

ISHAM BLANKENSHIP, SR.⁴

He was born about 1738 in Chesterfield County, Virginia, the son of John and Elizabeth. He is mentioned in his father's will of 1754 Chesterfield County. Isham married about 1756 Sarah _____ and moved West to Bedford County—see patents 27 July 1764, he bought 576 acres on the ridge between Ivy and Tomahawk Creeks, bordering Hardwick's and Dawson's land. It cost him 38 shillings and the importation of Michael & Susanna Poor, John Foy, and James Orchard. Among the tax payers of Henry County in 1782 were: Isham, Sr., Isham, Jr., and yet another Isham.

18 Feb 1782 William Mead, Attorney for Nicholas Haile, sold to Isham about 580 acres in Henry County with witnesses: James Dillon, Isham and Elijah Blankenship. In 1785 Franklin County was formed from Bedford-Henry-Patrick Counties. The 1786 tax payers list contained the names: Isham, Jr & Sr., Elisha, Hezekiah, Ligon, Peter and Richard Blankenship. Isham was declared exempt from levies in 1797. In Franklin County 1799 Isham and Sarah gave their land to their children or sold it and moved to Rutherford County, North Carolina where they show up on the 1800 census. Apparently He and Sarah both died before 1810 with no Wills or estate settlements. There is no clear record to my knowledge of Isham's children, but the probability of many can be found in the land records of Henry and Franklin Counties and are agreed upon by many researching this line, they are:

1. Robert Hezekiah⁵ born 1757, see page 322
2. Isham, Jr.⁵ born by 1760/61 in Virginia. He married Edy _____, they sold their land 30 Jan 1799 in Franklin County and moved to Blunt County, Tennessee where he is shown on the 1800/01 tax list. He died before 5 Dec 1836 Monroe County. There is a court record there giving the names of his children:
 1. William⁶ deceased by 1836 leaving heirs.
 2. Barnett⁶ deceased by 1836 leaving heirs.
 3. Sally⁶ She married William Adams.
 4. Mary⁶ married Elijah Farmer.
 5. Elizabeth⁶ married John Watson and died 1859 in Missouri.
 6. Spencer⁶ born 17 Mar 1787 Va. see page 355
 7. John⁶
 8. Gilbert⁶ born 18 Sep 1790, see page 360
3. Mary Elizabeth⁵ born about 1759, died 1842 and buried at the Cross Roads, Franklin Co., Va. She married Jesse Dillon, born 1749 Galway, Ireland, came to America about 1786. He was the son of James Dillon (1725-30) They had:
 1. Asa Dillon⁶ 1775
 2. Arthur Dillon⁶ 1777
 3. Henry Dillon⁶ 1779
 4. Mary Ann Dillon⁶ married 7 Feb 1804 Stokes Co., NC to John Blankenship.
 5. Elizabeth Dillon⁶ born
 6. Frances Dillon⁶
 7. Delilah Dillon⁶
 8. Martha Dillon⁶