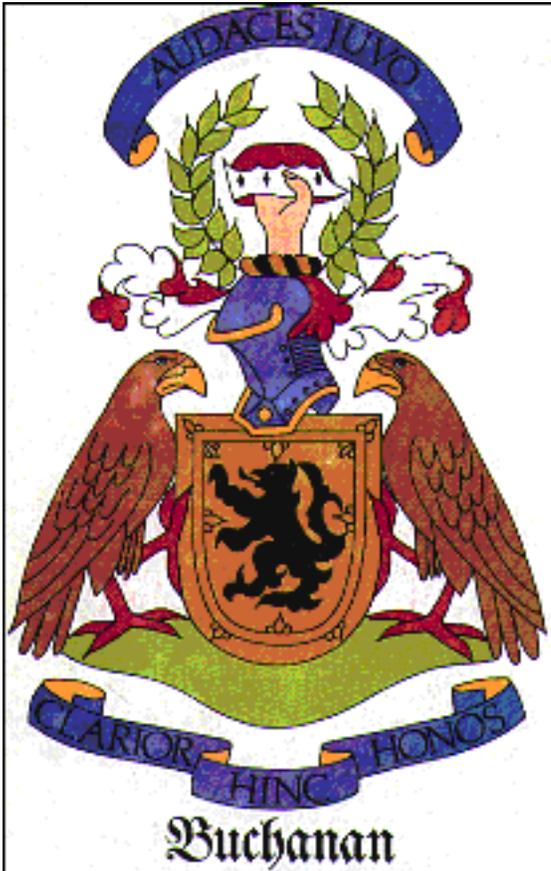


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Archibald and His Family in Kentucky

Archibald Waller Overton Buchanan was born on February 9th in the year 1830. Those of us who are part of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints recognize this year as the same year as the founding of the church. Little Archibald was born in Lexington, Kentucky. Lexington was founded 55 years earlier, named after the first battle of the Revolutionary War, fought in Lexington, Massachusetts, the new city founded less than two months after the date of that historic battle. This fact helps set a little background to the place and times where Archibald was born.

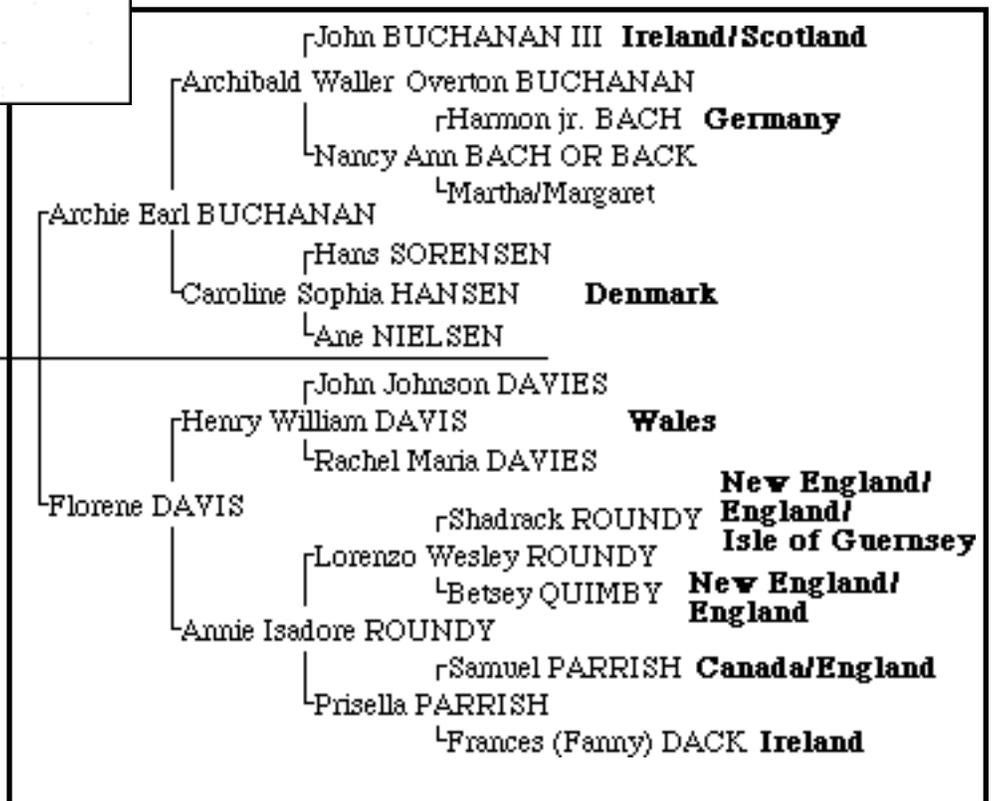
A lot of Kentucky was being newly settled at the time of the Revolutionary War. During the war, a number of battles were fought in Kentucky, pitting the Indians, French and British against the settlers. Kentucky was then governed as part of Virginia, so the people looked to Virginia for protection, which was difficult. For a time, the Spanish government encouraged the people of Kentucky to become an

independent country, but the people decided instead in 1790 to accept terms offered by Virginia to become independent of that state as a separate state of the Union. In that same year, Nancy Ann Bache, Archibald's mother was born, also in Lexington. Two years later, Kentucky was admitted to the Union as the 15th State, with Lexington as the state capital. Six months later, Frankfort became the state capital.

Nancy Ann married John Buchanan in 1812 (another familiar date) in Lexington and most of their children were born there, the last of those was Archibald. His youngest sister, Martha Maria was born in Illinois two years before the family joined the church there in 1835.

Archibald's father, John was mentioned in civic affairs in Lexington.

Research in this area has brought up an interesting piece of information with regard to Archibald's middle names. There are court records which mention his name. In one of these records, John's name appears with the name of a man named Waller Overton. The estate of Waller Overton, in entries recorded in Fayette Co., Kentucky wills book and mixed records, the first estate entry is dated 6 Feb 1828 (LDS FH film 0008970, pg 135, 136). On page 138, an entry dated 9 Dec. 1828 is found recording cash received of John Buckhannan, sale note, amount \$10.85. Waller Overton died in Lexington, Kentucky in October of 1827. His youngest son, born in about 1798, was named Archibald Waller Overton. Another of Waller's sons, Dabney Overton, had a son, born in 1845 in Fayette County, Kentucky, also named Archibald Waller Overton. I wonder whether these people were close enough friends that John and Nancy would name their son after him or whether the Overtons could be some relatives. Since we do not know who the mother of Nancy Ann Bache is, I always wonder about this. I still have not been able to tie anything together between these two families.



[For those of you who may have not seen this or have forgotten about it, here is a story published in the Ensign about Archibald Waller Overton Buchanan.]



Teenage Witness to the Martyrdom

By Golden R. Buchanan (Ensign, June 1974, p23)

Just a lad of eight or nine was I, but I have not forgotten what he said, or how the old man trembled as he talked.

Grandpa Archie sat in Mother's rocker, waiting for his lunch. Suddenly he called me to him, took me on his lap, and said, "Golden, I am old. I won't be around much longer, but I have something to say to you that must not be lost. I want my grandchildren and their children to know that I was in Nauvoo when they murdered our Prophet."

His old body trembled, and he squeezed me until I was almost frightened as I felt the deep anger in his soul. His feeble eyes blazed, and his soft, faltering voice became as hard as ice, and as cold:

"How I hated those who dared lay their hands upon the prophet I loved."

He sighed, and his old body relaxed a little. "I was there when they brought their bodies back from Carthage. I saw their bloody, lifeless forms; I heard the anguished cries of their wives and neighbors; I saw their sobbing children and tried to comfort them.

"I knew the Prophet's boys, played with them. They were often in our home, and I in theirs. Now they were fatherless, even as I. Their father was a martyr by bullets; my father was dead because of drivings, persecutions, and hate—but no less a martyr for the truth.

"I was there when they buried the sandbags to deceive the mob and laid the bodies in secret graves."

Grandfather paused. He needed strength. And then he went on: "Listen again, my son. I tell you this because I want you to know. After the Prophet's body fell from the window at Carthage, the mob rushed upon him to desecrate his body. But God would not permit this act of violence. He sent a sheet of lightning between the Prophet and those sons of the infernal pit, and they dared not touch him. Golden, my son, remember this—they could not touch him. They ran and are running still and will run till judgment day."

He was tired now and his voice trailed off, "I hope I am present at that day."

He dozed. Slowly the color crept back into his face, and when he opened his eyes, they shone with a light I had not seen before. Holding me at arm's length, he commanded with a voice that no longer shook:

"My boy, look at me and listen. I want you to hear it from one who was there. I want you to hear it from one who loved him. I want you to hear it from one who knows.

"Joseph Smith was a prophet of God. Through him God restored his church, and it will never be destroyed or taken from the earth. Now, my boy, remember what I say. I, your grandfather, was 14 then, and I was there."

This is all I have this time. I have been working on a new web site for genealogy and family history. I have plans for more features there, but for now it is mainly a storage area for these newsletters. Look there for copies of the newsletters and some stories.

The NEW address is [HTTP://buchananspot.com/BuchananNews/](http://buchananspot.com/BuchananNews/)