

Dec. 12, 1986

Dear Members;

My name is Ralph Russel Eaton this last year Oct. 1986 was five years that my wife & I have been working on our individual family history.

I was born March 5, 1917 at West Union, Ill a small town about 60 miles south of Danville, Ill. My Father got a job on the Illinois Central Railroad, we lived most of the time in Champaign Urbana, Ill.

In Nov. 27, 1918 my Mother's unborn brother died of the flu.

My Grandmother Cynthia O'Neal Hornbaker Eaton took me to raise I was 20 month old. In June 1922 she died and I was boarded here & there as Father was on the south run to Centralia, Ill. Usually gone at least overnite; Brakeman.

What I am getting at is I lost all family history so had to start from little.

You can see my surprise when I found out my Mother's father was Albert S. Jones of Craig Co. near New Castle, Virginia.

My G. G. Grand Father Thomas Bailey Eaton was born c. 1808 Ky. County unknown, had married Cynthia Flake, whose family came from So. Car.

to help me on this I wish you would keep this material for future Blake ancestors that may come searching.

If they have a Gen. Society in Fairfield Co. S. C. or in the vicinity of Broad River and Wateree River country, see if they would like a copy of this material on the Blake & Enocks family if you have a copy I will be glad to send you \$5.00 to pay for copying. Or I will send them over on behalf of my Great Great Grandmother Cynthia Blake

As for John Blake I believe he was in the service for 1 yr. 4 mo. 11 days he should have this recognition on the behalf of the Blake Family.

A Vet. myself of W. W. # 80, Pac. Cpl. Serv. Co. 20 Inf. Army 6th Inf. Div. 2 yrs 3 mo. 9 days U.S. and 2 yrs 1 mo. 28 days overseas, 36038450. 4 yrs 5 mo. 7 days total. 6th Div. has the longest continuous combat in the South Pacific 219 days from assault division on the Island of Luzon, Phil. Is. never pulled out for R+R.

I believe the Blake Family should know of his effort.

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If you are able to get something
on Blakes. I will pay for copying
+ postage etc. Please let me know by
S. A. S. E.

Thank you
Ralph K. Eaton

My wife and I belong to Gen
Society. Danville Ill. Champaign, Ill.
I belong to G. S. at Bloomfield, Ind.

Fairfield Co.

As I went further along I found that my Great Grandfather John William Franklin Eaton b. Martin Co, Ind. lived at Scotland, Ind. and married Permatia (Kewaty) Richardson B. Tenn.

The daughter of James + Hester (Sexton) Richardson a descendant of John ^{Sexton} + Mary Richardson of Grayson Co, Virginia I have will of John + Mary 1797.

I got my best lead when I found the family group record by Judge Noble H. Sittell. He is a descendant of Jacob Tiltner Osborn + Elizabeth Blake

Would appreciate if you would keep this material on hope we find someone that can help us fill in some missing information. As follows.

Where John + Sarah Blake are buried in Ind. Perhaps someone there may know by a letter. As John + Sarah could have several members of their brothers + sisters still in Fairfield Co. S. C.

Would like to know if you are able to get a copy of their marriage license John Blake + Sarah Enobs.

I am sure you know some licenses have applications to many male to female female to male. Gives a lot of family background.

If it is impossible for you

I have several Cem. readings of Martin Co, Ind. but none on John Blake or Sarah.