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“Blair Talk” for Clan Blair Society

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Colorado Greetings

Please join us in extending Great Thanks to Allen Rountree for his dedicated years of service editing and sending out this newsletter. Jim and Adoree Blair have volunteered to continue this service temporarily. Hello from the great Rocky Mountains.

Please do make sure that you send us stories and photos of your clan activities so they can be included in this newsletter. We look forward to hearing from you frequently. Adoree can be contacted at adoree1@msn.com, and Jim at jeblair@msn.com. The website above also receives news and photos at bruidhinn@clanblair.org.

President's Message

I hope everyone is recuperating from the long hot days of summer. I hope everyone had the chance to visit a Scottish Game in their locale.

The holidays are upon us. I hope everyone has a chance to gather with their families to celebrate. There's nothing like being surrounded by our loved ones! With the end of this year and the beginning of 2011 I hope this New Year brings all good things. This last year has been quite a roller coaster ride for many.

This summer has brought on more changes for Clan Blair Society. Allen Rountree, our Newsletter Editor has stepped down. He took over the helm 10yrs ago; he served faithfully and constructed one of the best newsletters around. Many may not know it but Allen's only

connection to Clan Blair was through a hapchance meeting with Dr. Bill Blair of CA. From their meeting a friendship was forged and Allen took over the Newsletter. He spent hours on each newsletter, often getting very little input from Commissioners or members to work with. His work will be greatly missed.

Needless to say **WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS TO WORK ON THE NEWSLETTER** on a permanent basis. Jim and Adoree Blair of CO and Coy Blair of NE have volunteered to hold down the fort for a very short time until we can find some permanent helpers. We hope we can get a few people to work on it to lessen the load on each person. The Newsletter is the glue that holds our group together. If you have some writing ability, proof reading ability, newsletter ability, editor ability, willing to share your Blair knowledge, Scottish history knowledge, Scottish miscellaneous information please contact Jim Blair, 303-795-9754 or jeblair@msn.com.

Jobs that need volunteers;

- 1- Newsletter Editor ASAP, would be best to have more than one person working this job
- 2- Membership ASAP, would be best to have more than one person working this job
- 3- Webmaster assistant ASAP
- 4- High Commissioner ASAP
- 5- A number of states need Clan Commissioners
- 6- Many Commissioners need help setting up/taking down their tents and most would like relief for food and bathroom breaks.

Please understand that the survival of Clan Blair Society is dependent upon it membership. All of our Board members and Commissioners are volunteers. We need to find more volunteers to help the group thrive. If we engage more volunteers the work can be shared. Many of the jobs can be done a couple days a month, some jobs take more time and some take less time. *Please look at your schedule to see how you can help Clan Blair Society thrive.*

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Blairsville, GA Scottish Festival & Highlands Games

The Blairsville Games were held June 11, 12 & 13 at Meeks Park in Blairsville. On Friday a Kilted golf tournament was held. The regular Games were on Friday and Saturday.

Wyomia Blair, Dot Blair Linderman, and Dale Ganger arrived on Fri. afternoon and were greeted by high humidity and temperature. The Ceilidh was held on Friday night, with beautiful pageantry, a wonderful meal, and great entertainment.

On Saturday member Frank Blair from Rome, GA spent the day with the tent members. He helped greet people and tell them about Clan Blair. The morning was filled with a Kilted mile race, a Mini Cooper parade and the athletic events. The Opening Ceremony, Massed Bands and Parade of the Tartans followed at 12N.

Then came the Opening Ceremony, Massed Bands, and Parade of Tartans. Rory S. Howe was the Master of Ceremonies. The Parade was led by the Scottish-American Military Society Color Guard followed by the 6 Massed Bands. This was followed by the Honored Clan, which was Clan Campbell, and then the other Clans. As this was a small field, Dale was able to walk with Frank Blair to represent Clan Blair.

There was an interesting falconry demonstration, and a Clan Tug of War contest. On other fields, there were Gordon Setters and Border Collie Demonstrations. Fiddlers and Bagpipe players attended workshops. The dancers filled the dance pavilion. At the entertainment tent there were bands playing as well as individual performers. There was a Children's Field with various activities. The Massed Bands performed again at 4pm. The Games closed at 5pm for the day.



L-R: Dale Granger and Frank Blair presenting the Clan Blair colors.



Seated L-R; Wyomia Blair, Dot Blair Linderman and Frank Blair at Blairsvill, GA Games.

On Sat. Jim McAfee, the Chairman of the Organizing Committee and his Assistant Judy Senevey, came by the Blair tent and visited for a while. They always say it wouldn't be the same to have the Games without the Blairs. The Rev. Travis Blair Adams, the Games Chaplain, also stopped by and we talked about our Blair families. He always wears his Blair Tartan Kilt. The Saturday evening entertainment was a concert featuring "BarleyJuice" at the park.

On Sunday there was a church service conducted by the Rev. Travis Blair Adams. Part of the service was performed in the Old Braid Scots dialect. Dale carried in the Clan Blair Tartan Flag in the Parade of Tartans. At the Kirkin' O' The Tartans, the Reverend presented our Tartan Flag as our Clan and Tartan were blessed. Rev. Adams said he was glad the Blairs were there so he did not have raise his Kilt up to bless the Tartan. That got a laugh from everybody. There was a Bonniest and Boniest Knee, and the Women's Haggis Hurl contests. Kevin and Henrietta Blair from Westminster, South Carolina come by, and Cliff Blair from Morganton, GA dropped by for a visit, as did Michael and Diane Phalen from Woodstock, GA. The tent had to be taken down early because the heat was so intense. No one can recall it ever being that hot at the Games.

"Your Aye's" to Wymoia Blair and Dale Granger

"We look to Scotland for all our ideas about civilization..." - Voltaire

Utah Commissioner Report

Whit Young

This year has been interesting for Clan Blair here in Utah. We set up a booth in all three of the Scottish Games in the state and were rewarded by three and possibly more new members. This included my brother Douglas Blair Young who was a great help at Payson, Utah Games and also north into Cache County. We had comments by a young woman that our booth looked very attractive. At the Salt Lake Games, and also at Payson, I carried the Blair of Blair Flag and drew compliments as to its appearance and what Clan it represented.

Mother Nature was not always helpful. At the Salt Lake Games held the second weekend in June it rained so hard Friday afternoon that we closed the tent and left. The following day was overcast, but we had a great crowd despite the distant thunder and threat of rain. Scott Schmidt, Utah co-commissioner, attended. My nephew and grandson were a great help putting up and taking down the tent. At the Cache County Games the wind blew so hard that it was nearly tearing the tents apart. We left in the middle of the afternoon on Saturday. The President of the Utah Scottish Association angrily exclaimed, "Why is this following us around?" We finally grew disgusted and along with most of the other clans left in the middle of the afternoon. But, for the first year of our new approach I think we represented Clan Blair very well.



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Clan Blair Booth at the Salt Lake Games
Grandson: Nick Lawyer - CoCommissioner for Clan Blair; Scott Schmidt - Nephew; Ben Young

Since Clan Blair has from time to time donated to our presentation at the Long's Peak Scottish/Irish Festival held the second weekend in Sept. I feel we should give a report of that also. Some 18 of our family were on hand to set up the big tent and all the other 7 smaller 10 by 10 tents plus the electronic gear, large miniature display,

store where we sell DVDs, Books, Prints etc and feed everyone. Friday was another windblown session with a reduced attendance at what is one of the largest and best attended Scottish events in the country. I was told that on a good weekend, weather-wise, they have between 30 and 40,000 in attendance.



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Whit's Granddaughters in Medieval Costumes
Left to Right and Front to Back
Meg Lawyer - Rebecca Young - Alison Young
Rachael Young - Abby Young
Lizzy Lawyer - Anna Young - Tiffany (a friend) - Melissa Lawyer

I had been asked by Dr. James Durward, founder and director of the Long's Peak Festival to be their principal speaker at the Seminar held there in September. After some worry and a great deal of preparation, I did represent The Clan and hope that all gained new perspective on our history.

The schedule was for me to speak for 2 1/2 hours with several breaks. The Subject was entitled, "An Affirmation of Freedom" and was essentially the story of the First War of Scottish Independence and the roles played by William Wallace, Andrew Moray and Robert the Bruce, in that order. I spoke for 4 hours.

Apparently, the presentation was very well received and one woman commented that she was so immersed in what I was saying that she was overwhelmed. The Director of the Seminar, Mr. Bill Lowe said it was the best seminar they had ever heard.

Since the subject of "Freedom" was the reason for the Scottish struggle for Independence I made it the centerpiece of the Seminar. The privation and sacrifice, death and pain which characterizes the leadership of these three Scottish heroes and their followers should be an example to all of us that we can do no less to preserve what precious gift has been granted us by our forebears. We can at least VOTE. That is the Torch that has been passed to us by our Scottish ancestors.



Whit Young



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Blair of Balthyock Flag

Blair of Balthyock Flag
3 feet by 3 feet; hand-sewn using a shiny fabric

Arizona Commissioner Report

Helen Blair & Andrew Blair Cupp

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The 13th Annual Arizona Highland Celtic Festival was held July 16-18th 2010 at Foxglen Park in Flagstaff, AZ.

Andrew did all the loading, hauling, set up, meeting and greeting in the cool North Country. Bob & I sweated it out in the Valley, recuperating from a recent road trip to Oklahoma. Andrew said that most of the visitors were other Clans - unfortunately not many Blairs. He enjoyed the music, weather and fellowship of the other Clans.

September 25th, 2010 is the 2nd Annual Celtic Harvest Festival in Sedona, AZ. Bob and I will be setting up a tent with all our genealogy information. This will be the first time for us at this festival since Bob had his strokes. We are looking forward to going to check it out. www.celticharvestfestival.com.

November 5th, 6th & 7th 2010 is the 24th Annual Tucson Celtic Festival & Scottish Highland Games. It will be held again at Rillito Raceway in Tucson, AZ. This is a big event. We love going to these Games to catch up with our Southern AZ Blairs. www.tucsoncelticfestival.org



Blair of Blair Flag with Trailing Ribbons
3 feet by 3 feet, hand sewn also

"There's some familiarity in Celtic music, even if you've never heard that piece of music before."

~ **Nobuo Uematsu**

Colorado Commissioner Report

Jim Blair and Leslie Blair Gallagher

The Colorado Clan Blair Society presented the Clan colors at the Colorado Scottish Festival and Rocky Mountain Highlands Games on August 14-15, 2010 in Highlands Ranch Colorado. More than a 20 members participated and presented the Clan banner to the crowd of Scottish celebrants. Our booth was visited by more than 50 visitors and one new member was recruited. We find that visitors are quite interested to learn that the Blair surname is associated with numerous geographic locations across Scotland (including the Blair Athol Distillery).

We are proud of our Champion Dancer Arabella Blair who competed in the Scottish dance competition. Arabella (6 years old) won 6 first place and 6 second place awards for her high stepping dance routines. Mom and Dad, Quaintance and Torin, and the entire Clan are excited and proud of her accomplishments. Bella's medals and trophy adorned the tent throughout the festival.

The Colorado Clan participated in the Longs Peak Festival on Sept 9-12 in Estes Park. We marched in the Festival Parade on the 11th and 22 members joined in the fun. Allen Blair participated with his Penny Farthing bicycle – a treat for all. Our tent was be brimming with activity, and a wee dram or two. Dancing again took center stage with Arabella Blair and Saoirse Blair Galligan competing.

Arabella was awarded medals for first place (1), second place (5) and third place (1) performances in the Highlands Dance competition.

Saoirse was awarded medals for second place (1) and third place (2) performances in the Irish Dance competition.

Our wee dancers are stealing the show.

We did welcome new members Margery Blair McNary and husband Les McNary of Seaside, Oregon to Clan Blair Society.



L-R; Dr. Allen Blair, Leslie Blair Gallagher, Adoree Blair, Atia Blair (in dad Torin's arms), Quaintance Blair, Noah Tichy, Arabella Blair with Jim Blair in front.



Arabella Blair, 6, performing at the Highlands games at Estes Park



L-R:Quinnlin Blair, Saoirse Blair Galligan and Arabella Blair preparing for the Grand Parade



L-R: Leslie Blair Gallagher, Les McNary, Curtis Blair, Adoree Blair, Noah Tichy, Margery Blair McNary, Scott Roberts, Quinnlin Blair (front), Nick Shryack, Erynn Blair Shryack (holding Cordylia), Torin Blair, Atia Blair (held by Quaintance Blair), Arabella Blair next to Jim Blair. Not pictured: The Galligans – Mike, Dyani, Saoirse and Tiernan

From Shawn Blair, Blair Webmaster: Scottish Social Networking

Everybody has heard of Facebook, twitter, and other social networking sites. What some may not have heard of is ElectricScotland.com. Alastair McIntyre began creating Electric Scotland, an online repository of Scottish and Clan information over 15 years ago. I made Alastair's acquaintance on a bulletin board back In the mid-1990s. We chatted on occasion amongst a group of genealogy and Scottish heritage enthusiasts.

In May of 1998, I made my first trip to Scotland to see the country firsthand. One of my stops was in Falkirk

where I met up with Alastair at a local pub. We spent the evening learning more about each other and sharing our Scottish heritage and technology passions. Then Alastair took me to the 'control center', a mass of computer boxes, wires, and screens, much like many tech junkies of the time. He showed me his pride and joy, the core of his new project he called Electric Scotland. I'd consider ElectricScotland.com one of the earlier, and certainly most Scottish, social networking sites.

If you haven't already, be sure to check out ElectricScotland.com and see what Alastair has created. I'm sure you'll enjoy it. If you're on Facebook, be sure to 'Like' the Electric Scotland fan page. Alastair is also on Twitter at ElectricScot. Follow along and enjoy!

The Family Tree Returns

By Shawn Blair

Beth Gay was the librarian at the Odom Genealogy Library for many years. She helped orchestrate the archiving of the Clan Blair Society library in the early 90s. Beth also published a fantastic Scottish genealogy newspaper/magazine called The Family Tree. The Family Tree generated numerous genealogy articles and news about the Clans and Scottish activities. Clan Blair Society won citations for our excellent newsletters on several occasions.

Unfortunately, Beth ended up leaving Odom several years ago, and The Family Tree as a physical publication ceased to exist. Through several permutations online, Beth did work to keep the publication going. In particular, with the assistance of Alastair at ElectricScotland.com.

Beth and Electric Scotland have announced the return of The Family Tree in electronic form. Beth's Newfangled Family Tree is now being published in .PDF form on the ElectricScotland.com site. Be sure to download it and enjoy it at www.electricscotland.com/bnft/. We will post a link to the new Family Tree on the CBS Genealogy page for your easy access.

She is going to Scotland!

From Pat Ridson

I am still planning my trip to Scotland next August (2011). So far the cost for CIE Tour, travel insurance, air fare, meals and lodging is about \$5,100/person for 20 days. We have paid for the Tour, Airfare and travel insurance. It will depend upon the rate of exchange next

summer on the extra lodging and meals. But I'm planning on a high rate. Will fly out of Detroit, Michigan August 10th, 2011 and return on Aug. 30th, 2011. Only have the three of us for sure. Had a some interest from other people but no commitment. Have a great day.”
Pat

Want to join Pat and the group? She can be reached at: risdon2p@hotmail.com

NEWS FROM SCOTLAND!

Luke and Caroline Borwick ; Blair House in Ayrshire. Scotland

“We have just had a wonderful Autumn with the garden looking beautiful. We have welcomed guests from around the world over the summer.

Alexandra, our daughter, and her two boys, Finley and Rafe ,were with us for a month in the summer to escape the Texan heat, which was immense fun as they enjoyed the woods, the swimming pool, golf, tennis and the pony.

Our friends, the Rough Ryders golfing group from the States, visited us again to play the magnificent links courses of Prestwick, Royal Troon, Turnberry and Macrahanish. Blair has become like a second home to this lovely group and we always have fun welcoming them back. The week always ends with a Scottish Ceilidh with the dancing being led by Hugh and Jamie Grant who dance the reels with flourish and expertise.

The news from the family is the arrival of Malcolm and Alix's new baby girl, Ines Carolina, in Argentina on 25th October. Malcolm has had an exciting year with the new arrival and being part of England's winning Polo Team, which beat New Zealand for the Coronation Cup in July at The Guards Polo Club in Windsor Great Park. It was a very exciting match in front of The Prince of Wales.

I hope you will all follow us on Face Book. The Blair Estate is our page. Don't forget to share the website www.blairestate.com”

With best wishes from Luke and Caroline.

Long Island, NY Commissioner Report
Lynne Dolan

I had the pleasure of attending the Long Island Scottish Games sponsored by The Clan MacDuff. It was their 50th anniversary of the games here on Long Island. Clan Tents received a special ribbon for the occasion. My son, John joined us this year at the Clan Blair table. He has been

going to the Games every year since he was little except for the 4 years he was in the Navy. He noticed that the LI Games has more and more people attending than he remembered. There were no Blairs stopping by this year.

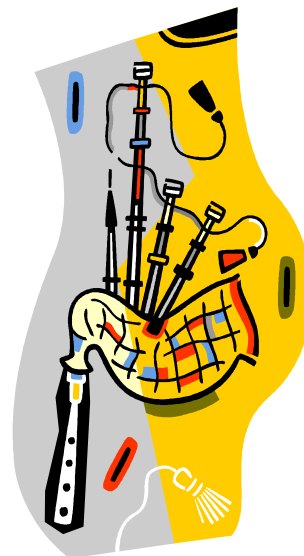
The Games had all the usual things going on: heavy weight competition, games for the kids, music, pipe and drum, dancing competitions, comedians, and vendors row. The only thing different was the Civil War surgeons from the 79th Highlanders. I went over and introduced myself as the NY Dept President for the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I told them that I had a tent for the Clan Blair and that I did have a Civil War skirt made out of the Clan Blair tartan. They think I should have worn it to the games.

I hope everyone has Happy Holidays and a Happy Healthy New Year! I hope to go to another Burns' Supper so I can try another haggis.”

From Tom and Phyllis Blair

Tom & Phyllis Blair of Perkiomenville, Pennsylvania took their two daughters to England and Scotland this past summer in July. We spent time in Edinburgh, visited Blair Castle, and drove through the Highlands. It was a lovely trip and we look forward to going back.

See a few of the photos taken by Tom and Phyllis Blair on the next page:



Please enjoy these photos taken by Tom and Phyllis Blair on their Scotland Journey:



St. Margaret's Chapel in Edinburgh Castle,
Dating back to the 1200's



City of Edinburgh



Edinburgh Castle

[More pictures available on CBS.org](https://www.cbs.org)

Kentucky Commissioner Report

Martha (Marti) Blair Harrison

I have been so busy campaigning; I haven't taken time to write that we did have a Blair Tent at the Glasgow Highland Games. Not many dropped by, but we hope to do better next year. I did win the election by 1110 votes (55% to 45%) and will take office January 1st as the District Judge for the 49th Judicial District of Kentucky (Allen and Simpson Counties).”

Our hearty congratulations to Marti for her success!

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

William Campbell Blair

This Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 4 and 5, we again had our CBS tent at one of the largest Scottish Festivals in the World, the 145th Scottish Highland Gathering and Games, again held at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, CA.

Once again, it was quite warm, with temperatures in the mid to upper ninety's, and we were located in a portion of the area without any shade. Despite this, we had a marvelous time. We had many visitors, and I enjoyed visiting with old friends and making new ones.

I am particularly indebted to Max Blair of Dublin who gave me great help in both setting up our tent, and at the end breaking it down. He helped me greet visitors both days, and brought delicious food for us and our guests. Again, thank you Max.

I also want to thank Barbara Bradley of Sunol who volunteered to help in the tent on Saturday, and provided us with excellent company and support. Also, thanks to my son Robert Campbell Blair of Daly City who was very helpful in taking down our tent and packing the car.

Other members who visited included: Julia Carapanos Wyrick and her husband Steve Wyrick of Walnut Creek,(who were very involved at the Games with Scottish Country Dancing and Music (piano and violin)); Bill and Francis Lloyd of Danville; Max Blair's daughter Heather; Roger Settlemyer and friend from Quincy; and John Blair Bowers of Oakland.

Among visitors to the tent, several expressed an interest in joining including: Connie Blair Dockery of

Madisonville TN.; Jim Blair of Martinez CA, who has a number of relatives in the immediate area; Laura Blair Hindes of Martinez; and Kay Blair San Jerville of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The only other personal news I have to report is that on June 16 of this year I became a great grandfather for the first time with the birth of Bradley Winfield Brown. Golly that makes me feel old.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Vicky Bartlett

We had a wonderful time at the Seaside Games in Ventura on October 9th & 10th. Our tent space was double deep and we had more tables & chairs, thanks to our new Commissioners Bryan and Jamie Blair. They and their friend Cassidhe Holke of Murrieta, helped Frances Holt & myself set up our clan tent.

Important new features of the tent were our special Blair flag and parade banner. These had belonged to Bryan's father Lawrence Blair. Lawrence was one of the earliest members of CBS & our first Blair Bruidhinn Editor beginning in 1988. Bryan had enhanced the banner by displaying it on specially designed poles. Both Jamie & Bryan are using their artistic creative talents to upgrade our tent. Jamie recently designed a beautiful frame for our Clan Blair mirror, which is accented by the Clan Blair tartan.

Bryan looked sharp in his new Clan Blair kilt which was beautifully made by new kilt maker Jamie. Congratulations, you two! The kilt is expertly made!

Frances again brought her photo album from the Clan trip in 2006, along with her beautiful Blair Quilt from the Clan's trip to Scotland in 1999.

Members of Clan Cochrane, Michael & Keith Cochrane of Bakersfield & Visalia, visited our tent, and we enjoyed talking to them about the connection between the Blairs and Cochranes, showing them photos and information about the 15th Earl of Dundonald, Ian Alexander Douglas Blair Cochrane & our visits to Lochnell Castle in Argyll, Scotland, in 2002 and 2006.



L-R: Michael Cochrane, Keith Cochrane, Vicky Bartlett, Francis Holt, Jamie & Bryan Blair

Robert Blair of Anaheim joined Clan Blair as a new member, and with much enthusiasm formed a dart team with Bryan and Cassidhe to compete in the Darts Clan Challenge. Our Clan Blair team did spectacularly – first place - starting with the highest score on Saturday, and maintaining that lead for two days up to the final competition on Sunday afternoon. They competed against the other top scoring clans and won the tournament in first place! At the Seaside Games Awards Ceremony, Rob, Bryan, and Cassidhe were awarded beautiful medals to be worn around the neck. Rob contributed his to the Clan, and it will be hung from our parade banner. Thanks, Rob!



L-R: Bryan Blair, Cassidhe Holke and Rob Blair

We plan to host our Clan Blair tent on February 18th - 20th at the Queen Mary in Long Beach, CA

A Website Worth Reviewing -

The following 'very Celtic' site has been set up and kept by Barbara Pixley:

<http://pixleyblair.tribalpages.com>

A TIDBIT FROM Barbara Pixley's Website:

The Scots-Irish: Brewed in Scotland, Bottled in Northern Ireland and Uncorked in America:

The Scots-Irish from whom our Blair family descends were a unique people and much has been written about them and their contribution to the foundations of this country- and indeed the world.

The Highlander magazine states that the compound name Scots-Irish came into common use in the late 1500s. It was used by the Elizabethan English to describe those Scots in Ireland who were Gaelic, or Irish, in their ethnicity, language, dress, customs and politics. (To the English of the period, "Irish" and "Gaelic" meant the same thing.) Later the name would be applied to the so-called 'Plantation Scots' who came from Ulster to America.

One good source for their story is *Born Fighting-How the Scots-Irish Shaped America* by James Webb-U.S. Senator from Virginia. He states that "the Scots-Irish were 40 percent of the Revolutionary War army."

With their fierce love of liberty, Scots became the backbone in the fight for American Independence. Their large numbers in the Revolution helped ingrain their convictions into the American character. With their passion for exploration, self-reliance and their entrepreneurial skills-the Scots became a driving force of the new American spirit.

And Scots contributed greatly to American Colonial thought in the 18th century. In his book *How the Scots Created America*, Alastair Connell traces how "Scottish values of liberty and brotherhood, often depicted as a prickly spirit of independence and resistance to authority, were disseminated in the Colonies and contributed to the generation of the energy that sealed the breach with Great Britain."

Much of this success is the result of their belief in education; most of our Scottish and Scots-Irish ancestors were literate because from early times education was widespread in Scotland and continued to be an important foundation of the culture.

The Scots-Irish combined these vital qualities with their experiences-their trials and tribulations-in their native land and in Ulster, Northern Ireland.

Of course the roots of the Scots-Irish go back to Scotland, but don't think kilts and bagpipes. Most were Lowlanders-our Blairs came from Ayrshire. They spoke English and were mostly Presbyterian. They were caught between the Highland clans and the English-living on infertile land-their territories constantly being raided.

They became known as 'dissenters'-refusing to vow allegiance to the English church. They could not vote, do military service or be married unless ordained by the state.

In true Scottish fashion, they did not suffer these indignities lightly!



L to R: Christy Blair Pixley Few, Barbara Blair Pixley and new addition Kaia Blair Few

Clan Blair Store

Helen L. Blair

The new tartan has arrived. The Wool Blair Dress is beautiful! It's based the Blair Modern with white stripes. I ordered the Ancient, Modern and Dress in medium weight. The price is much higher than our at previous wools. The cost is now reflective of the price increase. We will now charge \$58/yd for our wool tartans. \$15/yd. Time to start thinking about the holidays, our jewelry is still its bargain basement prices for our members ~ \$5-\$10 less than online retail stores. Our cotton twill in the Ancient Blair is still a great bargain
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SCOTLAND HUMOR:

A Glaswegian stops before a graveyard in a Gorbals cemetery, and notices a carved tombstone declaring, "Here lies a lawyer and an honest man..." "Ach, who'd ever think..." he murmured, "there'd be enough room fer two men in that one wee grave..."



Christy Pixley in her Wallace tartan kilt

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