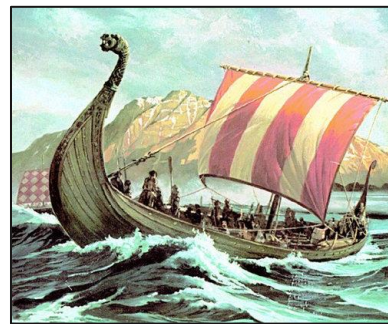
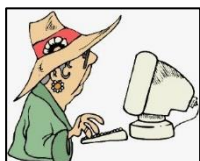


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## An Over-abundance of Abners

A quick count in my unofficial database of Bankstons reveals 13 Abners and that's not counting those who had Abner as a middle name. No wonder genealogists go off the deep end now and then or resort to sniffing mustard to clear our heads.



A pesky problem kept rearing its head recently pertaining to an Abner Bankston, or more specifically an Abner John Bankston, born ca 1812 in Georgia, purportedly the son of Hiram Bankston and Susanna Slaydon (Slayden)<sup>1</sup>. I don't have all the answers, but it appears that he has been mixed up to a degree with another Abner Bankston — one who was born

20 August 1815 in Illinois<sup>2</sup> and after a brief stop in Arkansas, removed to Texas.

Hiram and Susanna's son, Abner, is believed to be the one who married first Rebecca Short (daughter of Laban Short and Rebecca Pennington)<sup>3</sup> on 12 December 1832<sup>4</sup> in Oglethorpe

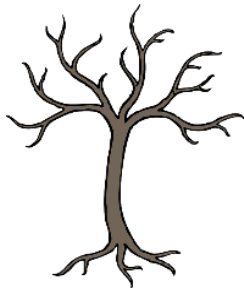
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<sup>1</sup> Beverly Nelson Rambo and Ronald Stephen Beatty, *The Rambo Family Tree*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Third Volume: Descendants of His Daughter, Gertrude Rambo Bankson (Bloomington, Indiana: AuthorHouse™, 2007), p. C-128. Only four children of Hiram Bankston and Susannah Rosamond Slayden are mentioned, but later research indicates that Abner John was their child, but no specific evidence has been reported that I've seen. The fact that Abner John Bankston migrated first to Pontotoc County, Mississippi and then to Dunklin County, Missouri as did his purported sister, Mary Ann (Bankston) Harkey, lends weight to the family connection though. They both named sons (born ca 1837-9) Wellborne, which may or may not mean anything. They also lived in same localities in Mississippi and Missouri.

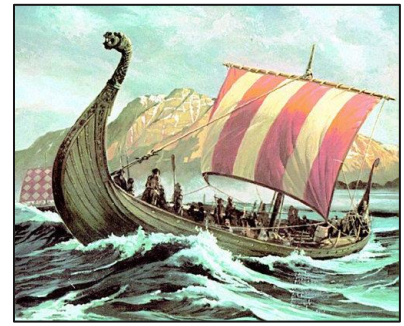
<sup>2</sup> Find-A-Grave. Mason County, Texas. <https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/3965/grit-cemetery/>

<sup>3</sup> "Children of Laban Short, GA," by Trish Elliott. Posted on Genealogy Forum 2 Feb. 2014. <http://www.genealogy.com/forum/surnames/topics/short/5130/>

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County, Georgia. In 1840<sup>5</sup> they are in Monroe County, Georgia; in 1850<sup>6</sup> in Pontotoc County, Mississippi, in 1860. 1870 and 1880 in Dunklin County, Missouri.<sup>7</sup> In 1880, Abner J. Bankston, age 66 and his son, Joseph H., age 17, are boarders in the household of Amanda Harkey, age 33 and her young family. (Some census indices have rendered her surname as Karkey). She was the widow of Newton Harkey, who was a son of Daniel Harkey and Mary [Ann] Bankston, the latter an older sister to Abner, our subject, which means Abner Bankston was the uncle of Newton Harkey). Don't you love entangled trees?



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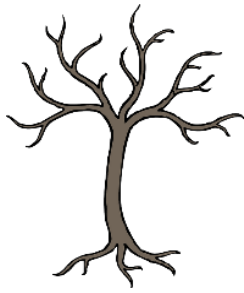
<sup>5</sup> 1840 U.S. Census, District 504, Monroe, Georgia, population schedule; Roll: 47; Page: 162; Family History Library Film: 0007045. Ancestry.com. 1840 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010. Images reproduced by FamilySearch. Original data: Sixth Census of the United States, 1840. (NARA microfilm publication M704, 580 rolls). Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C.

<sup>6</sup> 1850 U.S. Census, Pontotoc, Mississippi, population schedule; Roll: M432\_380; Page: 94B; Image: 195 Ancestry.com. 1850 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2009. Images reproduced by FamilySearch. Original data: Seventh Census of the United States, 1850; (National Archives Microfilm Publication M432, 1009 rolls); Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29; National Archives, Washington, D.C.

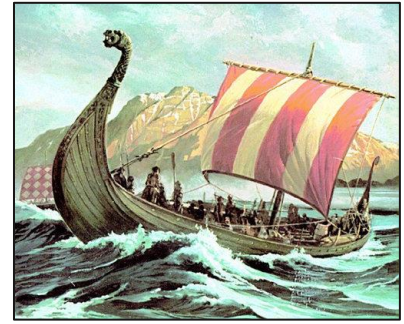
<sup>7</sup> 1860 U.S. Census, Clay, Dunklin, Missouri, population schedule; Roll: M653\_618; Page: 981; Family History Library Film: 803618. Ancestry.com. 1860 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2009. Images reproduced by FamilySearch. Original data: 1860 U.S. census, population schedule. NARA microfilm publication M653, 1,438 rolls. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.

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Daniel and Mary Ann Harkey are enumerated in the 1850<sup>8</sup> Pontotoc County, Mississippi census on p. 93 (stamped) and John A. [name reversal of John Abner] and his wife, Rebecca and their 5 children are enumerated in the same locale on p. 94A (stamped).

In *History of Dunklin County, Missouri, 1845-1895*<sup>9</sup> is a biographical profile of early settlers including one about J. H. (Jasper) Harkey, which reveals the date that family removed to Missouri. It says:



“J. H. Harkey, present judge of the Second District, is the son of Daniel D. and Mary A. (Bankston) Harkey, and was born October 27, 1843, in Pike County, Georgia. Daniel D. was a native of North Carolina and Mrs. Harkey of Georgia. They came to this county in 1853 and located on Grand Prairie, where they resided

until their death. They were both charter members of the old Harkey's chapel class of the M. E. C. S., helped to build the first house by that name, and were always among the church's most consistent and powerful workers.”

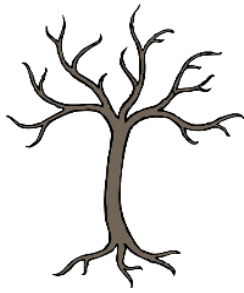
Daniel David Harkey and Mary Ann Bankston lived a few years in Pontotoc County, Mississippi. It is situated in the northern tier of the state, and was created in 1836 from a part of the Chickasaw Cession. They moved to Dunklin County, Missouri, part of what's known as the boot heel (highlighted in red on map) in 1853. The 1850 Pontotoc County, Mississippi census shows: their children as: Daniel, 19; Hiram, 15; Wellborne, 13; twin sons, Newton and Newson, 12; Francis (male), 8; and Jasper, 7.



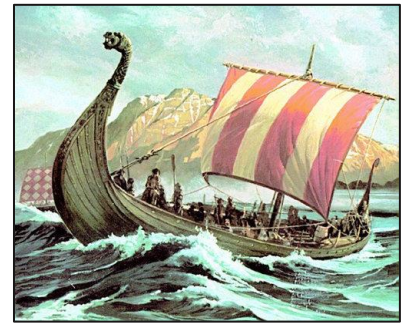
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A few pages from this Harkey family in that census is John A. Bankston [aka Abner John], 37; Rebecca [née Short] 35; and their children: James, 18; Williamson, 15; Wellborne, 11; Mary, 6; and John 3. . It assumed that Abner John Bankston and family made the move from Mississippi to Missouri at the same time as the Harkeys did.

In the 1860 Dunklin County, Missouri enumeration<sup>10</sup>, Abner is listed by initials — A. J., and has a different wife — one named Susan. The only identifiable child from Abner’s first marriage with him appears to be Mary, who was 6 in 1850 and 16 in 1860. The Nancy, age 5, is not identified; she may be and probably is the daughter of the first wife — born after the 1850 census and before the 1860. If that is correct, then Abner’s first wife (Rebecca Short) probably died about 1855 or so.

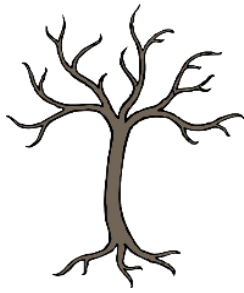
The other children listed (and shown with the creative spelling of their names) are: Glenowen Bankston 1; Sumanth Bankston 3/12; and Albert Hameline 4. They also are out of order by age, which sometimes can be an indicator of different parents, etc., but not necessarily. Remember these were handwritten records with no “delete buttons.” We simply don’t know why an enumerator did this.

Finding Abner John Bankston in the 1870 census<sup>11</sup> proved to be a challenge, and like many things in genealogical research, sometimes the records are imperfect. Looking more closely after doing a number of creative searches in the 1870 census, it is most likely that the William Bankston, age 55, in Dunklin County, Missouri, is really Abner. The names of four of his children — Albert, Glen, Joseph and Charles — are important identifiers and Mary, 23, is probably his daughter, though her age is off by several years. The 15-year-old Elizabeth and the 7-year-old Martha are mysteries; obviously thrown in to confuse us. Perhaps Elizabeth is really Nancy Elizabeth, born about 1855, and probably Abner’s daughter by his first wife, while Martha, may

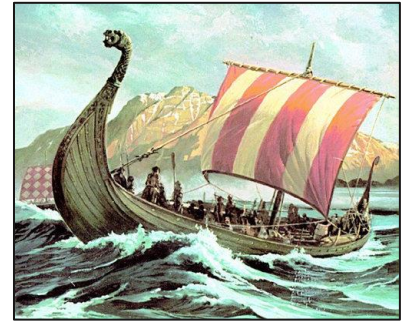
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be a daughter by his second wife, Susan, and may be the one listed as 3-month-old Samantha in the 1860 census, although her year of birth is off by three years in 1870. We don't know who gave the information to the enumerators in 1870 and in instances such as this, it is logical to assume that someone other than the head of the household did. Perhaps the children or a neighbor did, which might account for the many discrepancies in names and ages.

One other thing learned from this 1870 enumeration, is evidently Abner J. Bankston has lost his second wife, Susan, and was widowed again. That might explain his marriage on 8 January 1873<sup>12</sup> in Dunklin County, Missouri to Mrs. Sarah E. [—?—] Burns. It was difficult for farmers in the 19<sup>th</sup> century to take care of young children and do the work necessary to provide for their families. Whether this third marriage of Abner's ended by death of Sarah or even possibly a divorce, she was not listed with him in the 1880 census and nothing more has been learned about her — to date.



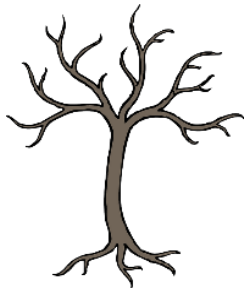
In tracing the children of Abner John Bankston, the maiden name of Abner's second wife was found. On the Missouri State Certificate of Death<sup>13</sup> for Glen A. Bankston (It looks like an A, rather than an O) who died 24 July 1917, his father's name is given as Abner Bankston (born Alabama, which is incorrect) and his mother's name is listed as Susan Hamilin (her birthplace listed as unknown). The informant was S. J. Bankston, evidently the wife of Glen Bankston whose full name was Sarah Josephine Arsendale (1864-1924). They married in 1885 in Dunklin County, Missouri<sup>14</sup>. Further identification of Susan Hamilin (also spelled Hameline and Hamblin) has not yet been found, but the information about her name has credibility because of the source and the fact there's a son named Albert Hamelin Bankston, who appears to be the eldest of the children of Susan and Abner

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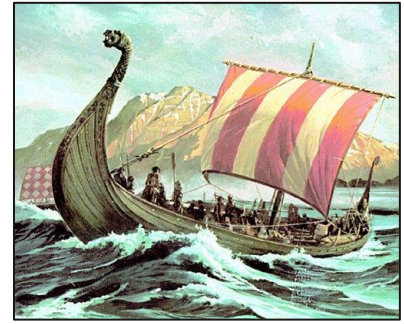
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<sup>13</sup> Missouri Certificate of Death, No. 41067. Missouri State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics. (<https://www.sos.mo.gov/images/archives/deathcerts/> Accessed: 10 January 2018), for Glen A. Bankston, born 13 January 1861 and died from malaria, 24 July 1917.

<sup>14</sup> Missouri Marriages, 1750-1920, database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:V28Z-FS4:6 December 2014>), Glen O. Bankston and Sarah J. Arrendale, 17 Sep 1885; citing Dunklin (County) Missouri; FHL microfilm# 926,884..



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J. Bankston. This contradicts the erroneous claim that this Abner Bankston married a Susan Holliman in Hot Spring County, Arkansas in 1841<sup>15</sup>. Since Abner is shown with a wife named Rebecca in 1850 and he married a Rebecca Short in 1832 Georgia, and in 1850 they have six children, all born in Georgia from about 1833 to 1847, the likelihood that this Abner would have married someone else in 1841 in Arkansas while apparently still married to Rebecca Short, is highly improbable. *[See later in this document for information on the Abner Bankston who married in 1841 in Arkansas]*

The only other child of Abner John Bankston by his second wife, Susan Hamilin, that has been found—so far—is Joseph H. Bankston (born 1863). He married Louisa E. McMillen on September 7, 1890<sup>16</sup> in Dunklin County, Missouri. They had several children — Willie A., Mary A., Cecil, Connie, and Fannie J., born from about 1892 to 1908. The family removed to Craighead County, Arkansas where Joseph H. died 3 November 1937<sup>17</sup> and his wife died there in 1951<sup>18</sup>. His middle name evidently was Henderson (per his daughter's (Fannie Josephine) Delayed Birth Certificate, which shows her born 13 March 1908.



*Joseph H. Bankston-Louisa McMillen –  
courtesy of Donna L. Heinz—1*

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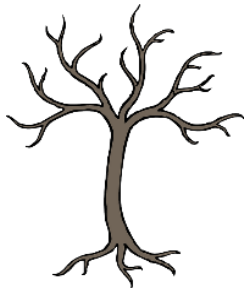
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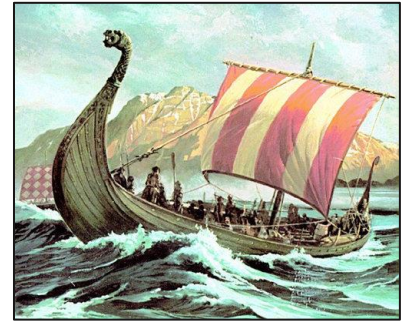
<sup>17</sup> Arkansas Death Index, 1914-1950 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2005. Original data: Division of Vital Records, Arkansas Department of Health. Arkansas Death Index, 1914-1950. Arkansas: Arkansas Genealogical Society. Microfiche.

<sup>18</sup> Find-A-Grave. Louisa E Bankston. Birth 30 Apr 1872. Death 12 Oct 1951. Burial Pine Hill Cemetery Jonesboro, Craighead County, Arkansas, USA . Memorial ID 83311330

<sup>18</sup> Alice Eichholz, Ph.D., C.G., ed., Redbook, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. (Provo, Utah: Ancestry, 2004), p. 394]



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Research in Dunklin County, Missouri is made difficult because of two courthouse fires, one during the Civil war and another in 1872. Marriage records for this locality are not extant until after 1872. However, some Civil War records, available at Missouri Digital Heritage<sup>19</sup> revealed two Bankston men who probably were the sons of Abner John Bankston by his first wife, Rebecca Short.

They are James W. and a William W., and they both served in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Missouri Volunteers Cavalry, Confederate States Army. They both enlisted on 2 February 1862 at Hornersville, Dunklin County, Missouri<sup>20</sup>. Ironically they both died in LaGrange, Fayette County, Tennessee in 1862. James W. died in the “fall of 1862” and William W. died there in July of 1862. This is assuming that William W. is the same as Williamson Bankston, born ca 1835, and James W. is the James Bankston, born ca 1832. Their sister, Mary, called Mattie, who was born ca 1840-44, married James Russell Wilkins ca 1873, probably in Dunklin County, Missouri. They had two sons — Abner Emanuel Wilkins born in 1879 and Jesse Edgar Wilkins born in 1882 according to the 1900 census<sup>21</sup>. . She died 16 March 1930<sup>22</sup>, and her death certificate names her father, Abner Bankston, but her mother’s name is listed as “not known.” The informant was A. E. Wilkins (apparently her son, Abner Emanuel Wilkins). Mary lived to be 89 years, 6 months and 13 days old, according to this record, although it may be four years off, if she really was born about 1844 as indicated in census records.



Nothing further has been learned about their other siblings — Susan, born ca 1837; Welborne, born in 1839, John, born ca 1847, and Nancy Elizabeth, born ca 1854. The same is true for Albert Hamelin, born ca 1856; Samantha, born ca 1860, and Charles, born ca 1866 — children

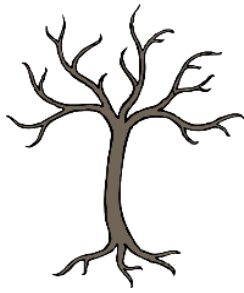
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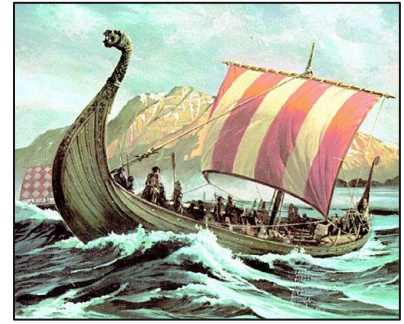
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<sup>21</sup> 1900 census, South Clay, Dunklin, Missouri, population schedule; Roll: 853; Page: 4B; Enumeration District: 0041; FHL microfilm: 1240853. Ancestry.com. 1900 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2004. Original data: United States of America, Bureau of the Census. Twelfth Census of the United States, 1900. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1900. T623, 1854 rolls.

<sup>22</sup> Missouri Secretary of State, Missouri Digital Heritage. (<https://www.sos.mo.gov/mdh>). Downloaded 4 Jan. 2018, Missouri State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Certificate of Death, #8254 for Mary A. Wilkins. <https://s1.sos.mo.gov/records/archives/archivesmvc/deathcertificates>.



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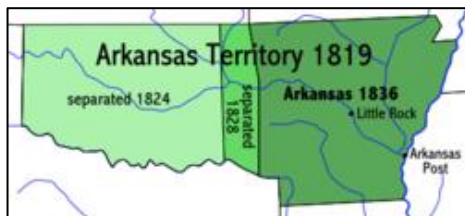
by Abner's second wife, Susan Hamelin. Of course, not all records have been explored or exhausted and someone may have information that has not been shared yet.

Abner John Bankston died 7 November 1894<sup>23</sup> in Dunklin County, Missouri and probably is buried there.

There is another unanswered question about Abner John Bankston. In 1840 Monroe County, Georgia, he is enumerated as A. J. Bankston, with six in his family, which fits, plus he has six slaves. In 1850 he is not listed as a slave owner, nor is he in 1860. What happened?

## Wedding Bells in Arkansas

Meanwhile, down in the Ozarks, another Abner Bankston shows up in Hot Spring County, Arkansas. Where he came from and what he's doing there is anybody's guess. On 5 July 1841<sup>24</sup>



he marries a widow named Susan Holliman, who has four children by her first husband, Joseph Holliman<sup>25</sup>, ranging in ages from 1 to 7 years old. Susan, whose maiden name was Lawrence,<sup>26</sup> was born about 1812 in Illinois, and Abner Bankston, also born in Illinois, start their own family. Soon they added Levi, Aaron, Andrew and Abner (another one)

to the household, which includes Joshua, Malinda, Nancy and Mary Ann Holliman.

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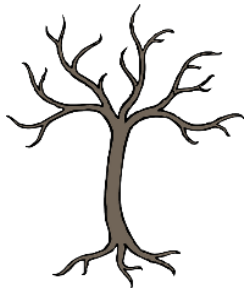
<sup>23</sup> Image of an obit for Abner John Bankston is credited to Donna L. Heinz and cited as from the Dunklin Democrat (no date — It appears in the Ancestry online public tree of RDALY.

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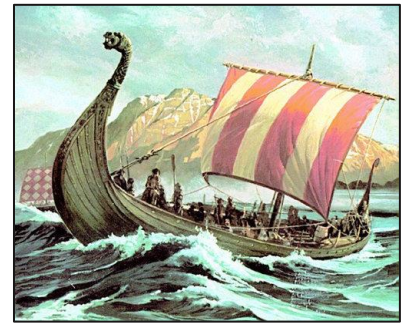
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<sup>26</sup> Texas State Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Standard certificate of death. Registrar's No. 10528. Lucindia Doyal (name of deceased), date of death 17 February 1937. Place of death: Mason County, Texas. Shows her birthplace as Bastrop County, Texas. Father: Abner Bankston, born Arkansas; and mother's maiden name as Susie Lawrence, born Arkansas. I question either of them being born in Arkansas; later records give Illinois.





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**Texas Beckons.** Between 1848 and 1850, the Texas fever strikes and off they go to the Lone Star state. There in 1850 they are enumerated in Williamson County, Texas<sup>27</sup> under the name of “Blackston” — all of them, including the four Holliman children.



Two daughters, Louisa and Lucinda Bankston, were added to the family by 1855. In 1860, the family’s post office was Round Rock in Williamson, Texas<sup>28</sup>, and the Holliman children had apparently left the nest, leaving six Bankston children, ages 5 to 18 at home. The enumerator abbreviated or perhaps forgot their names and the three youngest are listed as “Ban” instead of Bankston.

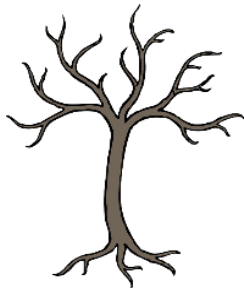
This Abner Bankston died 15 October 1892 in Mason County, Texas<sup>29</sup> according to information posted on Find-A-Grave. Additional information, all of which has not yet been verified independently, is that his son, Levi Bankston (born ca 1842) married Rachel Lydia Preece and died in 1916 at the Confederate State Hospital in Austin, Travis County, Texas; his son Aaron Bankston (born ca 1844) married Sarah E. Scott and died before 1880, probably in Texas; his daughter, Louisa V. Bankston (born 1852) married Henry Conner in 1884 Mason County, Texas and died 20 May 1935 in Dallam County, Texas; his daughter, Lucinda Bankston (born 1854) married John Christopher Doyal in 1876 in Mason County, Texas and died 17 February 1937 in Mason County, Texas. Nothing more known about his sons Andrew Bankston (born ca 1846) and Abner (Jr.) (born ca 1848).

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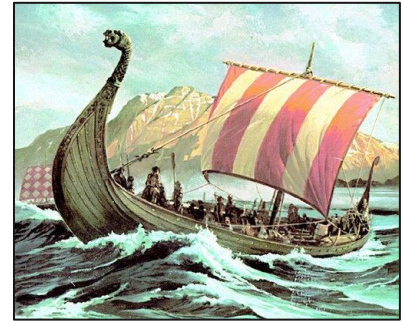
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<sup>29</sup> Abner Bankston, Birth: Aug. 20, 1815 Illinois, USA. Death: Oct. 15, 1892 Mason County, Texas, USA  
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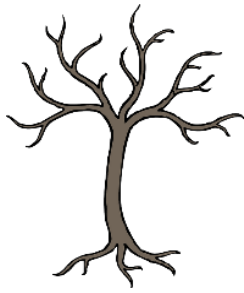
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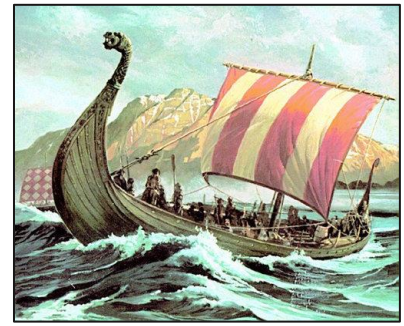
## Banksons — Illinois Marriages, 1791-1850

Name	Spouse	Marriage Date	Marriage County
Nancy Bankson	Jonathan Hill	14 Jun 1807	St. Clair
Andrew Bankson	Elizabeth Moore	1 May 1808	St. Clair
Elijah Bankson	Rachel Crocker	28 Nov 1809	St. Clair
Polly Bankson	Laeden Porey	23 Jun 1815	St. Clair
Mahaly Bankson	Uriah Harris	17 Jul 1828	Fayette
Marshall H. Bankson	Rebecca Helm	12 Mar 1835	Fayette
Alfred Bankson	Anne Philips	18 Jul 1836	Alexander
Mary Bankson	Thomas Kanady	7 Jul 1836	Alexander
George W. Bankson	Sarah Jane Cassady	24 Jun 1839	Alexander
James Bankson	Melinda Cummings	23 Aug 1839	Alexander
Stephen Bankson	Jerusha Gibson	27 Apr 1839	Fayette
William Bankson	Sarah Stephenson	2 Aug 1841	Alexander
Lydia Bankson	Joseph Beck	8 Sep 1842	Fayette
Mariam Bankson	Eli Sapp	19 Jan 1846	Fayette
Andrew Bankson	Martha Lee	19 Apr 1849	Moultrie
Arthur C. Bankson	Milly Ann Bone	19 Aug 1849	Shelby
Amanda Bankson	Williamson Black	16 Aug 1850	Moultrie
Orenda Bankson	William W. Halford	6 Nov 1850	Christian
Joseph Beck	Lydia Bankson	8 Sep 1842	Fayette
Williamson Black	Amanda Bankson	16 Aug 1850	Moultrie
Milly Ann Bone	Arthur C. Bankson	19 Aug 1849	Shelby
Sarah Jane Cassady	George W. Bankson	24 Jun 1839	Alexander
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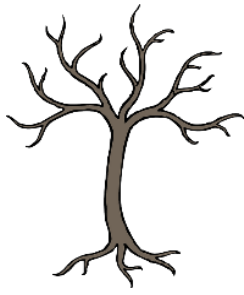


James Bankston	Elizabeth Clouse	7 Oct 1829	Bond
Nancy Bankston	Jeremiah Barker	6 Sep 1830	Union
George W. Bankston	Sarah Jane Barnett	4 Jan 1840	Alexander
Hiram Bankston	Elizabeth Tippy	2 Dec 1840	Williamson
Rachael Bankston	Davis W. Hall	10 Sep 1840	Madison
Sarah Bankston	James Berry	23 May 1840	Alexander
Susan Bankston	Friley Bunch	19 Oct 1843	Alexander
James Bankston	Mrs Elizabeth Lindsey	17 Apr 1845	Alexander
Samuel Bankston	Martha Caroline Vick	21 May 1846	Alexander
Elizabeth Bankston	Thomas S. Bogard	16 Sep 1847	Alexander
Abner B. Bankston	Anna M. Atherton	9 Apr 1848	Alexander
Martha Jane Bankston	James Phillips	4 Feb 1849	Alexander
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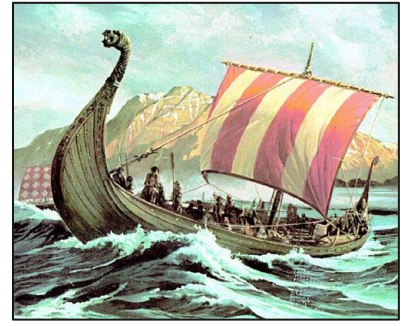
I hope that this compilation of these Illinois marriages may be of help to other Bankson/Bankston researchers. There may be additional spelling variants of this name in the database, available at Ancestry.com. I did not check all possibilities.

If you have similar or other compilations that you would like to share, please send them to me (text, Word or Excel formats preferred). I hope to continue creating the Bankston Bulletins — perhaps as a monthly project — if enough researchers are interested and will contribute.

Additionally, if you have old photographs to share, they would be most welcomed. I can handle and convert most image formats, but jpeg and gifs are easiest to work with.



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## Bankston Photo Album

### James Robert Sheppard and Mary Ella Bankston

They married 11 April 1883 in Chatham County, Georgia. She was born about 1865, the daughter of Hiram Bankston and Margaret Burns and died 1 December 1894 in Jenkins County, Georgia.



This picture probably was taken about 1889-1890 as their three oldest children (probably the ones pictured here) were Bessie (born 16 July 1884), Franklin Pierce (born 17 May 1886) and James Robert Jr. (born 1888). Their youngest, William, was born 27 September 1890 and died 10 March 1894. Mary Ella died 1 December 1894 in Millen, Jenkins County, Georgia. James Robert Sheppard died 5 January 1900 in Fernandina Beach, Nassau County, Florida — all this genealogical data is according to an online tree at Ancestry.com (Gates-Woolf, by CharlaGT).

Any descendants out there?