

BLACK, Rachel Miller  
August 5, 1822--November 15, 1900  
Born in Franklin County, IN--9th of 15 children  
Married Henry Black October 21, 1841  
7 children: John R., Nancy E. Ball, Mary E. Stoner  
survive Henry died September 12, 1895  
18 grandchildren  
23 great-grandchildren  
Nichols Church funeral

TRI-COUNTY GAZETTE November 22, 1900

BLACK, Vernon  
January 23, 1893--September 26, 1939  
Palestine, IN--Palestine, IN  
Cause of death: Angina Pectoris  
Son of James and Lulu Black  
U.S. Army Vet  
Married Irene Pitts in 1913.  
3 sons: Ralph, Dale and Don  
2 daughters: Juanita and Joan  
1 brother: Ray  
1 uncle: Del Black  
Palestine Cemetery

NORTHERN INDIANA CO-OP NEWS September 27, 1939

BLACKBURN

see Grace Blackburn Schiefer

BLACKBURN, George A.  
April 2, 1872--February 27, 1955  
Redkey, IN--Warsaw, IN  
Cause of death: paralysis  
Son of Joseph and Mary Ann Snedicker Blackburn  
Married Nettie May Morris  
5 sons: Charles, Carl, Lester, George and William  
5 daughters: Mrs. Mabel Baker, Mrs. Ethel Shafer, Mrs.  
Beulah Timmons, Mrs. Mary Rensberger, Miss Isabelle  
Blackburn  
2 sisters: Mrs. Gertrude Bolen and Mrs. Rosa Darrol  
24 grandchildren 14 great-grandchildren  
Harrison Center Cemetery  
NORTHERN INDIANA CO-OP NEWS February 24, 1955

BLACKBURN, ISABELLE

B. October 5, 1913 Warsaw, In  
D. June 16, 1987 Warsaw, In.  
Parents: George A. and Nettie (MORRIS) BLACKBURN  
Survived by: 3 sisters: Mabel Baker, Eulah Timmons  
and Mary Rensberger; 2 brothers: William and Lester.  
Preceded in death by: 3 sisters and 3 brothers.

The Akron/Mentone News June 24, 1987

BLACKBURN, Larry Lee  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Blackburn  
December 13, 1942--January 28, 1943  
cause of death: meningitis  
2 brothers: Max and Billy  
Grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Blackburn  
Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Meredith

NORTHERN INDIANA CO-OP NEWS February 3, 1943

**Name:** Blackburn, Lester E.

**Birth:** March 23, 1915

**Parents:** George A. and Nettie May Morris Blackburn

**Death:** June 15, 2009

**Married:** Pauline E. Blackford & Shirley Rackeweg

**Survivors:** Son, Burdell (wife Darlene) Blackburn, Warsaw; three daughters, Sue Ellen Rupert, Columbia City, and Linda (spouse Ken) Jones and DiAnne(spouse Charles) Smith, all of

Claypool; 13 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; 15 great-great-grandchildren; two stepdaughters, Janet and Debbie; and four brothers: Charles, William, Carl, and George Blackburn; seven sisters; Blanche and Isabelle Blackburn, Ethel Shafer, Grace Shiefer, Mabel Baker, Mary Rensberger and Beulah Timmons; a granddaughter; a great-granddaughter; and a stepson, Larry.

Harrison Center Cemetery, Etna Green

BLACKBURN, NED

B. April 12, 1951 Wabash, Indiana

D. August 17, 1984 South Bend, Indiana

Parents: Robert & Dorothea (MARTIN) BLACKBURN

Married: September 29, 1979 to Bonnie CHYROWSKI

Survived by: Wife, Sons: Robert & Benjamin, Sister:

Jane Wingert, Brother: Fred, Grandmother: Myra  
Blackburn

The Akron/Mentone News August 22, 1984

BLACKBURN, Paul Raymond  
Infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Blackburn  
Cause of death: Premature  
Died in Rochester, IN

NORTHERN INDIANA CO-OP NEWS August 20, 1947

**Name:** Blackburn-Stough, Susan B.

**Birth:** January 27, 1923

**Parents:** the late Archie and Henrietta VanDenBurg Webb

**Death:** August 9, 2009

**Married:** Wayne Blackburn, who preceded her in death.  
Ronald Stough, who survives

**Survivors:** two daughters, Cheryl (Tom) Campbell,  
Madison, and Debbie (Terry) Symon, Rochester; and two

sons, John (Faye) Blackburn, South Bend, and David  
(Jeanette) Stough Sr., Plymouth. There are eight  
grandchildren, Brian Campbell, Troy Blackburn, David  
Stough, Libby Blackburn, Jennifer Bikneris, Kelly Rector,  
Ryan Stough and Elizabeth Symon; eight great-  
grandchildren; one brother, Richard (Alice) Webb,  
Mentone. Two brothers, Frank and Robert Webb, preceded  
her in death.

BLACKETOR, ETHEL LORRAINE

B. July 31, 1915 Rochester, Indiana

D. Jan. 6, 1987 Rochester, Indiana

Parents: Seymour and Anna (WOLF) BLACKETOR

Survived by: 3 sisters: Deloris McGrew, Bonnie Davie  
& Bernice Rhodes; 1 brother: Hugh Robert.

Preceded in death by: 2 brothers: Merle and Otto, and  
2 sisters: Anita Wheadon and Mary Marie Blacketor.

The Akron/Mentone News Jan. 7, 1987

BLACKETOR, HELEN

B. August 11, 1921 Rochester, Indiana

D. March 14, 1985 Rochester, Indiana

Parents: Glenn and Grace (BABCOCK) ABBOTT

Married: June 21, 1946 to Francis BLACKETOR who  
died January 1, 1975

Survived by: 1 son: David, 1 granddaughter, the  
mother, 1 brother: Byron.

The Akron/Mentone News March 20. 1985

BLACKETOR, OTTO

B. December 19, 1909 Fulton, Indiana

D. October 8, 1984 Rochester, Indiana

Parents: Seymour & Anna (WOLF) BLACKETOR

Married: October 25, 1947 to Joan MYERS

Survived by: Wife, 4 sisters, 1 brother.

The Akron/Mentone News October 17, 1984

**Name:** Dale E. Blackford

**Birth:** September 24, 1925

**Parents:** Joseph and Sarah Sievers Blackford

**Death:** December 26, 2014

**Married:** Beverly J. Lozier, who preceded him in death February 1, 1990. On April 19, 1991, he married Deloris Dunnunk Ellinger.

**Survivors:** Wife, Deloris Blackford, Tippecanoe; three daughters: Marsha (and husband Edward) Miller, Deborah

Blackford and Lisa (and her husband Timothy) Kreft, all of Tippecanoe; seven grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; six sisters: Carol Baughtner, Helen McIntyre and Nancy (and husband Richard) Kreft, all of Tippecanoe; Viola (and husband Gene) Ward, Argos; Sarah (and husband Ronald) Kauffman, Etna Green; Rose (and husband Ray) Harroff, Warsaw; a brother Dean (and wife Barbara Blackford), Warsaw; eight stepchildren: Denny, Kent, Stan, Ron and Roger Ellinger; Lisa Brannon; Christine Kitch; and Candy Sexton.

Buried in Tippecanoe Cemetery.  
Times Union Newspaper

BLACKFORD, Paul E.  
September 6, 1931--February 27, 1933  
Mentone, IN--Mentone, IN  
Cause of death: Pneumonia  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Blackford  
4 sisters: Pauline, Cathryn, Mary Alice and Carol Fay  
5 brothers: Robert Eugene, William and Charles and Myron  
Grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Blackford and Mr. and Mrs.  
Henry Sievers

THE NORTHERN INDIANA CO-OP NEWS March 15, 1933

BLACKWELL, Marilyn Gladys  
Daughter of Floyd and Ruth Blackwell  
Died November 17, 1940 in Palestine, IN, aged 5 yrs.  
Cause of death: heart trouble  
2 sisters: Josephine and Iris  
Grandmother: Josephine Blackwell  
Palestine funeral

NORTHERN INDIANA CO-OP NEWS November 20, 1940

**Name:** Blackwell, Millie Josephine

**Birth:** October 20, 1921 in Mishawaka, IN

**Parents:** Floyd and Ruth Shirey Blackwell

**Death:** August 25, 2004 in Winona Lake, IN

**Married:** n/a

**Survivors:** Two Sisters

BLAIR, IRENE KUHN

B. March 14, 1913 Macy, Indiana

d. May 11, 1987 Naples, Florida

Parents: Clarence & Ruth (WELLER) SAMPSEL

Married: Oct. 16, 1937 to Francis "Fritz" REESE,  
who died Sept. 1, 1949.

Married: Feb. 28, 1953 to Harold KUHN who died July  
9, 1976.

Married: Sept. 1, 1984 to Raymond BLAIR.

Survived by: Husband; 3 sons: Michael, Phillip  
& Andrew Freese; 3 grandchildren; 1 brother: Homer  
Sampsel.

The Akron/Mentone News May 20, 1987

BLAIR, OVELLA

B. Oct. 19, 1915 Shiloh, Arkansas

D. Dec. 29, 1987 Warsaw, Indiana

Parents: James and Kizzie (BITTLE) SPENCE

Married: Sept. 18, 1939 to James A. Blair , who died on April 6, 1972.

Survived by: 1 daughter: Ethel Prater; 2 sons: James and Carroll; 6 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren.

Preceded in death by: 1 brother and 1 sister.

The Akron Mentone News Jan. 6, 1988

**Name:** Paul E. Blair

**Birth:** April 4, 1935

**Parents:** Virgil and Lillie Castle Blair

**Death:** May 6, 2013

**Married:** Anna J. Elliott



**Survivors:** Wife Anna J. Blair, Warsaw; two sons, Paul Jr. (and wife Bonnie) Blair and William (and wife Coleen)

Blair, Warsaw, six daughters: Mary Hite (and Davin Setser), Warsaw; Margie (and husband Doug) Redden, San Leon, Texas; Barbara (and husband James) Bryant, McKinney, Texas; Debbie (and husband Troy) Smith, Winona Lake; Kimberly (and husband Lonnie) Taylor, Alvarado, Texas; and Jennifer (and husband Danny) Hilliard, Mentone; 23 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; two great-great-granddaughters; and four sisters: Betty Lewis, Pierceton; Mamie Field, Warsaw; and Vergie Little and Geraldine (and husband Thurman) Lafferty, all of Prestonburg, Ky.

Buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.  
Times Union Newspaper



**Name:** Dorothy G. Blalock

**Birth:** July 29, 1918

**Parents:** Harl and Gladys Clay Nottingham

**Death:** March 16, 2012

**Married:** Tobie H. Blalock

**Survivors:** Husband, Tobie H. Blalock, Mentone; a daughter, Kathy (and husband David) McGowen, Bremen; two sons, Barry (and wife Mary) Blalock, Kokomo, and



Dennis (and wife Linda) Blalock, Burket; seven grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Buried in Mentone Cemetery.

Times-Union Newspaper

BLALOCK, Roy J.  
DIED IN Guam aged 20 yrs.  
Cause of death: accident  
1 brother: Toby Blalock

NORTHERN INDIANA CO-OP NEWS April 6, 1949

**Name:** Tobie H. Blalock

**Birth:** May 7, 1921

**Parents:** Fred and Martha Myers Blalock

**Death:** December 7, 2012

**Married:** Dorothy Nottingham

**Survivors:** Two sisters, Vada Barnes and Vetris Newman, both of Sevierville; two sons, Barry (and wife Maryl) Blalock, Kokomo, and Dennis (and wife Linda) Blalock,



Warsaw; a daughter, Kathy (and husband David) McGowen, Bremen; seven grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Buried in Mentone Cemetery.

Times Union Newspaper

BLANKENSHIP, ANTHONY L. CURTIS

Stillborn and July 22, 1986 Wabash, Indiana

Parents: Nola Lee GULLET and Randall Lynn BLANKENSHIP

Survived by: Parents: grandparents: Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Gullett & Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Blankenship; maternal great grandmother: Addie Teeter; paternal great grand parents: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Blankenship and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Whitaker; paternal Great Grandmother: Brose Whitaker and maternal Great Grandmother: Kelly Shepherd.

The Akron/Mentone News July 30, 1986

**Name:** Michelle Lee Blankenship

**Birth:** March 29, 1971

**Parents:** James E. and Mary L. Lashure White

**Death:** January 4, 2015



**Married:**

**Survivors:** Two sons, Michael Anthony Lewis, Silver Lake, and Travis James (and wife Brittany) Lewis, Mentone; her parents, James and Mary White, Silver Lake;

four sisters: Phyllis (and husband Lawrence) Metcalf, La Porte; Teresa Lambert, Silver Lake; Jessica (and husband Danny) Thompson, Mentone; and Barbara Miller, Tennessee; one brother, Wayne "Marty" (and wife Julie) White, Mentone; three grandchildren: Connor, Nyla and Jackson Lewis; her nephew, Ty Wayne Brown, Silver Lake; and several extended family members.

Times Union Newspaper

BLAUSSER, FREDERICK

B. August 24, 1917 Kewanna, Indiana

D. September 7, 1985 Temple, Arizona

Parents: Roy and Mabel (SEARS) BLAUSSER

Married: June 6, 1961 to Irene ATEN

Survived by: Wife

The Akron/Mentone News September 11, 1985

BLISS

Laura Bliss (wife of Dr. Andrew B. Robinson)

**NAME:** Jerimy Wade Blitz

**DEATH:** May 21, 2011

**BIRTH:** July 13, 1978

**PARENTS:** Michael and Cindy Fisher Blitz

**MARRIED:** Angela Smith

**SURVIVORS:** Wife Angela Smith; a daughter, Taylor Shea Ann Blitz; a son, Dyson Michael Larry Blitz; a sister, Destiny

Shea Nicole Blitz, Mariastein, Ohio; and grandparents, Yvonne Ingle, Muldrow, Okla., and Thomas C. Fisher, Mentone.

Buried at Athens Hoover Cemetery.

BLOCHER, DORTHA J.

B. Jan. 30, 1922 in Jonesboro, Arkansas

D. January 15, 1990 in Warsaw, Indiana

Parents: John and Cora (WOODARD) FEECE.

Married: October 9, 1941 to Elmer E. BLOCHER.

Survived by: Husband; Foster mother, Mable Beattie;  
a half brother: Floyd Feece, and 1 sister: Mary  
Pyle.

The Akron/Mentone News January 24, 1992

**Name:** Kristina Kay "Krissy" Blocher

**Birth:** February 14, 1976

**Parents:** John and Sharon Bills Holden

**Death:** May 21, 2014

**Married:** Gabriel Blocher

**Survivors:** Husband, Gabriel Blocher, South Whitley; two daughters, Ashley Kay (Moser) Blocher, and Bryleigh Parker Blocher, both at home; two sons, Tyler Scott and Jacob Lynn Blocher, both at home; her mother, Sharon, and stepfather,



Charles Kaltenbach, Warsaw; five sisters: Laura (and husband Scott) Campbell, Warsaw; Kim (and husband Jeff) Hurd, Mentone; Shawnee Greene, Syracuse; and Pam (and husband Darren) Jones, and Delena Koch (and fiancé Wes), all of Quincy, Ill.; three brothers: Todd (and wife Sherry) Pippenger, Bourbon; Chad (and spouse Steve) Kaltenbach, Warsaw; and Chuck Kaltenbach, Quincy; a sister-in-law, Kim (and husband James) King, Pierceton; three brothers-in-law: Eric (and wife Melissa) Blocher, Columbia City; Tracy (and wife Shelly) Blocher, Warsaw; and Sarah Blocher, Pierceton; and many nieces and nephews.

Buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw  
Times Union Newspaper