

Copy of letter from Mrs. Flossie H. Pickens, Maryville. 2/1/55

I have been working on the Black history ever since i last corresponded with you. Since then I have been able to borrow "Our Tennessee Cousins" by Worth Ray and "The History of the Buffalo People" by Rankin. Some information I have received from our Blount County historian and Nellie Pickens Anderson, author of "Pickens History." But I don't have all of Joseph Black's children and from your letter I find that you are interested in Esther V. Black that married John Nichols. I will send you what I have if you have found Joseph Black's children I would like to have them.

The Black Family of Blount County and of Black's Station.

The name of Gavin Black appears on the first census of the U.S. in Iredell County, N.C. in 1790. John Black's name appears in (sic) the immediate next to Gavin and in the same neighborhood lived Samuel Bogel at the same time. Which leads to the suggestion that the Blacks and the Bogles were old neighbors and associates in Iredell County, N.C.,--History of Buffalo Church and its people.

The community was first settled by the Nottinghamma Company, a company organized and formed at Rising Sun, Md.--That church was in Lancaster County, Pa. When our ancestors left there, the line was changed in 1767. The deeds are all dated Dec. 1756 in Guilford County to the colony that came.

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1. Thomas, who married Rebecca Denny.
2. David ~~xxx~~ 3. David Gavin, who married Sarah Hambright.
4. John. 5. William. 6. Joseph.

The man that built the log cabon, or stockage, was Gavin Black, not Joseph or John.

Gavin Black and Nancy Hambright settled at Black's station on Crooked Creek about 6 miles from Maryville which was their home in Blount county and settled on 9 mile, where they lived, raised a family and died. It was at Black's Station that the old Indian Fighter, Joel Wallace (Ensign) was.

Joseph Black, another son of George, brother of Gavin and John Black, one of 7 commissioners to locate Blount County. This Joseph Black later moved to Anderson County, where he took an important part in the early section and left many descendants.

Joseph Black married Catherine Henry, dau of Rev. James of Little River. Served in the war of 1812 in Anderson County. Born 1781, died 1864. He was the father of James H. Black, b. 1805 and John Black, b. 1811. This is from Tennessee Cousins from the names of the children above. These are the names I have found of Joseph Black's children.

~~xxxxxxBlack~~, James H. Black, b. in 1805 in Blount County married 3 times. first wife, Thompson, had Mary T. Black 1833-1919. m. Hugh M. Bogle. and 2nd Nancy Bogle b. June 4 1804 d. Aug 5. 1852. md James H. Black Feb. 9, 1837. M. 3d Elizabeth Bogle (Betsy) second wife's sister. b. 1812. d. 1854.

2. John Black, born 1811 in Blount County md. in 1839 to Elizabeth Early, born in Knoxville in 1819.

3. Jane Black, born 1818 m. William Cross in 1836.

(The letter runs, without punctuation in the following)
Nellie P. Anderson files, Mary Black, dgt of Joseph md. William Houston, brother of Robert who md. Elizabeth Lockhart my husband's line of Houstons.