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Martha Elizabeth Westmoreland Shackelford. Circa 1890.

She is the great-great-grandmother of Lois Riley Reid (Mrs. George Reid) Martha's husband, William Henry Shackelford, came to Blevins, Ark. about 1834 from South Carolina. His son, Jason Monroe (Tobe) Shackelford came to Okolona, Ark. with Eldridges, Buchanans, and Shackelfords from Okolona, Mississippi, for which Okolona, Arkansas was named.

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