

Colonist and Colonel Richard Scott Blackburn came to America and built Rippon Lodge, in Virginia. He also was an architect and helped to design Mount Vernon. His son, Col Thomas Blackburn, an aide de camp to General George Washington, quartered a regiment of Continental Troops at Rippon Lodge. There he kept them all winter, fed and clothed them, and in the spring sent them back to the Army free of expense. He was severely wounded at the battle of Germantown.



He was elected to the House of Burgesses, also, he and Henry Lee represented Prince William county in the Convention held at Richmond, March 20, 1775. He was elected by the Virginia House of Delegates by joint ballot with the Senate, lieutenant colonel of the Second Virginia Regiment on December 20, 1776. He was also in attendance at St. John's church in Richmond when Patrick Henry made his memorable speech.

