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President’s Message

Helen L. Blair

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I hope this newsletter finds everyone doing well. We held the newsletter until after our 2011 AGM so pictures and reports of it could be included. I’m sure that those who attended had a wonderful time. I honestly can’t remember when I didn’t enjoy one of our AGMs. I only wish that Bob would have been healthier so we could have attended this one. Please see the AGM Board Meeting notes on page six of the newsletter.

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BOISE Annual General Meeting

By Ann Fredline

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The Clan Blair AGM was held in Boise ID on September 17, 2011. The clan gathered at the home of hostess Ann Fredline Friday evening for a BBQ and had a great time getting to know each other. The day of the Highland Games was perfect weather. We had a number of people stop by the tent to talk and ask questions. We had a Blair family that had just move to Boise and wanted to stop by and introduce themselves to us.

CBS Vice President Jim Blair reviewed the results of the Baord’s Annual meeting. The group asked questions and provided valuable feedback on ideas for membership development that included encouraging activity with local St. Andrews Society chapters and other Celtic organizations.

The highlight of the day was when Jim Blair took second, out of thirty-four, in the Bonnie Knees Contest.



Left to right: Whit Young, UT; Bessie Blair, NE; Coy Blair, NE; Ann Fredline, ID; Adoree Blair, CO; Cynthia Whiting, ID; Jim Blair, CO. Not pictured: Rosemary Young, Dara Mosca and Rick Shaner



BONNIE KNEES CONTEST

2ND Place, Jim Blair, in red shirt, 3rd from left

Arizona Commissioner

Helen L. Blair

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May 7th was the 7th Annual Prescott Games. Bob was recovering from his first arm surgery so Andrew Blair Cupp set up and hosted the tent for us. He was able to visit with some old family friends along with CBS member Jack Blair and his family. Visitors to the tent included Chelsea Blair of Montana, Richard & Brenda Blair of Surprise and Alvin & Cathy Blair of Prescott Valley. The Watson Lake park area is always such a nice reprieve from the valley heat.

July 16th & 17th was the 13th Annual Arizona Highland Celtic Festival in Flagstaff. Bob was recovering from his more extensive 2nd surgery so Andrew set up and hosted the tent for us again, this time with the help from his friend Thomas. Member Allan Blair stopped by to visit. Alvin & Cathy Blair of Prescott Valley not only visited the tent but they joined our membership- welcome. Andy said it was so hard to leave the cool north country. Luckily Thomas had joined him because by the time they had returned home, Andy could barely move his arm and his chest was all black and blue. He had partially tore his pectoral muscle. Thomas was able to do unload and put everything away for us.

September 24th is the 3rd Annual Celtic Harvest Festival in Sedona. We won't be able to attend due to Bob's decreased immunity after completing 7 weeks of daily radiation. Andrew won't be able to attend due to having a class that Saturday.

November 4-6th is the 24th Annual Tucson Celtic Festival & Scottish Highland Games, but again we won't be able to attend due to Bob's delicate health and Andrews school schedule.

We will start attending the Games again in 2012. If not Bob & I, at least Andrew will make a point of it. The Phoenix Games have moved their date from the last full weekend in February to the last full weekend in March. They are trying to miss the yearly rain that has plagued the event.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE – GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Please note that the Blair House/Estate and Blairquhan are both for sale. You can see details by clicking on the internet link below.

<http://residentialsearch.savills.co.uk/list/property-for-sale/Scotland/ayrshire/>

Kentucky Commissioner

Marti Blair Harrison blair95@bellsouth.net

Our daughter Nicole Harrison covered our tent at the Glasgow Highland Games with the assistance of her daughters, Blair and Hannah Gatland. My husband Bob was in the hospital with congestive heart failure during the games. What wonderful support we received from the Scottish Community! The Games Board of Directors did a great job in his absence. I stole away from the hospital to direct the religious service on Sunday. As a true Scot, I managed Bob's hospital care, ran the homestead and took a fourteen year old grandson to daily classes at Western Kentucky University while working, taking only one day off for his surgery. We plan to attend the Stone Mountain Games next month.

Blairsville, GA Scottish Festival & Highland Games

The Blairsville Games were held June 10, 11 & 12 at Meeks Park in Blairsville. On Friday they held a Kilted golf tournament at a course outside town. The regular Games were on Fri. and Sat.

We (Wyomia, Dot, and Dale) arrived on Fri. afternoon Our tent this year was along the stream in the shade. This year they had 40 Clans and Societies. The most I believe they have had so far.

On Fri. night they had the Ceilidh with beautiful pageantry, a wonderful meal, and great entertainment.

On Sat. morning we arrived about 7 am to finish setting up, the gates opened at 8 am. We were joined by member Frank Blair from Rome GA, who helped us greet people and tell them about Clan Blair. We all had a good time.

The Kilted mile race was at 10. They had a Mini Cooper parade thru the park at 10:30. The Athletic events started at 9 am till 12 on the main field. Then they had the Opening Ceremony, Massed Bands, and Parade Of Tartans. With master of ceremonies Rory S. Howe. The Parade was lead by the Scottish-American Military Society Color Guard followed by the 6 Massed Bands, then the Honored Clan, Clan MacFarlane and the other Clans. Dale was able to walk with Frank to represent Clan Blair.

After the Parade the Athletic events continued on the main field until 4 pm. Also Falconry Demonstration. They also had the Clan Tug of War contest. On other fields they had Gordon Setters and Border Collie Demonstrations. They had Fiddle and Bagpipe workshops. And Dancer at the dance pavilion. At the entertainment tent they had bands playing as well as individual performers. Also the Children's Field with various activities. They had the Massed Bands again at 4pm. The Games closed at 5pm for the day.

On Sat. Jim McAfee the Chairman of the Organizing Committee who has always been a good friend came by the tent and visited for a while. Also his Administrative Assistant Judy Senevey came by and visited with us. They always tell us it wouldn't be the same without the Blairs being there. The Rev. Travis Blair Adams Games Chaplain came by and visited for a while. We talked about our Blair families. He is a good friend and a fine person. He always wears his Blair Tartan Kilt.

On Sunday the gates opened at 8 a.m. At 9am we went to the CHURCH SERVICE WITH THE KIRKIN'O' THE TARTAN. With the Rev. Travis Blair Adams, Games Chaplain. Part of the service was done in the Old Braid Scots dialect. Dale carried in the Clan Blair Tartan Flag, in the Parade of Tartans. At the KIRKIN'O'TARTANS he presented our TARTAN Flag as our Clan and Tartan were blessed

After the service we went back to the tent and all the events and activities continued. They also had the Bonniest and Boniest Knee, and the Women's Haggis Hurl contests. It was a good day until about 3:30 when a rain storm moved in, and we had to pack up in a hurry. As did most of the other Clans.

Your Aye's
Wyomia Blair & Dale Granger

**Lynne Dolan, Long Island
Commissioner**

On August 27th, the Clan MacDuff held its 51st Annual Scottish Games at Westbury Gardens. This year we were wondering if the Games would take place due to the coming of Hurricane Irene but they did. There were quite a few other Clans there but very few vendors. Camerons' from Kearney, NJ was there with their meat pies, bridies and sausage rolls. This year their menu "haggis puffs" which is the second time I have had haggis. I like it better with the potato and turnip.

The Scottish and Irish dancing competitions still took place even with the drizzles from Hurricane Irene. Bigpipers march and performed throughout the day. The Riverdancers Irish Step Dancers (from Riverdance on Broadway), Two Men in Kilts, and others came and performed. The children's races, caber toss, Tug-o-War games were going on along with the Kilted Juggler and Burt the Raccoon Puppet show.

The rain did keep the attendance low since many people were preparing for Hurricane Irene. Hurricane Irene did make her appearance on Long Island that night. The winds blew and the tree branches fell and of course the power went out. It was a while before the lights came on and then the cleanup started.

Colorado Clan Blair Report

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The Colorado Clan Blair Society (CCBS) represented the CBS at the Rocky Mountain Highlands Festival in Highlands Ranch, Colorado the weekend of August 13-14. Our tent was visited by Blairs from Colorado, Texas and Wyoming. Highland Dancer Arabella Blair, age 7, competed in the 8 year old bracket and received one 5th and one 7th place ribbon.

Fifteen Colorado members participated in the event. Blair Athol single malt was being served at our tent, and many visitors enjoyed the smooth nectar. We welcome new CBS member Bonnie Blair Musteo from Denver.

We also represented the CBS at the Longs Peak Highlands Festival in Estes Park, Colorado the weekend of September 9-12. Ten members marched in the grand parade and 6 year old Saoirse Blair Galligan and Quinnlin Blair sported the Clan Blair banner receiving rousing support from the crowd. Saoirse shouted "Everything's better in a kilt", following Grampy (Jim) Blair's lead.

Our tent welcomed dozens of visitors, including 10 Blairs from the states of New York, California and Nevada. We welcome new member Candace Blair Foyt, and hopefully 5 more when they connect with the CBS website. Our Arabella Blair received one 2nd and two 3rd place medals in the Highland Dance competition for 8 year olds. Dancer Saoirse Blair Galligan competed in the Oktoberfeis event on October 2 and received one 2nd place and two 4th place medals and trophy.

Parade pictures:



Dr. Allan Blair with his penny-farthing and daughter Leslie Blair Gallagher



L-R front – Quinnlin Blair and Saoirse Blair Galligan

L-R back – Jim Blair, Nick Shryack, Adoree Blair, Erynn Blair Shryack, Cordylia in stroller, Dyani Blair Galligan and Tiernan in stroller

Not pictured: Mike Galligan



Arabella Sky Blair (7)
Highland Dancing



Saoirse Blair Galligan (6)
Irish Dance Awards

Clan Blair Society at the Longs Peak Games



Our clan picture includes:

L-R front – Saoirse Blair Galligan, Arabella Blair, Quinnlin Blair

L-R back – Molly Blair Tyler, Dyani Blair Galligan holding Tiernan, Quaintance Blair holding Atia, Torin Blair, Brent Maughan, Adoree Blair

Not pictured Leslie Blair Gallagher and Mike Galligan

Our next event is the annual Burns supper to be held in January. We invite all members to join us for this most joyous event.

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Sign at a Scottish golf course:
'Members will refrain from picking up
lost balls until they have stopped
rolling.'

How many Scotsmen does it take to
change a light bulb?...Och! it's no that
dark!

Did you know about the suicidal
Scotsman who went next door to his
neighbour's house to gas himself?

Northern California Commissioner's Report William Campbell Blair, MD, Commissioner

We had a fabulous time over Labor Day Weekend at the
Scottish Festival held in Pleasanton CA. The weather was
delightful, and we had many visitors to our tent, and an
opportunity to visit with many friends.

I especially want to thank Max Blair of Dublin CA. and
Barbara Bradley of Sunol CA for their tremendous help in
the tent. Max Blair helped me set up on Friday, and take
the tent down on Sunday. In addition he was present in
the tent to help with visitors as was Barbara.

We had an opportunity to visit with many old friends
while enjoying the various activities of the Festival

We wish more of our members could have been present.
Those visiting included: Julie Rattray Wyrick and her
husband Steve of Walnut Creek, Frances and Bill Lloyd of
Danville, and it was great visiting with our former
newsletter editor Allen Rountree of San Jose, and his
friend Betty Fussell. We had more than 20 visitors sign
in, and some showed great interest in CBS, and we hope
some will become members.



Clan Blair Society Store

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We still have a small amount of the old stock of wool
tartan in Ancient Blair, Modern Blair and a modified
Dress Blair tartan. It is at a bargain price of \$45.00/ yard
for members. Our cotton twill in the Ancient Blair is still
just \$15.00/yard for members. Our new wool is in the
Ancient, Modern and Dress but it is \$58.00/yard for
members. I use the flat rate shipping boxes so you just pay
for what fits in a box. If you are interested in tartan, Blair
themed jewelry, stationary, shirts etc. just let me know.
You can contact me by email, phone 480-807-4024 or
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BILL AND MAX BLAIR, 'PLEASANTON
GAMES

DNA Testing Project

Clan Blair Society

September 7, 2011

Purpose: The Clan Blair Society (CBS) Board of
Directors has established a fund to support members

of the Society in their pursuit of DNA testing. This fund is used to help pay a portion, between 30-50%, of the cost of 25 marker DNA tests performed by Family Tree DNA.

Administration: The fund is administered by the CBS DNA Committee, consisting of the President, the Clan Genealogy Coordinator, and Webmaster with support from the DNA Project Coordinator. The Committee is responsible for all decisions on how the fund is used. The committee initially will focus on the Blair ancestral lines, but will consider other Blair lines upon request.

Clan member requests for funding must include:

1. The ancestral research completed by the member as prescribed by the Family Tree DNA,
2. The member's intent to conduct the DNA test in a timely manner (30-45 calendar days)
3. A commitment to share the results with the DNA Committee for review and documentation by the Clan Genealogy Coordinator.
4. A commitment to share their Blair lineage information and DNA results with the Blair DNA Project.

This sponsorship program will be advertised via the CBS website which will also host the appropriate application forms. Part of the intent of the program is to cooperate with the Blair DNA Project (John A. Blair) to promote the project and share results information.

Eligibility: Members in good standing of the CBS are eligible to participate in this sponsorship program. The recipient of such sponsorship must be a direct Blair male descendant to the best of the applicant's knowledge. Special requests by members for inclusion of other family members may be considered by the DNA committee.

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DNA Project Coordinator

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Board Report from the AGM Board Meeting, 9-7-2011 by Skype From Helen Blair, President

September 7th, we held our AGM Board meeting by Skype, allowing everyone a better opportunity to attend. Here are the highlights. Attendee's Helen Blair, Shawn Blair, Frances Holt, Jim Blair, Coy Blair, William Blair, Ann Fredline & Charlie Diman.

The Clan Blair Society (CBS) is in strong financial condition and many of our state organizations are doing well. Recruitment of new members and retention of existing is a continuing priority. The Board is seeking leadership and membership for the future and will continue to search for younger and engaged executive talent.

Treasurers report: we have a healthy checking account and Certificate of Deposit but the breakdown report is on hold until some of the program glitches are worked out. It should be worked out in the next month or two.

Store report- we are waiting on a couple outstanding checks to come in so I can order shirts. We still owe money to the general fund for the purchase of the new tartan.

Membership report- Charlie Diman of NC has accepted the position. It will be a couple months before he will be able to take it over. We now have 1074 registered in our database, only 237 are active, down 10 from last year. This year we have 23 new members this year, more than the prior 7yrs.

High Commissioner report- 16 Commissioners report that CBS members have participated in 33 Games/festival this last year. Several attend other Celtic events as well. NY Commissioner Sampson Blair will include Ontario Canada- Fergus Games next year. We haven't had a presence in Canada for almost a decade, since Bob Blair of Ontario was Commissioner.

Genealogy report- Coy has been active with the few requests that have come in. He is still learning his way around the books and is starting to work with the Blairlin database but just for lookups. He would like members to send in their genealogy to him.

DNA fund report- the guidelines have been modified and we will start letting the membership know about it. It will be put in the newsletter, website and in our new members packet.

Nominating report- our next election will be 2013, we will need to develop a list of volunteers to run by next year since the election process can take some preparation.

Library report- the Odom Library has lost a vast amount of our collection. Jennifer has found that it isn't an isolated instance and they haven't been able to give us an accounting of what happened. We still own the books & are looking for someplace to house the remaining collection. Charlie Diman of NC will follow up with a local University. We need to find a location that will allow the books to be checked out and tracked vs. just housed for reference.

Editor report- Adoree has been getting a good response from membership for articles. We are still spending a large amount on snail mail. We want to encourage members to receive their newsletter by email

PR report- we need to find a volunteer willing to do the job by contacting the magazines and online advertising we already pay for to have information published about our AGM and other activities & that can be promoted on social media outlets.

Scotland trip report- this trip is on hold indefinitely due to the economy.

Webmaster report- So far this year there has been 6200 visitors to our website. Shawn has tracked Google, Yahoo & Bing hits too. He would like members to use the forums on our website & our photo gallery. Hackers had gotten into our forum but he has cleaned it up and now requires an authorization before posting. He has created Clan Blair Society on Facebook and we are now on Twitter. It may help us gain the younger generation. Shawn is working on updating our website, he is testing different software to find what works best for our needs.

Blairlin report- it is still under construction. Coy is learning to pull up the data to help him with looking up genealogy info. Coy hasn't received very many updates of members genealogy.

AGM 2011- Boise, ID. We are getting little interest in the AGM's and difficulty finding Commissioners willing to put on the event. It was discussed whether we should still strive for yearly AGM's. It was decided that it was still needed for the general membership but we may need to tone them down to just meetings and maybe a small dinner get together instead of the big events and to forego trying to alternate sides of the country- Jim Blair volunteered to hold the 2012 AGM in conjunction with the Highlands Ranch Games near Denver.

Unfinished business-

We approved many of our detailed job descriptions, we only have a few left to finish ie store, secretary & librarian.

Shawn still needs to get a proposal for graphic designer cost.

We voted to donate \$100 toward the Bannockburn display at Lionshead again this year.

Money is to be set aside for the DNA fund and not part of the general fund. Ann will set up a sub account.

Discussion on CBS shirts & their purchase. Dr. Bill Blair stated we should make sure they say Clan Blair Society as well as the logo. We discussed promoting vendors that make quality items.

Shawn reported that 11 domains were renewed this year.

Ann will work on an annual budget

Store catalog is started- pictures have been taken.

We need to get a duplicate IRS tax certificate to get discount postal rates.

We have continued falling membership. Age, health & economic reasons. Charlie suggested to send out talking points to our Commissioners listing the advantages of membership.

New business

Charlie Diman of NC will become our new Membership chairman. We ok'd outside printing costs, we approved him getting the Access program needed for the database. Shawn & Charlie will work at converting things to Word to avoid having to purchase Publisher too. Jim will check out deals with his son.

There isn't a Chase bank near Charlie so he is going to open one at Fifth Third with Ann having online access ability to make the transfers needed to the general fund. Charlie will look into it & understands the need for multiple signatures on the account.

Charlie needs to decide on address/email to use.

Ann will need to change the info at all the places we have bought advertising.

All membership forms will need to be changed- commissioners, website & membership packets.

We will follow up in 60 days in a short Skype or teleconference. Meeting ended 4:35 PST

If any of our members have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me or any of our Board. We want an active membership and welcome all

suggestions. Our group can't succeed without our members.

Take care,

Helen L. Blair

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

SAYING GOODBYE

Dorothy Blair, wife of deceased CBS founder Norman Blair, mother of CBS#2- John Blair of VA & mother of CBS#3- Larry Blair of PA, has died after a long debilitating illness. Condolences and prayers for the family

CBS #671- Philip Arnold Blair died September 4, 2011 in Phoenix AZ after a valiant struggle with Myelodysplastic Syndrome. He was the oldest son of Oscar A & Dorothy Arnold Blair. He was born in Phoenix AZ, received his BS in 1955 from CO A&M & Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine in 1959 from CO State University. He began his veterinary career in Broken Bow, NE. He partnered at the Casa Grande Animal Hospital in AZ from 1964-1977. He fulfilled one of his life-long dreams and began farming in the San Luis Valley of southern CO for 10 yrs before returning to Phoenix, AZ to manage his family's business, The Arnold Pickle & Olive Company. In 1997 he became the Assistant State Veterinarian with the AZ Department of Agriculture. .

CBS #100- Helen Louise Blair Summersgill of Sycamore, PA has died. She had been a member since 1988 until we lost track of her in 2009. We just found out she had died but we were unable to get much information. She used to send little cards with her membership stating she always enjoyed all the articles in our newsletter.

ON THE MEND

CBS# 898 Chris & Ruth Blair of Marysville, WA were in a motorcycle accident while participating in a Memorial Day event. Ruth broke both arms and Chris injured his shoulder, both of them requiring surgery. Luckily their two boys are teens, old enough to be big helps and their married daughter lives nearby. We hope they have a speedy recovery.

CBS #12 Wyomia Blair of Greenville, SC is having knee replacement surgery in October. Her sister Dot will be able to help her in her recover. We hope she has a speedy recovery. Luckily her nephew CBS# 1024-Dale Granger is well equipped to handle putting on their large Blair family reunion in October.

CBS #708 Bob I. Blair of Mesa, AZ was diagnosed with Leiomyosarcoma of his functional arm requiring two extensive surgeries. He just completed seven weeks of daily radiation to try to inhibit its return to the arm. He is choosing not to treat his GIST stomach cancer and lung nodules. His has a poor prognosis and the family requests you add him to your prayers.

KY Commissioner, CBS #148- Marti Harrison 's husband Bob is recovering from congestive heart failure and surgery. She is happy to report that he has made a rapid recovery and back to work and doing very well. They are planning on attending the Stone Mountain Games in GA.

HI Commissioner CBS #268 Bob Blair let us know that they are finally able to catch their breath. Their son Sam's wife, Melanie is finally in remission after a diagnosis of breast cancer at age 26. She has undergone surgery, radiation, chemotherapy, reconstruction, multiple follow up surgeries but has finally been given a clean bill of health. Bob said that he is so proud of her. She has been a real trooper through all of it. We wish her continued good health.

CBS# 636 Andrew Blair Cupp of Scottsdale AZ is on the mend after partially tearing his pectoral muscle. This is limiting his ability to lift so he won't be able to host further Arizona Games until fully healed.

CONGRATULATIONS

New York Commissioners-CBS# 826- Sampson & Marilou Blair are now experiencing the empty nest syndrome as their youngest daughter Rebecca Fay Blair graduated from high school this summer. She has joined her older sister Isabel, both are now away at college.

CBS # 708- Bob & Helen Blair of AZ announced that their pseudo-grandson Yanni Lee, graduated from high

school this summer. He is now attending a local college while waiting for his 18th birthday to apply to Annapolis. He and his father also became US citizens this summer.

KY Commissioner CBS#148- Marti Harrison is enjoying her new position as District Judge for Allen and Simpson Counties.

WELCOME BACK

#504 Ronald Konya was a member from 1993-1998 while on active duty in the 101st. Airborne Division, Air Assault. We had even followed him to Croatia but we lost track of him in 1998. He is now fighting overseas as part of the Alabama Army National Guard and has reconnected with us. Even though he is now divorced, he wants his children to know their roots. We are very happy and proud to have an active soldier in our midst. He has written that he can't wait until he gets stateside to participate again in the different highland games. He has given his parents address as his contact but we can contact him by email while he is overseas- rkonya1@yahoo.com We want him to keep his head down, stay as cool as he can in the 120+ degree heat and stay as safe as possible.

NEW MEMBERS

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We welcome all our new members!

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

#503 New Life Member
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KY Commissioner #148 Marti & Bob Harrison have a new area code
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VA Commissioner #2 John & Judy Blair have a new email
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HI Commissioner #268 Bob & Pat Blair have a new address & phone#
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KS/MO Commissioner #284 Peggy Baker has a new email
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#835 Julia Rattray Wyrick has a new email
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#294 Barbara Blair Pixley has moved from Ca to VA
Falls Run Adult Community
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#608 Beth & John Dietrich have a new email
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#382 William & Lillian Blair of Carlsbad, CA have a new
phone #
760-904-1304

#933 Nancy Blair of Reston, VA has a new email
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Thank you everyone for updating us with your new
contact information.

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NEW MEMBER QUERY

Michael Hayden Blair is new member #1074

He is wanting to know if any of our members can help him
further with his genealogy quest. We post his pedigree
with a request for any additional info our members might
have?

Notice: Robert Harris Blair I, died and was buried in
Superior, Nebraska

Michael Blair wrote: "Here is my pedigree:

Joseph Blair b. 31 May 1793 Knox Co. TN; m. Elizabeth
Heppenstall

Joseph Blair; m. 10 Sep 1816 in Knox Co., TN, Celey "Sely"
Whittle (b. 1777 in Amherst Co., Virginia)

Robert Harris Blair ,Farmer;American Civil War 15 Jun
1861 to 1 Apr 1862;; (side unknown, he did not like
slavery); son of Joseph Blair and Celia "Sely" Whittie; b.
18 Sep 1821 Knoxville, TN ; m. Jane Carmicle Tippin, 28
Mar 1839, Indiana, USA;Indian-EASy index project:
I00298-7 source film: 549460; d. 1896 Superior,
Nebraska, USA; burried: Superior, Nebraska

c. Joseph Blair, Elizabeth Celena Blair, John Gibson
Blair,Celia Blair, Robert Blair, Katherine Blair, George Blair,
Wylie Blair,Amanda Blair

Joseph Blair, Farmer; United Presbyterian;Company F, 1st
Nebraska Infantry Muster: 15 Jun 1861; 14 Nov 1863 son
of Robert Harris Blair I (b. 18 Sep 1821 b. 3 May 1840
New Salem, Washington Co., IN, USA; m. 13 Nov 1866
Sarah Jane Wright; Clarinda, Iowa;d. 16 May 1931
Superior, Nebraska; buried: Webber, Kansas

c. Joseph Lewis Edwin Blair "legally: Joseph Edwin Blair",
Samarimus Jane Carmichael Blair (b. 17 Dec 1868 Page
Co. Iowa,d. 18 Feb 1926 Orland, CA m. 29 Mar 1904

Elwood McIntyre (b. 22 Apr 1874; farmer; lived in Orland,
CA 1952;had 3 children), John R Blair (b. 15 Oct 1870;
Page Co. Iowa;m1. 21 Mar 1894 Evalyn McIntyre (b. 8 Jul
1870 Morning Sun, Iowa,d. 30 Apr 1903 Webber, KS,
burried: Olive Hill Cemetary, Jewell Co. KS)m2. Ora
VanOrnam Jacobs (b. 24 Dec 1882 Jewell Co., KS);

Mary E. Blair (b. 25 May 1873, Jewell Co. KS; d. 15 Sep
1916 Webber, KS);

Albert H. Blair, Farmer; United Presbyterian (b. 8 Dec
1874, Page Co. Iowa; d. 1 Feb 1950 Emmett,
Idahoburried: Riverside Cemetary, Emmett, Idaho; m. 5
Sep 1905

Flora E. Brackenridge (b. 15 Aug 1878, near Marietta,
Washington Co. Ohio; residence as of 1952: 509 East 1st
Street Emmett, Idaho);

Ira McKelvey Blair (b. 1 Oct 1876, Page Co. Iowa; d. 2
Mar 1912 Webber, KSburried: Webber, Cemetary; Etta
Mable Blair (b. 10 Mar 1879, Jewell Co. KS;d. 24 Jan
1909, Webber, KS

Edwin Joseph BlairFarmer son of Joseph Blair (b. 3 May
1840)b. 10 Sep 1867 Page, Co. Iowa, USA Residence:
Holmwood, Jewell, KS, USA m. 25 Sep 1895 Mary
"Fannie" Mabel Gill (b. 22 Mar 1875)*census misspelled
Fannie with Jennie

c. Leslie Gill Blair (b. 2 Aug 1896 Wallace, KS in a Sod
House; m. 24 Jan 1942 Bertha Nowdil b. 13 Oct 1895;
lived in Livermore, CA; 2nd Husband; her sons from
previous marriage);

Laurence Belden Blair;Electrician, residence as of 1952:
Oakland, California;

(b. 7 Apr 1899, Mankato, KS; m. 12 Jun 1925 Norma L. Kerr (b. 26 Jan 1906)

c. Margaret Blair (b. 18 Jan 1929, m. 4 Jun 1949

Bruce Burroughs (b. 21 Nov 1927, Cleveland, Ohio),

c. Karen Burroughs (10 Sep 1960) California, Marlene Burroughs

(Boise, Idaho); Dale Blair (b. 15 Sep 1901; d. 7 Jun 1903 following his father and fell into an irrigation ditch, his father did not see he was being followed, buried Jewell, Co. KS;

Dean Ray Blair (b. 5 Jan 1904); Pipe Fitter; resided in Martinez, California; d. Jan 1960 m1. 1 Apr 1925 Gertrude Ritchie, c. Darnel "Daryl" Joseph Blair

(b. 13 Dec 1929, m. 13 Sep 1950 Dorothy Myers, both died 16 Apr 1952 she was very pregnant, her father was with them, they had a triple funeral;

Edith Gertrude Blair, Glass Blower in Who's 2 women glass blowers (b. 27 Feb 1930, d. abt. 1981); m2. Eugenia "Genie" Carvsia; Nettie Charlotte Blair; School Teacher (b. 14 June 1905/1906; m. 24 May 1928;

Carroll Leslie Silver (b. 17 Oct 1896 Los Angeles; d. 13 Jul 1943 Vallejo, CA); Edwin "Russell" Blair (b. 2 Jan 1909) d. 1980; resided: 1006 Coldwell, Ave Vallejo, CA 94590;

Fannie Doris Blair (b. 5 Jul 1911; m. 11 Jul 1934 Francis Bernard Harold (b. 23 Feb 1905; Realtor, graduated Stanford University; they owned a restaurant, laundromat in Santa Cruz, CA) d. 7 Dec 1980,

c. Doris "D'Ann" Ann Harold (b. 15 May 1936, lives in Saratoga, CA. m. Brian Carlton from Belfast, Ireland, they had 2 children: Steven John Carlton, Sally Carlton Interior decorator);

Colleen Frances Harold (b. 20 Mar 1940; m1. Rodney Norse (4 of his own, she raised 2 Gary and Lynn) c. daughter and two twin boys.

m2. Gary Combs they own 3% of an Oil Company Weederburn, Oregon,

c. Bernard "Bernie" Francis Harold b. 15 May 1943

Edwin "Russell" Blair WO USN; Pharmacist Mate son of Edwin Joseph Blair b. 2 Jan 1909 Mankato, KS m. 23 Nov 1942 Fairfield, CA Mary Catherine Bannahan St. Peters Chapel, Mare Island Naval Shipyard, blessed marriage by Catholic Church d. 7 Dec 1960 Coeur D' Alene, ID buried: Masonic Cemetary Orland, CA, USA

Camille Catherine Blair daughter of Edwin "Russell" Blair; USAF Civilian Contractor Order of Rainbow b. 28 Dec 1949 San Diego, CA, USA m. 14 Mar 1970 John Wayne Fink

c. Laura Marie Fink (living)

Heather Dawn Marie Fink (b. 13 Sep 1972 Elkins Park, Philadelphia, PA; d. 8 Oct 1972 Philadelphia, PA; Ryan

Michael Fink aka Michael Hayden Blair (b. 24 Jul 1974, Elkins Park, Philadelphia, PA) God Parents: Janet and Charles Shaffer

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