from this marriage)
2. Florence Geer: She died in childbirth, the baby died also.
3. Ida ----------
4. Mrs. Julia Smith, August 4, 1930, Fayette, Alabama
5. Monica ----------

PageMary contacted Betty Price Allen in Bryan, Texas with this information. Betty is a descendant of John Clanton, 1850 census, who is the son of David Clanton and brother to Amelia E.; Betty has done a lot of research on the Clantons in this area and feels certain that this is our Amelia Elizabeth Clanton. She has found no record of another Clanton female named Amelia E. Interestingly; John Marion Clanton married Sarah Jane Ashcraft. Sarah was the daughter of Thomas Ashcraft and Rebecca Cannon Ashcraft. This is the same Thomas that married Elizabeth Clanton.

Mary Davis Elmore has done research on many families in West Alabama and she is

 related to the Ashcrafts. (Her grandmother was an Ashcraft.) She is also Adolph’s cousin on the Davis side of his family.

1850 Federal Census of Pickens County, Al (microfilm, Tuscaloosa Public Library) House number 1714, family number 1762

 Clanton, David, 46, farmer, born SC

 Epsebeth, 40, f, born Ga.

 Sarah J., 20, f, born Ga.

 John, 19, m, farmer, born Ga.

 Amelia E., 16, f, born Ga.

 Richard W., 14, m, born Ala

 Hepsey C., 12, f, born Ala

 David S. 10, m, born Ala

 Mary, 8, f, born Ala

 Jessie, 4, m, born Ala

 Jahot (?) 1, m, born Ala

I am inclined to believe that this is our Elizabeth. Based on her age of 16 in 1850 she would have been about 22 when she married William and about 33 when she died. This census record indicates that she was born in Georgia.

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