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## CBS President Jim Blair

Fellow Scots – Happy Spring 2025. Many of us have seen major snowfall, ice, severe wind, and flooding this spring season. This follows a tough winter along with atmospheric river rain which caused flooding and mud slides. And our Carolina members have weathered hurricane damage. Our hearts are with all affected. Good Scots are prepared – stay safe.

It is time to renew your membership for 2025. Russ McCrary dutifully started mailing reminders in November and renewals are being received. Many of you have responded and thank you for your continued support. However, we have not heard from 39 members. CBS relies on your participation, and the board so very much appreciates your support. We are making decisions about the yearly budget and activities which benefit from our funding. Please send your membership dues either by check or credit card via the [clanblair.org](http://clanblair.org) website. You will be happy to have made your \$20 contribution to Clan Blair Society.

**Please renew - NOW.**



This is time to plan for spring events including Tartan Day, Kirk'n of the Tartan, and spring/summer festivals. Several festivals have been attended by our members in North and South Carolina and California. Many communities have announced festivals this year and I encourage you to find these activities in your area and then send us pictures and stories of Blair attendance. We receive many questions and messages from fellow Scots via the Clan Blair Society Facebook page and all input is welcome. As the new [clanblair.org](http://clanblair.org) website is designed we will offer users the opportunity to learn more about CBS and invite their membership to the Society.

Please enjoy this newsletter and share your ideas with me at [president@clanblair.org](mailto:president@clanblair.org) or with [adoreel@outlook.com](mailto:adoreel@outlook.com).

It is a Great Day to be a Scot!

Slaint'e!

Jim

## **WEBSITE REDESIGN AND UPDATE:**

A small team of members is re-imagining the [clanblair.org](http://clanblair.org) website. We have engaged the experience of a corporate web-designer and members skilled in managing effective web-use and artistic presentation. The includes Maggie Blair from South Carolina, Nick Shryack from Colorado, Dyani Blair Galligan from Colorado and Jim Blair. The goal is to develop a commercial and user-friendly website that delivers exciting information, easy application for membership, seamless access to CBS purchasing, delicious pictures, messages about tours and exciting adventures of our members, access to genealogy research, and more. We would like to hear from you about needs and good ideas for offering a fresh look at [clanblair.org](http://clanblair.org). Please send your ideas to Leslie at [lvblairgallagher@gmail.com](mailto:lvblairgallagher@gmail.com).

## **William Campbell Blair Youth Award**

### **2025**

Clan Blair Society announces the invitation to member nominations for the 2025 WC Blair Youth Award. The Award recognizes youth who demonstrate excellence in their lives and activities. This opens recognition of an outstanding youth member of the Society who is involved with dance, art, athletics, scholastics, theatre/performance, or social impact to the community or CBS. The recipient receives recognition at the Annual General Meeting and a \$500 cash award.

William Campbell Blair was a founding member of CBS and served as President and a State Commissioner in California for many years. He

was a pediatrician and his love for children is represented by this award in his honor. Please nominate a young member of the CBS family.

The nomination materials are found on the [clanblair.org](http://clanblair.org) website and the nomination form is included in this newsletter. Nominations must be received by July 31, so please begin thinking about prospective nominees. Questions can be forwarded to Jim Blair at [president@clanblair.org](mailto:president@clanblair.org).

## **Leadership Transitions:**

The membership duties performed by Russ McCrary for the past 8 years are changing to a digital form and the administration of membership is being assumed by Elisa Blair of Littleton, CO. Thank you Elisa for stepping into this new role. It will be a challenge to transition from manual to digital, and Elisa will be assisted by Dyani Blair Galligan of Littleton. Thank you both for volunteering to lead these efforts.

The office of High Commissioner is transitioning from Bill Blair to Scott Blair from North Carolina. Scott is full of great ideas and I look forward to his thoughts and inspiration. All Commissioners should look for communication from Scott. He is on the prowl to meet with you.

And special thanks to Nick for agreeing to step into the website administration duties. The new year will bring some challenges.

Welcome to the leadership team Scott, Elisa, Nick, and Dyani.



## CLAN MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### From Russ Mc Crary

With this latest newsletter in 2025 we would like to acknowledge all those who became new members in 2024, with a special thanks to those who have become Lifetime Members. As we move into 2025, we look forward to joining our clan members at all Highland Games that will be held this year. If able please offer to assist our state commissioners at games where a clan tent may be erected. Our clan membership website has a list of our state commissioners.

As your clan membership chair these last eight years, I wish to thank all our members who have assisted me in this endeavor. To those who have sent me letters over the years I thank you for your kind words.

As we transition to our new membership chair Elisa Blair, we are all in good hands and I hope she will have all your support that you showed me.

### NEW MEMBERS

Suzanne and John from, MD  
Brandon and Stephanie from, AL  
Jackie and John from, New Zealand  
Mary from, Oregon  
Tracy from, NY  
Diann and Russell from, CA  
Kurtis from, NC  
Travis from, CA  
Alissa and Victoria from, NY  
Carolyn and Mario from, CA  
Allen from, FL  
Kelli and Damien from, HI  
Carl and Robyn from, IN  
Patricia from, CA  
Deborah and Thomas from, SC  
Thomas and Robin from, FL  
Robin from, OH  
Arabella from, IN  
Joseph and Deanna from, TX  
Scott from, SC

Reed and April from, GA  
Harold and Rhonda from, CO

Amy from, VA  
Boyd and Sue from, TX

Donald and Rebecca from, SC  
Joshua and Nicole from, OK

Tyson from, TX  
Elisa from, CO

Allen and Angela from, AL  
Virginia and Martin from, CA

Cecelia from, VT

We thank all our members for their continued support and wish to remind our clan members that membership renewals for 2025 are due. If your contact information needs to be updated, please send in your new information.

Have a safe 2025 and a Gaelic Proverb to ponder:

*Thoir do chuid do dhuine falamh is gheibh*

*Thu air ais e dubailte.*

*Give to the needy, and you will get it back  
double fold.*

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# THE BLAIRS OF BALTHAYOCK

Compiled by the Editor

The Blairs of Balthayock trace their lineage back to Stephen de Blair in the 12th century, who owned land in what is now Blairgowrie. One of his descendants, Alexander de Blair, married Ela, daughter of Hugh de Nyden, securing the lands of Cults in Fife, which remained in the family for generations.

A notable Blair of Balthayock was Thomas Blair II, born around 1375, who inherited lands from his father, Patrick Blair. He was involved in territorial disputes and legal matters, including a conflict with the Abbot of Scone over land boundaries. Thomas also acquired new lands in Perthshire and was described as a "squire" in historical records.

Another significant figure was Thomas Blair Younger of Balthayock, born in 1545. He married Jean Sword in 1575 and had several children, including Alexander Blair, who became the 8th Laird of Balthayock.

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## REPORT FROM SCOTT BLAIR, NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSIONER

Greetings from NC,

Hello all I hope this finds you all well. First of all I want to introduce myself as your new High Commissioner for CBS. I am also the NC CBS Commissioner. Our first games of the season is on the weekend of April 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Loch Norman Highland Games will be conducting the 31<sup>st</sup> annual games. Please feel free to join us at the games here is a link to the ebsite. <https://lochnorman.com/>. My family also participates in several events at the games. My youngest son has been Highland wrestling for the past few years and my oldest son and I compete in axe throwing. We hope to see some of you there!



Scott A.Blair

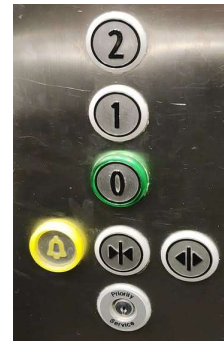
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Special Operations Technician

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## CLAN BLAIR SOCIETY ON FACEBOOK!(Guy Blair, April 6)

I always try to stay at Best Western hotels because I earn a lot of free nights as a Rewards Member. We were assigned room 306. We got on the elevator and discovered that the zero button in the elevator is the ground floor. So, we assumed that Floor 2 would be where room 306 would be found. But nooooo, the 400 series rooms were on that floor. Our room was on Floor 1!! The Scots... you've gotta love them. But at least they post signs of care on along the street for us feeble senior citizens. 😊



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## EARLIEST (known) SCOTTISH PEOPLE

### The Picts

(Compiled by the Editor from several sources)

For centuries, we have had little knowledge of the Pictish people. We heard about them as frightening people who lived in the northern part of Scotland from about 300-900 AD. They were fierce in battle and won most of the battles in which they fought. Some guessed that they came down from a region north of Scotland. There was very little written information about them after the Picts faded into the general population of the UK.



Recent DNA studies have shed new light on the origins of the Picts. Research published in PLOS Genetics reveals that the Picts, who lived in Scotland from around 300-900 AD descended from local Iron Age populations. Their genetic makeup closely resembles that of modern-day Scottish, Welsh, Northern Irish, and Northumbrian people.

One fascinating discovery is that Pictish burials show no evidence of matrilineal inheritance, challenging older theories that Pictish society was structured around maternal lineage.

Archaeological excavations led by the University of Aberdeen have uncovered large, hierarchical settlements, suggesting the Picts were far more sophisticated than previously thought.

The Picts created two politically and militarily powerful kingdoms and dominated a large part of Scotland.

Alex Wolf is a medieval historian at St. Andrews University, and he explained that "Picti is a Latin term that literally means 'painted people,'" The bodies of Picts were painted or tattooed. "At first Picti was an insulting term used by Romans," Woolf told Live Science. "But when you get to the 'Dark Ages,' perhaps around 600 or 700, it's clear that something has happened, and those tribes have now come to self-identify as Picti."

Roman writers in the days of the Picts wrote about Picts as savages, who were barbarous and backward. While the Celtic people south of modern-day Scotland became Romanized following the Roman conquest of much of Britain in A.D. 43, the people in Scotland remained on the periphery of the Roman Empire, frequently clashing with Roman legions but never entirely succumbing to Roman rule. The Romans, after several failed attempts to conquer the peoples of Scotland, built barriers such as Hadrian's Wall and the Antonine Wall — as ways of keeping the Picts, and their sometime allies, the Scots, out of the south.

When the Romans left Britain in around 400 AD, following the Roman withdrawal from Britain around A.D. 400, the Picts had seemed to have vanished, after merging with the Scots and Gaels, who originally came from Ireland.

Thanks to more research, we are beginning to understand that by the time of the Romans withdrew, Picts began to look like the other Britons. Their meager language resembled what is the language of early Wales.

Samples of bodies from ancient Pictland is limited, so they have just begun work with about a dozen Pict remains. Wolf says there are (only) a handful, probably less than a dozen ancient DNA samples that have been processed and published.

Until recent tools of modern research, Picts were thought of as maybe or maybe not having existed,

and some called them "lost people of Europe." Past scholars didn't agree about where and how the Picts originated, their society, and language. (There are carved symbols left by the Picts that show sophisticated carving, which may have been part of their communication system. Only the Romans, the enemy, left written records about the Picts. To have this new scientific evidence is exciting.)

Roman writer Tacitus (A.D. 56 to circa 120) mentioned the Picts in his historical writings, describing them as "red-haired" and "large-limbed," and wrote that they were possibly of Germanic origin.

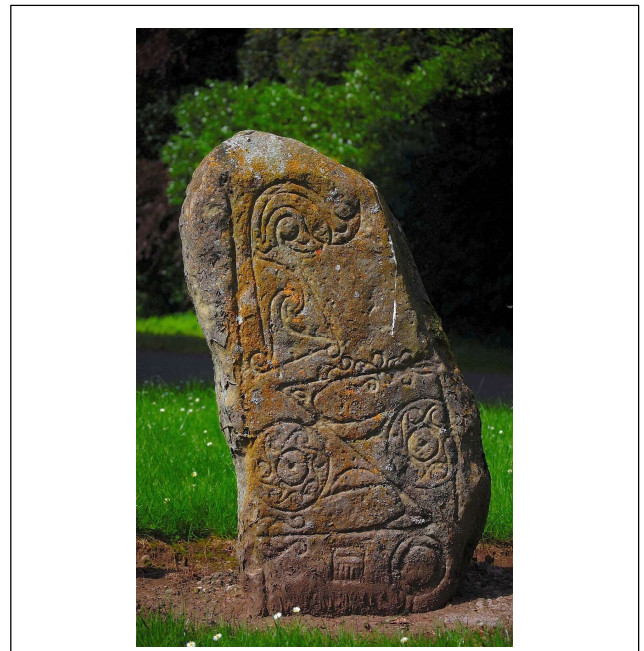
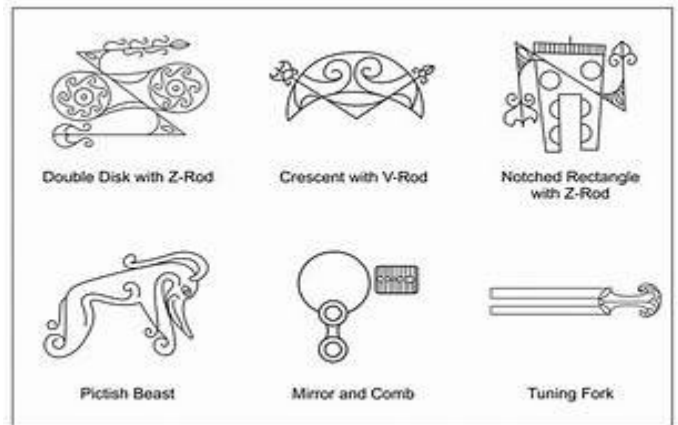
St. Bede the Venerable, an Anglo-Saxon monk and writer who lived in the eighth century, described the Picts in "The Ecclesiastical History of the English People." In this work, a history of Britain from the Roman invasion in A.D. 43 to 731, Bede claimed that the Picts originally sailed from Scythia (the vast steppes of Eurasia east of the Black Sea) and landed in Ireland. The Irish denied them settlement, so the Picts moved on.

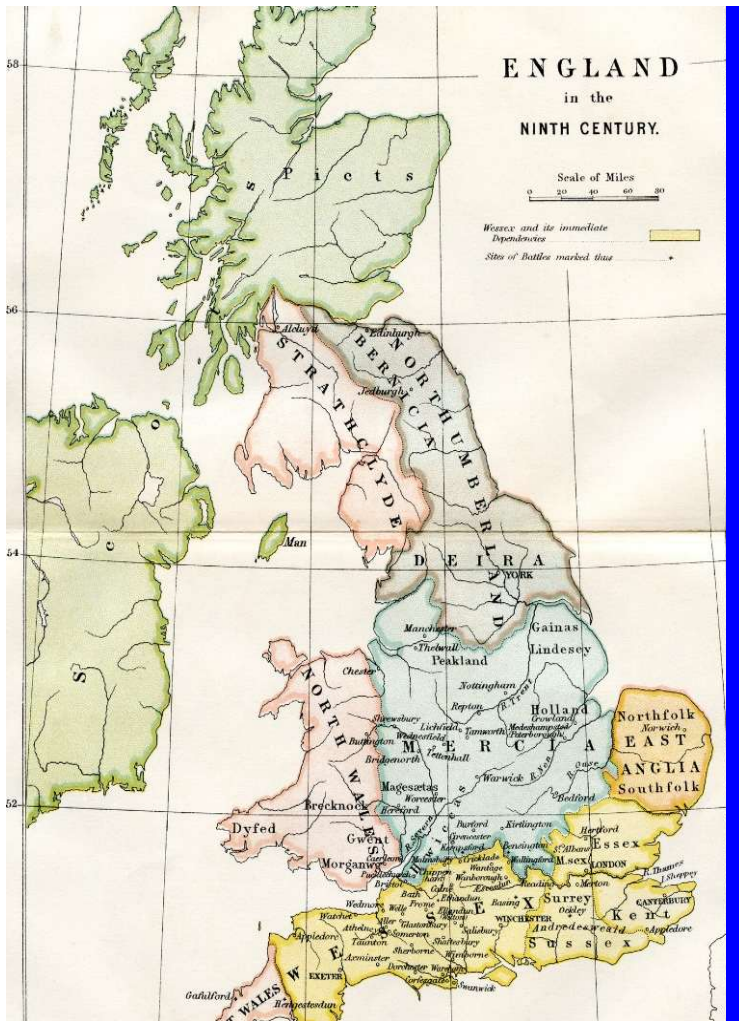
The Picts then sailed over into Britain and began to inhabit the northern parts, for the Britons possessed the southern parts. The Picts had no wives and so asked the Scots for them; they would only give them on the condition that when any question of succession should arise, they should choose a king from the female royal line rather than from the male line.

[Think of all the fierceness in yourself, and wonder if that fierceness came from our earliest fierce ancestors, the Picts!]



## Examples of Pictish art from Scotland



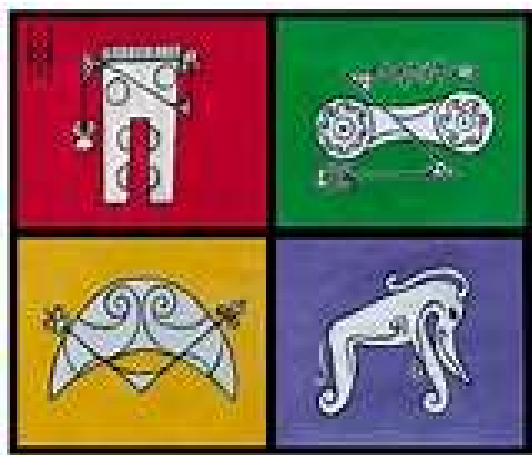


**THE EMPEROR HADRIAN AND THE SCOTTISH HADRIAN'S WALL**



**Hadrian ruled as Roman emperor from 117 to 138 AD**

**Map of Where the Picts Lived (see top of map)**

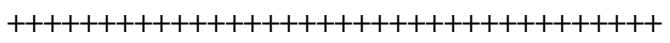


**Pictish Art**



**Hadrian's Wall**

Hadrian's Wall was the north-west frontier of the Roman empire (present-day boundary between Scotland and England) for nearly 300 years. It was built by the Roman army on the orders of the emperor Hadrian following his visit to Britain in AD 122. At 73 miles (80 Roman miles) long, it



crossed northern Britain from Wallsend on the River Tyne in the east to Bowness-on-Solway in the west. The most famous of all the frontiers of the Roman empire, Hadrian's Wall was made a World Heritage Site in 1987.



This turret at Willowford is one of the best-preserved on the whole of Hadrian's Wall.

Permanent conquest of Britain began in AD 43. Hadrian came to Britain in AD 122 and, according to a biography written 200 years later, 'put many things to right and was the first to build a wall 80 miles long from sea to sea to separate the barbarians from the Romans.'

14 forts flanked the wall.

The Wall was placed slightly north of the existing line of military installations between the River Tyne and the Solway Firth. Its line was carefully chosen to make best use of the topography, and it was surveyed from each end towards the middle.



As first planned, most of the Wall was to be built in stone, but the eastern 30-mile section was in turf. In front of both was a substantial ditch, except where crags or rivers made this unnecessary. At each mile a gate was protected by a small guard post called a milecastle.

Between each pair of milecastles lay two towers (turrets), creating a pattern of observation points every third of a mile. The stone wall, with a maximum height of about 15 feet (4.6 meters), was room enough for a walkway, and perhaps also a parapet wall.

The forts, each apparently built for a single unit and at a basic spacing of  $7\frac{1}{3}$  miles, were placed astride the Wall wherever possible. This allowed three main gates, each with two entrances, making the equivalent of six milecastle gates, to provide access to the north; the double-portal south gate was supplemented by two small side gates. The position of the forts and the provision of so many gates suggest that a requirement for increased mobility led to this change.

The addition of the forts was followed by the construction of an earthwork to the south (about 35 meters) wide. This consisted of a central ditch

between two mounds. Causeways, surmounted by gates, were provided at forts. The purpose of the Vallum, as this earthwork is known, was presumably to protect the rear of the frontier zone.

Hadrian's Wall was built by the army of Britain, as many inscriptions demonstrate. The three legions of regular, trained troops in Britain, each consisting of about 5,000 heavily armed infantrymen, provided the main body of men building the Wall, but they were assisted by the auxiliary units – the other main



Aerial view of the Wall at Cawfields, looking east, showing Cawfields milecastle. The line of the Vallum – the earthwork to the south of the Wall – can be seen in the background

branch of the provincial army – and even the British fleet.

The complex building program took many years to complete. It is possible that it started before Hadrian's arrival in Britain in AD 122, after which he made some changes.

Although mainly built by legionaries, the Wall was manned by auxiliaries. They were organized into regiments nominally either 500 or 1,000 strong and either infantry or cavalry or both. The 500-strong mixed infantry and cavalry unit was the workhorse of the frontier. Each fort on the Wall appears to have been built to hold a single auxiliary unit.



The boar emblem of the Twentieth Legion, one of the units which built and helped to man Hadrian's Wall

Army units tend to be accompanied by camp followers. Little is known about these people in the early years of the Wall; they were placed shortly after AD 180, when 'The tribes crossed the Wall which divided them from the Roman forts and killed a general and the troops he had with him'. We know no details of the subsequent fighting, but it probably led to changes to the Wall, including the abandonment of many turrets in the crags sector and a redeployment of the army.

In the years that followed, Hadrian's Wall became a quarry for the stone to build castles and churches, farms and houses along its line, until the conservation movement in the 18th and 19th centuries put a stop to that. It was only from the mid-19th century onwards that early archaeologists and historians such as John Clayton, John Hodgson and John Collingwood Bruce began to study Hadrian's Wall in earnest and sought to protect its still magnificent remains.

Hadrian's Wall is now a popular tourist destination, attracting visitors eager to explore its rich history and stunning landscapes. There are several guided tours available, offering different experiences:

- Hadrian's Wall Path – A long-distance footpath that follows the remains of the wall for 84 miles, allowing visitors to walk along its historic route.

- Intrepid Travel Tours – These tours provide guided experiences that highlight the archaeological significance of the wall, including visits to forts and scenic spots.
- Heart of Hadrian's Wall Guided Tours – These tours offer immersive experiences, including a guide dressed as a Roman centurion who explains life during Roman rule.
- Peter Sommer Travels – A more in-depth guided walking tour that explores the history of the wall and its surroundings over several days.

## COLORADO COMMISSIONER LESLIE BLAIR GALLAGHER'S NEWS



Guy Grandison with neighbour and former England Prime Minister Theresa May. Miss Aspen with her head turned away.

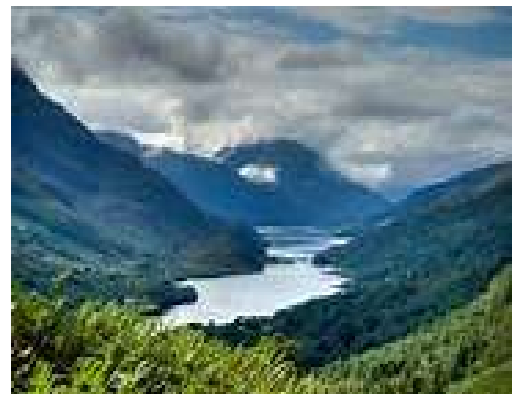
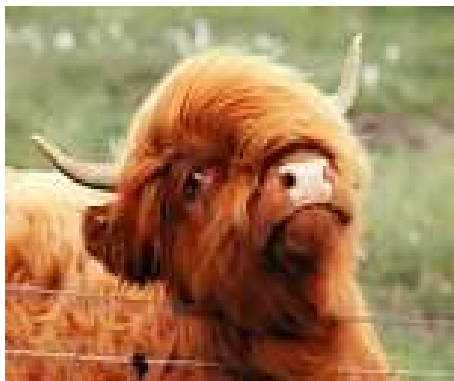
Had a brief Mother's Day visit from my son in law, Guy Grandison, resident of Lower Earley, Berkshire, UK. (40 miles west of London). Guy stopped by on the way to San Jose, CA to meet the president of his American based company. Whilst he was here, we discussed the status of his current stand for Councillor of Maiden Erlegh, election to be held on 5 June.

He also got measured for a Blair kilt while I had him to hand.

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# FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

H Maria Winward



One of Clan Blair’s biggest fans, H. Maria Winward, read every bit of each Blair newsletter she received. At age 94, she was having trouble living alone, so Jim and Adoree Blair brought her home last August to Colorado from Florida to stay with them. She passed to her next journey 9 months later, on May 30, 2025.

Maria was stepmother to Adoree Blair, and three of Adoree’s siblings who have passed to the next life also.

Maria had a busy life. Fresh out of college at Miami University with a music degree, she starred in several operas in Florida before marrying Boyd Winward. She then taught piano, sang in choirs whenever she could get the opportunity, and helped raise Boyd’s four children. In addition, she taught in local elementary schools, worked as an administrative assistant at Boeing Aircraft and for the president of Seminole Community College.



Maria in two of her operas

After retiring, Maria volunteered for Canine Companions Incorporated, sang in her church choir, and enjoyed caring for Boyd, who died in 2000. She loved attending Celtic Fests with Jim and Adoree and hearing bagpipes and drums.

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## OUR ANCESTOR ANN, IN THE NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY IN SCOTLAND!

Ann Blair Maconochie (sometimes spelled Machonochie) lived in Scotland during the 1800s. She was born in 1787 and passed away in 1886, and was buried in the Maconochie Burial Ground in Kirknewton, West Lothian, Scotland.

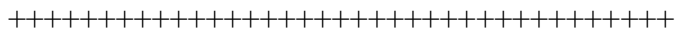
A bust of Ann Machonochie (née Blair) was sculpted by Sir Francis Legatt Chantrey in 1816. Chantrey was a renowned sculptor known for his portrait busts and statues, and his work featuring Anne is part of the Scottish National Portrait Gallery collection.



Scottish Bluebells



papers spanning over a century, it's likely they had a significant residence.



## NORTH CAROLINA REPORT

**Maggie Blair**

I posted some photos in the Clan Blair group - here are some attached. We walked in the Great Scott parade on Friday, with daughter Helen being a news photographer - favorite. Sadly, we did not have the 1976 MGB parade ready this year, but we hope it will be next year. On Saturday, May 24, we represented Clan Blair at the Gallabrae Highland Games at Furman University in Travelers Rest (Greenville County), SC. This was our 9th year participating in these games and every year is better than the last. We enjoyed food, fun, and merriment with friends and family. I am already looking forward to next year!

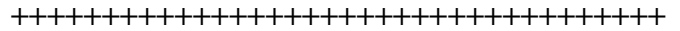


**BUST OF ANNE MACHONOCHE (NEE BLAIR)**  
**(1816) - SIR FRANCIS LEGATT CHANTREY, SCULPTOR**

*Portrait Of Anne Blair Maconochie Welwood Of Garvock, Lady Meadowbank,*

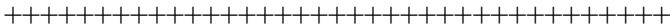
Her family connections include Alexander Maconochie, who was born in 1777 and passed away in 1861. She had a child named Macconochie, who was born and died in 1811 in Kirknewton and East Calder, Midlothian, Scotland.

The Maconochie-Welwood family was associated with Kirknewton and Garvock, and their large estate records date back to 1785. While specific details about the size of their home aren't readily available, families of their status often lived in large manor houses or estates. Given their legal and estate





Our Clan Blair Librarian Elana McCrary is a busy woman! She received this award this month for her many volunteer hours! Congratulations!



## THOMAS BLAIR, 2<sup>ND</sup> LAIRD OF BALTHAYOCK

Thomas was born about 1375 eldest son to Patrick Blair of Balthayock. As son and heir, Thomas succeeded on the resignation of his father Patrick Blair of Balthayock and was granted a charter of the lands of Ardler, Baldowrie and Balgillo from Robert III at Dunkeld on 14 January 1400/1. In the Register of the Great Seal this is listed in the period 1398-1400. Baldowrie is written as both "Baldownrie" and "Kylldowry". A situation arose regarding the marches of Clie and Balthayock. In this event, Thomas Blair of Balthayock disagreed with the Abbot of Scone regarding the marches of Balthayock with Clie. Robert, duke of Albany, made a rule to summon an inquest to meet at Clie on the 6 March 1408/9 to resolve the issue.

Thomas married about 1405 and had children: Patrick, his heir apparent, who died before his father was father to next heir; George, progenitor of a family of burghers of Dundee; and Robert, a burgher of Perth 1456 to 1485.

On 29 June 1410, Thomas acquired the lands of Balconnally, Perthshire, by a charter of resignation from Walter Haliburton of that ilk and William Erskine of Kinnoull.

A month later in Perth when John Mowat had a charter of lands in Caithness confirmed under the Great Seal, the minor witnesses, Robert Stewart of Lorne and a Thomas Blair were described as "scutifers", which means that they were "shield bears" or squires. Perhaps, Thomas had continued in the role of his father as armor bearer to one of the earls.

At Greyfriars Church in Dundee on 14 April 1422, Thomas Blair lord of Balthayock, a squire, witnessed a transumpt (legal document) of an earlier charter.

James I of Scotland was captured as a boy when sailing to France and was held in captivity in the English Court. It was not until 1424 that he was released under a treaty which required the payment of a massive ransom. To ensure payment several of the Scottish nobility were required to place themselves in England as hostages for a number of years. Among the first hostages to go to England was Alexander Lindsay, earl of Crawford. On 4 July 1424, Thomas Blair, Mr Alexander Lindsay and Mr Ingam Lindsay were granted safe conduct through England to attend to the earl. They were permitted to take one servant each.

The English besieged Orleans in France in 1428. The relief of Orleans is famous for the French Army being led by Joan d'Arc, the Maid of Orleans. Thomas Blair was one of the Scots assisting the French defense during the siege. He was present in 1428 at the start of the siege of Orleans where he commanded a company of 20 men-at-arms and 29 archers. Thomas received '67 écus and 55 sous equivalent to £136' from Hémon Raguier, trésorier des guerres du Roy. After their service to the King of France, Thomas Blair and Sir John Wishart returned safely to Scotland.

At the Abbey of Coupar Angus on 1 October 1451, Thomas was one of the witnesses to a charter citing the earlier gift of the lands of Bellaty and Freuchie in Glenisla to the Abbey by Alexander II, King of Scots.

Thomas died in the period between Whitsunday and Martinmas 1452. We know this because in mid 1453, the lands of Cults recorded his death. A Charter by Sir Simon Bain revealed that the Altarage of St. Simon and St. Stephen within the Parish Church of Perth for divine service be performed for the Souls of persons mentioned within it. The Soul of the late Thomas Blair of Balthayock, his master of certain Annual rents, was duly mentioned. This Charter was ratified by King James III in March 1472.

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# CLAN BLAIR SOCIETY

## William Campbell Blair Youth Award Nomination Form

Clan Blair Society (CBS) has introduced the William Campbell Blair Youth Award to be granted annually to a deserving youth member who has achieved excellence in pursuits related to youth activities, including their Scottish/Irish heritage. The annual award is \$500 and will be granted annually at the fall Annual General Meeting (AGM). Nominations for youth members 18 years old and younger can be made by friends and/or family (members) utilizing this nomination form found on the [www.clanblair.org](http://www.clanblair.org) website.

Please complete the following information and submit your nomination no later than July 31.

Name of Youth: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ (18 years old or younger)

Name of Nominating CBS Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Contact Information: Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominating Member Contact:

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Category of Outstanding Performance/Success:

\_\_\_\_\_ The Arts; Academics; Athletics; Clan Blair Society Support; Other

Provide a detailed description of the nominee's activities that achievements for which the nomination is being made:

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Please provide additional pages of text, pictures, news articles, etc. that support the nomination. Materials should be scanned and submitted via [www.clanblair.org](http://www.clanblair.org) or emailed to [president@clanblair.org](mailto:president@clanblair.org).

## William Campbell Blair

### Youth Award

5/2025

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The following outlines the expectations of award nominees:

1. Nominations may be generated by members/families/friends
2. Nominees are aged 18 and younger
3. Special consideration will be made if the area of achievement is focused toward Scottish/Celtic activities
4. Scholarship recognition may be for Outstanding Performance/Success in:
  - a. The Arts, including:
    - i. Artistic – painting, drawing, sculpting, characterization
    - ii. Music – piping, drumming, stringed instruments, piano, vocal, etc.
    - iii. Dance
    - iv. Theater – performance
    - v. Other
  - b. Academics:
    - i. Excellence in the study of Scottish/Irish history
    - ii. Writing related to Scottish/Irish history, or stories
    - iii. Excellence in the study of Gaelic languages
    - iv. Formal recognition of achievement by local educators or foundations
  - c. Athletics:
    - i. Football (soccer)
    - ii. Rugby
    - iii. Wrestling
    - iv. Scottish Games (where offered for youth)

- v. **Other**
  - d. **Social Impact**
    - i. **Youth organizations**
    - ii. **Outdoor venturing groups**
    - iii. **Volunteerism**
    - iv. **Other**
  - e. **Clan Blair Society support:**
    - i. **Active support of local CBS activities**
    - ii. **Tent/festival support**
    - iii. **Promotion of CBS – recruitment, fund raising, etc. Nominations are invited in the February newsletter for submission in July (7/31)**
5. A selection committee will evaluate and recommend award recipient candidates to the BOD for final selection.
6. Recognition includes the \$500 cash award, a certificate of excellence and news coverage in the Blair Bruidhinn (and other Celtic publications associated with CBS)

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