

**Doc Holliman**

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**From:** "Bill Davis" <martybilld@att.net>  
**To:** "Doc and Phyllis Holliman" <docholliman@adelphia.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 07, 2004 5:50 PM  
**Subject:** Re:Alvin

**Alvin Blakeney (James Thomas, Hugh, John).**

**Alvin was born 1834 in Smith County, MS., and died June 18, 1894 in Smith County, Mississippi. He married Lucy Ann Jernigan, daughter of Steven Jernigan and Keziah. She was born 1834 in Georgia, and died in Mississippi County, Arkansas.**

**Alvin is buried at Bezar Cemetery. When he was 28 years old he enlisted in the "War between the States". He is listed in Johnston's Company, 1st Battalion, (Army of 10,000), Confederate as a Private. He mustered in on December 15, 1864. He was part of Capt. J.P. Johnston's Company (Johnston's Guards. Sometime after the Civil War, he, his wife Lucy, their children, his parents, James Thomas and Martha Matilda Blakeney left Smith County, moving to Ashley County Arkansas. There his mother and father died the same day, later his wife died in Mississippi County, Arkansas. He then left Arkansas with his children, and their "goods" and walked back to Smith County.**

**Children of Alvin Blakeney and Lucy Jernigan Blakeney are:**

- 1. William Penn Blakeney; born July 18, 1859, died July 15, 1935, Smith County, Mississippi**
- 2. Emmanuel Blakeney; born 1861, Smith County, Mississippi**
- 3. Alvin Blakeney, Jr. (Harp); born August 23, 1863, Smith County, MS. Died January 26, 1937**
- 4. Laura Blakeney; born 1864, Smith County, died December 03, 1928, Smith County, MS.**
- 5. Josephine Blakeney; born 1869,**
- 6. Arthur Thomas Blakeney; born 1871 Smith county, MS. died 1945 Smith County, Ms.**

**My great-grandfather was William Penn Blakeney**



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**From:** "Christine Reynolds" <christine.reynolds@westminster-abbey.org>  
**To:** "Doc. Holliman" <holliman@psknet.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 02, 2004 7:11 AM  
**Subject:** Blakeney photo

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Doc. Holliman [mailto:holliman@psknet.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 28, 2004 11:45  
**To:** christine.reynolds@westminster-abbey.org  
**Subject:** Before and after

Dear Dr Holliman,

Thank you for the picture of the restored gravestone, which looks very good. I will send off the photo of the Bath stall plate to you today - it will be a challenge to restore that!. Our accounts department will arrange to take 12.50 sterling from your credit card.

The inscription on the plate, which as I said is difficult to make out now, is, as far as I can see:

Du Noble Seigneur GUILLAUME BLAKENEY Baron BLAKENEY de Castle Blakeney au Royaume d'IRLANDE Lieutenant General des armees du Roi Colonel du Regiment d'Infanterie de Inniskilling et Chevalier du tres Honorable Ordre du BAIN. Installé le 26 jour de May MDCCLXI

The date of installation, 1761, is on the plate, not the date he was knighted (all the plates have French inscriptions at this period)

The family motto underneath the arms is "Auxilium meum ab alto" (My help is from above). The circular one around the arms is the Bath motto "Tria junta in uno" (three joined in one)

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Christine Reynolds (Miss)  
Assistant Keeper of the Muniments

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