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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE NOVEMBER, 2019



Fellow Scots,

Happy fall and Thanksgiving! It is amazing to think about nearing Christmas and the joy of the New Year, and Hogmanay. This Bruidhinn brings you a great deal of news about CBS which we will review throughout the letter.

This is my final newsletter message as I pass the role of President to Shawn Blair from Maine. I have completed my term limited 6-year service as CBS President and am happy to report that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve the Society. I’ll report election results in this newsletter, but please know that I will step into the role of Vice-President supporting Shawn and the Society.

As I reflect on high points of the last 6 years, several notable improvements have been achieved. First is continuous membership growth. Under the leadership of Charlie Diman and Russ McCrary, membership has

steadily grown. Personally, I’d like to double our membership into the 500’s and I’ll work with the new board to pursue. Second is the development of a digital CBS Store where members can now order items online, make payment including shipping and we can fulfill orders in a matter of days. Thanks to Shawn and Nick Shryack for their diligent efforts to deploy this new website. Other improvements in the clanblair.org site have been completed as well.

Third, we initiated the digital Annual General Meeting (AGM) permitting more of our members to participate via webinar format. The presentations for all 8 digital AGM’s have been fabulous and my thanks to the presenters. The video versions of these sessions are available on the clanblair.org members site. Fourth, the CBS library has been updated, successfully relocated within the Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library in Moultrie, GA. Under the leadership of Elena McCrary many of the volumes can now be accessed digitally via the CBS website.

Fifth, outstanding CBS youth members are eligible to achieve the William C. Blair Youth Award in honor of founder Bill Blair. We have named 3 recipients of this \$500 annual award and all deserve our pride and good wishes.

As always there are plenty of improvements and challenges ahead. The new CBS Board will assume responsibility January

1, 2020 and I'll review the election results in the article below. I wish our new officers the very best of luck and look forward to supporting them.

Thank you for enjoying the Blair Bruidhinn. We look forward to your thoughts and feedback.

It is a Great Day to be a Scot - Sláinte!

Jim Blair

president@clanblair.org

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ELECTION RESULTS

This fall CBS members select a new slate of officers to provide leadership for the next 3 years. Nominations made by the nominating committee chaired by Curtis Blair of Colorado Springs. Their nominations were place on a formal ballot in September with votes completed before the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Congratulations to following new Officers of CBS:

- President – Shawn Blair, Maine
- Vice-President – Jim Blair, Colorado
- Treasurer – Vallie Blair, North Carolina
- Secretary – Leslie Blair-Gallagher

- Nominating Committee:
- Curtis Blair, Colorado
 - Helen Blair, Arizona
 - Charlie Diman, North Carolina

Key committee chairs continue to serve into the new year. They include:

- High Commissioner - Bill Blair, Oregon
- Membership – Russ McCrary, California
- Librarian – Elena McCrary, California
- Store – Jim Blair, Colorado
- Bruidhinn – Adoree Blair, Colorado
- Webmaster – Shawn Blair, Maine
- Blair Genealogy - Vacant

Our sincere thanks for the leadership these Committee Chairs bring to CBS.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) October 26, 2019

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on Saturday October 26 via webinar and about 40 members attended. The AGM was recorded and is available to members via the clanblair.org website. Highlights of the AGM included:

Introduction of Conor Blair Stephens from North Carolina as the 2019 recipient of the William C. Blair Youth Award. Conor was presented a Certificate and a \$500 cash Award. He personally addressed the members with words of appreciation. An interview with Conor is included in this Bruidhinn.

Presentation about Blairs in the history of Scotland titled - Braveheart to Culloden, The Blairs in Scotland's Turbulent Battles for Independence – by Bill Blair, High Commissioner. Bill presented his historical research onto the history of Blairs from period of mid-13th Century to the 1746 Battle of Culloden. It was an incredible 60-minute review of 400 years of intricate life, family and political tapestry that involved Blairs across Scotland and Europe. Thank you Bill!

Annual business meeting report and officer election results presented by Jim Blair, President.

Thank you to all who participated. Please let me know your thoughts on future AGM plans and topics for presentation.

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APPRECIATION TO OUR CBS LEADERS

CBS celebrates the service of 3 incredibly talented leaders who have decided after years of dedication to step away from their important positions. I am honored to thank them for their service.

Ann Fredline and Frances Holt move on from serving as Treasurer and Secretary of CBS for 10 years and 12 years, respectively. Ann has balanced the financials for the Society, including changes in bank relationships and operating with a balanced budget. Frances has led in two roles – CBS Secretary and So. California co-Commissioner. Both Ann and Frances have been valuable leaders and a joy to work with. Thank you both for your service to CBS.

Vicky Bartlett and Frances Holt (see picture in related article) move forward from serving as So. California co-Commissioners for the past 16 years. They have teamed up to present CBS at the Costa Mesa and Ventura Scottish Games for these many years and have greeted and entertained hundreds of visitors and CBS members. Replicating their service is a challenge being undertaken by our High Commissioner and myself. Please let us know if your So. California roots call you to consider becoming a CBS Commissioner – it is much fun!

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UTAH LEADERSHIP FOR DECADES

**Whit Young and Family
By Jim Blair**

In this Bruidhinn Whit Young is recognized by the State of Utah and the Utah and Payson Scottish games for extraordinary service to CBS and Scottish history. Previous Bruidhinns have included Whit's sharing the diorama built

to present the Battle of Bannockburn and Stirling Castle. His good work has been recognized by officials in Utah and that article is included in this publication.

I am recognizing Whit and his family for decades-long service to presenting and preserving key events in the history of Scotland and the Blairs. The model of Stirling Castle received the President's Award at the Utah State fair this August. The Castle particularly means to reflect the history which includes the part played by Robert the Bruce, The Declaration of Arbroath, the crossing of the seas to the US and its influence the US Declaration of Independence through Thomas Jefferson. Whit's work includes the Battle of Bannockburn, citizens awaiting the King of England on the steps of Stirling Castle, the writing of the Declaration of Arbroath and Jefferson's introduction of the Arbroath document into America's independence.

The Young family is not new to productions representing key historic points. They set up miniature displays of the "Battle of Waterloo" in the 1970s at the Salt Lake City games and in 1985 at the Cedar City, Utah arts exhibition, the 1989 and 2001 Estes Park, CO festival, and then San Francisco in 2001. The Waterloo miniature was modified to include the War of 1812, and then work commenced on the Battle of Culloden (Scotland) which was first presented in Ogden, Utah. Then the big one was presented at the Exposition on Napoleon at the Cook Convention Center in Memphis, Tennessee in 1993. This exhibit was returned to Estes Park and to Salt Lake City in 2004.

In 2006 the Youngs changed to Scottish Battles with a small Bannockburn diorama in Estes Park, CO which has grown into larger tents that now fill a 20' by 20' tent presented at Games in Salt Lake City in 2006, 2007 and 2008. This large demonstration returned to Estes Park in 2010 and 2014 with dioramas of The Battle of Stirling

Bridge and Bannockburn with a big miniature of the whole battle. The Youngs hosted the Blair tent each year at the Salt Lake City Games and Payson, Utah.

could see each other because we surrounded the athletic field.

Congratulations Whit and the Young family. Your spirit and commitment to the story of Blairs, the history of Scotland and Scottish history's contribution to the American way of life is extraordinary. Thank you for being part of Clan Blair Society.



Family getting to see athletes compete

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CLAN STORE

Orders from the Clan Store have increased significantly since the introduction of the new www.clanblair.org website. A number of Blair House DVDs, shirts, note pads and pieces jewelry have been ordered and fulfilled using the site. The process seems to be working quite well. Many thanks to Nick Shryack and Shawn Blair for the website design and ordering/fulfillment process.

CBS members please go to <https://clanblair.net/cbsmembers/shop> to shop and order. Questions can be forwarded to Vice-president@clanblair.org.



The President handed out these on behalf of the cultural association

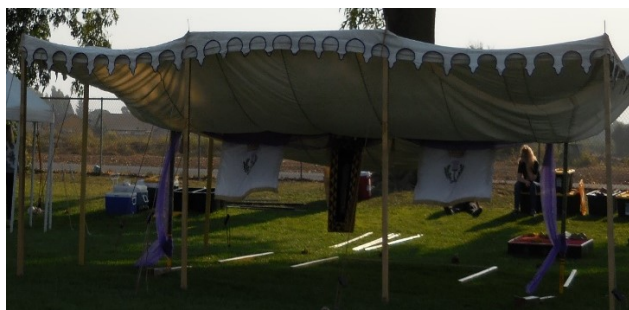
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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Russ and Elena McCrary

Well, our year ended on another first as we attended the inaugural Escalon Scottish games held in Escalon, CA October 12 & 13, 2019 at Hogan Park. For those wondering where that is think Yosemite, then head north in the Central Valley on Hwy 120 and you have arrived. Modesto neighbor. Dave McIntosh really made us clans feel at home. And, we

The local celebrity is none other than her majesty Mary Queen of Scots. Her majesty held an impromptu Kirk o' the Tartan in her tent, and that was especially memorable.



Being able to view the athletics also made people who visited really enjoy our tents and learn about

Scottish history. The locals really supported the Scottish games due to the terrific location. And, the weather could not have been more inviting. We had lots of visitors who were looking for their family names, and we always share Dr. Black's book that is online. Take a snapshot, people just love that, and the cookies (only Walker's). Our neighbors were Clans Douglas and Forbes (who used to be one clan). So, we got to hear new stories.



Clan Cian was security, so pipers thanked them properly.



Russ sharing a Scottish story!



Visitors from Alaska (Irvine)



Outfit by
Bodice
Goddess
Who also
helped
dress me!

Support
for fair
vendors.

Russ received an end of the fair treat when a McCleery came by to visit. She lived just across the street and wondered what was going on, so off she came with her husband. Really nice, salt of the earth people. She was so excited to see her family

name spelled correctly, and we were able to invite her, as we do all our visitors to become members. Up next – Burn’s Supper, January 2020!

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VIRGINIA NEWS
John and Judy Blair,
Virginia Commissioners



As we prepared to attend the R.H.G, the forecast was for 3+ inches of rain. Having won the “Spirit Award” at a very cold and wet games a few years earlier, we were ready! Judy and I set up the tent display Friday evening and hoped for the best.

Saturday was amazing! The rain moved out and it became sunny and warm, resulting in nearly 40 thousand spectators!

Our display boards of Blair and Scottish history, which included the genealogy of our family, drew much interest. Several new Blairs stopped by and picked up membership information.

40 Clans and Scottish and Irish Societies were set up around the field. The heavy athletics included amateur and professional men and women contestants. weight for height, Braemar Stones, Scottish hammer, well as

We were entertained by mass pipe bands, harps, fiddlers, dancers, a British Car Show as well as the Scottish Band Albannoch who we had seen in Estes Park in Colorado.

Sunday started off with a fine mist that gave way to a warm and sunny afternoon, but attendance was low. We all thank Norman Dee Blair for getting this Scottish Family thing going and all of you others who have carried on. Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and Christmas!

Peace, John and Judy

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DO YE KEN ANY KIN???

Clan Blair received a message on the Clan Blair website from James Boyce, jboyce41961@gmail.com , regarding his genealogical search. Mr. Boyce writes:

“Hello. On my Maternal side I am the GGG grandson of I believe Peter Blair who was a farmer in Nova Scotia. His son William was born around 1841 and married Margaret O’Connell in 1869 in Boston MA. Their son William was born in Boston in 1868 and married Delia Leddy from NY and then moved to

Philadelphia at which time Grandfather Thomas Blair was born in 1903 and married Mary Jane Gray.

Unfortunately, I never knew my Grandfather because he passed before I was born, and my Mother didn't have very good records or family history past Delia Leddy.

Currently I am trying to connect the dots of our family history, and I believe the information I have is correct. However, I am having trouble finding much on Peter Blair and was hoping someone may have something that I could use to continue my efforts. I appreciate any help or guidance that you can provide and look forward to hearing back from someone.

P.S. I have done DNA testing in Ancestry and I do see that many of our relatives have come through Canada and are in Virginia, Kentucky, etc. areas today. If this will help, please let me know."

Please, if you have any information for Mr. Boyce about his Blair grandfather, let him know at the email address provided.

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Scotland Gardens



**WILLIAM CAMPELL BLAIR
YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT,
2019: Conor Blair Stephens,
North Carolina
(From Editor)**



When I interviewed Conor, he was about ready to go to work. He works at Bad Daddy's, a burger bar. He explained that now that he is 18, he hopes to move up from busing to serving.

Conor said when he got the award, “I was really happy because it pays money towards helping me go to college. Also, I am honored to be able to represent my clan in winning this award.”

Conor’s family (Father Gary, mother Laura, 16-year-old brother Parker) were excited, too. My grandfather has been the most excited about it. His name is Fred Macholz – he and our family are really good friends with Charlie Diman. [of Clan Blair] Conor’s brother Parker participates in Scottish athletics too. “We’ve both been participating for a long time,” Conor says. “Parker has won the wrestling tournaments twice for his age group.”

Conor’s proud father is owns a realty company and his mom works in the administration of home health. Both parents have a strong Scottish background.

Conor says he does not remember his trip to Blair Castle well. “I was only about six years old.” Conor remembers standing outside of the castle but not much about the inside.

Conor says that he has been to fests and games from the time he was very small. He helps in the tent and sometimes answers visitor questions but says he is very glad that Charles Diman is there to answer the harder questions!

One of the races at Grandfather Mountain Games is called The Bear. It is a vertical run of 3500 feet up. Conor has run that race three times. It is obviously a tough race. Conor says “The fastest time it took me to run it was an hour and five minutes.” Conor helps with this race now. This year, they camped where they could hand out water to the racers. He says that a little over 800 people participate in The Bear.



The Bear

Another Scottish activity at Grandfather Mountains is called The Kilted Mile. This is full-out race of a mile. You can only enter this race if you are wearing a kilt. Conor says he’s always had a kilt since he was small, but he’s had to change them for larger ones as he has grown. In the Kilted Mile, Conor has come in first and second.

A third event that Conor has participated in is his favorite event, called Highland Wrestling. He has been doing this wrestling since he was six years old.



He describes Highland Wrestling as “grabbing each other in a bear hug and the 1st one to hit the ground loses.” How long does that usually take? “You are probably only wrestling from 5 to 20 seconds.” Conor broke his collar bone one-year wrestling. “I was about 13 and going into 8th grade. They wrapped my side in plastic wrap and other things before I went to the Emergency Room.”

Although Conor has not decided on a major for college, he has applied to 5 colleges and is waiting to hear from them. His first choice is Appalachian State, which is in the town of Boone close to home and Grandfather Mountain. It is located up in the mountains and the country is appealing, he says. The other applications went to UNC Wilmington, UNC Charlotte, and UNC Greensborough.

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**WELL-RECOGNIZED UTAH:
AWARD RIBBONS
Whit Young, Utah Commissioner**



The photo shows awards won at the Payson games and at Estes Park for citations for the lectures I have given there and the dioramas also. Another group have asked me to type up a resume of all the Scottish activities and events that my family has participated in. They brought over some people to see the castle.

I have registered to set up at the Winter Faire to be held at the new Farmington Fairgrounds which is a real fancy set-up.

- The blue Rosette and blue ribbons are The People's Choice Award from the Utah State Fair. It has what looks like blue and white checked patterns on the Ribbons and around the Rosette head.
- In the middle is a small ribbon of first place in the senior Arts and Crafts. Below that is a white Medallion surrounded by a gold decoration awarded to an Honored Guest for Lectures at the Estes Park Scottish-Irish Festival in 2010 and other times. A smaller red medallion is situated below the White and for much the same award.
- The two plaques on the bottom are for Clan Blair Awards in 2016 and 2019 at Payson, Utah's growing Scottish Festival.
- The Larger Rosette and Tartan ribbons to the right begins with a center silver-ish Medallion which is a reproduction of the Great Seal of Robert the Bruce. Hanging from this to the right and left are ribbons of The Tartan, Ancient, of Clan Blair. The light gray center ribbon has the title "President's Award" and many Scottish and Clan Blair symbols and logos.

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Memories of Clan Blair Tents in Southern California, 2002-2004

By Frances Holt

Jim and I became aware of Clan Blair when Jim's brother, Dick, mentioned he had met a fellow in Hawaii at a Blair tent and encouraged us to join. We began attending the Costa Mesa and Chino Games and met Dr Bill Blair who year after year appealed to us to take responsibility for the tent as he had done it for many years, packing up his station wagon and driving from his home in Menlo Park. When in 2003, we agreed to assume the responsibility, it was a joint effort with Bud and Vicky Bartlett. Jim died shortly after assuming the responsibility. Bud and Vicky took the lead.

My memories over the last sixteen years include arranging the tables with literature and welcoming guests to sit awhile and enjoy the atmosphere. Our tent included many reference books and pieces of literature, maps, charts and photos of significant Blair locations and information, my wall hanging of the 1999 Clan

Blair Scotland tour and my Album of the 2002 Clan Blair Scotland tour.

So many memories, including an opportunity to share of our tours with Clan Blair and Dr. Bill to Scotland in 1999, 2002, and 2006. Through the years, folks would stop by our tent and ask for Dr. Bill as he had been a regular for so long at the games. They would relate stories about him and a number of visitors shared that he had delivered their baby.



Blair House



Frances Holt and Vicky Bartlett at a Clan Blair Tent



Memories of Trips to Scotland

The tours of Scotland that were taken by Frances Holt and Vicky Bartlett were in 1999 and 2006. A few photos:



Bud and Vicky Bartlett, Lord Lyon Robin and Frances Holt, 2006

SEASIDE GAMES
Vicky Bartlett, Southern California Commissioner



Vicky Bartlett and Bryan Blair

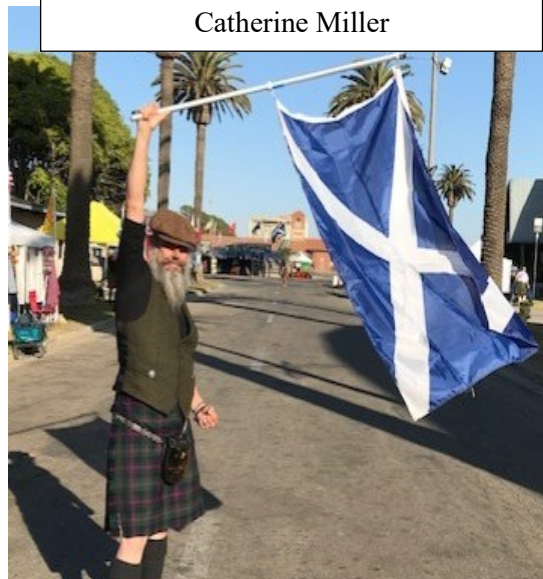
The Seaside Games event in October was lightly attended due to multiple wildfires occurring that weekend in Southern California. The site of our games however provided sunny, clear weather because it was a bit north of the fire areas. The atmosphere was relaxed and fun for those who attended. Our previous Southern California Co-Commissioners Bryan Blair was visiting from Oregon and I enjoyed his company both days.

I had the pleasure of meeting our Clan Blair member Richard Siebold of Encino and his friend Catherine Miller. Richard asked what I knew about Sam "The Renegade" Blair, a leader in the Hearts O'Steel Rebellion in Ireland in 1770. He explained a bit of information about his ancestor Sam and

hoped I could tell him more. His Blair relative sounded very colorful.

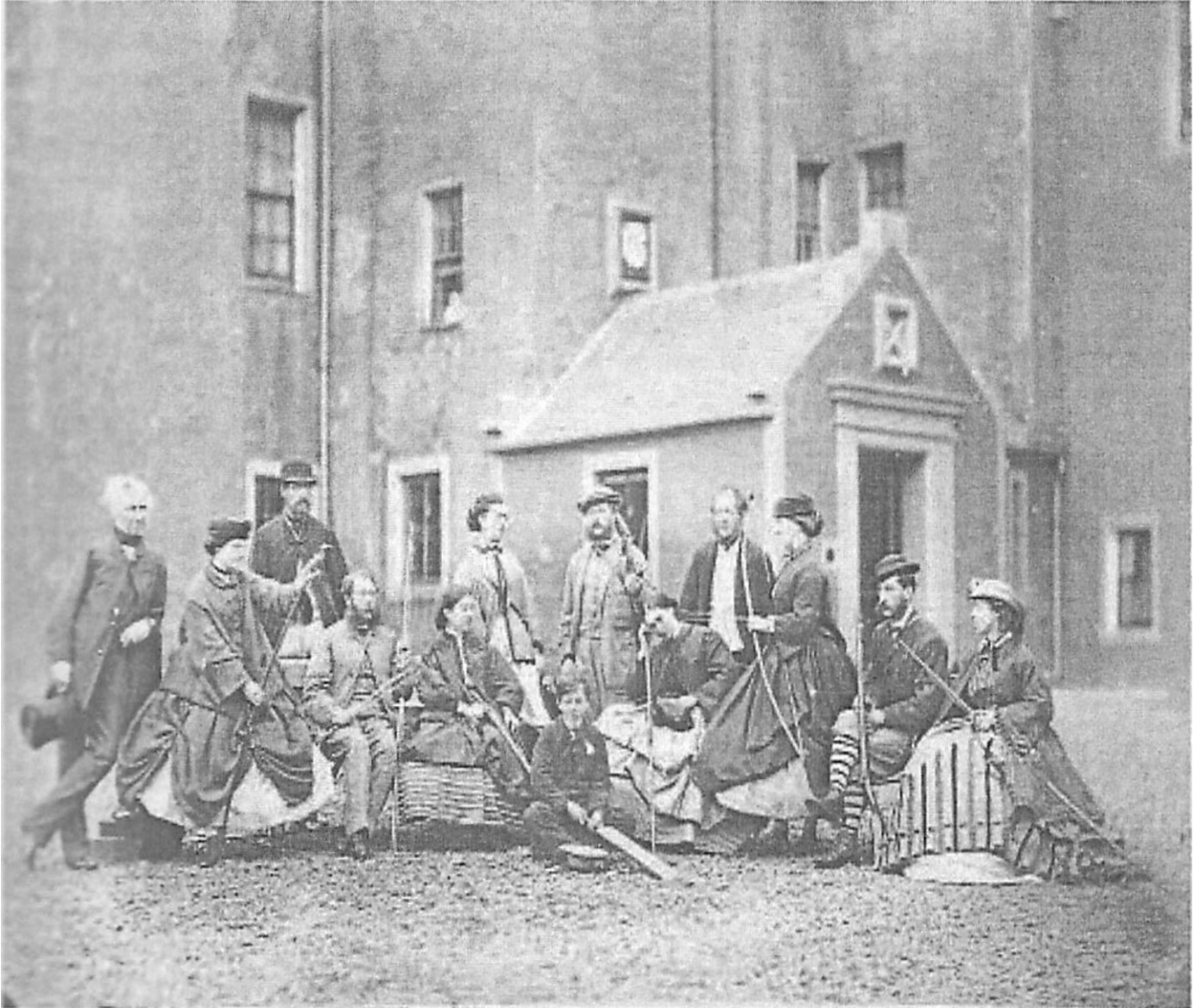


Member Richard Siebold and friend Catherine Miller



Brian Blair with Scotland's Flag

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A Blair family photograph, circa 1870

Blair House at Dalry, Ayrshire was the seat of the Blair's of that Ilk for 800 years. Once called Blair castle, the house is the one of the oldest continuously inhabited baronial mansions in Scotland. In the early 13th century a Norman keep, moat and drawbridge were built. Above the drawbridge, carved on a stone arch, was the stag of the Blair crest. The vaulted ceiling, tower, guard room, and large fireplace from the original castle remain to this day. The last Blair to inhabit Blair House died in 1978.

"This very ancient family is connected by intermarriages with the best in the west of Scotland and has enjoyed a high rank in honors/lire for more than six hundred years."

The family trace their ancestry back to reign of William the Lion (1165-1214. when the Barony of Blair was awarded by the king to Norman knight Jean Francois (anglicised to John Francis) for services rendered. and his son added Blair to his name. It appears that originally both names were used. as witnessed in a charter granted by Hugh Francis Blare of Blare to James his son, of the lands of Jamestoun. Although the date of the charter is not given, it is sealed in the presence of Roger Abbot of Kilwinning around 1400.

Jean Francois was 1st Laird. The subsequent Lairds of Blair are as follows:

William de Blair, 2nd Laird:

Mentioned in a charter between Ralph de Eglintoun and the town of Irvine in 1205. Believed to have married a daughter of John of England. Known to have had at least two sons, Eryce and David. Thought to have died in the reign of Alexander.

Sir Bryce de Blair, 3rd Laird: a supporter of William Wallace. He was captured by the English and executed at the Barns of Ayr in 1296. Succeeded by his brother,

David de Blair, 4th Laird:

In common with many other Scottish nobles, he was compelled to pay homage to Edward I. Had at least one son.

Sir Roger de Blair, 5th Laird:

A supporter of Robert the Bruce. He was knighted for services before and during the Battle of Bannockburn (1314). He married Marie Mure.

daughter of Mure of Rowallan. Followed by his son, Hugh.

Hugh de Blair, 6th Laird: Had at least two sons, James and John. John was the progenitor of the Blairs of Adamton.

James de Blair, 7th Laird:

Received two charters from Robert II dated May 1375 and July 1375 confirming the charters given to his ancestors. Died during the reign of James I.

Sir Hugh de Blair, 8th Laird;

Witness to a charter granted to Hugh Barclay of Kilbirny which was confirmed by King James I on 26th May 1431. Succeeded by his son.

James Blair, 9th Laird:

Of whom little is known.

John Blair, 10th Laird:

Received a charter from James III confirming him in the Lands of Blair. Married Beatrix Mortoun and had a son and two daughters.

John Blair, 11th Laird:

Received various charters confirming him in his status as Laird. He married Lady Elizabeth Montgomery, daughter of Hugh, 1st Earl of Eglinton. Had a son John and daughter, Margaret.

John Blair, 12th Laird:

Married Margaret Cunnyngham. daughter of William Cunnyngham of Glengarnock. Two sons, John and William, and two daughters.

John Blair, 13th Laird:

Married Grizel, daughter of Robert, 3rd Lord Semphill. They had several offspring.

Sir Bryce Blair, 14th Laird:
Married Annabella Wallace of the Craigie family and had two sons and five daughters.

Sir Bryce Blair, 15th Laird (d. 1639):
Survived his father by only a few months. He was



knighted by King Charles I. He married firstly Marion, daughter of Sir Walter Dundas, and secondly Anne, daughter of Monteith of Carse.

John Blair, 16th Laird: Died unmarried and was succeeded by his uncle.

John Blair, 17th Laird (d. 1662):
Married Lady Jean Cunningham, daughter of William; 8th Earl of Glencairn. Both he and his son William left Blair for some time when Cromwell came to Scotland. It is not stated whether their period of exile was voluntary or compulsory because of their support for the House of Stuart.

William Blair, 18th Laird (c. 1640-1689):
Married Lady Margaret Hamilton, daughter of William, 2nd Duke of Hamilton. She strongly disapproved of his opposition to the Stuart cause. He was initially a supporter of the Royalists against the Covenanters. In 1689 he was appointed a member of the commission concerning the union of the two Kingdoms.

Also, in that year he raised a troop of cavalry in support of William of Orange and went to the County of Perth. There he was captured by Viscount Dundee ('Bonnie Dundee') at St Johnston in May and taken to the Treshnish Isles. off Mull. He died there in the same year.

William Blair, 19th Laird:
Was in Government service. Married Magdalene Campbell, daughter of James Campbell of Gargunnoch. They had various offspring.

John Blair, 20th Laird:
The 20th Laird is something of an enigma. It is probable that he outlived his father but died shortly thereafter without issue.

Magdalene Blair, 21st Laird (1680-1715):
Daughter and only surviving child of the 19th Laird. she married William Scott of Malleny. Scott adopted the surname Blair. Magdalene had one son and died in childbirth. After her death. William married Catherine Tait. daughter of William Tait, an Edinburgh merchant. They had five sons and six daughters.

William Blair, 22nd Laird (d. 1732):
Son of Magdalene, he died unmarried in 1732 and was succeeded by his half-brother. It is reputed that Lady Margaret Hamilton was still alive to see all her descendants predecease her. She lived to regret the curse she laid on her husband when he deserted the Stuart cause.



William Blair, 24th Laird (1767-1841):



Hamilton Blair, 23rd Laird (1710-1782):
Rose to become a Major in the Royal Scots Greys. He served at the Battle of Fontenoy (1745) and later commanded them during the Seven Years War (1756-63). He married Jane, daughter of Sydenham Williams of Herrington. They had a son and two daughters.

Was a Colonel of the Ayrshire Regiment of Fencible Cavalry for many years and a Member of Parliament for Ayrshire. but lost his seat after opposing the Reform Bill. He married Magdalene Fordyce, daughter of John Fordyce of Ayton. They had five sons and seven daughters. Succeeded by his eldest surviving son.

William Fordyce Blair, 25th Laird

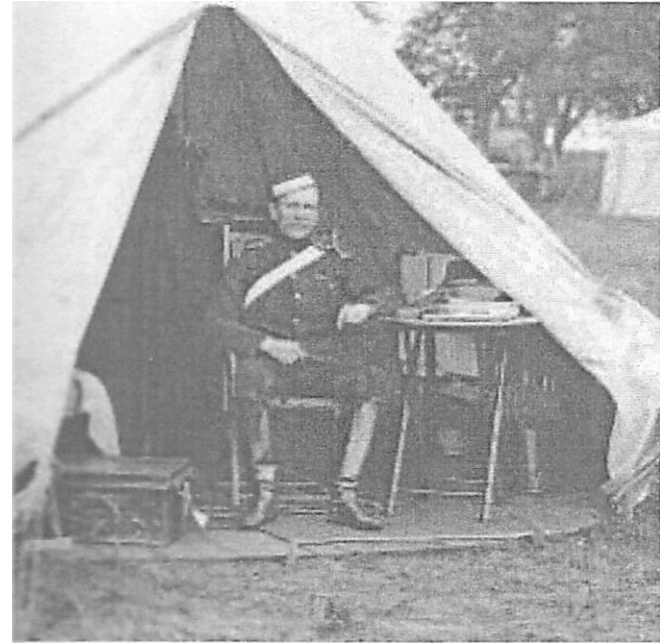


(1805-1888):

Was the third son of the 24th Laird and was sent join the Royal Naval at the age of 14, where he rose to the rank of Captain. He served during the whole of the First Anglo-Burmese War (1824), for which he was decorated. During the Greek War of Independence, he saw action at the Battle of Navarino (1827) and was mentioned in dispatches for his gallantry at the taking Ci Morea Castle (1828) whilst attached to the French forces. He was again with the French forces when they invaded Algiers 1830. He served in the China Seas for four years and was engaged in suppressing the many pirates who abounded there. He married Caroline Isabella Sprot of Loudon. They had two sons and three daughters. They took great interest in the well-being of the local community. He opened the policies of Blair to the people of Dalry and was instrumental in the creation of a new Public Hall in Dalry. Succeeded by his eldest surviving son.

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Inside Blair House



Frederick Gordon Blair, 26th Laird (1852-1943):

Rose to the rank of Colonel in the Yeomanry. He started in the Ayrshire Yeomanry in 1870 before joining the 14th Hussars in 1873, with whom he went to India. He was in the 16th Lancers from 1874-1881 and joined the Leicestershire Yeomanry in 1881, becoming commandant from 1895-1905. He commanded the 4th Battalion of the Imperial Yeomanry in the Second AngloBoer War (1899-1902), being mentioned in dispatches. He was awarded a C. B. and the Russian Order of St. Anne.

Riding in the procession from Buckingham Palace, he represented the entire yeomanry force at the coronation of Edward VII in 1902. He was later Aide de Camp to King George V from 1914 to 1920. Married to Mary Baird of Rosemount, near Ayr, they had just one child, Mary Cecily Magdalene. He was the last Laird of Blair.

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