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The Clan Gathers in South Carolina Helen Blair

The AGM was great; we all had a fantastic time. I flew in Thursday but due to mechanical difficulties with my connecting flight to SC, I did not get in until quite late. Friday, Charlie Diman of NC and I marched in the afternoon parade down Main Street, it was quite a celebration, and we met people from all over. The humidity took a little getting used to coming from AZ.

Friday night was the Clan Reception and it was an enjoyable event with good company. Saturday at the Games, Wyomia and Dale had two tents with quite a nice spread of food and drinks along with a Clan Blair display and goody bags of souvenirs, maps and trinkets for CBS members. Charlie Diman was my banner helper at both the opening ceremony for HRH Prince Edward’s review and again in the afternoon ceremony.

Wyomia and Dale did not hold back one bit for the AGM Banquet; the Celtic music was relaxing and the food was top notch. *The Kellee Band* played a lot of ballads and Celtic songs, including *My Bonnie Blair* as a gentle love ballad that it is meant to be. I have only heard it played on bagpipes, quite a different feel altogether.

Wyomia had great door prizes worth fighting over, all with Blair themes. The fellowship was special; I would swear that we are all related. The rest of my stay, I visited with Wyomia, Dale and Dot, enjoying the scenery, town and camaraderie, which really helped me to recharge my batteries and feel much better than when I left home.

Clan Blair DNA Project, Jim Blair

DNA testing is available to direct Blair male descendants and Clan Blair Society offers to pay a portion of the cost of 25-marker DNA tests performed by Family Tree DNA.

Upon request and an explanation of a member’s goals, the Society will contribute between 30-50% of the cost of the DNA test. Request for funding will be reviewed and approved by the CBS DNA Committee, consisting of the President, Clan Genealogist, and Webmaster with support from the DNA Project Coordinator. The committee will initially concentrate on Blair ancestral lines, but will consider other Blair lines upon request.



Helen Blair and Charles Diman carry the clan honors

Clan member requests for funding must include the ancestral research completed by the member, the member’s intent to conduct the DNA test in a timely manner, 30-45 calendar days, and a commitment to share the results with the DNA Committee for review and documentation by the Clan Genealogist, Coy Blair.

Members must in good standing of CBS to be eligible for this sponsorship program. Send questions to Jim Blair at jeblair@msn.com or Coy Blair at coy.blair@gmail.com.

Two paths to the middle – searching for my ancestors

As the DNA project coordinator, it became clear that to understand how this process works, I should initiate a study of my own DNA line.

In mid-December, I sent an order for testing to Family Tree DNA. The order required me to track my ancestors via paper records back as far as possible. Using ancestry.com, I was successful in tracking my James Blair line back through Oregon, Kansas, and Ohio to a James Blair born in 1832 in Cork, Ireland.

The Family Tree DNA test packet contained three test swabs, to scrape gently the inside of the cheek. The swabs are returned in special containers and shipped to the University of Arizona for analysis.

In four weeks results started to emerge. The details of the analysis are complicated and will take time to comprehend fully, but the preliminary review reveals amazing results.

I matched the DNA of a James Blair of Killellan, Renfrewshire, Scotland from about 1690. This is about 30-miles east of Dalry, home of Blair House and the Blair of Blair ancestors. I also matched with nine others with no apparent connection to the Blair name, two of which are from Scotland and the balance from Western Europe.

I have more research and study ahead to see if the path from Scotland connects with my family in Ireland and on to Denver, Colorado. I will share my findings in future publications.

Colorado Clan Blair Report, Jim Blair

The Colorado Clan Blair Society marched with pride in Denver's Saint Patrick's Day parade on March 13. More than a dozen members participated and presented the Clan Blair banner to thousands of Coloradans. One of our little Blair lads got special attention from the staff of Denver's new Tilted Kilt Celtic Pub. See Tiernan Blair Galligan with his new Irish friends below – lucky guy.

This year two of our little Blair lasses are dancing with their dance troops. Saoirse Blair Galligan and Arabella Blair are learning Celtic steps. See them in action above. Both lasses will compete in three Scottish games this summer. The Clan is growing and we look forward to more participation by members throughout the year.



Celtic Dancers, Saoirse Blair Galligan and Arabella Blair

Northern California Commissioner William Campbell Blair

We have had our CBS tent at two games this year:

1. Saturday April 10. Tartan Day Scottish Faire, held at Ardenwood Historic Farm in Fremont. It was fun visiting with friends, but no CBS members were present. One visitor, Deborah Blair Czapinski from Poway, (near San Diego) showed considerable interest and hopefully will become a member.
2. April 24-25 Sacramento Valley Scottish Games and Festival at the Yolo Co. Fairgrounds, in Woodland, CA was delightful as usual. The weather was clear, sunny and warm, a treat as it was preceded and followed by rain.

This is a big event with all sorts of Scottish activities and one of my favorite. Our CBS tent was next to Clan Campbell to which I also belong, my mother being a Campbell and it is middle name. Friday night I had dinner with my cousin Harriet and Bob Griffith of Woodland, and Saturday they brought their daughter Sally and her husband Jim Morrison to visit the tent. Both Sat. and Sun. I enjoyed having dinner with my good friends Tom Monroe and his wife of Clan Monroe.

Stan Anderson of Clan Anderson helped setup our tent. Because of painful knees and feet (arthritis) I did not participate in the Clan parade for the very first time.

CBS visitors were John McFarland of Woodland, Julie Carapanos Wyrick and new husband Steve Wyrick. Also visiting, Helen Moore of Modesto, Carolyn Brown, Woodland, William S. "Bill" Blair and wife Evelyn, El Dorado Hills, who plan to become active again, Doug Jansen, Sacramento, Frank and Hyla Cameron, Los Altos.

I hope to see you at the Pleasanton Games, at the Alameda Co. Fairgrounds, in Pleasanton Sept. 4-5 Labor Day.



Tiernan Blair Galligan captured by lusty Irish maidens



Sampson and Marilou Blair New York State Commissioners

Greetings from Buffalo! As the snows melted away this spring, the season for festivals began early for us. We participated in the Tartan Day festival in Rochester, New York. Although the weather was clear, there was still a bite in the air in April. Fortunately, the event was indoors, at the Rochester Armory.

There was a very good turnout. With our eldest daughter, Isabelle, who is attending college at SUNY-Geneseo, we proudly displayed our clan's tartan in the opening ceremonies. During the winter, we sewed a new cover for our table, and constructed a pvc-pipe frame for our clan banner. We had quite a few visitors to our clan table, but sadly, this will be the only event we will attend, as we are going abroad.

I received a Fulbright Scholar award from the Department of State, and will teach and conduct survey research on the island of Mindanao in the Philippines. We will bring our Blair tartan with us and share our clan's history with the people there. We are looking forward to a great adventure and will send photos from the islands! Until then, we extend our warmest regards to everyone, and wish you a great upcoming summer! Sampson & Marilou Blair

Flowers of the Forest

CBS Member #310 Joyce Fehler of Vallejo, CA lost her husband, Douglas H. Fehler May 20, 2009 from cancer and respiratory problems. They had been married for 61 years. Three weeks later, Joyce lost a daughter-in-law to a massive heart attack. Clan Blair extends our condolences to Joyce and her family.

Flowers of the Forest

Joseph F. Blair Sr. of Maine Clan Blair Society Member

Joseph F. Blair Sr., 89, of Erskine Road died on Sunday, May 2, 2010, at Maine General Rehabilitation and Nursing Care at Glenridge, Augusta. He was born on June 15, 1920, in Boston, the son of John and Norine Blair. Joseph moved to Maine in 1945.

At 21, he earned his marine engineering license and worked for the Department of the Navy performing Army transport during World War II. He spent his career at sea, in various positions of the engine room of large vessels. Joseph semi-retired to Woods Hole, Mass where he served as chief engineer for the steamship authority. He retired in 1987 and went on to participate in local government.

Joseph enjoyed reading the newspaper, keeping up on current events, telling stories, sharing his knowledge with others and time spent with family. Joseph was predeceased by his wife, Marie Blair; his parents; his brother Robert Blair; and a sister, Marcia Blair.

He is survived by sons Joseph Blair and his wife, Cathy, and John, Charles and Christopher Blair; daughters Norine Mitchell and her husband, Maurice, and Mary Blair; brother John Blair; grandchildren Rebecca and Crystal Blair, Monique, Christopher and Michael Mitchell, and James Reynolds; great-grandchildren Faith and Akela Mitchell, and Noah Crummet; and special friends Evelyn French and Amanda Sproul.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated May 8, at St. Denis Catholic Church in Whitefield.

Joseph and his wife Marie were CBS members #72 and had a large family, many of whom are members of CBS. Commissioners for Maine, they were extremely active and had a large impact on the clan through their participation, generosity, and passion. Without them, Clan Blair would not have made the progress it did in the early days.

**My heart's in the Highlands, my heart is not here,
My heart's in the Highlands, a-chasing the deer;
A-chasing the wild deer, and following the roe,
My heart's in the Highlands, wherever I go.**

Robert Burns



Vicky Bartlett, Bryan and Jamie Blair, Frances Holt

Southern California Commissioners Frances Holt and Vicky Bartlett

On Memorial Day weekend at Scots Fest 2010, Bryan and Jamie Blair of Burbank, who have joined us as new commissioners, welcomed visitors to the Clan Blair tent. Visitors included many Blair members and persons with Blair in their surname or first name. The weather was beautiful and we participated in the clan march on both days, and the Kirking of the Tartan service on Sunday.

Our member E. Bill Blair of Pasadena was honored during the special recognition of current and past members of the armed services. He wore his original nametag from his training at the Santa Ana Air Base in 1943, as well as his WWII Army Air Force uniform. Bill told some very special stories describing the history of the SAAB that now is the location of the Orange County Fair Grounds where the Games are held, and he showed a DVD that illustrated his training at the SAAB.

Jim and Laura Blair family of Laguna Niguel came by with daughter Erin Blair, proudly carrying another trophy for her skilled Scottish dancing. Congratulations, Erin!

Greenville Scottish Games and Blair AGM May 28-29 – Wyomia Blair

Thursday, our president Helen arrived late from Arizona due to flight problems. David and Catherine Blair Armbrister also arrived from West Virginia. Catherine was born in Scotland. We all met at the hotel and soon felt as if we had known each other for a long time.

Friday, we went to Furman University to put up the frame to hold the Clan Blair banner and Scotland flag. So glad that was all we put up as a storm that night blew down most of the tents, but everything was back up in time. Bessie Blair and her daughter Chammie Burrus arrived from Arkansas plus Charles Diman, the NC Commissioner and William (Bill) Blair our cousin from Georgia.

The Great Scots Parade was lead off by our most **Distinguished Guest HRH Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex**, the youngest son of the Queen; followed by the Scottish American Military Society, then the Five Honored Clans, which included Clan Blair. Helen Blair and Charles Diman carried our banner.



HRH Prince Edward

Distinguished Guests were Malcolm Ian Sinclair the Earl of Caithness, Chief of Clan Sinclair, Melvin Sinclair, Clan Sinclair Association, Ronald Busch Reisinger, Baron of Innergyne, Mark J. Harden, Baron of Cowdenknowes, Romilly Squire of Rubislaw. We had Miss America, Miss South Carolina, Miss Teen South Carolina and contestants for both pageants. HRH Prince Edward presented The Duke of Edinburgh's Award to over 60 contestants.

We all attended the Clan Blair reception at the Hilton opening with the Presentation of the Colors, Address to the Haggis and remarks from Malcolm Ian Sinclair Earl of Caithness and feasting on plenty of good food and drinks.

Saturday, we setup at the games early and at the opening ceremony, a record 22 pipe-bands filled the field with kilts and music. Then marched 58 clans with again Clan Blair an Honored Clan – all reviewed by HRH Prince Edward and several Distinguished Guests. We had dozens of athletic events and dancing competitions plus The Flying Hawkes Axe Throw and a longbow competition.

After the Parade of Tartans, our AGM meeting convened. President Helen introduced our newly elected officers. Those present or who visited our tent were Cecil H. and Mary Ann Blair from NC, Calvin Yates from SC, Herbert and Beverly Blair West from GA, C. Fred Sanford from NC, Connie Blair Dockery from TN, plus our cousins: Sharon and Donna Blair from SC, Jerry and Janie Seay from SC, Sarah Blair Hendricks from SC.

At our AGM dinner, Saturday night our live *Kellee Band* played *My Bonnie Blair* that they learned just for us – beautifully done. My sister Dot Blair Linderman, Bessie Blair and her daughter Chammie Burrus, William (Bill) Blair, Jerry and Janie Seay, Herbert and Beverly Blair West, and David and Catherine Blair Armbrister joined us. Bill Blair won the Blair mugs. Beverly the Blair coffee cup, Catherine the Blair beer stein, and Chammie the two Blair napkin rings.

We live in one of the most beautiful area in the country and on Sunday, we visited Paris Mountain State Park and the mountain scenic highway. Monday, we went to Greenville and to Falls Park and walked down Reedy River, and across Reedy River Falls. After the months of planning, all came together for a very successful AGM. Wyomia Blair and Dale Granger



HRH Prince Edward visits the Greenville Scottish Games

Membership – Helen Blair

Thank you to all that renewed your memberships. We have had 1043 members since our founding and have 238 active members currently. Remember that you can make a nice gift of membership for a relative – they will get a very nice thick packet of Blair information for \$20.

Membership Changes – New Email Addresses

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#978 Julie Lynn Oring has moved from MI to AZ, 9728 W. Cordes Road, Tolleson, AZ 85353 #623-907-2963

#898 Chris & Ruth Blair of WA moved to 4817 73rd Dr. NE, Marysville, WA 98270 #360-386-8513

#62 Beverly Blair of GA moved to 1010 Fernwood Dr. Unit 423, Milledgeville, GA 31061

#724 Mrs. Jimmie Blair Friar of GA, new house number 1148 Fernside Dr.

#660 C. Scott Schmidt, UT Commissioner moved to 428 Mapleton Circle, Tooele, UT 84074 phone #435-695-4433

#760 E. Neil Scott moved to 12110 Guadalupe Trail Lane, Humble, TX 77346

#998 Ric Blair of TN moved to Brazil, 304 Gleba, Londrina 86100 Brazil

Welcome to New Clan Blair Society Members

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#1042 Fiona Blair, Box 576, Sutters Creek, CA 95685, #209-296-4976, Fiona@volcano.net

Store Report – Helen Blair

New batches of all three Blair Tartans – Ancient, Modern and Dress in medium weight, 13-ounce wool is on order. Due to the increase cost, the price will be going up 29% as soon as our present supplies are gone. We have quite a bit of our cotton twill Ancient Blair tartan and it is still a bargain at \$15 a yard.

We have plenty of Blair of Blair jewelry from ArtPewter; Cap Badges \$15, Kilt Pins \$15, Necklace \$18, Key fob \$15, Cuff links \$20, Lapel Pin \$15, Belt Buckle \$40.

We have metal Blair of Blair lapel pins \$5, Duck-billed white caps with the Blair of Blair Coat of Arms for \$12. We have books, shirts, stationary and our flat-rate shipping boxes have reduced shipping fees. Overnight shipping is available for an additional fee. Call, email or write Helen Blair 7516 E. Hermosa Vista Dr. Mesa, AZ 85207, 480-807-4024 or az_blair@cox.net.

New Clan Blair Society Officers for 2010

President – Helen Blair (AZ)

Vice President – Jim Blair (CO)

Secretary – Frances Holt (CA)

Treasurer – Ann Fredline (ID)

Clan Blair Nominating Committee

John Blair (VA), Pat Risdon (MI), Shawn Blair (ME)

President's Message, Helen Blair

Thank you Ann Fredline for becoming Treasurer and all the volunteers who are helping keep Clan Blair Society alive. Special thanks to my son Andrew Blair Cupp for all his help at the Games and at home. It is hard to believe that 2010 is half over. It helps being busy, but I would like to relinquish some of my clan duties, especially these two:

Job Descriptions for CBS Positions

1. Membership is a true labor of love and energy. It takes someone with communication skills, computer skills and a color printer. We use Microsoft Access database and there are emails, phone calls and postal mailings. You may have to track lost mail, check obituary pages for members and make reports. This position works best if you are retired or work part-time and can devote one to two days a week.

2. The High Commissioner position is not labor intensive, but mostly entails contacting our Commissioners to offer help and discuss Game attendance, hosting and articles for the newsletter. A computer for the Commissioner files is necessary so you can send clan information to new Commissioners and a decent color printer. There are also reports to the CBS Board. It is fun to connect with and get to know our commissioners.

Welcome New CBS Commissioners

NC Charlie Diman #890, 3413 Sunnybrook Dr, Charlotte, NC 28210, 704-643-7876 cndiman@carolina.rr.com

KY Marty & Bob Harrison #148, 381 Barren River Hills, Scottsville, KY 42164, 502-622-4838 Blair95@bellsouth.net
Now they are representing Clan Blair formally.

CA Co-Commissioners Bryan & Jamie Blair #874, 1110 N. Griffith Park Drive, Burbank, CA 91506, 818-481-11959, sloppywillie1@yahoo.com

FL Commissioner Braxton Millender called and will rejoin to continue representing CBS.

Please take the time to visit the Games that our new Commissioners attend and make them feel welcome.

We have a **CBS Forum** at forums.clanblair.org. This is where you can download your pictures, ask those burning questions and meet other Blairs. Our Webmaster Shawn Blair has made a video to help newcomers get started so give it a whirl.

Our next AGM will be in Boise Idaho, September 18, 2011 in conjunction with the Treasure Highland Games and Celtic Festival, hosted by Idaho Commissioner Ann Fredline. See www.idahoscots.org for more information.

Notes and Letters to the Editor

#898 Chris and Ruth Blair of Marysville, WA. Chris is retiring from the Navy this year and they have just purchased their first home. They will have good help moving with two tall-teenage sons and daughter Rachel, with her strong husband. Congratulations.

#64 M. Jean Blair "Skip" our former OH Commissioner and former Newsletter editor is recuperating from right shoulder surgery for a torn rotator cuff, ruptured bicep and a bone spur. The very best to Skip for a speedy recovery.

#255 Phil G Blair of Prescott Valley, AZ is recuperating after tripping over a pet dog, resulting in shoulder and arm injuries. Although nothing is broken, it is very painful to use, but that will not slow Phil down much.

#708 Bob Blair of Mesa, AZ is making slow progress after his strokes last September, prayers are still be requested as he battles stomach cancer and depression.

#24 William C. Blair of Menlo Park, CA celebrated his 85th Birthday in April

#255 Phil G. Blair of Prescott Valley, AZ celebrated his 83rd Birthday the first week in June

#64 M. Jean Blair "Skip" of Rittman, OH celebrated her 85th Birthday June 1.

#28 Norma Jean Gilmore of Hamilton, MT celebrated her 86th Birthday in March by going cross country skiing

Let us know about birthdays from members and family.

Arizona Commissioner Helen Blair Co-commissioner Andrew Blair Cupp

Feb 27-28 was the 46th Annual Arizona Scottish Gathering and Highland Games. This was the first time it has been at Steele Indian School Park in Phoenix, with plenty of room. Members Rob Oring of Tolleson, Sharon & Roger Broman, Mary Don Kislingbury of MN came to visit. It was also great to see friends Steve Land, Jeremiah Bicknell, family members Marion Johnston, David Knight and nice to meet Nancy Mehaffie from Hereford who has been helping BSGR.

Clan Blair Genealogy Corner

Bob got around pretty good on his own, walking without assistance. The park is so large that we missed hearing and seeing all the events from our tent. It was a beautiful Saturday then heavy rain that night and the fields became ankle-deep pools of water and damaged many clan and vendor tents. Sunday, the Games were cancelled. Andy and I packed, took everything home to wash, dry out, repair and throw out, but Saturday was memorable.

May 8 was the Sixth Annual Prescott Highland Games held at Watson Lake Park outside of Prescott, AZ. We enjoy these Games as they are small enough that we can watch all the events and hear the bands from our tent. It was good to see member Phil Blair, nursing a sore arm but missed seeing Martha. Member Allan Blair drove from Flagstaff with friends. Member Sheryl Cobb drove up from Goodyear with her family and a son who just got off the plane from IL. Bob smiled the whole time; he really enjoyed seeing all our old friends again. Helen

July 17-18 will be the 13th Annual Arizona Highland Celtic Festival at Foxglenn Park in Flagstaff, AZ. Events start Friday night with a concert, whiskey tasting and Ceilidh. We will be there, but remember that in the high country there are usually afternoon showers and it cools down enough for a sweater. Best to make room reservations far in advance due to everyone getting out of the desert heat to visit the cool country. www.nachs.info

2010 AGM Board Meeting

A first in the history of Clan Blair Society, we had our AGM Board meeting by teleconference. Jim Blair, CO was kind enough to suggest and arrange it. The minutes are on the Members only site of our website. The early teleconference allowed me sufficient time to create legible notes to read at the AGM the following week. Helen

CBS Tour to Scotland Cancelled, Dick Holt

Last fall, planning for the 2010 trip, we encountered new obstacles reflecting changed travel and economic situations. We had to delay our trip for one year. Unfortunately, as we started the 2011 tour we encountered even more changes leading to higher costs and financial risks for the tour.

The price increases reflect inflation, the current economic climate and a significantly changed market in Scotland. Those conditions continue to raise projected costs. Our Scotland agent strongly recommended trip cancellation-interruption insurance, which would add about 15% additional to our tour and air costs for good coverage.

Under these conditions, your CBS Board cannot recommend the trip due to the costs and financial risks involved, and we are canceling the trip indefinitely. We regret this development and any disappointments.

I have recently started investigating the Blair family genealogy, for a dear friend by the last name of Patton. This line of Pattons may connect into the Blair line via David (Cameron) Lynn.

The Lynns of Cunningham Dist, Ayrshire, Scotland were of the Boyd clan. According to Appalachianhome.tripod.com, David was David Cameron, "Laird of Loch Linnhe" in Scotland. He was born 1640-1645 in Scotland. He was Presbyterian and forced to flee Scotland for Ulster, Ireland due to religious persecution. He was known as David of Lynn and William David Lynn.

David Lynn was supposedly the son of Andrew Lynn b. 1605-1610 of Lock Lynn Scotland and Ann Blair b. c1610 Auldmuir, Blair, Ayrshire, Scotland. Ann Blair may have been the daughter of Gavin Blair and Isabel Crawford.

Cheryl Moir, Dexter, Michigan, crmtwm@charter.net

A Link to My Blair Family

Clan Blair sells a book, *The Blairs of Balthayock and their Cadets, 1150-1850*. I think these are my ancestors. Please confirm that this line includes the Blairs where David Drummond married John Blair's daughter (John having no male sons) and David took the name Blair in the 1700's. I am descended from that line. I have names and dates, but no proof and slowly trying to document it.

Barbara A. Pollison-Beck, bapollison@alumni.rutgers.edu

The Blairs of Balthayock and their Cadets 1150-1850 is a 250-page book in our bookstore. Unfortunately, there is no index in the back, but page 391 has the info you want. "While his daughter was a child, John agreed with David Drummond, Advocate Treasurer of the Bank of Scotland on 23 July 1706, a contract of marriage [exists] between Margaret and Drummond's eldest son David."

Further on, "On 11 August 1723, she married David Drummond and on 27 August at Edinburgh, the contract, made earlier by her deceased father when she was a child, was discharged between her mother and David Drummond, Treasurer of the Bank of Scotland. Upon marriage, David assumed the name and arms of Blair of Balthayock. They had a son John."

Help Find a Missing Blair, Whit Young

I was going through some past issues of the Blair Bruidhinn (1990s) when I ran across an article by Donald Brown Blair about Blairs who had migrated from Ireland and settled in central Massachusetts. They may have been my ancestors. Who is Donald Brown Blair and how I can reach him or his descendents?

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