



Blades

The surname Blades means either "a maker of blades; a blacksmith," from Blades, " the latters being the name of an unidentified place." An early record example of this surname is from Yorkshire, England, in 1460 when a Robert Blades is mentioned. The next account we have is of Edward Alvin Franklin Blades, who was born in North Carolina in 1780 and who moved with his wife, Ellen Penelope Maynard Blades , who was born in North Carolina in the late 1700's, to Monroe County, Tennessee where Edward Blades Jr was born in in 1821. In 1836 Edward, taking about two months, transported his family to Greene County, Missouri, by ox team. They located on Pickeral Creek by a large spring, on land granted by the government. Later he purchased 480 more acres ranging in price from \$.50 to \$2.50 an acre.

Edward Sr was the father of sixteen Children. Four were by another wife and must have stayed in NC or TN. Benjamin Blades was an early settler in De Kalb County, Tennessee. Edward Alvin Franklin Blades Sr, of English decent, was born in NC and died in Greene County, Missouri in 1844. His wife, Ellen Penelope Maynard, was born Aug 8, 1801; died in abt. 1858. Both are buried in what is known as the Reynolds Cemetery, on the Bill Hood farm. One child, Rebecca Blades Batson, is also buried there. There were 16 children, but apparently the first four were married and stayed in NC or TN. Edward Alvin Franklin and his wife Ellen Penelope came to Greene County, Missouri with their family from McMinn or Monroe County, Tennessee, in 1836, and settled on section ten, township twenty-eight, range twenty- four. Their son-in-law Billy McDaniel settled section eleven. David Reynolds was the first settler in Pond Creek Township and settled on section two, now owned by Bill Hood. Robert Batson settled section three, in 1840. Samuel Garoutte, father-in-law of Dudley Blades settled section 27. Dudley built the first school house in Pond Creek Township, in the northwest corner of his father's farm. It was a log building fourteen feet by fifteen feet and Robert Batson was the first teacher. Steve Batson and William B Garoutte also taught there. The first church was called Bethel, burned May, 1872. The first child born was William Blades. I would like to call to your attention, to the fact, that at that time there were only six families in Pond Creek Township. Reynolds, Blades, Garoutte, Batson and Skelton which seems to account for the marriage pattern.

Walter Blades:

Edward Blades was English-Scot. He communicated with Penelope with sign language. She couldn't read or write.

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