The Blackmore family name was prominent in the early days of the ASHVE, predecessor of ASHRAE. The family traces its roots to the highlands of Scotland. William Blackmore was born at Truro, Cornwall in 1816. He learned mechanical engineering and about 1840 emigrated to Toronto, Canada. There he obtained a position as mechanical engineer with the Grand Trunk Railway. William Blackmore married Julia Elizabeth Stevens. There were eleven children born to them, three of whom were charter members of ASHVE, George c., Joseph J. and Lawrence R.

George Coleman Blackmore was born in Toronto, Canada July 19, 1866. He grew up and received his education in the public schools of Toronto and St. Thomas. In 1886 he moved to New York and engaged in business as president of the Blackmore Heating Company. Sometime later before the turn of the Century, he relocated to Western Pennsylvania and organized the United States Radiator and Boiler Co. at West Newton, PA. In 1910 the Company was reorganized and merged into the United States Radiator Corporation, Detroit. From 1914 to 1918 Mr. Blackmore was with the National Radiator Co. of Johnstown, PA, which was merged in 1922 with his own company, the Federal Radiator Co. of New Castle PA. In 1922 the Automatic Gas Equipment Co. was organized and Mr. Blackmore became president in 1925, a position he held until his death. He was a pioneer in hot water heating and in the development of radiator heating and gas-steam radiators. In 1931 the Council of ASHVE made him a Life Member. Mr. Blackmore died at 75 on May 20, 1942.

Mr. Blackmore married Jennie Bell Mcilwain of Kittanning, PA in 1896. In 1905 they built a large home on Maple Ave. in Edgewood. Mrs. Blackmore died in 1933. Mr. Blackmore was very active in the Edgewood Presbyterian Church serving as both a trustee and chairman of the board. He was a thirty-second degree mason and member of Syria Temple. The Blackmores were survived by five children, Virginia B. Blackmore, Pittsburgh; Norman L. Blackmore, Edgewood; George W. Blackmore and Mrs. Dorthea Blackmore Lemmon, Philadelphia; and James S. Blackmore, Peru, IN.