

**A Brief Sketch**  
**of the**  
**Blue Family**

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*He who cares not about his ancestors is  
likely not to be remembered by his pos-  
terity.*



## P R E F A C E

I feel that a few words in the form of a preface or explanation will be appropriate for this little booklet of Blue Family History.

First, I want to say that in publishing this Blue Family History I am listing it as First Edition for the simple reason that I do not feel that this history is as complete as I would like to see it. Therefore I invite friends and kinsmen to send me any corrections or additions that I may have them available for the next edition.

Second, I am indebted to A. C. (Coley) Blue of Lakeview for a goodly portion of the data contained in this booklet. I consider Coley Blue an authority on Blue genealogy and an amazing thing about him is that his source of information is mostly from memory rather than from records.

Gathering this information has been a source of personal pleasure to me; and I have also included a page of data on my maternal (Stewart) side, as in tracing my family tree I found that my mother was five generations removed from Duncan Blue and Margaret Campbell Blue on one limb whereas on my paternal side my father was three generations removed.

I am reprinting in this booklet a pamphlet compiled by the late D. Al Blue in 1938. It was D. Al Blue while president of the Blue Clan who headed up the project which resulted in the placing of a bronze tablet embedded on a large negro-head rock to the graves of Duncan Blue and his wife Margaret Campbell Blue in Lakeview Cemetery.

A few blank pages are purposely contained in this booklet with the suggestion herewith that you write out your family tree with pen and ink on both your maternal and paternal sides. The booklet will then be of greater value to your posterity.

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# THE DUNCAN BLUE FAMILY

PREPARED BY H. CLIFTON BLUE

Duncan Blue and his wife Margaret Campbell Blue came to the United States from Argyllshire, Scotland about 1769 and settled at Lakeview, North Carolina. From this couple most of the Moore County Blues have descended.

Duncan Blue and Margaret Campbell Blue are buried in Lakeview Cemetery, where in 1938 under the guidance of the late Sheriff D. Al Blue, a large negro-head rock with a bronze plaque on it was erected. Duncan Blue was born in 1734 and died in 1814. Margaret Campbell Blue was born in 1740 and died in 1820.

Sons and daughters of Duncan Blue and Margaret Campbell Blue were:

John Blue

Patrick Blue

Duncan Campbell Blue

Catherine Blue who married Morris Morrison.

Sarah Blue who married a McMillan and moved to Arkansas.

Effie Blue who married John Black.

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Now to carry this a little further:

Of the sons and daughters of Duncan Blue and Margaret Campbell Blue:

John Blue married a McMillan and to this union were born eleven children, six sons and five daughters as follows:

Archie Blue (grandfather of the late Rev. M. D. McNeill); Duncan Blue, John McMillan Blue, Patrick Blue, Neill Blue; and the following daughters: Katherine Blue who married a Cameron, the mother of the late John B. Cameron; Lovedy Blue, who married a Brown; one daughter who married Raniel McDonald; one who married Elder Daniel Blue, grandfather of Neill T. Blue; and another daughter (we are not sure who she married.)

Patrick Blue married Phoebe Shields. To this union were born three daughters and one son. The son's name was John Wesley Blue. We do not know the names of the daughters. Patrick Blue died in 1838 and is buried at Lake-

view. Following his death his wife, son John Wesley Blue and daughters moved to Tennessee where his wife and daughters died. John Wesley Blue then moved to Texas. He never married, became a physician and died in Austin, Texas about 1890 or shortly thereafter.

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Duncan Campbell Blue married Sarah Ferguson. The Lakeview and many other Blues are descendants of Duncan Campbell Blue and Sarah Ferguson Blue, both of whom are buried in Lakeview Cemetery. Their sons and daughters were as follows:

Margaret Ann Blue who married Duncan Keith.

Katie Jane Blue who never married.

Sarah Eliza Blue who married John A. Cameron.

Mary Blue who married John Keith.

Martha Blue who married Angus McNeill. They had no children.

Tilita Blue who married Duncan McDonald.

Duncan Ferguson Blue married Catherine Cameron.

Malcolm Patrick Newton Blue married Flora Cameron.

William Daniel Blue married Effie McFadyen.

Murdock James Blue married twice, first to Mary Cameron and after her death to Ella Ferguson.

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Catherine Blue married Morris Morrison. They had two sons, Allen Blue Morrison and Duncan Morrison.

Allen Blue Morrison had the following sons and daughters: Duncan Morrison, Mag Morrison, Mary Morrison, and Christine Morrison. The son, Duncan Morrison married Sarah Arnold and this union had two sons, Henry Morrison and Horace Morrison, and a daughter Lizzie Morrison who never married. At this writing, June 1955, she lives near Cameron.

Duncan Morrison, son of Catherine Blue who married Morris Morrison married Sarah Johnson; and to this union two sons, William Morrison and Nelson Morrison, and two daughters, Caroline Morrison and Catherine Morrison, were born. William Morrison married Sal-

lie Parrish; Nelson Morrison married Vina Riddle; Catherine Morrison married Sandy Clark; and Caroline Morrison never married.

Children of William Morrison who married Sallie Parrish were: Saran Morrison who married Neil Stewart; Betty Morrison who married Bob Wicker; Caroline Morrison who married Neil Gilchrist; and Mary Liza Morrison who married Alex Smith.

Children of Nelson Morrison and Vina Riddle Morrison were: Bob Morrison, Kelly who married William A. (Bill) Stewart, and Mary Ann (Duck) Morrison who married John McLaughlin.

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Sarah Blue who married a McMillan, moved to Arkansas. We have no further history of this couple after they left North Carolina.

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Effie Blue married John Black and to this union were born three sons and three daughters, John Blue Black, Duncan Black and Daniel Black; Mary Black who married John M. Currie; Peggy Black and Betsy Black who never married.

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## DANIEL BLUE

Daniel Blue came to this country from Scotland about the year 1800, and landed in Wilmington, N. C. Another brother also landed in Wilmington. Two other brothers landed in New York.

Daniel Blue had a son, Daniel Blue, who married Anne Blue of Lakeview, a granddaughter of Duncan Blue and Margaret Campbell Blue.

Daniel Blue and Anne Blue had the following sons and daughters: Neill C. Blue who married Nancy McKenzie, Malcolm Blue, Duncan Blue, Sam Blue, John Blue, Peter Blue, Daniel Blue, and Anne Blue who married Dan McKenzie.

Children of Neill C. Blue and Nancy McKenzie were: Henry Blue, Zeb V. Blue, Neill T. Blue, Adolphus Blue, Robert Blue, Joe Blue, Luther Blue, Sallie Blue who married John M. Ray, Lillie Blue, Ida Blue who married the late J. W. C. Blue, Laura Blue who married David Morton, and Catherine Blue.

## RANDOM BITS OF FAMILY DATA

Here are some bits of history about the grandchildren of Duncan Blue and Margaret Campbell Blue:

Sons of Archie M. Blue were Mack Blue, Daniel Blue and John A. Blue. John A. Blue was killed in the Civil War and is buried at Old Pethesda. Daniel Blue—his descendants we are told live in the Norman community. A daughter of Archie M. Blue married Duncan Shaw; another daughter married Archie Ray; another daughter married William Smith, and were the parents of Colon Smith of Lakeview. Another daughter, Mary Eliza Blue, married Dr. John N. McNeill. They were the father and mother of the late Rev. M. D. McNeill.

Duncan Blue, son of John Blue, married a Ray. They had three sons, John S. Blue (father of Dan and Dunk Blue), Duncan Calvin Blue who married a McKenzie and moved to Mississippi; and Malcolm Blue who lived in the Pinebluff or Addor community.

John McMillan Blue, a son of John Blue married a Ray. Their sons and daughters were:

Malcolm J. Blue (father of the late Sheriff D. Al Blue). Archie L. Blue, (father of the late Bill Blue of Vass and grandfather of George, Archie, Coy, Ab and John Blue). John A. Blue who married Sarah Jane McLean, their sons being John Martin Blue, Donnie J. Blue, Thaddeus L. Blue and Archie Blue, and daughters being Florence who married Dalton McInnis, Claudia who married D. Archie Blue, Sallie who married W. M. McLeod, Agnes who married John W. Blue and Margaret who married a Thomas. (Peter Blue, who married Mary McCrimmon, their sons and daughters being John W. C. Blue, Ralph Blue, W. McC. Blue, Mrs. Margaret Kelly. Mrs. Maude Herndon, Mrs. Mammie Britt, and Mrs. Ethel Britt.) Eliza Blue married Sandy Monroe. Their sons were Dr. John Monroe and Dr. William Monroe, both of Sanford, Martin Monroe, and one daughter, Mrs. Lizza Morris. Another daughter married Pitt Cameron, a son of this union being the late A. B. Cameron, former Supt. of Moore County Schools

and a former State Representative to the N. C. General Assembly. Another daughter married a Caddell near Drowning Creek; and another daughter married a McCallum, and they went West and we have no further record of the family.

Malcolm Blue, son of John Blue, married Flora Ray. They had three sons: Dr. John Calvin Blue of Carthage, Make Blue and Neill A. Blue (father of F. C. Blue). They had three daughters who married three brothers, Katie Blue who married Colon Bethune; Margaret Blue who married Mack Bethune, (father of the late Lee and Dr. A. C. Bethune of Raeford), and Sallie Blue who married Jack Bethune; and Belle Blue who married Charles Pleasants. Malcolm Blue gave the land where Old Bethesda Church now stands and also the old cemetery land.

Peter Blue, son of John Blue and grandson of Duncan Blue and Margaret Campbell Blue married twice, first to a McNeill who was a sister of Alex McNeill and to this union three children were born: John Andrew Blue, Mary Jane Blue who married a Britt and Catherine who never married. His second wife was Mary McNeill, the widow of Neill McKeithen who had died. To this union the following children were born: W. M. Blue, Henry Blue, Tony Blue and Alice Blue who married Robert Smith.

Neill McKeithen Blue, son of John Blue married Eliza Smith. To this union eleven children were born: Lauchlin A. Blue, John Blue, Malcolm B. Blue, Daniel J. Blue and James A. Blue; and Catherine Blue who married John Gillis, Sarah Blue who married George Graham, Eliza Blue who married John Sinclair, Lydia Blue who married Daniel McKeithen, and another child who was either born dead or died in infancy.



## DUNCAN CAMPBELL BLUE FAMILY

Here are the names of Duncan Campbell Blue and his wife, Sarah Ferguson Blue, the date of their births, whom they married and when they died:

Duncan Campbell Blue, born 1780, died Jan. 9, 1851; married Sarah Ferguson. Sarah Ferguson Blue was born May 25, 1806 and died December 26, 1878.

Their children:

Margaret Ann, born May 25, 1826, died March 5, 1916; married Duncan Keith.

Katherine Jane, born Sept. 25, 1828, died March 28, 1914.

Sarah Liza, born June 7, 1830, died May 20, 1909; married John Cameron.

Mary Elizabeth, born Feb. 1832, died April 31, 1892; married John Keith.

Martha, born July 28, 1833, died December 29, 1897; married Angus McNeill.

John Paisley, born Aug. 12, 1835, died Jan 16, 1855.

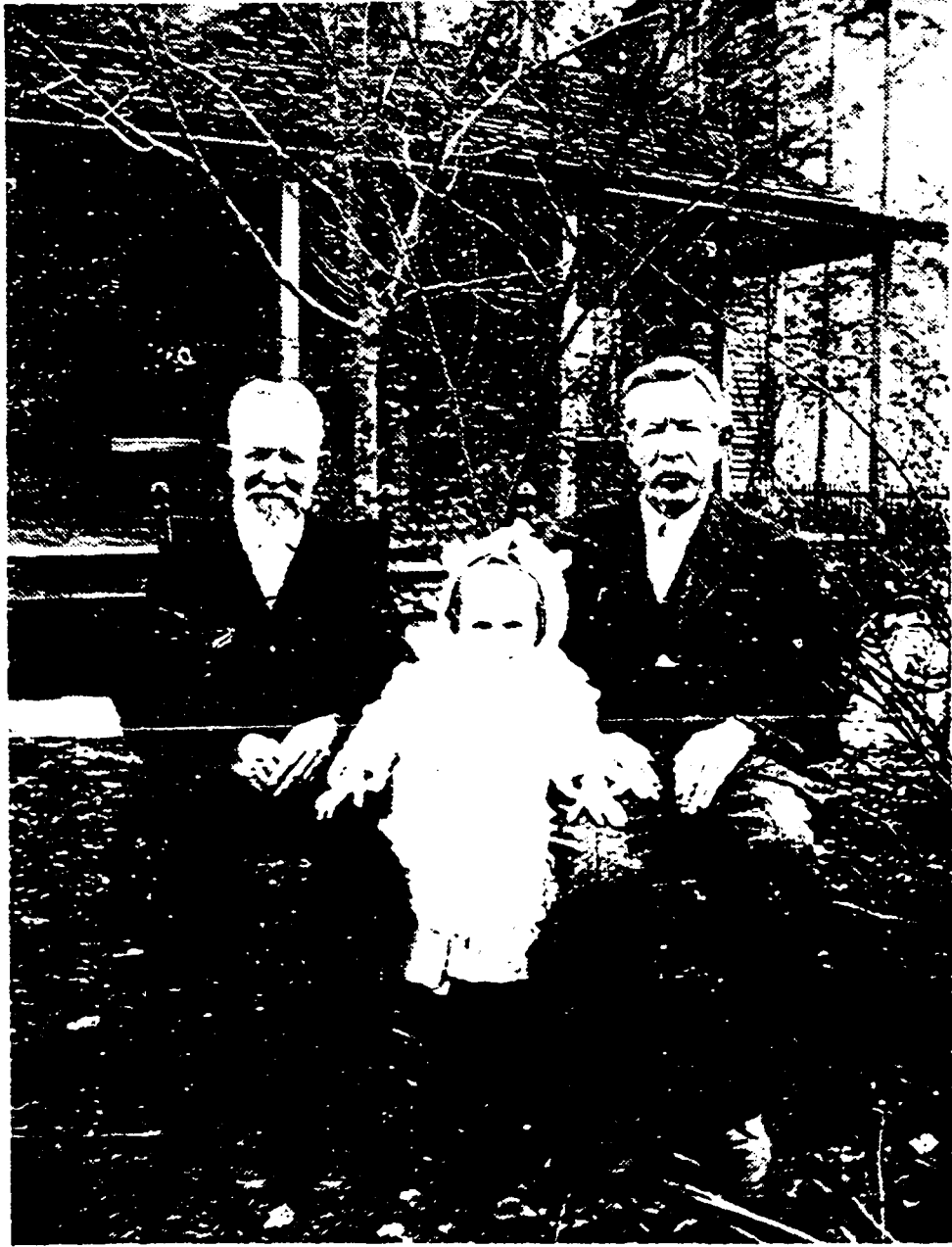
Duncan Ferguson, born 1838, died 1862 at Winchester, Va., while in the 46th N. C. regiment of the Confederate Army; married Catherine Ann Cameron.

Malcolm Patrick Newton, born Sept. 22, 1840, died Feb. 16, 1918; married Flora Ann Cameron.

Thelithia, born Nov. 4, 1842, died March 14, 1920; married Donald McDonald.

William Daniel, born October 13, 1844, died August 28, 1915; married Effie Frances McFayden.

Murdock James, born April 5, 1846, died April 13, 1903; married twice, first to Mary Cameron and after her death to Ella Ferguson.



Malcolm Patrick Newton Blue, left, and his brother William Daniel Blue, right with Frances Blue, now Mrs. Garland Thompson, in the center. The picture was taken about 1910. Frances Blue was the grand-daughter of William Daniel Blue.

Malcolm Patrick Newton Blue and William Daniel Blue were grandsons of Duncan Blue and Margaret Campbell Blue who first settled what is now Lakeview, North Carolina.

## TRACING FAMILY HISTORY

Despite the wisecracks of many we find the hobby of tracing family history most fascinating. To go back to Duncan Blue and Margaret Campbell Blue who are my own forebears who first came over, here is our tree:

H. Clifton Blue.  
John Patrick Blue (my father)  
Malcolm Patrick Newton Blue  
Duncan Campbell Blue  
Duncan Blue and Margaret Campbell Blue.

On my mother's side by going a couple of steps more we get to the same forebears:

H. Clifton Blue  
Mrs. Christian Stewart Blue (my mother)  
Mrs. Sarah Morrison Stewart  
William Morrison  
Duncan Morrison  
Catherine Blue Morrison  
Duncan Blue and Margaret Campbell Blue.

*I suggest that on one of the blank pages at the back of this booklet you write out your family tree, paternal and maternal as I have done above.*

My grandfather on my father's side, Malcolm Patrick Newton Blue married Flora Cameron and to this union were born three sons: Duncan K. Blue who served for many years as Hoke County Register of Deeds and died in 1933; John Patrick Blue (my father) who died in 1934; and Malcolm Newton Blue who died in 1921.

## JOHN BLUE

The late John Blue of Aberdeen, founder of the Aberdeen and Rockfish Railroad was an outstanding member of the Blue family. He was born on August 4, 1845 on a farm in Que-whiffle Township, Cumberland County. He was the son of Neill McK. Blue and Eliza Smith Blue. His grandfather, John Blue, was born in Scotland in 1765 and immigrated to America in early childhood with his father's family.

## BRIEF STEWART FAMILY DATA

This information taken from old Stewart family Bible; also some of the information was given me orally and some dates taken from grave stones in Cypress Church Cemetery.

James A. Stewart was born December 9, 1828. He died during the Civil War with measles while a Confederate prisoner at Elmira, New York. His wife, Christian Ann Stewart was born March 26, 1823 and died May 20, 1879.

Children of James A. Stewart and Christian Ann Stewart were:

Daniel Stewart, born September 1, 1851.

Neil Stewart, born December 29, 1852; died July 20, 1931. He married Sarah Morrison and to this union seven children were born, one dying in infancy. The six who lived to man and womanhood were: Hughie Smith Stewart, William Henry Stewart, John Duncan Stewart; Christian Ann who married John P. Blue; Sarah who married Cameron Johnson; and Fannie who married Alex McFadyen.

James Andrew Stewart, born October 14 1855, died November 13, 1942. He married Peg Johnson and to this union one son, W. E. (Billy) Stewart was born and now lives at his father's old home-place about one mile from Cypress Church.

William A. Stewart was born July 19, 1858; died May 17, 1946. He married Kelly Morrison. They had two sons, Robert and George and one daughter, Lula, now married to Edd McNeill.

Hugh Archibald Stewart was born November 12, 1860.

Christian Margaret Stewart was born October 25, 1862, died January 28, 1936. She was never married.

## BRIEF HISTORY OF THE BLUE FAMILY

Compiled By D. AL BLUE, July 1938

In the several generations of the Blue family or families that came to America from 1748 to 1804 there are five families in all. They all came from Argyllshire, Scotland. The first family arrived from North Knapdale about the year 1748 and settled at Longstreet Church, Cumberland County, N. C. about 12 miles from Fayetteville in a westwardly direction. The old Blue homestead is now a part of the Fort Bragg Reservation. The head of this family was Malcolm Blue, whose descendants are many and numerous in several of the southern states. Representative of this family are Dr. Rupert Blue, Washington, D. C., Surgeon General in President Wilson's Administration, and Admiral Victor Blue, now deceased.

The next family to come over was Duncan Blue, about the year 1769. Duncan Blue married Margaret Campbell before coming to this country. They had six children, three boys and three girls. The oldest son, John was born September 1765, in Argyllshire, Scotland. The other children were as follows: Patrick Blue and Duncan Campbell Blue, the girls were Catherine, Sarah and Effie. It is not known to the writer whether any of the other children were born in Scotland or not. The family came over with the McNeill colony to Wilmington, N. C., thence up to Fayetteville (The Campbell town), thence up Little River to what is now Lakeview, N. C. Some of the descendants of Duncan Blue and his wife Margaret Campbell still own and live on part of the old estate at Lakeview, which has been in the family for more than one hundred and fifty years. They have in their possession a land Grant for a tract of land they now own with the signature of KING George III, (1770).

Not until a full generation after the Revolutionary war were there any Scotch settlers that came to (America) this section. It was in the year 1800 that the next family

of Blues came over. This family settled at Pinebluff, N. C. The old mill pond is still kept up and is now used as a swimming pool. This family moved south about the years 1830 to 1840 and scattered over several of the southern states. There are several Doctors now living in Montgomery, Ala., who are descendants of this family.

Three years later, about 1803 the family known as the Bridge Blues came over and settled on Drowning Creek, near "Blue's Bridge." The head of this family was Daniel Blue.

In 1804 Donald Blue and family sailed on the ship "Pandora" landing in Wilmington, N. C. Donald Blue married Christian Lammonds, North Knapdale, Scotland. Malcolm Leach of North Knapdale married Margaret Lammonds, sister to Donald Blue's wife. The two families came over together and made their way up to Wads Creek and Little River where they settled. The Leach family after living with the Blue family for one year moved up and settled on Cabin Creek about 4 miles east of Star, N. C.

All the different families of Blues that came to America and settled in North Carolina from 1748 to 1804 came from Argyllshire on the Peninsula Cantyre, opposite Ireland, from which it is separated by the North Channel. Of course, there are several other families of the name that came from Scotland at different times and settled in other states. Donald Blue who came to America in 1804 and settled on Wads Creek and Little River. His brother Malcolm Blue who came to America in 1803 and settled in ONEDA COUNTY, NEW YORK. Then there were other families who settled in other states, but as far as the writer knows they all were from the same place in Scotland and evidently related one way or another.

## DUNCAN BLUE'S WILL

The record of the original will of Duncan Blue was found a short time ago in Book "A" of wills in the Clerk of Court's office in Carthage. This record was thought to have been destroyed when the courthouse was destroyed by fire about 50 years ago.

### THE WILL

To All people to whom these presents shall come I, the said Duncan Blue, of the County of Moore and State of North Carolina, for and in consideration of the love and good will and affection which I have and to bear towards my loving wife, Margaret, First, I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife her maintenance out of my Estate during her life time. Second. Also I do give and bequeath unto my son John Blue of the same County and State aforesaid sum of Three Hundred and Fifty Spanish Milled Dollars to be raised and lived out of my Estate after my death for him the said John his Heirs, Executors or Administrators or assigns Second. Also I give and bequeath unto my son Patrick Blue of the Same County and State aforesaid the following tracts of land, two hundred acres, situate on the South side of Lower Little River known by McLendons land. Also another tract of twenty acres on the Ridge path that leads from Hector McNeill to Daniel McNeills at the pond. Another tract of forty acres on the North side of Carrolls Branch near the mouth of said branch including the pond south of the Reedy Branch all living and being in the County of Moore. the said tracts of land to be possessed and enjoyed by him the said Patrick his Heirs, Executors or Administrators forever against all lawful claims whatsoever.

Third: To give and bequeath unto my son Duncan Blue of the same County and State aforesaid, the following tracts of land fifty acres on the South side of Chaddocks Creek where I now live with all its improvements. Also ten acres joining the said tract including the old peach orchard, also another tract of two hundred acres on both sides of Chaddocks Creek including Farraners old field, also another tract of twenty acres on both sides of Chaddocks Creek including the mouth of said creek, also another tract twenty six acres on the Ridge path near the head of the horse pen branch, the said tracts of land to be possessed and enjoyed by him, the said Duncan Blue, his heirs, executors or administrators forever against all lawful claims whatsoever.

Fourth: Also I give and bequeath unto my sons Patrick Blue and Duncan Blue all my moveable, effects, to-wit: six negroes Edmond, Big Tom, Hagor, Hannah, Little Tom, and Jude, and all my horses, cattle, hogs and all my household furniture the above moveable property to be equally divided between the said Patrick and Duncan Blue after my death provided the said Patrick Blue and Duncan Blue pay John Blue the said sum of Three Hundred and Fifty Spanish Milled Dollars above will and bequeathed.

Fifth: Also I give and grant unto my daughter Catherine four cows and calves or forty dollars out of my estate after my death.

Sixth: Also I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah four cows and calves or forty dollars in money out of my estate after my death.

Seventh: Also I give and grant to my daughter Effey four cows and calves or forty dollars out of my estate after my death.



Also I do hereby utterly disallow and  
revoke and disannul all and every other  
former testament, will, legacy, bequest  
and executor by me in anywise before  
made named, willed and bequeathed, ra-  
tifying and confirming this and no other  
to be my last will and testament. In wit-  
ness whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
and seal this 29th. day of August 1806.

DUNCAN BLUE and his  
mark X (Seal)

Test:

Hugh McDonald  
John Campbell

Moore County Court Feb. Term 1815.

The above will was duly proven in  
open court by the oath of Hugh McDonald  
and ordered to be recorded.

*W. R.*  
CORA DOWD.

Recorded in Book of Wills A, Page 290.  
Office of Clerk Superior Court, Moore  
County, N. C.

## EXTRACTS FROM THE HISTORY OF THE BLUE FAMILY

*Ghorm (Blue) MacGhorm (Son Of  
Blue). Ghorm Being The Gaelic  
Name Of The Family*

The following historical sketch was written  
by Neil Blue of Alabama.

This family name occurs in the traditions  
of the Highlanders of the western part of Scot-  
land for nearly one thousand years past. The  
family was principally located on the Penin-  
sula of Cantyre, the southern division of Ar-  
gyleshire, opposite Ireland, from which it is  
separated by the North Channel.

DONALD GHORM (DONALD BLUE), was  
one of the most noted chieftains during the  
celebrated Clan feuds of Scotland. Doubtless  
the original Scotch-Irish name of the family  
was Gauran. This first appears in Scotch his-  
tory during the early part of the sixth century.  
In the year 503 A. D. three sons of Eirch, King  
of the tribe of Dalraids, namely, LOARM, FER-  
GUS, and ANGUS, carried with them a con-  
siderable body of colonists to CANTYRE. The  
Dalraidic tribe occupied the northern part of  
the county of ANTRIM. Each of the sons set-  
tled in a separate territory:—FERGUS choos-  
ing Cantyre, — LOARM choosing a district to  
which he gave his own name; — While ANGUS  
was content with the small Island of Islay.

ANGUS soon died, we are told, leaving a  
son, MURDOCH, to succeed to his possessions.  
LOARM, the eldest brother, also died shortly  
after the establishment of the new Kingdom  
leaving his brother FERGUS sole Monarch of  
the Dalraidic Scots. It is said that FERGUS  
himself died in the year 606 A. D. — his Sover-  
eignty passing to his son DORMANCAR. The  
latter reigned five years, and left two sons,  
CONEGAL and GAURAN. This GAURAN being  
the Gaelic of the name BLUE. A peaceful reign  
of twenty-five years enabled CONEGAL to ex-  
tend his settlements and consolidate his au-  
thority. His brother, GAURAN, succeeded him  
the year 535 A. D., and occupied the throne for  
twenty-two years. He was slain in an engage-  
ment with BRIDIE, a son of MALCOLM, king  
of the Picts.

The reigning family now separated into two great branches; to wit,—the children of CONEGAL, and the children of GAURAN. — The latter remaining in possession of Cantyre. Descendants of GAURAN ruled the western part of Scotland for the next three hundred years.

In the year 836, KENNETH, son of ALPIN, and great grandson of AODH, of HUGH, of the sons of GAURAN, became the ruler. Six years after he made good his claim to the throne of all the kingdom north of the TYNE. Thus far the first time was Scotland united under one hand. The succession continued in the GUARAN family for the next 260 years. In the course of time the Scotch-Irish name GAURAN was changed to GHORM, or McGHORM. It was not certainly known at what precise time, or for what particular reason the Gaelic name of the family was dropped, and the English synonym of BLUE adopted. It may possibly have occurred in the time of James VI, when Scotland passed under the crown of England.

The immediate ancestors of Neil Blue were of Celtic origin and descended from the hardy Highlanders of Scotland, who for ages have inhabited the deep glens and rugged mountains so full of romantic history in Argyleshire. For religious faith they were Protestants, being Presbyterians of the John Knox School. They were also rigid covenanters, and had their full share of persecution for their political opinions. When Charles Stuart landed in Scotland to assert and maintain his rights to the throne, the BLUES were among the first of the Highlanders who promptly rallied to him resolved to do or die for the young prince.

While this promptitude and zeal proved their loyalty to their sovereign, it resulted in disaster to their own fortunes, as well as to the cause of Charles. They participated in the disastrous battle of Culloden, April 16, 1746, which forever extinguished the hope of the unfortunate prince, causing him to flee to France. In order to escape the persecution and punishment so mercilessly meted out to the insurgents, large numbers of them emigrated to America. In 1748, Neil McNeill brought over a large colony from the Highlands to North Carolina, and settled them on the Cape Fear River. Among

the first colonists to sail from Greenock were the immediate ancestors of the American Blues.

MALCOLM BLUE, a native of Cantyre, landed at Wilmington, and moved up to what was known as the Longstreet settlement, about 12 or 14 miles North-West of Fayetteville, Cumberland County, N. C. The settlement he occupied is still known as the Blue place. There came with him his wife, whose maiden name was Smith. — also a native of Cantyre, and his three first born children, — Duncan, Daniel and John. He at once cleared land and opened a farm, which he cultivated successfully until his death in 1770. There were born to him in America the following children; James, 1751; Dougald, 1753; Neil, 1755; Malcolm, 1757; Sarah, 1760. His widow survived him 42 years, dying in 1812, aged 102 years. She was a woman of remarkable muscular power, much of which she retained until her death. She was buried in her son John's place in the fork of Shoeheel and Juniper creeks, in Richmond County, N. C. Her age was not exactly known but was calculated, or reckoned from her distinct recollection of the disturbance created by the Earl of Mar, which was in 1715. Much of her time was spent at her son Dougald's home on the Goosepond, but for several years prior to her death she lived with her daughter, Sallie Watson, who resided four miles from her son Dougald. She survived all her children except Duncan, Dougald, and her daughter, Sallie, wife of Alexander Watson. (She had numerous relatives bearing the family name of Smith who claimed relationship with the family of Blues on her account.) Dougald Blue informed his son Neil that his father Malcolm's family was the only one of that name who came over in the colony of Neil McNeill. He also informed him that one of his uncles (brother of Malcolm) some years later emigrated to America, landing somewhere on the Chesapeake Bay. Of this relative all trace was lost, except his arrival in the new world. It is probable that he moved to Virginia, penetrating the celebrated Valley of Virginia, and from this branch of the family, the BLUES of Virginia and Kentucky are descended. (Note by K. L. B.; This brother was

doubtless Captain John Blue, who came over with Gen. Braddock in 1754 and settled in Maryland. Major Uriah Blue, U. S. Army, 1818, of Virginia, was probably Capt. John Blue's son, and the Hon. Frederick Blue, of Charleston, W. Va., a descendant. (See Who's Who). Monte Blue the movie actor, claims descent from Major Uriah Blue.)

Several families of the same name emigrated to America and settled in North Carolina between the years of 1790 and 1810. (The family of Blues living at Aberdeen, N. C., whose head was John Blue, is said to have come from the Isle of Jura, Scotland, which is in sight of Cantyre, so there is a clan relationship if nothing more.)

The children of MALCOLM AND SARAH BLUE were eight in number; seven sons and one daughter; Daniel, Duncan, John, James, Neil, Dougald, Malcolm and Sarah. There is no information in possession of the writer (Neil Blue), relative to the two sons, Daniel and James, — not even the dates of their birth. One of them, Daniel, was doubtless born in Scotland in 1739.

DUNCAN the second son, was born in 1741, in North Kanaptsdale, Argyleshire, Scotland, and died in September, 1828, in Cumberland County, N. C., where he first settled in America. In 1775 he married Margaret Graham, who survived him nearly two years, dying in June, 1830. They had three children, Daniel, Neil and Flora, all of whom married. Daniel spent his whole life on the old homestead, where he died in 1845. He had two sons, Daniel and Duncan, and three daughters, whose names are unknown to me. Neil married in 1810 and removed to Robinson County, Tenn., and from there to Mississippi in 1835. Flora married Dougald Graham, and settled first in Robeson County, N. C. In 1816, her husband, Dougald Graham, moved to Telfair Co., Ga., with all his family except his daughter, Effie, who married John Buchanan. In 1831 Mr. Graham moved to ANATAG CO., Ala., where he resided until his death Sept. 30, 1835. His wife died in Georgia in 1818 at the birth of twin sons, John and Archie. The children of Flora Blue and Dougald Graham were:

Effie (Buchanan); Duncan B. (Late State Treasurer of Alabama); John A. Archibald D., Daniel, Flora, Neil O., and Mary Isabel, — the latter the only one alive, and she resided by herself near Montgomery, Ala. John was Military Auditor of Alabama during the late Civil War, and for awhile after the War was Superintendent of Public Schools.

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JOHN BLUE, son of MALCOLM AND SARAH BLUE, was born in Scotland in 1745 and died of small-pox in 1781 in Cumberland County, N. C. He married Mary McKay, by whom he had one son, John, and four daughters; Mary, Effie, Sarah and Catherine. John was born Sept. 28, 1776, and died May 3, 1831. He married Effie Gilchrist (1813) and had three sons, Calvin, John Gilchrist, and Luther; and seven daughters, Mary (single), Sarah (Graham) Janet (Buchanan), Margaret (single), and Flora, who died in childhood. Calvin and Luther emigrated to Mississippi, where they accumulated considerable property in slaves and land. Calvin was twice married; first to Maria McLaurin, by whom he had six children, only two of whom lived to grow up, John D. and Effie. His second wife was Rebecca Buie who had no children. Luther married Missouri Buie and had four children, Luther, John, Effie and Phillip. John Gilchrist married Annie Evans, daughter of Gen. William Evans, of Marion, in which town he settled for the practice of law. They had eight children, Sallie (John), Effie (Wheeler), Ida (Nicholson), William, Victor, Rupert, Kate Lilly and Henriet. Mary, the sister of John Blue, was born May, 1770, and died May 17, 1803. Effie, 1778-Feb. 1833, Sarah 1774-April 24, 1857, married Hugh McArn, leaving large family of children. Catherine, born 1772, married John McArn. Died in Mississippi, 1858, leaving large family. John McArn lived on the old homestead near Fayette, Miss., and married Miss Lizzie Bower of Jackson. He and Annie, who married John Dicks, of Natchez, were the only two who survived their childhood, — except one, — Duncan, a young physician who was killed.

NEIL BLUE, son of MALCOLM AND SARAH was born in Cumberland Co., N. C., in 1749, and died in 1800 in Richmond County, N. C. He married but left no children. His remains are interred in his brother John's burying ground in the fork of Juniper and Shoeheel creeks.

DOUGALD BLUE, son of MALCOLM AND SARAH, was born on the old homestead in Cumberland Co., N. C.

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## FAMILY DATA

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