


Name	Judge George Blow Jr.	
Birth Date	5 May 1813 ¹	
Birth Place	Tower Hill, Sussex, VA	
Death Date	2 May 1894 Age: 80	
Death Place	Norfolk, VA	
Burial Place	Lot 8 2nd ave, Elmwood Cem., Norfolk, VA	
Burial Memo	Latitude: 36.8611, Longitude: -76.2825	
Occupation	Attorney, Judge	
Military	General VAMIL, Lt. Colonel CSA	
Religion	Episcopalian	
Education	William & Mary, University of Virginia	
Father	Col. George Blow (1787-1870)	
Mother	Eliza Waller (1791-1841)	

Misc. Notes

4th A Son born on the 5th day of May 1813 cristened by the last named minister by the name of George. who married Elizabeth Taylor daughter of Albert & Margaret Almand - the 27th of August 1846 (who died Feb 4th 1868). Judge George Blow died in Norfolk May 1894.¹

George Blow, 3rd son of George Blow and Eliza his wife, born 5th day of May 1813 was married in Norfolk Va, on the 27th day of August 1846, to Elizabeth Taylor Almand, daughter of Albert & Margaret Almand¹

George Blow Jr. was born May 5, 1813, in Sussex County at "Tower Hill", the plantation belonging to his father Colonel George Blow. At the age of seven he was sent to his Grandparents, Richard & Fannie (Wright) Blow in Portsmouth for education (and possibly because of an illness that prevailed in Sussex at the time).

He attended Hampden-Sydney College 1828-29²; In 1829 at the age of 16 he entered William & Mary College and was granted a B.A. in 1831. From there he went to the University of Virginia (#27, East Lawn) where he took the law courses. He briefly returned to Portsmouth because of the illness and death of his Grandfather Richard Blow, but returned to the University and graduated in 1835. He was admitted to the bar in the same year.

He practiced law in Norfolk until 1839 when he emigrated to Texas. In 1839 he was serving as Prosecuting Attorney for the Republic of Texas, Fourth Judicial District. He later served as a member of the House of Representatives from Bexar County.

Captured (as District Attorney) with the members of the District Court of San Antonio, Texas, by Mexican General Adrian Woll March 1842.

In 1842 he returned to Virginia, probably because of the death of his mother Eliza Waller, and resumed his law practice, serving also as Commonwealth Attorney for Norfolk Circuit Court from 1856 to 1860.³

In 1846 he married Elizabeth Taylor Allmand who bore him ten children before her death in 1868 at the age of only 44.

During the same period he was a member of the Virginia Militia rising to the rank of Brigadier General. In 1861 he resigned his commission and was appointed Lt. Colonel in the 14th Virginia Regiment of Infantry. "Captured with Norfolk in 1862", we believe he was exchanged for a Union Officer and - although forced to give his home to a Union Officer - remained in Norfolk for the duration.

He was a member of the Virginia Secession Convention in 1860, first voting "nay" but later "yea" to secession. According to the published lists of visitors in the 1984 edition of the Register of Former Cadets, Judge Blow was a member of the VMI board in 1851-1852, 1857-1860, and 1861-1862.

Following the war he resumed his legal practice until he was elected Judge of the Norfolk Circuit Court in 1870. A greatly respected jurist, he "had not one decision reversed" including the important Norfolk Ferry suit. He retired from the bench in 1886 at the age of 73.

Eight years later Judge Blow died at the age of 80, survived by only two siblings.

From letters we learn that Judge Blow was a devoted family man, a husband hopelessly in love with his wife and children. Many tributes were published and the cities of both Norfolk and Portsmouth voted resolutions of recognition. In Norfolk a street was named in his honor. His portrait still hangs today in the Norfolk District Court.

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Officially George Blow Jr. At various times he held the title of "General", "Judge", and "Commodore".

Judge George Blow, father of the above eight living children died at his residence on Boush St, Norfolk Va, May 2 1894 at 12.25 P.M.¹

Research

William and Mary Quarterly Historical Magazine 1st ser., v. 4, pp. 275-76
Commonwealth of Virginia, commission to Major, 54 Reg. Infantry of the Line in the 9th Brigade and 4th Division of the Virginia Militia, date of rank 17 March 1847 (s/R.J. Daniel, Lt. Gov 30 Apr 1847).

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Commonwealth of Virginia, commission to Brigadier General, 54 Reg. in the 9th Brigade and 4th Division of the Virginia Militia, John Letcher, Governor 28th day of April, 1860		
Gains: <u>Biographical Register of Members of the Virginia State Convention of 1861</u> , pp. 17.		
Henderson: 41st Virginia Infantry Historical Series.		
<u>Norfolk - The First Four Centuries</u> ; Parramore, Thomas C. University Press of Virginia; p. 199		
<u>Conventions and Congresses, 1832-1845 State of Texas</u>		
<u>Journals of the House of Rep. of the Republic of Texas</u> ; 5th Congress, 1st Session; Cruger & Wing Publishers, Austin, Texas; p48,49		
See Brown, <u>History of Texas</u> , II, 186; General Land Office Records; Comptroller's Military Service Records; House Journal of the Fifth Congress of the Republic; Election register, 1846-54."		
Dictionary of Virginia Biography Vol II; The Library of Virginia; 2001; pp31		

[obit from Norfolk Newspaper]:		
<i>"END OF AN HONORED CAREER:</i>		
<i>DEATH OF THE VENERABLE JUDGE GEORGE BLOW YESTERDAY AFTERNOON</i>		
The death of the venerable Judge George Blow, which occurred at his residence, No. 36 Boush Street Norfolk yesterday afternoon at 12:25 P.M., removes from Norfolk one of her most honorable and honored citizens.		
The deceased had passed by eleven years his allotted three score years and ten, being 81 years of age, during which time he spent many years adjudicating causes between man and man in a manner well becoming such a judge and such a gentleman. He had been confined to his bed but two weeks and the worst fears of his family and friends were realized yesterday.		
[From Conventions and Congresses, 1832-1845 State of Texas]:		
"Blow, George W. (this is the only reference to a middle name of Waller) a native of Virginia, probably came to Texas soon after the (Texas) Revolution, General Land Office records showing that he was issued a conditional land certificate, June 6, 1839 (at age 26). In October of 1839, he was serving as Prosecuting Attorney for the Republic in the Fourth Judicial District, and in July of 1840 as Commissioner for examining the land records in Bexar County (San Antonio). In the Fifth Congress of the Republic, November 2, 1840, to February 5, 1841, George Blow was a member of the House of Representatives from Bexar. He probably returned soon afterwards to his native state, official records showing that he was appointed, February 18, 1847, Commissioner of Deeds in Virginia.		
Spouses		
1	Elizabeth Taylor (Lizzy) Allmand	
Birth Date	28 Oct 1823	
Birth Place	Norfolk, VA	
Death Date	4 Feb 1868 Age: 44	
Death Place	Richmond, VA	
Burial Place	Lot 8 2nd ave, Elmwood Cem., Norfolk, VA	
Father	Col. Albert Allmand (1793-1831)	
Mother	Margaret Walke O'Grady (>1799-1872)	
Misc. Notes		
11 A little nameless son; whose life was but an hour, was born and died September 5th 1867. 1		
Elizabeth T. Blow, wife of George Blow Jr, and Mother of the children here recorded, died on Tuesday the 4th day of February 1868, at the residence of Judge William W Crump, in the City of Richmond, in the forty fourth year of her age. ¹		
† Elmwood Cemetery Norfolk; Dates confirmed by headstone.		
Descendants of Elizabeth Taylor Almand are eligible for membership in the Society of Colonial Wars and a descendant of Sir George Yeardley (1579-1627) member of the Virginia Company 1609, Governor of Virginia 1618-19. Surname spelled "Allmand" on headstone, once in Family Bible. Also spelled "Almand" twice in Bible.		
Marriage Date	27 Aug 1846 ¹	
Marriage Place	Christ Church, Norfolk, VA	
Children	Emma Blacknall (1847-1914) Margaret (1849-) Eliza Waller (1851-1931) Louise (Lulu) (1853-1931) Virginia Robertson (1856-1922)	



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	Albert Allmand (1858-1918) George Preston (1860-1922) Atala Honoria (1862-<1925) Blacknall (Died Young) (1864-1864) William Harrison (Died Young) (1866-1866)
Sources	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Blow Family Bible (the "Saloon" Bible) Oxford 1715 ; College of William & Mary, Swem Library Special Collectons; copies at Library of Virginia and Virginia Historical Society. From back of first leaf: "This family Bible of the Blows was carried off by the Yankees from the residence of George Blow Sr. in James City County [Wheatland] ... in the summer of 1862. Found by a soldier in a drinking saloon, ... who offered it for sale for \$25. \$5 was subsequently paid... Written by me this 4th day of 1865, Fannie Blow Hunter"2. "Dr. John L. Brinkley, Historian, Hampden-Sydney College; letter to JMB 4 Mar 01."3. H. W. Burton, <u>The History of Norfolk, Virginia</u>, Norfolk Virginian Job Print, 36 Roanoke Avenue, Norfolk VA.
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