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John Blackburn

Born **about 1643** in **County Armagh, Ireland** 

Son of [Ernest John Blackburn](#) and [Sharon Granger](#)

ANCESTORS 

[sibling(s) unknown]

Husband of **Elizabeth (Unknown) Blackburn** — married 11 Aug 1669 in Ballyhagen, County Armagh, Ireland 

Father of [William Blackburne](#), [John Blackburn](#) and [Archibald Blackburn](#)

DESCENDANTS 

Died **about 1723** at about age 80 in **Loughgall, County Armagh, Ireland** 

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Biography

John Blackburn was born about 1643 in County Armagh, Ireland, and died at age 80 in 1723 at Loughgall, Ireland (recorded in Richhill register with no date given). He and wife Elizabeth (possibly Park) are buried in Monie Burial Ground (Money Hill Friends Burial Ground), Ballyhagan, County Armagh, Ireland.

Research Notes


- THE PENNSYLVANIA BLACKBURNS

About 1736 three brothers, John, Joseph and Anthony Blackburn, emigrated to America from Ballyhagan, Armagh County, Ireland, followed by possibly a fourth brother, 'Ibomas Blackburn. They were Quakers and settled in eastern Pennsylvania, later Joseph and Anthony moved into Western Pennsylvania. Their descendants are found in large numbers at present in Pennsylvania and Ohio. They left a brother William Blackburn in England, who according to tradition became very wealthy and about 1760 news of his death arrived in America together with the rumor that he left a very large estate to William. The brothers were entitled if they could prove their relationship. But the brothers were getting old and the passage to the old country was long and dangerous and no attempt was made to claim the heritage. Years passed by and the rumors of the size of the heritage grew with the years, until, about 1902 the Blackburns of Pennsylvania and Ohio formed the HBlackburn Association to investigate and claim the heritage, which at that date had grown according to report to fourteen millions of dollars-the City of Blackburn .. being built upon the so-called heritage. The said Association sent Dr. J. P. Blackburn and a lawyer, Thomas E. Finley of McKeesport, Pa., to England to investigate the claim. They left America in March 1903 and spent some time examining records in Ireland, also in the City of Blackburn, Lancaster, England, and finally in London., where the said William Blackburn was reported to have died. They made a very careful and exhaustive investigation. They took down data on the titles of about eighty Blackburns extending from 1738 to 1800. The will of William Blackburn who died in 1157 'came most nearly meeting the traditions and is doubtless the source of the rumors so long current in the Blackburn family. This William, however, left two daughters who :

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~0.39% [David Blackburn](#)  : [23andMe](#) [\[test details\]](#)

~0.39% [Darrell Hill](#)  : [AncestryDNA](#), [GEDmatch](#) [A695179](#) [\[compare\]](#) [\[test details\]](#)

~0.39% [Doug Doak](#)  : [AncestryDNA](#), [GEDmatch](#) [A925312](#) [\[compare\]](#), Ancestry member [ddoak0604](#) [\[test details\]](#)

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fifteen thousand pounds and to the other fourteen thousand five hundred pounds, and made generous gifts to several friends. He was for fifty-five years prior to his death trustee of a very large trust fund, and it was touching this trust fund that the several advertisements for heirs of William Blackburn appeared in the papers in 1757, 1802, and 1844, which reached the Blackburn family in America and raised their ardent expectations. "But their dream of millions collapsed like a punctured balloon. The two commissioners wrote a very full and instructive report of their findings, which they had printed and distributed among the members of the "Association II who were to share in the estate "pro rata to the amount contributed by each member" to the expense of the investigation. The surname of John's wife Elizabeth and whether Archibald was their son are unproven. There is circumstantial evidence that John and Elizabeth Blackburn were the parents of at least four, and probably five, children:

1. John - m. Mary WINTER
2. Hannah - married out of the Quaker church
3. Joseph
4. William
5. possibly Anthony

In addition, a list of Blackburns (compiled from Quaker records) who resided in Ireland from 1690 to 1742 included: Alice, Ann, Anthony, Elizabeth, Hannah, John, Joseph, Mary, Rachel, Thomas and William. "Most significantly, all except one of these Blackburns can be accounted for in the foregoing records."^[1]

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