

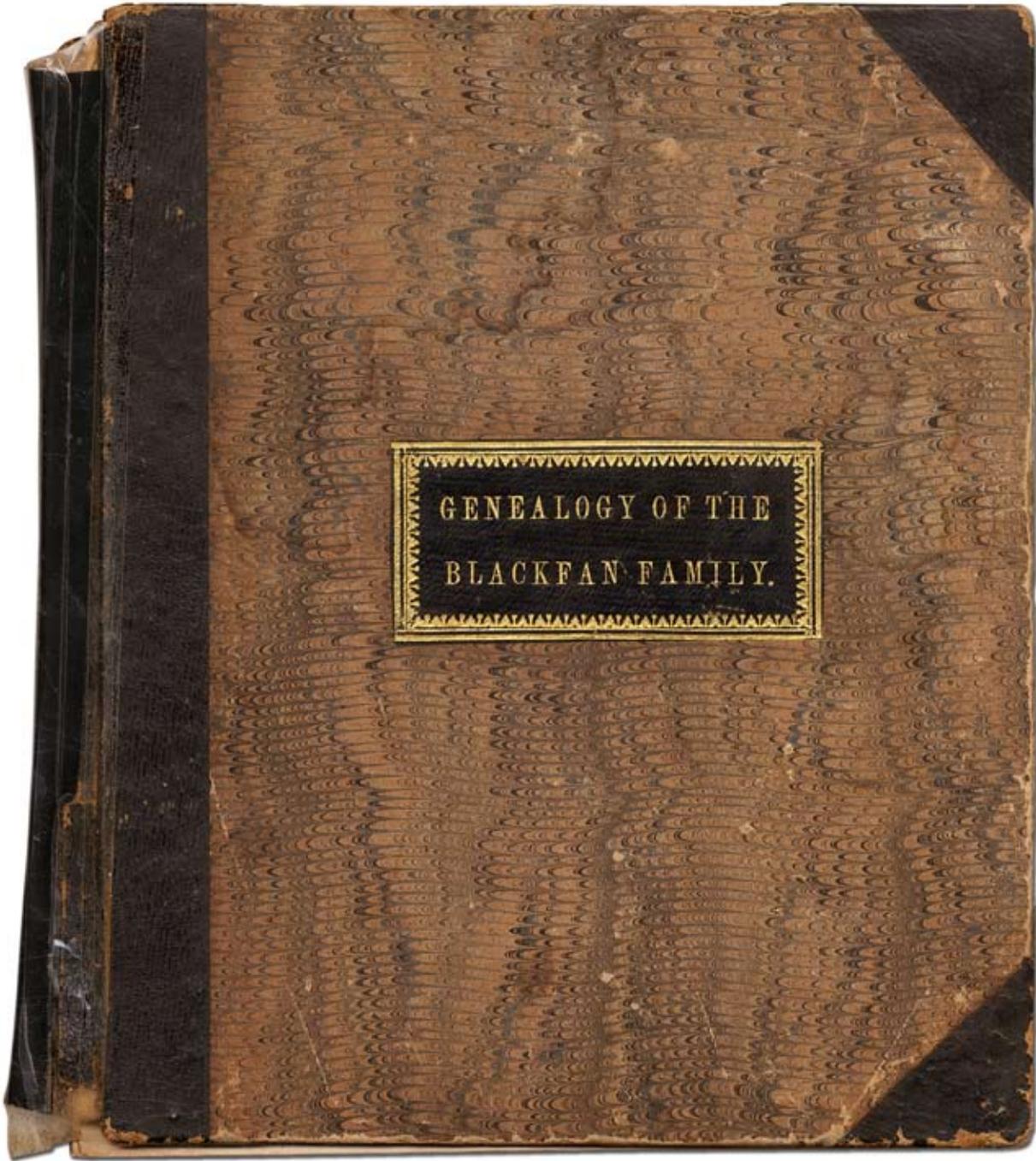
BETWEEN THE COVERS RARE BOOKS

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[Manuscript]: Genealogy of the Blackfan Family

Pennsylvania: [circa 1850]

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Small quarto blank book. Half leather and marbled paper boards with gilt titles stamped on a morocco label on the front board. Tears on the spine with taped repairs, foxing on the endpapers, a loose page, and worn edges thus good only. A handwritten genealogy of the Blackfan family of Pennsylvania, relatives of William Penn, throughout the 1700s. The content is written over 35 hand numbered pages and appears to have been written in the early- or-mid 1800s with all the sources, historical records, first person accounts in letters, and books cited and quoted throughout. After a brief history of the state of Pennsylvania and the colonists that came there to leave the “tyrannic power of the despots of Europe,” the narrative leads to Edward Blackfan, “who is said by family tradition to have been a cousin of William Penn.” The Blackfans were early converts to Quakerism in England and were active in social reform. By the 1600s the Blackfans had immigrated to the Colonies, specifically Pennsylvania as seen through the transcribed minutes from Philadelphia council meetings where Penn is mentioned numerous times.

The latter half of the book is a sort of family tree in list form with a small biography of each member of the family, including William Penn. Penn's entry is found on page 34 and reads, "William Penn was born on the 14th of October 1644 and married Gulielma Maria daughter of the late Sir William Springett of Darling Sussex in the year 1672... Gulielma Maria Penn died on the 3rd of the 12th month 1696 in the fiftieth year of her age and in the Spring of 1696 William married Hannah daughter of Thomas Callowhill a merchant of Bristol and in about 5 weeks after his oldest son died of Pulmonary consumption." The Genealogy ends with Penn's death in 1718.

An extensive handwritten account of the Blackfan family and it's ties to William Penn. [BTC#399318]

Genealogy of the Blackfan Family

Pennsylvania is acknowledged to be the keystone in the arch of our Federal union, which has already grown to be the wonder, admiration and terror of the Eastern world, whatever relates to her early history and settlement is commanding an increased interest in the Philanthropist and statesmen of every clime.

For here it was that the seeds of civil and religious Liberty were sown by William Penn and his little band of associates, who fled from the Tyrannic power of the Despots of Europe in the seventeenth century.

And that system of Government and Code of Laws which they formed, have continued to elicit the admiration of every writer upon Jurisprudence to the present time.

And altho, much credit is doubtless due to a comparison of Ideas between William Penn and the celebrated Sidney and Locke, yet the Christian spirit which pervades the whole Constitution which he presented to his Council in 1682, was evidently the emanation of his own great mind, which had been nursed in the cradle of adversity, and had drunk deep of the persecutions of the times.

But he had his counsellors among his friends, some of whom like himself had felt the force of that spirit of Despotism which had condemned to the stake and the Dungeon so many of the noble Patriots of the age.

Sarah the 3^d child of William and Eleanor Blackfan married Richard Wood of Philadelphia and had one son James who married Barbara Kinsey and had 2 children viz Richard who died unmarried and without issue and Abigail who married Capt Robert Thompson of Philadelphia and had one son and three daughters (and one daughter²)

Hannah who married Isaac Morris and have the following children viz Thomas Sarah Richard Elizabeth, & Rebecca all single that are living as Thomas had four children died many years ago

Hannah Morris above was Eighty six years old on the 24th of 1st mo 1853 — she died on the 22^d of June aged 88 years & 6 mo

William Penn was born on the 4th of October 1674 and married Gulielma Maria daughter of the late Sir William Springett of Sarling Sussay in the year 1692 and first settled at Rickmansworth in Hertfordshire but afterwards removed to Warminghurst in Sussay

Consequently Springett^{Penn} could not have been more than 13 or — years old when he witnessed

the marriage of Edward Blackfan and Rebecca Crispin on the 24th of 8th mo 1688 and his sister Lattitia at least one year younger

Guilhelma Maria Penn died on the 3^d of 12th mo 1693/4 in the fiftieth year of her age - and in the Spring of 1696. William married Hannah daughter of Thomas Callowhill a Merch^t of Bristol - and in about 5 weeks after this his oldest son - Springett died of Pulmonary Consumption at Worminghurst in Sussex in his 21st year a heavy loss to him

He continued to live at Worminghurst till 27th of 6th mo 1703 as may be seen by a letter of that date to James Loxan but some time after ^{remov'd} to Rascob near Grayford in Buckinghamshire where he died on the 30th of July 1718

The end.