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Blair of Balthayock



Virtute Tutus
"By Virtue Safe"

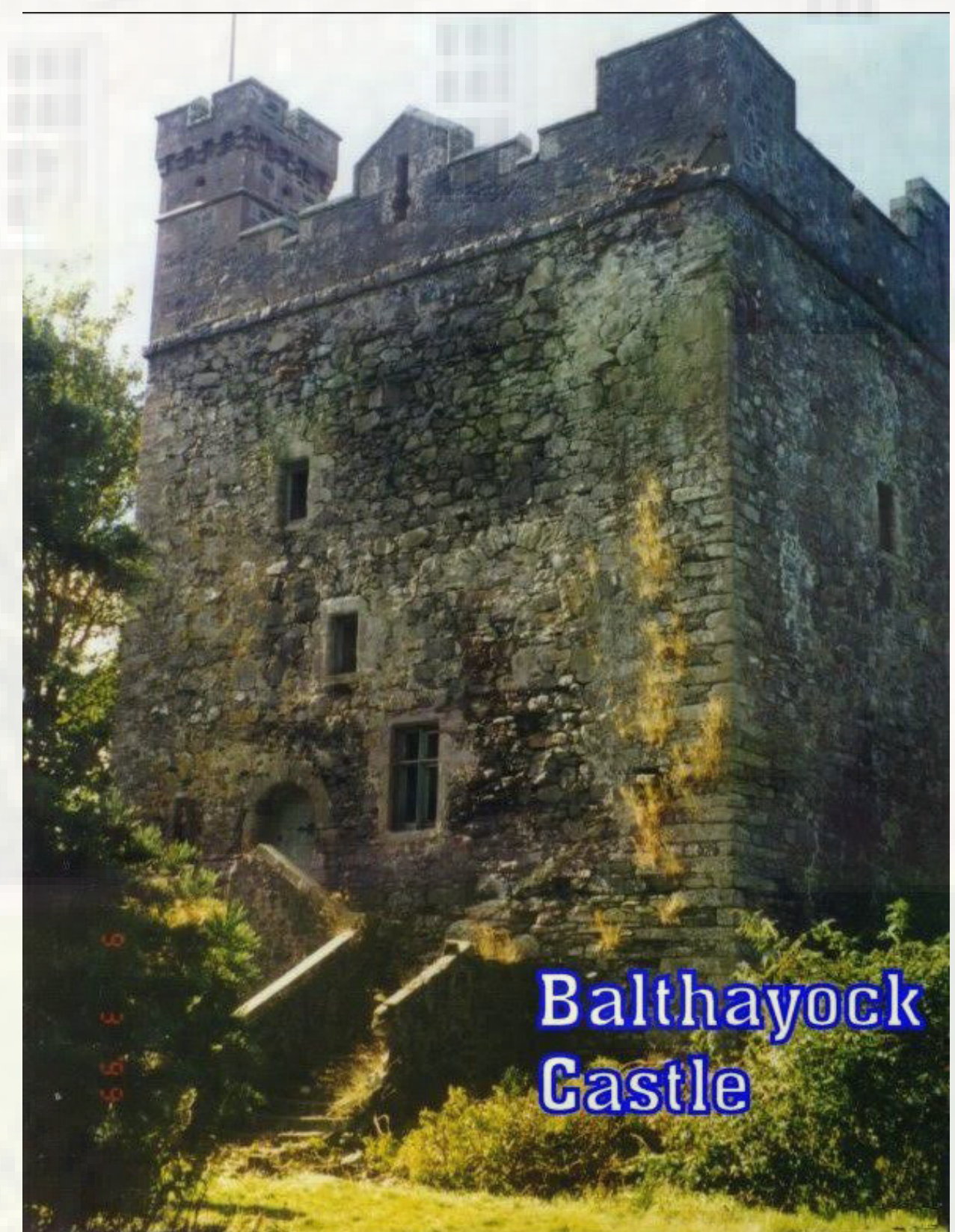


Blairs of Balthayock are from Perthshire. The progenitor of the family was Stephen de Blair.



Ard Blair Castle

Built by Alexander de Blair in the days of William the Lion. In the late 18th century, the Castle passed by marriage to the Oliphants of Gask. When the family moved from Gask, the flitting included a table inscribed 'Charles, Prince of Wales, breakfasted at this table in the long drawing room at Gask, 11th September 1745'. The Blair-Oliphant family still live at Blair Castle, cherishing the possessions of their famous forebearers.



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This was the seat for the Blairs of Balthayock. This massive square keep occupies a strong position above a steep ravine in hilly ground about three miles east of Perth. It dates before the 15th century. The walls are at least ten feet thick and of very rough masonry. There is a machicolated projection at the second floor level on the south front overhanging the almost precipitous ravine.