

PEDIGREE NUMBER: 6

NAME OF FAMILY: Blanchard

PRINCIPAL LOCALITIES: Stockbridge, Weathersfield, Reading.
(central in Stockbridge)

NO. OF GENERATIONS: 7

NO. OF INDIVIDUALS: 262 - 153

NO. LIVING IN 1926:

MAIN DEFECTS: Pauperism and feeble-mindedness

OTHER IMPORTANT DEFECTS:

NO. IN V. I. S. 7

NO. IN V. S. S. 2

NO. IN F. M. SCHOOLS IN OTHER STATE:

NO. IN V. S. H. 2 (2)

NO. IN INSANE HOSP. IN OTHER STATE: 1

NO. AT B. B. R.

NO. IN V. S. P. 4

NO. IN S. P. IN OTHER STATE:

NO. WITH S. D. P. W. 3

NO. OF STATE PAUPERS: 16 NO. OF PAUPERS IN OTHER STATE: 2 (2)

NO. OF TOWN PAUPERS: 37 (13)

NO. INSANE (NOT AT V. S. H. OR B. B. R.)

NO. FEEBLEMINDED (NOT AT V. S. S. OR V. S. H.) 8

NO. WITH COURT RECORDS (NOT AT S. P.) IN ANOTHER STATE:

NO. WITH COURT RECORDS (NOT AT V. I. S. OR V. S. P.) 3

NO. DIED WITH TUBERCULOSIS: 2

NO. LIVING WITH TUBERCULOSIS:

NO. OF COUSIN MARRIAGES: 6

EPILEPTIC:

BLIND: 1

CRIPPLES: 3

SEX OFFENDERS: 23

ALCOHOLIC: 5

VENEREAL DISEASE: 3

~~DEPENDENT CHILDREN:~~ 13

~~IMMORAL:~~

ILLEGITIMATE: 6, (Impossible to estimate all.)

OTHER FAMILIES OF RECORD CONNECTED:

AN EXPENSIVE LUXURY

As an example of the sort of history that has been brought to light by the investigations of our Survey, we print the following brief account of the Doolittle#family. This family is represented on the folded chart at the back of the report. The offspring of Alexander, the original immigrant of this tribe, are so numerous that it has been entirely out of the question to make anything like an individual study of them all. Where information is lacking the person is given the benefit of the doubt by leaving out any symbols on the chart or any reference to him in the pedigree history that would indicate defects. This should not be understood as showing that the person was a valuable member of the community-- it simply means that we have no information one way or the other. A more thorough investigation would unquestionably increase the number of defective persons belonging to this tribe and so the number of symbols decorating the squares and circles on the chart. We had our choice in this Survey of studying intensively a comparatively small group, or extensively, a larger group comprising a considerable number of families. Whether wisely or not, we decided after very careful consideration to follow the second plan. We therefore present without apology what we want the reader to realize makes no pretense of being a complete story of one of the sixty-six families that have been studied in the course of the past two and a half years.

The story goes that some time in the eighteenth century a certain Alexander Doolittle came from England to southern Vermont. He is indicated on the chart at the end of this report by the #Of course this is not its real name.

numerals I, #1 which means that he is Individual #1 of Generation I. This same system of numbering, a Roman numeral for the generation and an Arabic numeral for the individual, is used throughout this account and in all cases the numbers refer to symbols on the folded chart.

Many of Alexander's descendants are known to have been a moral, social and economic drag on town and state from the very outset. From these we have selected a few typical anti-social Doolittles. Beginning with Alexander's eldest son, Adam (II, #2), we come down to the latter's eldest son, Richard (III, #7), by his first wife. Richard was the father of several successive generations of paupers, sex offenders and feeble-minded inadequates. For example, there is his son Jacob (IV, #15), who has been a town charge off and on all his life. He is now over seventy years of age, and his tall and emaciated figure dressed in clothing patched beyond recognition is in accord with his unquestioned low mentality. He can get along in the summer but in the winter he has to have help. The amount paid him in the last twenty-five years by the town in which he lives is approximately \$1500. All who know him doubt whether he troubled to marry any of his "wives" since the first one. When anything happened to one wife he would disappear for a while on a visit to New York or New Hampshire and ere long return with a new "wife" or "housekeeper." The town raged, but went right on supporting him. He has been physically and mentally incapable of self support, despite the rumor that he can carve very well. Of the seven children whom Jacob is definitely known to have had, one (V, #11) is feeble-minded and dependent, one (V, #10) is a cripple, two (V, #4 and #5) were dependent, and one only (V, #12) seems to have become

a respectable citizen. Six of these children were an expense to the state, one of them having been in a state school. Jacob's namesake, Jacob the 2nd (V, #11) continued to weave the family pattern with a few original variations. He married Evelyn White (V, #47) who was a granddaughter of Simon Doolittle (III, #13). That is, the grandfather of Evelyn and the grandfather of Jacob the 2nd were half-brothers. Evelyn had been married twice before, although she was only 29 years old at the time of her third marriage. There have been seven children, two of whom died of pneumonia when small, perhaps caused by the bad home conditions. Jacob the 2nd makes a good living, probably by selling booze, since he lives in a very inaccessible place in the hills away from all other houses and has been on probation once for that offense. In spite of the fact that Jacob has supposedly plenty of money, his home is a mere hovel, filthy and dirty, and the children are unkempt and neglected. It is hard to classify them either as normal or as morons without further study.

Richard's youngest son William (IV, #21) and Jacob's own true brother, can be summed up by a single word, "worthless." William's eldest granddaughter, Maggie Simpson (VI, #15) has been a source of great tribulation to many state and private organizations. She was also committed to the Department of Public Welfare, who tried placing her in various homes without success. She went to the Home for Little Wanderers and was later transferred to the Psychopathic Hospital in Boston. After her return to Vermont, she was sent to the Vermont Industrial School where a mental test gave her an I. Q. of 69. Soon Maggie began to show psychopathic reactions, and was transferred to the Vermont State Hospital. When she be-

same of age, the Superintendent tried to have her readmitted, but she made such a good impression before the Judge of Probate that he refused to commit her. One hears of an occasional case of a person unjustly committed to an institution through connivance of scheming relatives. Fairness to both community and individual demands that a competent mental examination be given as part of the regular court routine.

Maggie was at large for some time, wandering back and forth through Vermont, New Hampshire and New York State, sometimes in an institution and sometimes out. Some two years before her marriage to a New Hampshire man, she became pregnant and was helped by the City of New York. At this juncture, Maggie became insane and was committed to the Manhattan State Hospital. From there she was transferred to the New York Nursery and Child's Hospital where her baby (VII, #1) was born. She was then returned to the Manhattan State Hospital for the Insane, while her baby girl remained a charge on the City of New York.

After a short stay at the State Hospital, the authorities were obliged to discharge this girl because, in spite of her record, the Probate Judge refused to commit her. Maggie finally married and sent for her two-year-old baby but soon tired of both baby and husband. She then deserted them both, placing the baby with disreputable people (dependent) in Vermont. The father (VI, #16) of the baby is supposed to have been an Italian. At present Maggie is reported to be in a hospital in New York undergoing treatment. Upon her recovery she is to go before the judge and will probably be committed to some institution as there is no question that she is insane at times, as well as feeble-minded. At other times she

is very loose morally, and since she is a rather attractive young woman, has a way of getting by. It is impossible to estimate the expense that this feeble-minded, immoral, psychopathic girl and her child have been to both private and public institutions and organizations in Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and New York.

From all accounts William's offspring are degenerate, feeble-minded, immoral people and have been a great expense not only to this state but to other states as well. It appears that William and Jacob were hardly fit to help populate the earth.

Going back to the heredity of Adam, a brief survey gives an unprepossessing picture of the progeny of Simon (III, #13) and John (III, #15), his sons by his second wife. Among the offspring of Simon in the fifth generation, one child (V, #60) has been at the Vermont State School for the Feeble-minded and is now at the Vermont State Hospital for the Insane; (V, #63) had help from the town before his death and (V, #64) is feeble-minded and has been at the State School. The only trace of respectability is found in the children of (IV, #38) who married into a good family. They have turned out comparatively well, although the mentality of some of them is open to question.

James (IV, #45), son of John, was very immoral and parted from his wife who was likewise immoral. He died of tuberculosis, and townspeople felt confident that he was also afflicted with venereal disease. His son, Ellis (V, #64) was at the State Industrial School for about five years. He is feeble-minded, destructive of public property and cannot be trusted. At present he is living with his aunt (IV, #59) and is not working, though he is of age and perfectly capable of self-support as a day laborer or farmhand.

We find in the family of John two cousin marriages into the family of Simon and there is one pauper (V, #63), one feeble-minded boy (V, #64) who is an inmate of the Industrial School and criminally inclined, one son (IV, #45) is a town pauper, one grandchild (V, #78) is feeble-minded and dependent, and one son (IV, #57) is a sex offender.

Returning to Alexander (I, #1), we find that his second son, Alexander, Jr. (II, #5) had a son Joseph (III, #17) who runs true to type. In Joseph's son's (Arthur, IV, #67) family, we find five commitments to the School for the Feeble-minded, two commitments to the State Prison and one feeble-minded child. Not much is known about his other descendants, but the ^{former} / alone have been a great expense to town and state.

It would be impossible to estimate exactly the total expense that this family has been to agencies, both public and private, since it has been only in recent years that per capita costs have been estimated at institutions. Often dates of commitment and discharge to some of these institutions cannot be obtained. An actual amount of \$15870.62 has been ascertained, however, but this is a very small percentage of the whole. The town of S. between 1884 and 1923 spent on different members of this family a total of \$3878.49, which was one-tenth of the amount spent on poor relief by that town during these years.

It would seem that the State of Vermont would at least have been financially better off had Richard, Simon, John and Joseph of Generation III not been allowed produce children. In some cases good environment seems to have done much towards making several of the offspring respectable citizens. Possibly, if the state were

to pay more attention to the education and environment of such children as we have described, before the time when they become dependent and delinquent, some of these conditions might have been avoided.

The whole history of this family, like many others in our fair state, makes it plain that some measures should be applied to lessen such drafts upon public funds and, therefore, ultimately upon the taxpayer's pocket. Whatever the causes--and there are many--social legislation and popular education on such conditions are plainly demanded. If a good psychiatric clinic can be made a part of our judicial system, we can avoid such false and sentimental judgments as that which persistently refused commitment of that poor creature Maggie who has so much to answer for--or is it our "system," in other words, WE!

BLANCHARD---DEFECTS, INSTITUTIONS, ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOR, ETC.

Name	Gen.&No.	Defect	Cause of Death	Institution
Moses Blanchard	II #2		Old Age	
Editha Sargents	#3		Lung Fever	
Caroline Pollard	III #4		Dropsy	
Allen Blanchard	#7	Town Pauper		
Louisa Blanchard	#9		A "burn"	
Sarah Angell	#12		Cancer of stomach	
Levi Blanchard	#13		Heart Failure	H. Of C. #3111
Lucy Flint	#14		Angina Pectoris	
William Riley Blanchard	#15		Cancer of stomach	
Mary Jane Blanchard	#16		Cholera morbus	
Benjamin Blanchard	#17		Heart Disease	
Melinda Burbee	#18		Cancer	
Fhebe Burbee	#20		Mitral Regurgitation	
Harrison Blanchard	#24		Typhoid-Pneumonia	
Sarah Hutchinson	#25		Typhoid-Pneumonia	
Norman Blanchard	IV #7	Diarrhoea (con- tracted in army)		
May Cemon(Osmond)	#14	Cripple Town Pauper	Acute Dilation of Heart-Patty Heart	
Isaac Blanchard	#15	Feeble-minded Sex Offender Town Pauper		
Jennie -----	#16	Town Pauper		
Ellen Coburn	#17	Town Pauper Sex Offender	Childbirth	

Name	Gen.&No.	Defect	Cause of Death	Institution
Emily Dunster	IV #20	Town Pauper Feeble-minded (?)		
Henry Kirke Blanchard	#21	Alcoholic Town Pauper Criminal	Heart Disease	H. Of C. #8190
Frances Blanchard	#24		Tuberculosis	
Lucy Blanchard	#28	Married step- nephew		
George Nutting	#30	Married step- sunt		
Clorinda Blanchard	#31		Pneumonia	
Amasa Adams	#32		Valvular Heart Trouble	
George Blanchard	#34	Feeble-minded! "Quaker"	Valvular Heart Trouble	
Nora Blanchard	#40		Typhoid Fever	
Frederick H. Reynolds	#41	Alcoholic		
Alice Blanchard	#42	Married 1st cousin		
Dora Blanchard	#44	Sex Offender Venereal Disease Feeble-minded! Married first cousin	Typhoid Fever	
Edward Blanchard	#45	Sex Offender Venereal Disease Town Pauper Married first cousin	Tuberculosis	
Gilbert Blanchard	#46	Married first cousin Sex Offender	Cancer Valvular Heart Trouble	
Wilbur Blanchard	#55		Dysentery	
Frank Blanchard	#57	Sex Offender		
----- Johnson (female)	#58	Sex Offender		

Name	Gen.&No.	Defect	Cause of Death	Institution
Ed LaBelle	IV	#60 Mental Defective		
James Blanchard		#61 Town Pauper		
Mary Manney		#62 Bright's Disease Town Pauper		
Stillman Blanchard		#65	Cerebral Hemorrhage	
Harvey S. Blanchard		#67 Alcoholic Town Pauper	Chronic Heart Disease Bright's Disease	
Emogene Barnes		#68 Town Pauper	Valvular Heart Disease & Cerebral Hemorrhage	
Ruby Blanchard	V	#3 Town Pauper Feeble-minded Sex Offender	Fellagra	H. for D. C. V. S. S.
Lena Blanchard		#4 Town Pauper		H. for D. C.
Walter Blanchard		#5 Town Pauper		H. for D. C.
---- (male)		#6 Sex Offender Town Pauper		
---- (male)		#7 Sex Offender		
Emma Blanchard		#8 Town Pauper Feeble-minded Sex Offender		H. for D. C.
---- (male)		#9 Sex Offender		
Janie Blanchard		#10 Town Pauper Cripple		H. for D. C.
Bert Blanchard		#11 Feeble-minded Criminal Married second cousin		S. D. F. S. (Probation)
Etta Nutting		#16 Town Pauper		H. for D. C.
Inez White		#22 Sex Offender		

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Fred Nutting	V #25	Married first cousin Deserted Town Pauper		
Habel Blanchard	#26	Married first cousin Town Pauper Sex Offender	Operation on Appendicitis	
Kathryn Keefe	#27	Feebleminded Sex Offender Town Pauper		
Josephine ----- Hulse	#28	Sex Offender Feebleminded Criminal Court Record		
Albert Henry (Henry K.) Blanchard	#29	Feebleminded Sex Offender Criminal Court Record		
Fina Shattuck	#30	Sex Offender		
Katie Nicholls	#31	Sex Offender		
H. Blanchard (female)	#32	Stillborn	Stillborn	
Gerty Emma Blanchard	#34	Married first cousin	Childbirth	
Warren Pitts	#35	Married first cousin		
Ira May Adams	#47	Married second cousin		
Chapin Pratt	#58	Subnormal Sex Offender (!)		
----- Reynolds (female)	#59	Stillborn	Stillborn	

Name	Gen.&No.	Defect	Cause of Death	Institution
Miriam Reynolds	V #60	Feebleminded Town Pauper Insane Paralyzed		H. for D. C. V. S. H. V. S. S.
----- Reynolds (male)	#61	Stillborn	Stillborn	
Walter Blanchard	#63	Town Pauper Subnormal	Pneumonia	
Warren Blanchard	#64	Feebleminded Town Pauper Deformed		V. I. S.
Flossie Belle Blanchard	#69	Married second cousin once removed		
Robert Ashley	#70	Married second cousin once removed		
Nellie Blanchard	#78	Blind Feebleminded "queer"		
----- Blanchard (sex unknown)	#82	Illegitimate		
----- Blanchard (sex unknown)	#83	Illegitimate		
Claron LaBelle	#84	Alcoholic		
----- LaBelle (sex unknown)	#85	Twin	Dead	
Clarence LaBelle	#86	Twin		
----- LaBelle (female)	#91		Pneumonia	
Ellen Blanchard	#93	Sex Offender Town Pauper		V. I. S.
Harvey Blanchard	#95	Town Pauper		V. I. S.
Ernest Blanchard	#96	Town Pauper		V. I. S.
Milo Blanchard	#98	Town Pauper		V. I. S.

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Name	Gen.&No.	Defect	Cause of Death	Institution
Roy Blanchard	V #100	Town Pauper		
Vena Blanchard	#101	Feeble-minded Town Pauper		
Nelson Blanchard	#102	Town Pauper	Heart Trouble	V. I. S.
----- Blanchard (female)	#103	Town Pauper		
Arthur Blanchard	#105	Illiterate Alcoholic		H. of C.
Lena Blanchard	#106	Sex Offender		H. of C.
----- (sex unknown)	VI #1	Illegitimate		
----- (sex unknown)	#2	Illegitimate		
----- (sex unknown)	#3	Illegitimate		
Amos Albert Blanchard	#9		Pneumonia	
Loren Dexter Blanchard	#10		Pneumonia	
Etta Nutting	#12			H. for D. C.
Myrtle Nutting	#15	Town Pauper Insane Sex Offender Feeble-minded		S. D. P. W. H. E. H. for L. W. E. P. Hosp. V. I. S. V. S. H. M. S. Hosp. M. H. N. Y. N. Y. N. & C. Hosp.
----- (male)	#16	Sex Offender		
Hazel Nutting	#17	Town Pauper Nervous & Erratic Dependent Child		S. D. P. W.

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Name	Gen.&No.	Defect	Cause of Death	Institution
Mildred Nutting	VI #18	Dependent Child Town Pauper		S. D. F. W.
Charles Nutting	#19		Whooping-Cough	
---- Blanchard (female)	#21		Neglect	
---- Pitts	#22	Stillborn	Stillborn	
Dorothy Nutting	VII #1	Illegitimate Town Pauper Dependent Child		N. Y. N. & C. H. V. C. A. S.